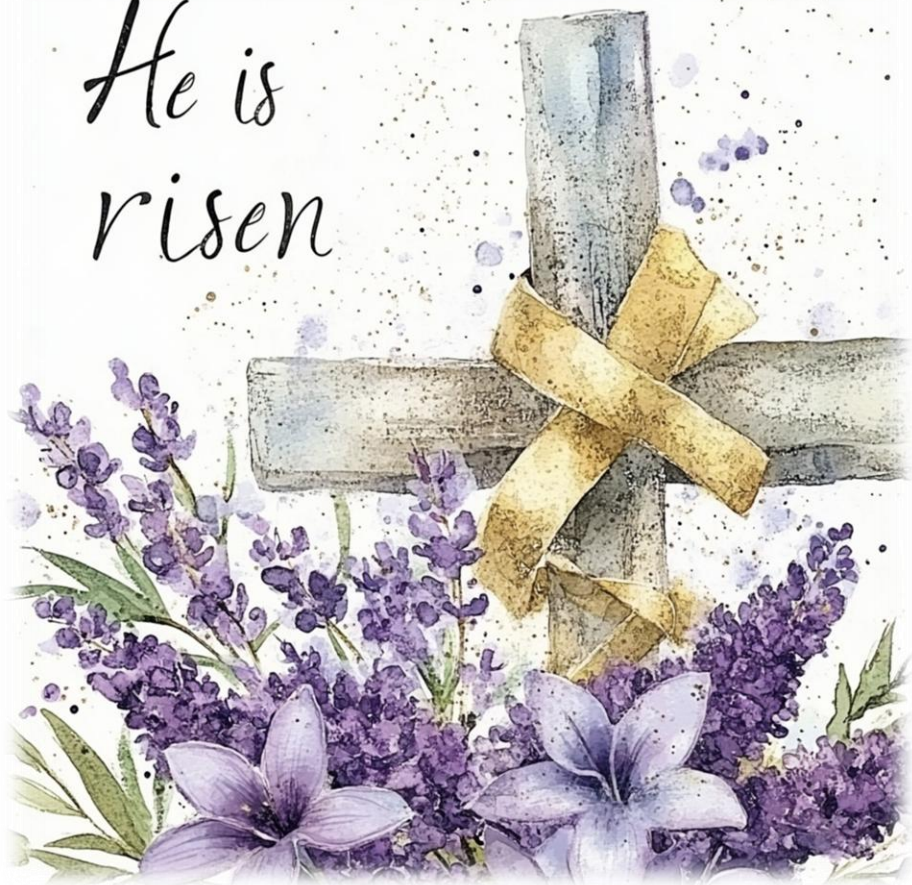


He is
risen



Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pastor Henry Koch

Welcome to Worship!

Regular Worship Services

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. | Tuesday: *See Church Calendar* | Saturday: Noon

Prayer Before Worship

Compassionate Savior, too often I forget how many in our world are homeless, poor and hungry. In your mercy relieve their suffering and pain. Remind me that when I help a person in need I am serving you.

Amen.

Notes About Your Visit

- **Worship programs are available in large print.** They are located in the basket with the regular programs.
- **Restrooms** are in the north hallway, by the double glass entry doors, as well as in the basement. **The church park has restrooms north of the Pavilion.**

THE SERVICE *Setting One*

April 11 & 12, 2026

HYMN

EASTER

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This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row.
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934.

Tune: VRUECHTEN (67 67 with Refrain) *Dauids Psalmen*, Amsterdam, 1684.

STAND

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

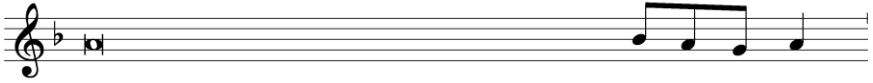
God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



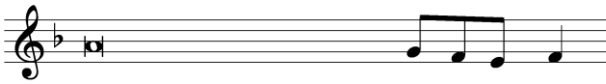
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



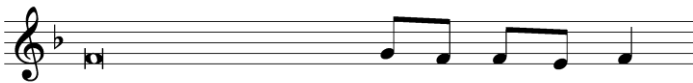
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

HYMN

Congregation Sings Verse 1

EASTER

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Welcome, Happy Morning



1 "Wel-come, hap - py morn - ing!" Age to age shall say;
 2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, Life and Health of all,
 3 He, of life the au - thor, Death did un - der - go,
 4 Free the souls long pris - oned, Bound with Sa - tan's chain;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; Heav'n is won to - day!"
 God from heav'n be - hold - ing Hu - man na - ture's fall,
 Trod the path of dark - ness, Sav - ing strength to show.
 All that now is fall - en Raise to life a - gain.



