



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church
Walworth, WI

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, February 28, 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

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, 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 17:1-7,15-16

God blesses Abraham and Sarah

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

PSALM

Psalm 22:23-31

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

The promise to those who share Abraham's faith

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

The passion prediction

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8th 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 Lord: **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 "Grace Alone"

Verse 1:

Ev'ry promise we can make,
Ev'ry prayer and step of faith,
Ev'ry difference we will make
Is only by His grace.

Ev'ry mountain we can climb,
Ev'ry ray of hope we shine.
Ev'ry blessing left behind
Is only by His grace.

Chorus:

Grace alone, which God supplies,
Strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our Cornerstone,
We will go forth in grace alone.

Verse 2:

Ev'ry soul we long to reach,
Ev'ry heart we hope to teach,
Ev'rywhere we share His peace
Is only by His grace.

Ev'ry loving word we say,
Ev'ry tear we wipe away,
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise
Is only by His grace.

Chorus