



Happy Easter
He is risen

Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship!

Worship Services

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

Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, you made the dawn of this Holy Easter Day shine with the glory of our Savior's resurrection. Grant that we, who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit, may worship you in sincerity and truth!

In Jesus' name.

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 Resurrection of the Lord

April 5, 2026

9 a.m.

Feel Free to Sing in Harmony!

Welcome to Our Guests

Welcome to this celebration of Jesus' resurrection! We consider it a privilege to worship the living Lord with you this morning. If you have any questions regarding our Sunday services, Bible studies, or other programs, please talk with our pastor or call the church office. We look forward to meeting you. Please come again and worship with us very soon!

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift in which we receive Jesus' own body and blood to forgive our sins and to strengthen us in our faith. It is, however, a gift that is given us with certain responsibilities. The sacrament is intended for those who have been instructed and who understand what they are doing. It is also a way for us to express our unity of faith. Therefore, we ask that only confirmed members of Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church, or other churches of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), and Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) come forward to receive Communion. If you would like to become a communicant member of Friedens or have any questions about this practice, please speak with the pastor after the service.

Our Facilities

Our restrooms are located in the hallway leading into our Fellowship Hall. A family restroom is also available downstairs. At Friedens, we support families worshipping together with their children seeing worship modeled by mom and dad. We have activity bags for children as you enter the sanctuary. If your young one needs some "time out," we have nearby spaces with chairs on two levels next to the elevator, and our hall next door has the service relayed there. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

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Like the Golden Sun Ascending



1 Like the gold - en sun as - cend - ing, Break - ing
 2 Thanks to you, O Christ vic - to - rious! Thanks to
 3 You have died for my trans - gres - sion; All my
 4 Grant me grace, O bless - ed Sav - ior, And your
 5 For the joy your ad - vent gave me, For your



through the gloom of night, On the earth its glo - ry
 you, O Lord of life! Death has now no pow - er
 sins on you were laid. You have won for me sal -
 Ho - ly Spir - it send That my life and my be -
 gos - pel's great re - ward, For your bap - tism which has



spend - ing So that dark - ness takes to flight,
 o'er us, You have con - quered in the strife.
 va - tion; On the cross my debt was paid.
 hav - ior May be pleas - ing to the end,
 saved me, For your sup - per and your Word,



Thus my Je - sus from the grave And death's dis - mal,
 Thanks be - cause you did a - rise And have o - pened
 From the grave I shall a - rise And shall meet you
 That I may not fall a - gain In - to death's grim
 For your death, the bit - ter scorn, For your res - ur -



dread - ful cave Rose tri - um - phant Eas - ter
 par - a - dise! None can ful - ly sing the
 in the skies, Death it - self is tran - si -
 pit and pain, Whence by grace you have re -
 rec - tion morn; Lord, I thank you and ex -



morn - ing At the ear - ly pur - ple dawn - ing.
 glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.
 to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.
 triev'd me And from which you have re - liev'd me.
 tol you, And in heav'n I shall be - hold you.

STAND

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

Amen.

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

BE SEATED



HYMN



EASTER

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Awake, My Heart, with Gladness



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness! See what to -
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens— What peace it
 4 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my
 5 He brings me to the por - tal That leads to



day is done; Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes
 in the tomb. But lo, he now is rout - ed; His
 does im - part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The
 Sav - ior true; My Lord will leave me nev - er, What -
 bliss un - told, Where-on this rhyme im - mor - tal Is



forth the glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there was
 boast is turned to gloom. For Christ a - gain is
 joy with - in my heart. No gloom shall ev - er
 e'er he pass - es through. He rends death's i - ron
 found in script of gold: "Who there my cross has



laid Where our bed must be made When to the
 free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry He who is
 shake, No foe shall ev - er take The hope which
 chain; He breaks through sin and pain. He shat - ters
 shared Finds here a crown pre - pared; Who there with



realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
 strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
 God's own Son In love for me has won.
 hell's dark thrall; I fol - low him through all.
 me has died Shall here be glo - ri - fied."

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.
 Tune: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ (76 76 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.



First Reading

Job 19:23-27 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

²³Oh how I wish that my words were written down.

Oh how I wish that they were inscribed in bronze,

²⁴that they would be engraved in rock forever
with an iron tool and letters filled with lead.

²⁵As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the end of time he will stand over the dust.

²⁶Then, even after my skin has been destroyed,
nevertheless, in my own flesh I will see God.

²⁷I myself will see him.

My own eyes will see him, and not as a stranger.

My emotions are in turmoil within me.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.




 Congregation Sings Verses 1, 7 & 8

EASTER

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I Know that My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove. He lives, my hun - gry
 guide me with his eye. He lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and I shall conquer death.
 He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Second Reading

Acts 13:26-39 (EHV)

²⁶“Gentlemen, brothers, sons of Abraham’s family, and those among you who fear God, this message of salvation has been sent to you. ²⁷The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize him, and by condemning him they fulfilled the statements of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. ²⁸Though they found no grounds for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹When they carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰But God raised him from the dead, ³¹and for many days he was seen by those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. These same individuals are now his witnesses to the people.

³²“We are preaching to you the good news about the promise that was made to our fathers. ³³God has fulfilled this promise for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm:

You are my Son.
Today I have begotten you.

³⁴“That God would raise him from the dead never again to be subject to decay, God said in this way:

I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.

³⁵“Therefore he also says in another place:

You will not let your Holy One see decay.

³⁶“For David, after he had served God’s purpose in his own generation, fell asleep, was laid to rest with his fathers, and saw decay. ³⁷But the One God raised did not see decay.