Lo, the Dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!
 Of the Fa - ther's God - head You, the on - ly Son,
 Come, then, True and Faith - ful, Now ful - fill your word;
 Show your face in bright - ness; Shine in ev - 'ry land



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, All his works a - dore.
 Man-kind to de - liv - er Man-hood did put on.
 This is your third morn - ing— Rise, O bur - ied Lord!
 As in E - den's gar - den When the world be - gan.

Refrain



"Wel-come, hap - py morn - ing!" Age to age shall say;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; Heav'n is won to - day!"

Text: Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530–609, abr.; tr. John Ellerton, 1826–93, alt.
 Tune: SEI DU MIR GEGRÜSSET (65 65 D with Refrain) *Enchiridion Geistliche Lede und Psalmen*, Lübeck, 1545.

THE WORD

(Congregation speaks when words are in bold.)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be Seated

First Reading

2 Samuel 12:1-10 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

Nathan's Parable

So the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came and told him this:

There were two men in a city. One was rich and one poor. ²The rich man had a large number of flocks and herds. ³The poor man did not own anything except one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He raised it so that it grew up together with him and his children. It ate from his food and drank from his cup. It slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. ⁴When a traveler came to the rich man, the rich man was unwilling to take an animal from his flock or from his herd to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. So he took the lamb from the poor man and prepared it for the man who had come to him.

⁵David's anger flared up against that man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this is as good as dead. ⁶In place of that lamb, he will restore four lambs, because he did this and had no pity."

⁷Nathan told David, "You are the man. This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says."

The Message of Judgment Against David

I anointed you king over Israel. I rescued you from the hand of Saul. ⁸I gave the house of your master to you, and I gave the wives of your master into your embrace. I gave you the house of Israel and the house of Judah. If this was too little, I would have added even more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the LORD by doing evil in his eyes? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword. You have taken his wife as your own wife. You have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰So now the sword will not depart from your house forever, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord Is Risen This Morning!

by Nancy Price and Don Besig
Thank you to our Choir.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:11-18 (EHV) Christ Jesus Is Our Peace

¹¹Therefore, remember that at one time, you Gentiles in the flesh—the ones who are called “uncircumcised” by those called “the circumcised” (which is performed physically by human hands)—¹²remember that at that time you were separated from Christ, excluded from the citizenship of Israel, and foreigners to the covenants of the promise. You were without hope and without God in the world.

¹³But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace. He made the two groups one by destroying the wall of hostility that divided them ¹⁵when he abolished the law of commandments and regulations in his flesh. He did this to create in himself one new person out of the two, in this way making peace. ¹⁶And he did this to reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by putting the hostility to death on it. ¹⁷He also came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

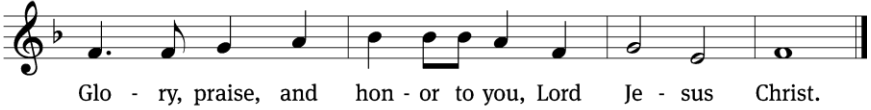
Thanks be to God.

Stand

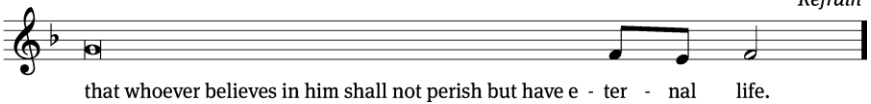
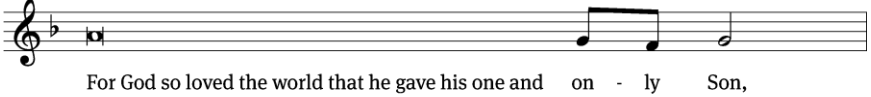
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Refrain



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GOSPEL

Matthew 12:38-42 (EHV)

³⁸Then some of the experts in the law and Pharisees replied, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from you.”

