



# 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**

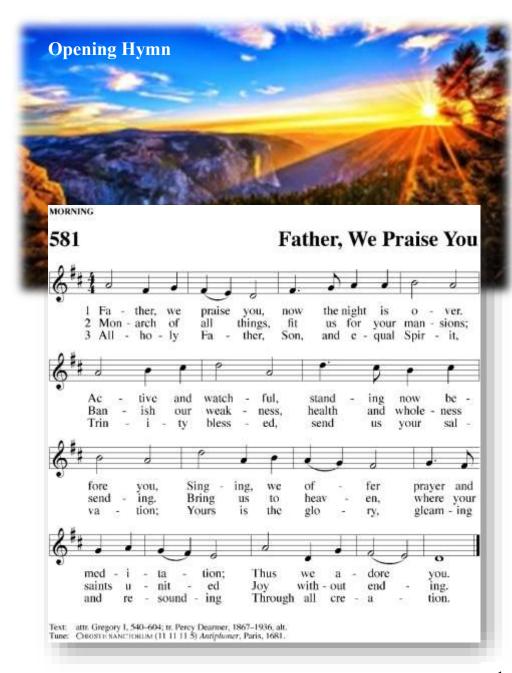
Lord God, give me strength and willingness to say with your Son, "Not my will but your will be done." Make me cheerful and trusting to bear whatever you let happen to me. From your hand I am willing to take the good and the bad, the joy and the sorrow. Keep me from sin, gracious Father, and comfort me with your kind Word.

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 Two July 26 & 27, 2025



Stand

In the name of the Father and of the  $\top$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

## **Confession (Congregation in Bold)**

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

#### **Declaration of Grace**

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.



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



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.



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



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



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#### Glory to God in the Highest







#### The Word

#### The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

Be seated

#### **First Reading**

Genesis 18:16-32 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

<sup>16</sup>The men got up from there and looked down toward Sodom. Abraham went with them to see them on their way. <sup>17</sup>The Lord said, "Should I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, <sup>18</sup>since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup>For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household who follow after him to keep the way of

the Lord by carrying out righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may deliver to Abraham what he has promised him."

<sup>20</sup>So the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very flagrant, <sup>21</sup>I will go down now and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has come to me. If not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>The two men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord. <sup>23</sup>Abraham approached him and said, "Will you really sweep away the righteous along with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep them away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>You would never do such a thing, killing the righteous along with the wicked, treating the righteous the same as the wicked. You would never do such a thing. The Judge of all the earth should do right, shouldn't he?"

<sup>26</sup>The Lord said, "If I find fifty righteous people within the city of Sodom, then I will spare the entire place for their sake."

<sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "See now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it on myself to speak to my Lord. <sup>28</sup>What if there are five fewer than fifty righteous? Will you destroy the entire city if the number is five short?" He said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."

<sup>29</sup>He spoke to him yet again and said, "What if only forty are found there?"

He said, "I will not do it for the sake of the forty."

<sup>30</sup>He said, "Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak again. What if thirty are found there?"

He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

<sup>31</sup>He said, "See now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to my Lord. What if there are twenty found there?"

He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of the twenty."

<sup>32</sup>He said, "Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak just once more. What if ten are found there?"

He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



#### Psalm of the Day

#### 138A Your Praises, God, I'm Bringing



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#### **Second Reading**

1 Timothy 2:1-7 (EHV)

First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all those who are in authority, in order that we might live a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there

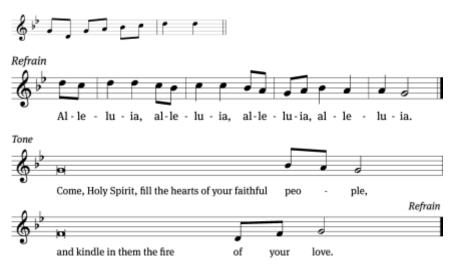
is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this testimony, I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I speak the truth; I am not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

#### Gospel Acclamation - Setting 2



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#### Gospel

Luke 11:1-13 (EHV)

On another occasion, Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples."

<sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say, 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.'"

#### **Keep Praying**

<sup>5</sup>He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and tell him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup>because a friend of mine who is on a journey has come to me, and I do not have anything to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And the one inside replies, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give it to you.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even if he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his bold persistence, he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

<sup>9</sup>"I tell you, keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep seeking, and you will find. Keep knocking, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives. The one who seeks finds. And to the one who knocks, it will be opened.

11"What father among you, if your son asks for bread, would give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, would give him a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if he asks for an egg, would give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

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

Be seated

Children's Lesson

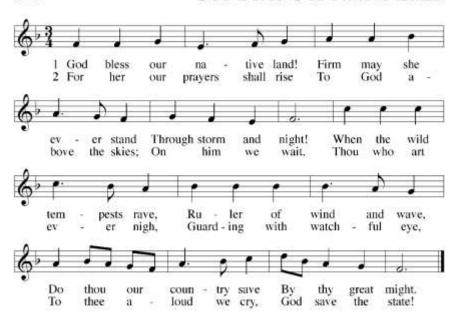
#### Hymn of the Day

my country tip of thee overet land of liberty

NATION

#### 619

#### God Bless Our Native Land



Text: Charles T. Brooks, 1813-83, st. 1, alt.; John S. Dwight, 1813-93, st. 2.

Tune: America (664 6664) Thesianus Musicies, London, c. 1740.

#### Sermon

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



Bible Stories | Game | Crafts | Singing

Vacation Bible School is open to any child, from 3 years old (potty trained and accompanied by parent) through 5th grade. To sign your children up to attend Vacation Bible School, please fill out a flegistration form for each of your children. There are Registration Forms on the website (efriedens.com under the "Ministries" tab), or on the literature table in the Welcome Area of the church (by double-glass doors). Please give your completed flegistration Forms to Heidi Gilsrud, or you can put the forms on the desk in the copy room. You can also e-mail them to the church office at ficsec@bevcomm.net. You can also just come early on August 6, at 10:45 a.m., to register the same day as the event.

If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Gilsrud (Office: 952-758-2828).

We are looking for volunteers!

### **Prayer of the Church**

#### THE NATION

Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

# We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

#### For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

#### Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

#### Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

#### Hymn

#### 725 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray



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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. **Amen.** 

Note: There is a copy of this music inside the back cover of the red hymnal.



#### **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**

PRAYER

#### 411

#### What a Friend We Have in Jesus



Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820–86, alt. Tune: Converse (87.87 D) Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918.

# **USHER SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2025**

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
August 3	Lucas Holicky	Mason Storlie	Doug Holicky	Troy Rabenberg
August 10	Josef Jirik	Ethan Paler	Duane Jirik	Justin Storlie
August 17	Sam Workman	Ruth Workman	Gary Grassmann	Bruce Nelson
August 24	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Jeff Heine	Joe Stahl
August 31	Daniel Callahan	Claire Callahan	Dean Cornelius	Willard Rancour

# What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance

Saturday (07/19/25): 17 Sunday (07/20/25): <u>60</u>

Total: 77

Sunday, July 27	Worship VOTERS' MEETING	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, July 28		
Tuesday, July 29	Worship at Mala Strana Bible Info. Class OUTREACH MEETING Worship	11:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 30	Bible Study Games	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, July 31		
Friday, August 1		
Saturday, August 2	Men's Bible Study Worship Bible Info. Class	8:00 a.m. Noon 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 3 MISSION FESTIVAL	Worship (Communion) Coffee Time Mission Presentation Potluck Luncheon	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m11:15 a.m. <i>To follow presentation</i>
Monday, August 4		
Tuesday, August 5	Worship at Mala Strana Bible Info. Class Worship	11:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

# DATE TEENS ADULTS July 27 (9 a.m.) Daniel Callahan Claire Callahan Keith Barta Scott Gilsrud

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