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*“Whoever
hears my word
and
believes
him who
sent me
has
eternal life.”*

John 5:24

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

O ascended Lord, thank you for the gift of pastors and teachers to feed your flock. Enable them, by the power of the Spirit, to stand firm in the midst of the trials and stresses of this world. Give them the courage to speak your Word faithfully and the grace to reflect your love in their actions.
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

March 7 & 8, 2026

HYMN

439

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day,
For you, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that you will strength - en My steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
And noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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We Welcome Our New Members:

Rick and Jody Barringer!



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

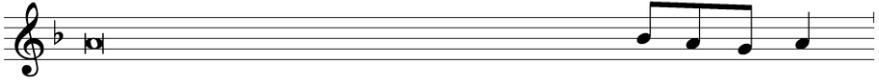
God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy



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



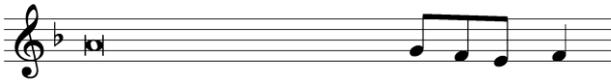
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



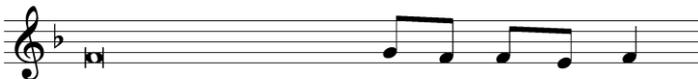
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

THE WORD

(Congregation speaks when words are in bold.)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; 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

Psalm 25 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

Teach Me Your Ways By David.

A Prayer for Protection

¹To you, O LORD, I will lift up my soul.

²In you I have trusted, O my God.

Do not let me be put to shame.

Do not let my enemies triumph over me.

³All who hope in you will never be put to shame,
but those who are treacherous for no reason will be put to
shame.

A Prayer for Forgiveness

⁴Make known to me your ways, O LORD.

Teach me your paths.

⁵Make me walk in your truth and teach me,
because you are the God who saves me.
In you I hope all day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and your mercy,
for they are from eternity.

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways.
According to your mercy remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸Good and upright is the LORD.
Therefore, he instructs sinners in the right way.

⁹He directs the humble to what is just,
and he teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰All the ways of the LORD are mercy and truth
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

¹¹For the sake of your name, O LORD,
you forgive my guilt, although it is great.

A Prayer for a Godly Life

¹²Who, then, is the man who fears the LORD?
The LORD will instruct him in the way he chooses.

¹³That man will enjoy a good life,
and his descendants will possess the land.

¹⁴The guidance of the LORD is with those who fear him.
His covenant will give them knowledge.

A Second Prayer for Protection

¹⁵My eyes are always on the LORD,
because he frees my feet from the net.

¹⁶Turn toward me and be gracious to me,
because I am lonely and afflicted.

¹⁷The distress of my heart increases.
Bring me out of my anguish.

¹⁸See my affliction and my trouble,
and take away all my sins.

¹⁹See my enemies—
how they have increased,
and how violently they hate me!
²⁰Guard my life and rescue me.
Do not let me be put to shame,
for I have taken refuge in you.
²¹May integrity and uprightness protect me,
because I wait for you.
²²Redeem Israel, O God, from all its distress!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25 Refrain

Refrain



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.



GOSPEL

John 2:13-25 (EHV) Jesus Cleanses the Temple

¹³The Jewish Passover was near, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁴In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and money changers sitting at tables. ¹⁵He made a whip of cords and drove everyone out of the temple courts, along with the sheep and oxen. He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those selling doves he said, “**Get these things out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a place of business!**”

¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸So the Jews responded, “What sign are you going to show us to prove you can do these things?”

¹⁹Jesus answered them, “**Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again.**”

²⁰The Jews said, “It took forty-six years to build this temple! And you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹But Jesus was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When Jesus was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this. Then they believed the Scripture and what Jesus had said.

²³While he was in Jerusalem for the Passover Festival, many believed in his name as they observed the miraculous signs he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus, on his part, was not entrusting himself to them, because he knew them all. ²⁵He did not need anyone to testify about man, because he himself knew what was in man.

