



*Faith Evangelical*  
Lutheran Church  
Walworth, WI

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
*Sunday, January 3, 2021*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who was in the beginning,  
who makes a dwelling among us,  
who covers us with justice and mercy.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God of goodness and lovingkindness,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and our neighbors.**

**We have turned away from your invitation to new life.  
We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden.  
In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins,  
those we know and those known only to you,  
for the sake of the one who came to live among us,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Hear the good news of peace and salvation!  
God forgives us all our sins,  
not through our own work,  
but through ☩ Jesus Christ, made known to all people.  
With all who come to the manger,  
rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.

**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, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

Jeremiah 31:7-14

*Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

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

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 1:[1-9]10-18

*God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

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

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

## **MESSAGE**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Gracious God,  
you came to us as one unknown,  
bringing joy and salvation to the earth.  
Nourish us at your banquet table,  
that with all who welcome your birth  
we may proclaim your peace,  
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Hear us, O God: **Your mercy is great.**

## **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**

Almighty God,  
who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary,  
proclaimed joy through the angels,  
sent the shepherds with good news,  
and led the magi by a star,  
bless you this day ✝ through the Word made flesh.  
**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SENDING SONG**      “Mary Did You Know”