

But he answered and said,
It is written,
Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that
proceedeth out of
the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4



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Welcome to Worship!

Regular Worship Services

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

Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, support us all the day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last.

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.**

Prayer at Close of Day--*Compline*

Lenten Worship, March 25, 2026



(Note: Congregation's parts are in boldface type.)

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night
and peace at the last.

Amen.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High,

to herald your love in the morning,
your truth at the close of day.

LENT

Congregation Sings Verses 1-4

121

Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In your
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci -
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By your
 5 O my God, my Rock and Tow - er, Grant that



ho - ly wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that
 nate my sin - ful mind, Let me think a -
 broad and eas - y road, With se - duc - tive,
 wounds, Lord, is made whole; When I'm weak, your
 in your death I trust, Know - ing death has



I am feel - ing Pains of bod - y and of mind.
 bout your pas - sion, And new cour - age I shall find.
 sin - ful vic - es, Let me think a - bout the load
 cross re - vives me, Grant - ing new life to my soul.
 lost his pow - er Since you crushed him in the dust.



Should some e - vil thought with - in Tempt my treach - 'rous
 Or should Sa - tan press me hard, Let me then be
 You were will - ing to en - dure; Then I'll flee all
 Yes, your com - fort ren - ders sweet Ev - 'ry bit - ter
 Sav - ior, let your ag - o - ny Ev - er help and



heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from sin - ning
 on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was wound - ed,"
 thoughts im - pure, Mas - ter - ing each wild temp - ta - tion,
 cup I meet; For your all - a - ton - ing pas - sion,
 com - fort me; When I die be my pro - tec - tion,



Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
 That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
 Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
 Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.
 Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647, abr.; tr. composite.
 Tune: DER AM KREUZ (87 87 77 88) Johann B. König, 1691-1758.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
The Maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for personal reflection

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
**we have sinned against you
in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and
in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising
of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.
Amen.

Psalm 130

Refrain



Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;



re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

Psalm tone



Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;*
O Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive*
to my cry for mercy.

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,*
O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness;*
therefore you are feared.

Refrain

I wait for the LORD and in his Word I put my hope.*
My soul waits for the Lord more than
watchmen wait for the morning.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,*
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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Scripture Reading

The Passion History of Our Lord Jesus Christ

LESSON SIX

Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means, “The place of a skull.” They offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. They crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Now it was the third hour^a when they crucified him.

Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, “Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.”

Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek.

So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that ‘this man said, ‘I am the King of the Jews.’”

Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. So they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it. Instead, let’s cast lots to see who gets it.” This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

They divided my garments among them
and cast lots for my clothing.^b

So the soldiers did these things. Then they sat down and were keeping watch over him there.

People who passed by kept insulting him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!”

Those who were crucified with him also insulted him. In the same way the chief priests, experts in the law, and elders kept mocking him. They said, “He saved others, but he cannot save himself. If he’s the King of Israel, let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now, if he wants him, because he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”^c

One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for

^a 9 AM

^b Psalm 22:18

^c Matthew 27:33-43; Mark 15:20-32; Luke 23:26-38; John 19:16-24

what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me^a when you come in^b your kingdom.”

Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise.”^c

Jesus’ mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother!” And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.^d

It was now about the sixth hour,^e and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour,^f while the sun was darkened.

At the ninth hour Jesus shouted with a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”^g

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah!”

After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I thirst.”

A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, and soaked it with sour wine. Then he put it on a stick and gave him a drink.

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished!”

Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!”^h When he had said this, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Suddenly the temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and rocks were split. Tombs were opened, and many bodies of saints who had fallen asleep were raised to life. Those who came out of the tombs went into the holy city after Jesus’ resurrection and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those who were guarding Jesus with him saw the earthquake and how he cried out with a loud voice and breathed his last, they were terrified and began to glorify God, saying, “This man really was righteous. Truly this was the Son of God.”

When all the groups of people who had gathered to see this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their chests. All those who knew Jesus, and many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and who had served him, were there, watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, Salome, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons.

^a Some witnesses to the text read *Then he said to Jesus, “Remember me, Lord. . . .”*

^b A few witnesses to the text read *into*.

