



Faith Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Wauwatosa, WI

ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday, January 24, 2021

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Holy God,

you search us and know us.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.**

We distrust those who are not like us.

**We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.**

Forgive us, gracious God,

for all we have done and left undone.

**Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;**

receive them in your divine mercy.

Amen.

How vast is God's grace!
Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
Indeed, we are forgiven.
In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.
Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Repentance at Nineveh

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 62:5-12
God alone is my rock and my salvation

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Living in the end times

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

The calling of the disciples at the sea

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God,

receive these gifts as you receive us:

like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.

Nourish us anew in your tender care,

and empower us in faithful service

to tend to others with this same love,

through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray: **Have mercy, O God.**

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

(All gathered are invited to share a sign of peace, maybe a wave or a peace sign, a hello from afar.)

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who are in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

**and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG *“God is Good All the Time”*

Chorus:

God is good all the time; He put a song of praise in this heart of mine.
God is good all the time; through the darkest night, His light will shine.
God is good, God is good all the time.

Verse 1:

If you're walkin' through the valley, and there are shadows all around,
Do not fear; He will guide you. He will keep you safe and sound.
'Cause He has promised to never leave you nor forsake you,
And His word is true.

Chorus

Verse 2:

We were sinners, so unworthy, still for us You chose to die.
Filled us with His Holy Spirit, now we can stand and testify
That His love is everlasting and His mercies, they will never end.

Chorus

Bridge:

Though I may not understand all the plans You have for me,
My life is in Your hands, and through the eyes of faith, I can clearly see...

Chorus