



*Faith Evangelical*  
Lutheran Church  
Wauwatosa, WI

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

*Sunday, April 25, 2021*

### **GATHERING SONG “Draw Me Close”**

Verse 1:

Draw me close to You; never let me go.  
I lay it all down again, to hear Your say that I'm your friend.  
Help me find the way; bring me back to You.

Chorus:

You're all I want; You're all I've ever needed.  
You're all I want; help me know You are near.

Verse 2:

You are my desire; no-one else will do,  
Nothing else could take Your place,  
To feel the warmth of Your embrace.  
Help me find the way; bring me back to You.

Chorus:

You're all I want; You're all I've ever needed.  
You're all I want; help me know You are near.  
Help me know You are here.

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.  
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.  
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.  
Make us one, risen Christ.  
Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.  
To you be given all praise,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God,  
now and forever. **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 Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us

one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

Acts 4:5-12

*Salvation in the name of Jesus*

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

**PSALM**

Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O Lord,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I  
shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your  
staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**SECOND READING**

1 John 3:16-24

*Love in truth and action*

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 10:11-18

*Christ the shepherd*

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

## MESSAGE

### SONG OF THE DAY “You Make Me Lie Down In Green Pastures”

You make me lie down in green pastures,  
You make me wanting for nothing.  
You fill my hunger with honey from Your sweet, sweet Word;

You let me worship before You so I will love and adore You,  
You are my Shepherd, You are my Jesus,  
You are my Lord.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of love,  
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.  
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.  
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;  
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.  
**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.)

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites us to this table.  
Come, eat and be satisfied.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Wellspring of joy,  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us,  
and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art 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**

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.  
The God of life,  
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **RITE FOR DEPARTURE OF A SUPERVISING PASTOR**

*Please see handout for congregational responses.*

### **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **SENDING SONG “Let the Walls Fall Down”**

Chorus:

Let the walls fall down, let the walls fall down,  
Let the walls fall down; by His love let the walls fall down. (repeat)

Verse 1:

One by one, we're drawn together,  
One by one, to Jesus' side.  
One in Him, we'll live forever,  
Strangers He has reconciled.

Chorus

Verse 2:

In His love, no walls between us,  
In His love, a common ground.  
Kneeling at the cross of Jesus  
All our pride comes tumbling down.

Chorus