



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church
Walworth, WI

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, February 21, 2021

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

**Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.**

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

Make us alive in the Spirit

to follow in the way of Jesus,

as healers and restorers of the world you so love.

Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,

the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are ✚ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

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

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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

Genesis 9:8-17

The rainbow, sign of God's covenant

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

PSALM

Psalm 25:1-10

Your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

Saved through water

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days

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

Faithful God,
you walk beside us in desert places,
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.
Accompany us in this meal,
that we may pass over from death to life
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.
God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG “Waterlife”

Verse 1:

Before I can remember, a covenant was sealed
With Father, Son and Spirit, in water was revealed.
The cleansing was for certain, with water and the Word;
Gentle words were spoken, in heaven they were heard.

Chorus:

They were singing waterlife, beginning life,
Waterlife, all my life, waterlife, Spirit life,
Waterlife.

Verse 2:

A simple, sweet beginning, a lovely place to start;
Christ began the singing that swells within my heart.
His love became my calling, His life my ministry.
His name is my adoption into His family.

Chorus

Verse 3:

My hope and expectation for true community

Begins with resurrection, His death and life in me.

His Spirit fills the body; His church through water sees

Promise for tomorrow, His waterlife in me.

Chorus