



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

Lord Jesus, you promised to comfort those who mourn and to satisfy those who hunger. In time of trial remind me of your cross, where you endured the curse of my sin. When I am weak, teach me to depend on you for strength. At your own time, deliver me from suffering and distress.
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*

August 8 & 9, 2026

HYMN

Congregation Sings Verses 1-3

528

Christ Is Our Cornerstone



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone; On him a - lone we
2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall
3 Here, gra - cious God, do now And ev - er - more draw
4 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im -



build. With his true saints a - lone The courts of
ring! Our voic - es we will raise The Three in
near; Ac - cept each faith - ful vow And all your
plore, And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us



heav'n are filled. On his great love Our hopes we
One to sing And thus claim In joy - ful
chil - dren hear, And more pro and more On those who
ev - er - more Un - til that day When all the



place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.
pray Each ho - ly day Your bless - ing pour.
blest To end - less rest Are called a - way!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th century, abr.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, alt.
Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH (66 66 4444) John Darwall, 1731–89.

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

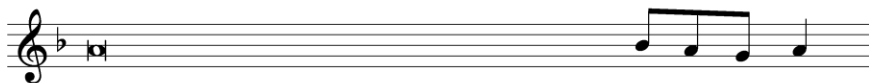
God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy



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



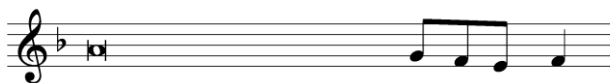
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



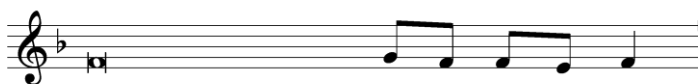
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

Give Glory to God!

PALM SUNDAY

Congregation Sings Verses 1 & 3

130

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That

lit - tle chil - dren sang; Through pil - lared
 an - ex - ul - tant crowd, The vic - tor
 an - cient song we sing, For Christ is

court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them
 palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and
 our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n, our

rang. To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close
 loud. The Lord of saints and an - gels Rode
 King. Oh, may we ev - er praise him With

fold - ed to his breast, The chil - dren sang their
 on in low - ly state Nor scorned that lit - tle
 heart and life and voice And in his roy - al

prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
 chil - dren Should on his bid - ding wait.
 pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Text: Jeanette Threlfall, 1821-80, alt.

Tune: ELLACOMBE (76 76 D) *Gesang-Buch . . . der Herzogl . . . Hofkapelle*, Württemberg, 1784, alt.

THE WORD

(Congregation speaks when words are in bold.)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be Seated

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:23-31 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

²³Be on guard so that you do not forget the covenant that the LORD your God made with you and so that you do not make an idol for yourselves in the form of anything that the LORD your God prohibited. ²⁴For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

²⁵But when you become the father of children, and you have grandchildren, and you have grown old in the land, if you then act corruptly by making an idol of any form, and you do evil in the eyes of the LORD your God, provoking him to anger, ²⁶I today call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you, that you will most certainly perish quickly from the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess. You will not live many days in it, because you will most certainly be destroyed. ²⁷The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left as a people that are few in number among the

nations where the LORD your God will force you to go. ²⁸There you will worship gods, the work of human hands, made of wood and stone—things that do not see or hear or eat or smell.

²⁹But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find him when you search for him with all your heart and with all your soul. ³⁰When you experience misery and all these things have happened to you in future days, then you will return to the LORD your God, and you will be obedient to his voice. ³¹For the LORD your God is a compassionate God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant that he promised to your fathers with an oath.

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

Second Reading

Acts 4:8-20 (EHV)

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, ⁹if we are being questioned today for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead! By him this man stands before you healed. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone.

¹²“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”

¹³When they saw the boldness of Peter and John and found out that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were

astonished and took note of the fact that these men had been with Jesus.

¹⁴But since they saw the man who had been healed standing there with them, they could not say anything in reply. ¹⁵After they had ordered them to leave the Sanhedrin, they discussed the matter among themselves. ¹⁶They asked, “What should we do with these men? To be sure, it is evident to all who live in Jerusalem that a miraculous sign has been done through them, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷However, in order that this may spread no further among the people, let us give them a strict warning not to speak any longer to anyone in this name.”

¹⁸Then they summoned them and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

¹⁹But Peter and John answered them, “Decide whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God. ²⁰For we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

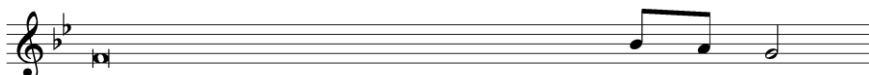
Gospel Acclamation - Setting 1



Refrain



Tone



How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,

Refrain



who bring salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

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GOSPEL

Matthew 21:12-22

¹²Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all those who were selling and buying in the temple. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. ¹³He said to them, “**It is written, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it a den of robbers!**”

¹⁴The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the experts in the law saw the wonders he performed and heard the children calling out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant. ¹⁶They said to him, “Do you hear what they are saying?”

“**Yes,**” Jesus told them, “**Have you never read, From the lips of little children and nursing babies you have prepared praise?**”

¹⁷He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

The Withered Fig Tree

(Mark 11:12–14, 20–25)

¹⁸As he returned to the city early in the morning, he was hungry. ¹⁹Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. He said to it, “**May there never be fruit from you again!**”

Immediately the fig tree withered away. ²⁰When the disciples saw it, they were amazed and asked, “How did the fig tree wither so quickly?”