³⁹But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation wishes for a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. ⁴⁰For just as Jonah was in the belly of the huge fish for three days and three nights, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. ⁴¹The men of Nineveh will stand up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah. But one even greater than Jonah is here. ⁴²The Queen of the South will be raised up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon. But one even greater than Solomon is here.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S LESSON

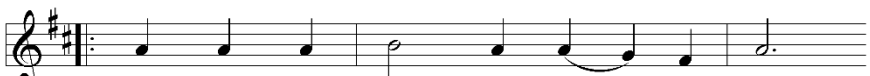
Hymn of the Day

EASTER

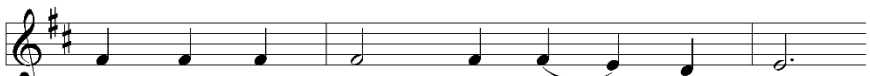
148 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done




Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
2 Death's might - iest pow'rs have done their worst,
3 On the third morn he rose a - gain
4 He closed the yaw'n - ing gates of hell;
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
And Je - sus has his foes dis - persed;
Glo - rious in maj - es - ty to reign;
The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell,
From death's sting free your ser - vants, too,



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
Let shouts of praise and joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
Oh, let us swell the joy - ful strain! Al - le - lu - ia!
Let songs of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
That we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

SERMON

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BE SEATED

OFFERING (Kindly fill out the red Friendship Registers. Thanks.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN

REDEEMER

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Christ Is the World's Light



1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er;
2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none oth - er;
3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none oth - er;
4 Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er;



Born in our dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er.
No one can serve him and de - spise an - oth - er.
Sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er.
Give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther;



If we have seen him, we have seen the
Who else u - nites us, one with God the
He who re - deemed us reigns with God the
Give God the glo - ry, God with us, my



Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
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Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

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Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM (10 11 11 6) *Antiphoner*, Paris, 1681.

Stand

PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

By Peter Lutkin

Thank you to our Choir!



What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance

Thursday (04/02/26): 33

Friday (04/03/26): 54

Saturday (04/04/26): 27

Sunday (04/05/26, 7 a.m.): 12

Sunday (04/05/26, 9 a.m.): 122

Total: 248

Sunday, April 12	Worship Sunday School Bible Study <i>OUTREACH MEETING</i> <i>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
Monday, April 13		
Tuesday, April 14		
Wednesday, April 15 Pastor at Conference Pastor's "Drop-In" Consultation Times: 10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	Games	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 16		
Friday, April 17		
Saturday, April 18	Men's Bible Study CLEAN-UP DAY Worship	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Noon
Sunday, April 19	Worship (Communion) Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, April 20		
Tuesday, April 21	Worship at Mala Strana Worship Choir	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
April 12, 9:00 a.m.	Lucas Holicky	Mason Storlie	David Tietz	Linda Jandt
April 19, 9:00 a.m.	Josef Jirik	Ethan Paler	Roger M. Meyer	Eric Schanus
April 26, 9:00 a.m.	Sam Workman	Ruth Workman	Keith Barta	Scott Gilsrud

Spring Clean-Up Day at Friedens

Many hands make
light work.



April 18
9 a.m.

Fun For All Ages!

What to bring (if you have available):

- A smile (you have one of those)
- Gloves
- Shovels
- Rakes
- Leaf blower
- Wheelbarrow
- Window squeegee
- Buckets
- Newspaper
- Garbage bags
- Chainsaw

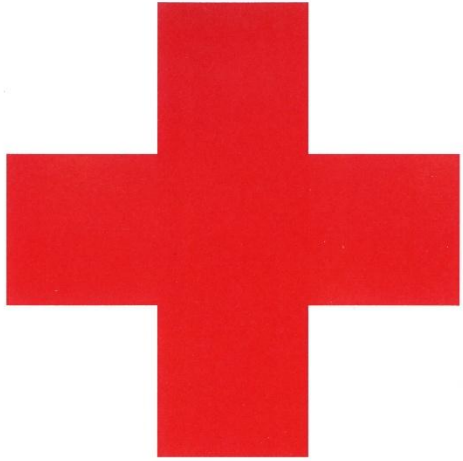
What to do:

- Show up
- Clean windows inside/out
- Pick up garbage
- Rake rocks out of grass
- Pick up sticks
- Remove leaves from building nooks & crannies
- Repair lawn versus snowplow battles

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Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



Blood Drive
New Prague Community
Friedens Evangelical Lutheran
Church

Fellowship Hall
28983 181st Ave
New Prague, MN 56071

Monday, May 4, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please use the Red Cross Donor App, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: NewPragueMN to schedule an appointment.



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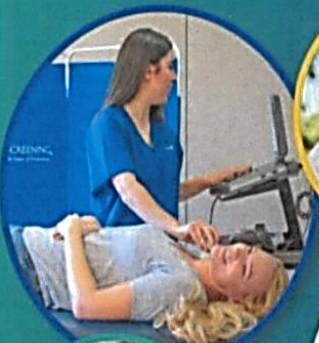
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You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church

When: May 11, 2026

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These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

He is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

Notes