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

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S LESSON

HYMN OF THE DAY



415 Exult Today, Jerusalem



1 Ex - ult to - day, Je - ru - sa - lem! God comes to
3 The Christ! A Proph - et great - er than that giv - er
4 Christ's glo - ry is not seen by those of - fend - ed



set you free! This roy - al Son of Beth - le - hem ful -
of the law; a Priest, not born from Le - vi's clan, but
by the cross, for world - ly wis - dom nev - er knows how



fills all proph - e - cy. This great - er Jo - nah
born with - out sin's flaw; a King, one like that
gain could come from loss; yet, this the glo - ry



of re - nown God's love and pow'r dis - plays; he comes to
priest - ly king, Mel - chiz - e - dek of old, for Christ, as
of the Christ: to claim our cross as throne— his per - fect



tear God's tem - ple down and raise it in three days!
thorn - crowned King will bring God's right - eous - ness fore - told.
life he sac - ri - ficed that we might be his own!

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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



530 Praise Be to Christ



1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see the im - age of the
2 Praise be to him whose sov - 'reign sway and will up - holds cre -
3 Praise be to him who, Lord Most High, the full - ness of the



Fa - ther shown, the first-born Son re - vealed and known, the truth and
a - tion's plan; who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan and when our
God - head shares; and yet our hu - man na - ture bears, who came as



grace of de - i - ty; through whom cre - a - tion came to birth,
world has passed a - way: Lord of the Church, its life and head,
man to bleed and die. And from his cross there flows our peace



whose fin - gers set the stars in place, the un - seen pow'rs, and
re - demp-tion's price and source and theme, a - live, the first - born
who chose for us the path he trod, that so might sins and



this small earth, the fur - thest bounds of time and space.
from the dead, to reign as all - in - all su - preme.
sor - rows cease and all be rec - on - ciled to God.

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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



510 In Christ Alone

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er
pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance

Saturday (02/28/26): 8

Sunday (03/01/26): 65

Wednesday (03/04/26): 32

Total: 105

Sunday, March 8	Worship Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, March 9		
Tuesday, March 10	Choir	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11 Pastor's "Drop-In" Consultation Times: 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Games 5 & 6 Catechism 7 & 8 Catechism Soup Supper Lenten Service	9:00 a.m. 4:15 p.m. 5:40 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, March 12	LADIES AID MEETING EXEC. COUNCIL MEETING	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Friday, March 13		
Saturday, March 14	Men's Bible Study Worship	8:00 a.m. Noon
Sunday, March 15	Worship (Communion) Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, March 16		
Tuesday, March 17	Choir	7:15 p.m.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
March 8, 9:00 a.m.	Sam Workman	Ruth Workman	Gary Grassmann	Bruce Nelson
March 11, 7:15 p.m.	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Jeff Heine	Joe Stahl
March 15, 9:00 a.m.	Volunteer Pls.	Volunteer Pls.	Dean Cornelius	Willard Rancour
March 18, 7:15 p.m.	Lucas Holicky	Mason Storlie	David Tietz	Linda Jandt
March 22, 9:00 a.m.	Josef Jirik	Ethan Paler	Roger M. Meyer	Eric Schanus
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.

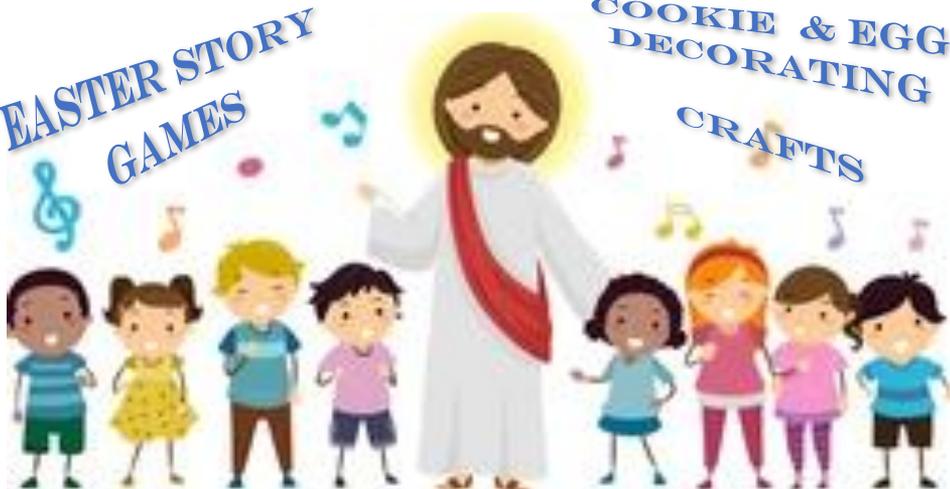
(Ages 4 - 4th Grade)

Friedens' Fellowship Hall

EASTER STORY
GAMES

COOKIE & EGG
DECORATING

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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Please Join Us in Worship!