²¹Jesus answered them, “**Amen I tell you: If you have faith, and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you told this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ it would be done. ²²Whatever you ask for in prayer, as you believe, you will receive.**”

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

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S LESSON

Hymn of the Day



370

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels
2 Hail him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid
3 Sin - ners whose love can ne'er for - get The worm - wood
4 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe On this ter -
5 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at his



pros - trate fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And
Lord did call, The God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, And
and the gall, Go, spread your tro - phies at his feet And
res - trial ball To him all maj - es - ty as - cribe And
feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And



crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al
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Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-92, st. 1-3, abr., alt.; *A Selection of Hymns*, London, 1787, st. 4-5, alt.
Tune: CORONATION (86 86 86) Oliver Holden, 1765-1844.

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



HYMN



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411 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a



griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry
an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—
load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—



Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -



for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -
faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus
sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his



cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820–86, alt.
Tune: CONVERSE (87 87 D) Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918.

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.



CLOSING HYMN

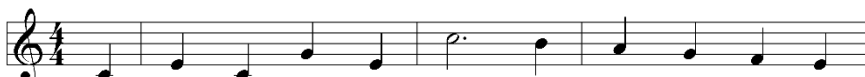


CHURCH

Congregation Sings Verse 4

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Vacation Bible School

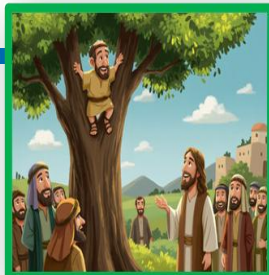
Bible Lessons

Crafts

Games

Singing

August 12 & 13
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
(Includes Lunch)



All kids (ages 4 to 5th grade) are welcome to attend VBS. Registration sheets are on the literature table. Please fill them out and give to Pastor or Heidi. We'll learn about Zacchaeus, as well as about Pentecost!

Please stay for the Vacation Bible School

meeting today after worship!



AUGUST EVENTS

Vacation Bible School: August 12 & 13, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. --Lunch is Included (Children ages 4-5th grade invited). ***There are still some volunteer opportunities (registration desk person, general helpers/cleaners and sheep dogs; please see the Volunteer 2026 wall. Registration forms are on the literature table. Please put them on the church mouse desk (copy room counter).***

Worship in the Park (Potluck & Petting Zoo): August 23, at 10:00 a.m.

What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance
 Saturday (08/01/26): 17
 Sunday (08/02/26): 65
 Total: 82

Sunday, August 9	Worship VBS MEETING Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Monday, August 10		
Tuesday, August 11	Worship at Mala Strana Worship	11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 12 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.	Vacation Bible School Games (Welcome Area)	9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, August 13	Vacation Bible School ELDERS'/EXEC. COUNCIL MTG. DEADLINE FOR GARDEN PARTY GIFT BASKETS FOR ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER SILENT AUCTION	9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m.
Friday, August 14		
Saturday, August 15	Men's Bible Study Worship	8:00 a.m. Noon
Sunday, August 16	Worship (Communion) Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, August 17		
Tuesday, August 18		

USHER SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
August 9, 2026	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Roger M. Meyer	Eric Schanus
August 16, 2026	Mason Storlie	Ethan Paler	Keith Barta	Scott Gilsrud
August 23, 2026	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Doug Holicky	Troy Rabenberg
August 30, 2026	Mason Storlie	Ethan Paler	Duane Jirik	Justin Storlie

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

ALPHA WOMENS CENTER

PO Box 435

Savage, MN 55378



Ladies, You're Invited
to the Alpha Women's Center

Garden Party

Tuesday August 25 6-8 pm

Don't miss the hottest ticket of the summer! It's Alpha's Summer Garden Party—a fun-filled fundraising and friend-raising evening just for women 18+.

Gather your girlfriends and join us for an unforgettable evening as we celebrate life, make new friends, and support the life-changing work of Alpha Women's Center.

- Live music
- Delicious food, wine and mocktails
- Games and prizes
- A fabulous silent auction

Free Tickets for a Friend:

As part of our commitment to welcoming first-time guests, if you bring a friend who is new to Alpha, her \$30 ticket is on us!



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Tickets Today
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ESTATE WINERY
3950 North Shore Road, Waconia

651-894-2882



Alpha Women's Center Garden Party

Tuesday, August 25, 2026, 6-8 PM

Ladies, don your big hat and favorite floral dress for a night out at our summer Garden Party! It's Alpha Women's Center's fundraising—and friend-raising—evening for women, featuring live music, games, a silent auction, and delicious food, wine, and mocktails.

Thank you to Sovereign Estate Winery in Waconia for generously donating their beautiful venue as we gather to celebrate life and introduce new friends to the mission of Alpha Women's Center.

Free Ticket for a Friend: As part of our commitment to welcoming first-time guests, if you bring a friend who is new to Alpha, her \$30 ticket is on us! Ladies 18+ are welcome.

For more than 40 years, Alpha Women's Center has been offering help and hope to Twin Cities women through a prolific Christian ministry that offers pregnant women free medical and support services from our mobile clinics. Scan the QR code for tickets or visit onecau.se/26gardenparty.

Alpha Women's Center Has Saved 30 Babies So Far This Year!!!

In efforts to provide free prenatal care for unplanned pregnancies, as well as promoting saving children from abortion, Alpha Women's Center has asked if anyone could make some gift baskets for a silent auction they are having at the big Garden Party event. If you can make/donate a gift basket for their silent auction, it would be much appreciated.

Please pick a theme for your basket, such as BBQ (Peggy has a gift card you could include for this theme—ask Heidi about this), Coffee, Gardening, Spa, Reading, Bird Feeders, etc., and please don't spend more than \$50. Thank you so much for your donation to this worthy cause. The babies thank you, too.

Please put your baskets on the table in the Welcome Area before August 14.

Peggy Gleason, with the Alpha Women's Center, will pick them up in time for their Garden Party fundraising event. Thank you.



--Church Mouse

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