



Faith Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Wauwatosa, WI

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, May 2, 2021

GATHERING SONG “Lord Most High”

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 God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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

Acts 8:26-40

Philip teaches and baptizes an Ethiopian

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

PSALM

Psalm 22:25-31

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord. (Ps. 22:27)

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!

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

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

For dominion belongs to the Lord,

who rules over the nations.

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

Their descendants shall serve the Lord,

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

God's love perfected in love for one another

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Christ the vine

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY "I Will Change Your Name"

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.

DISMISSAL

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Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

SENDING SONG “Lamb of God”

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

“Here is Bread”

“Go Make Disciples”