³⁸“So, gentlemen, brothers, let it be known to you that through this Jesus forgiveness of sins is being proclaimed to you, also forgiveness from everything from which you could not be justified through the law of Moses. ³⁹In this Jesus, everyone who believes is justified.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A graphic illustration for an Easter Anthem. It features a dark purple cross on the right side, set against a background of soft, watercolor-style purple and yellow washes. The bottom of the image shows dark purple hills. Numerous small, colorful confetti-like dots in shades of purple, yellow, and white are scattered across the scene.

Easter Anthem

By Lyra Davidica and Anne Herring

Thank you to our Choir.

Stand

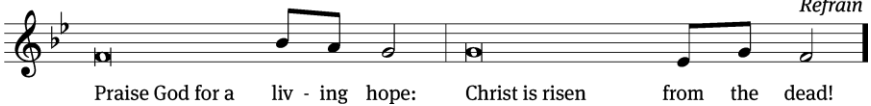
Gospel Acclamation



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Luke 24:1-12 (EHV)

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. ²They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. ³When they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothing. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed down with their faces to the ground.

The men said to them, “Why are you looking for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has been raised! Remember how he told you while he was still in Galilee ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered over to

the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again?" ⁸Then they remembered his words.

⁹When they returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. ¹¹Yet these words seemed to them like nonsense, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over to look in, he saw only the strips of linen cloth. He went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Hymn of the Day



572 Not What My Hands Have Done



1 Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y
 2 Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of
 3 I bless the Christ of God, I rest on love di -
 4 I praise the God of grace, I trust his truth and



soul, not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can
 sin, thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can
 vine, and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart I
 might. He calls me his, I call him mine, my



make my spir - it whole. Not what I feel or
 give me peace with - in. Thy love to me, O
 call this Sav - ior mine. His cross dis - pels each
 God, my joy, my light. My Lord has saved my



do can give me peace with God, not all my prayers and
 God, not mine, O Lord, to thee can rid me of this
 doubt; I bur - y in his tomb each thought of un - be -
 life, and free - ly par - don gives; I love be - cause he



sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
 dark un - rest and set my spir - it free.
 lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
 first loved me, I live be - cause he lives.

SERMON

STAND

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and
became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Participation in the Lord's Supper

At Friedens Lutheran Church, we believe that participation in the Lord's Supper is both a confession of faith and an expression of our unity in that faith. When you commune with us, you are saying that you agree with our teachings about the Lord's Supper and all the other teachings of the Bible. If you have never communed with us before, we ask that you speak with our Pastor to learn how you can establish a communing fellowship with us. We are eager to enjoy that fellowship with you!

The Sacrament

Preface



The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with 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.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - men.



Distribution

Hymn



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I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again



1 I am con-tent! My Je - sus lives a - gain, In whom my
2 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my head; His mem - ber
3 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my light, My ra - diant
4 I am con-tent! Lord, set me ev - er free And wake me



heart is pleased. He has ful - filled the law of God for
I will be. He bowed his head when on the cross he
sun of grace. His cheer - ing rays beam bless-ings forth for
from the dead That I may rise for - ev - er - more to



me; God's wrath he has ap - peased. Since he in
died With cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is
all: Sweet com - fort, hope, and peace. This Eas - ter
be With you, my liv - ing head. The chains that



death could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall not
brought in - to sub - jec - tion For me, too, by his
sun has brought sal - va - tion And ev - er - last - ing
hold my bod - y, sev - er; Then shall my soul re -



die for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
res - ur - rec-tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
ex - ul - ta - tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
joyce for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!

Distribution Hymn



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Morning Breaks upon the Tomb



1 Morn - ing breaks up - on the tomb; Je - sus
2 You who are of death a - fraid, Tri - umph
3 Chris - tian, dry your flow - ing tears; Chase your



scat - ters all its gloom. Day of tri - umph through
in the scat - tered shade. Drive your anx - ious cares
un - be - liev - ing fears. Look on his de - sert -



the skies, See the glo - rious Sav - ior rise.
a - way; See the place where Je - sus lay.
ed grave; Doubt no more his pow'r to save.

Text: William B. Collyer, 1782–1854, abr.
Tune: INNOCENTS (77 77) French melody, 13th century.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
His mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that

through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

Happy Easter!
HE IS RISEN

CLOSING HYMN

150 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day;
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed,
4 Christ, who once for sin - ners bled,



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way;
Sin - less in the sin - ners' stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled,
Now the first-born from the dead,



See the place where he was laid;
"Christ is ris'n," to - day we cry; Al - le - lu - ia!
While, in strange and awe - full strife,
Throned in end - less might and pow'r,



Praise him for the ran - som paid.
Now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
Met to - geth - er death and life.
Lives and reigns for - ev - er - more.

Text: Latin sequence, 11th century, abr.; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1809-81, alt.
Tune: LLANFAIR (77 77 with Alleluias) Robert Williams, c. 1781-1821.

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What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance

Wednesday (03/25/26): 33

Saturday (03/28/26): 22

Sunday (03/29/26): 76

Total: 131

Sunday, April 5 HAPPY EASTER!	Easter Sunrise Service (Communion) Easter Breakfast Easter Worship Service (Communion)	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
Monday, April 6		
Tuesday, April 7	Worship at Mala Strana Worship Choir	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, April 8 Pastor's "Drop-In" Consultation Times: 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Bible Study Games 5 & 6 Catechism 7 & 8 Catechism	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:15 p.m. 5:40 p.m.
Thursday, April 9	<i>LADIES AID MEETING</i> <i>EXEC. COUNCIL MEETING</i> <i>ELDERS MEETING</i>	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. <i>After Exec. Council Meeting</i>
Friday, April 10		
Saturday, April 11	Men's Bible Study Worship	8:00 a.m. Noon
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		

USHER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
April 5, 9:00 a.m.	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Dean Cornelius	Willard Rancour
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