Reg. Service Times: Sunday 9 a.m. | Saturday Noon

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.



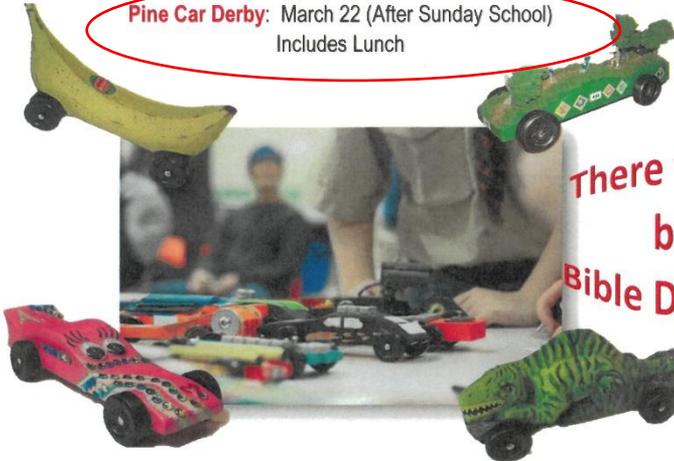
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"Trailblazers"

For All Kids (Grades 1-8)

~~Pine Car Shop: February 22 (After Sunday School till Finished)~~
Includes Lunch

Pine Car Derby: March 22 (After Sunday School)
Includes Lunch



There will also
be a
Bible Devotion.

Sign Up and Pick Up Your Pine Car on the
Literature Table!

Don't forget
to bring a
friend!



First, kids will race the
new cars built in 2026.

Second, we'll have a
Vintage Race, where
we'll race cars from
previous years.

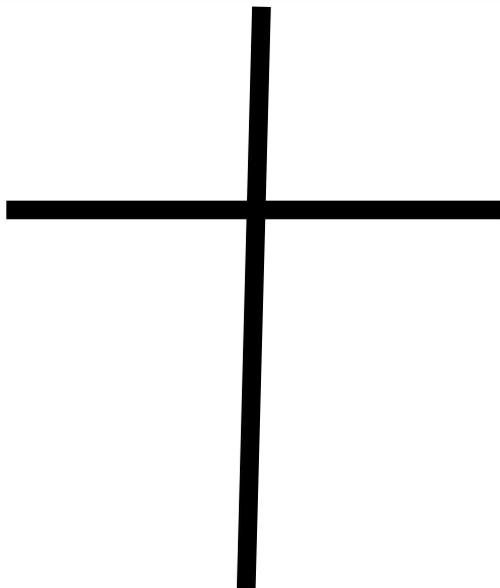
FYI: There are usually
extra pine cars that
guests can use to race in
the special Vintage Race.

Make sure to pick up a pine car kit on
the literature table. Please fill out the
form that you received your car kit.

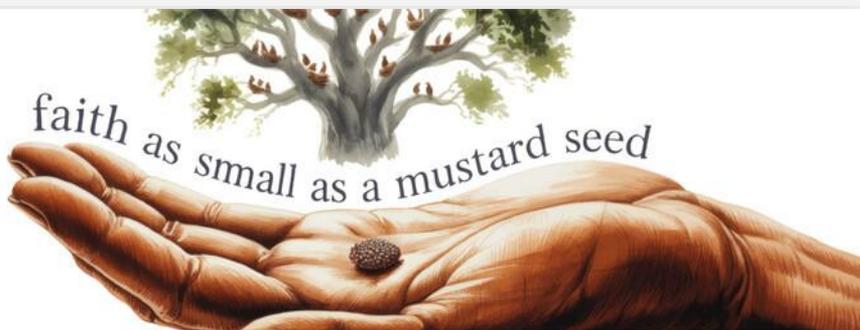
Don't be afraid; Just

Believe.

Mark 5:36



faith as small as a mustard seed



Notes