^c Luke 23:39-43

^d John 19:25-27

^e Jewish time began with sunrise, so the sixth hour was about noon.

^f 3 PM

^g Psalm 22:1

^h Psalm 31:5

Since it was the Preparation Day, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses over the Sabbath (because that Sabbath was a particularly important day). They asked Pilate to have the men's legs broken and the bodies taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who was crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other man.

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear. Immediately blood and water came out. The one who saw it has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. Indeed, these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, "Not one of his bones will be broken."^a Again another Scripture says, "They will look at the one they pierced."^b

^a Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12

^b Matthew 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49; John 19:28-37; Zechariah 12:10

HYMN

PRAYER

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Our Father, Who from Heaven Above



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove
7. In- to tem- ta- tion lead us not.



Bids all of us to live in love
When ev- il foes a- gainst us plot,



As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly
And vex our souls on ev' ry hand,



And pray to you in un - i - ty,
Oh, give us strength that we may stand,



Teach us no thought - less words to say,
Firm in the faith, a migh- ty host,



But from our in - most hearts to pray.
Through com- fort of the Ho- ly Ghost.

SERMON: "And lead us not into temptation."

Text: Matthew 26:41 (EHV)

He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "So, were you not able to stay awake with me for one hour? Watch and pray, so that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Offering (Please write your name in the little red Friendship Registers. Thank you.)

HYMN

472 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a -
2 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de -
3 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you
4 But while watch - ing al - so pray To the Lord un -



wak - en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a -
feat you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be -
tri - fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's
ceas - ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and



wares o'er - tak - en. For the foe, Well we know, Is a
tray and cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
mer - cy sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
faith in - creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
friends to charm you Who but seek to harm you.
hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
nite to serve him And for - ev - er love him.

Prayer



Hear my prayer, O Lord;



lis - ten to my cry.



Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;



hide me in the shad - ow of your wings.



In right - eous - ness I shall see you;



when I a - wake, your pres - ence will give me joy.

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PRAYER

O God our Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

(General Use)

Devotione

Lowden

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy

The first system of musical notation for 'The Lord's Prayer'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time. The melody is in G major. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy'.

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Kingdom and the Pow-er and the Glo-ry, For-ey-er and ey-er, A-men! A-men!

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Song of Simeon



Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,



and guard us sleep - ing



that a - wake we may watch with Christ



and a - sleep we may rest in peace.



In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant



now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my



eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which



you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a



light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the



glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

The Almighty and merciful Lord—
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—
 bless us and keep us.

Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

LENT

Congregation Sings Verse 5

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What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance
 Wednesday (03/18/26): 27
 Saturday (03/21/26): 22
 Sunday (03/22/26): 72
 Total: 121

Sunday, March 29 PALM SUNDAY!	Worship Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, March 30		
Tuesday, March 31	Choir	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1 Pastor's "Drop-In" Consultation Times: 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Games	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 2	FIFAF BOOK CLUB ELDERS' MEETING Maundy Thursday Worship Service	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 3	Good Friday Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 4	Men's Bible Study Worship	8:00 a.m. Noon
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.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
March 25, 7:15 p.m.	Sam Workman	Ruth Workman	Keith Barta	Scott Gilsrud
March 29, 9:00 a.m.	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Doug Holicky	Troy Rabenberg

Thank you for serving as an Usher, as you guide and help worshipers in God's House!

Learn About Jesus at Easter for Kids!

Saturday, March 28, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

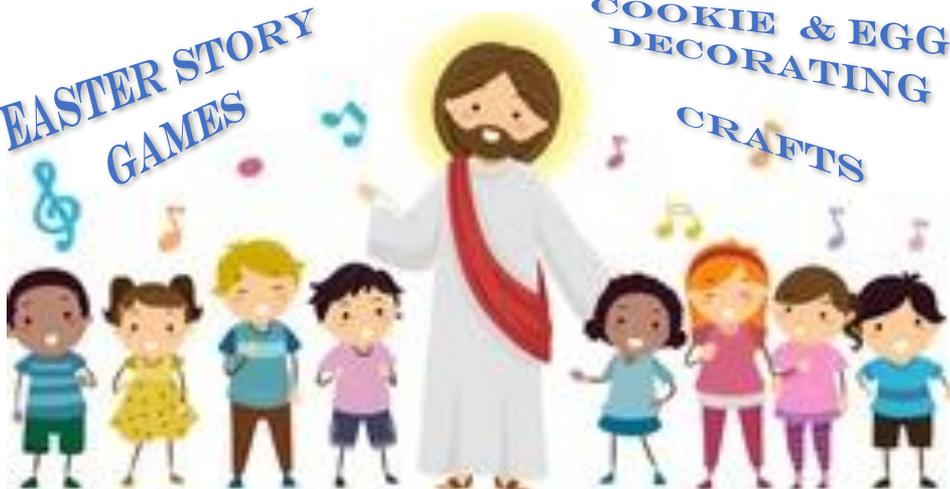
(Ages 4 - 4th Grade)

Friedens' Fellowship Hall

EASTER STORY
GAMES

COOKIE & EGG
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CRAFTS



Call Cindy Koch to pre-register at 952-564-9496,
or e-mail her at christmascin@gmail.com.

You can just come 15 minutes early to register your children, too.



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LENTEN SEASON | HOLY WEEK | EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

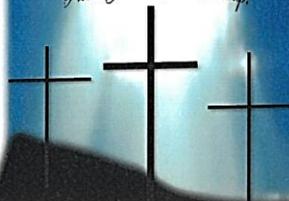
SERVICE	DATE	TIME
Ash Wednesday	February 18	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	February 25	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 4	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 11	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 18	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 25	7:15 p.m.
Palm Sunday	March 29	9:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	April 2	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	April 3	7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday (Sunrise)	April 5	7:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast	April 5	8:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday	April 5	9:00 a.m.

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Fish Wednesday

The Lenten Season Begins

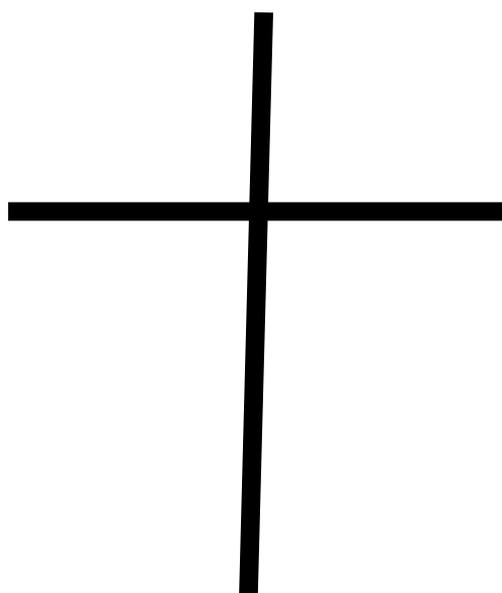
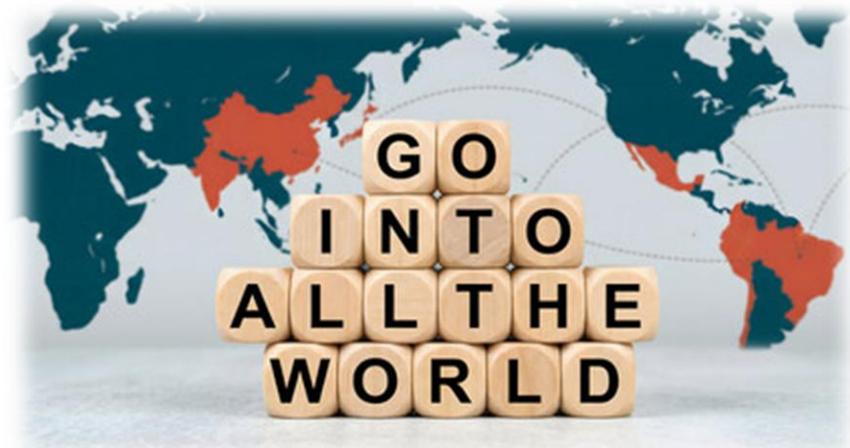
Please Join Us in Worship!



Wednesday Lenten Services (February 18-March 25): 7:15 p.m.

Soup Suppers will be served
before each Lenten service, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Feel free to use these invitations to hand out to friends and family.
They are on the literature table.



Notes

