



“And I say unto you,
Ask,
and it shall be given you;
seek,
and ye shall find;
knock,
and it shall be opened unto you.
For every one that asketh receiveth;
and he that seeketh findeth;
and to him that knocketh
it shall be opened.”

Luke 11:9-10 (KJV)



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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

Opening Hymn

MORNING

581

Father, We Praise You

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, with the first column aligned under the first staff, the second under the second staff, and the third under the third staff. The lyrics are: 1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver. 2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; 3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Ac - tive and watch - ful, stand - ing now be - Ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us your sal - fore you, Sing - ing, we of - fer prayer and send - ing. Bring us to heav - en, where your va - tion; Yours is the glo - ry, gleam - ing med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you. saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing. and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

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Text: attr. Gregory I, 540-604; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936; alt.
Tune: CHRISTE SANCTHEUM (11 11 11 5) Antiphoner, Paris, 1681.

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the T 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



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth.

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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)

¹⁶The men got up from there and looked down toward Sodom. Abraham went with them to see them on their way. ¹⁷The Lord said, "Should I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him? ¹⁹For 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.”

²⁰So the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very flagrant, ²¹I 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.”

²²The two men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³Abraham approached him and said, “Will you really sweep away the righteous along with the wicked? ²⁴What 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? ²⁵You 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?”

²⁶The Lord said, “If I find fifty righteous people within the city of Sodom, then I will spare the entire place for their sake.”

²⁷Abraham answered, “See now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it on myself to speak to my Lord. ²⁸What 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."

²⁹He 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."

³⁰He 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."

³¹He 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."

³²He 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

1 Your prais-es, God, I'm bring-ing; my heart with joy is
2 When deep-est need had felled me, your stead-fast love up -
3 Though you, O God, are ho - ly, yet you re - gard the
4 All peo-ples shall ac - claim you, and wor-ship-ing shall

sing - ing its thanks for gifts out - poured.
held me; my ur - gent prayer you heard,
low - ly and raise them from the dust.
name you the God of time and space.

Now, in your pres - ence kneel - ing, a - gain for grace ap -
When trou - ble sore as - sailed me, your mer - cy nev - er
Your prom - ise holds for - ev - er: "I will for - sake you
And I will join my prais - es with hymns the whole world

peal - ing, in qui - et - ness I wait your word.
failed me. You strength-ened me and I en - dured.
nev - er!" My God, my rock, in you I trust.
rais - es to you, the God of bound - less grace!

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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, ²for kings and all those who are in authority, in order that we might live a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there

is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For 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



Refrain



Tone



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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.”

²He 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. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴Forgive 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

⁵He 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, ⁶because a friend of mine who is on a journey has come to me, and I do not have anything to set before him.’ ⁷And 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.’ ⁸I 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.

⁹“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. ¹⁰For 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? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, would give him a scorpion? ¹³If 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
'tis of thee
sweet land
of liberty*

NATION

619

God Bless Our Native Land

1 God bless our na - tive land! Firm may she
2 For her our prayers shall rise To God a -

ev - er stand Through storm and night! When the wild
bove the skies; On him we wait, Thou who art

tem - pests rave, Ru - ler of wind and wave,
ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with watch - ful eye,

Do thou our coun - try save By thy great might,
To thee a - loud we cry, God save the state!

Text: Charles T. Brooks, 1813–83, st. 1, alt.; John S. Dwight, 1813–93, st. 2.
Tune: AMERICA (664 6664) *Thesaurus Musicarum*, London, c. 1740.

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



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Vacation Bible School 2025

Lunch provided.

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Come and Learn
About Our Heavenly
Father's Love &
Forgiveness!



August 6
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

*Feel free to invite
friends! There are
invitations on the
literature table.*

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 Registration 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 Registration 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 flcsec@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!

Please see sign-up sheet in the Welcome Area! Thank you!

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



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, through your Son and
2 When we know not what to say and our wound - ed
3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, sac - ri - ficed on
4 By your Spir - it now at - tend to our prayers and

in your Spir - it. By your Spir - it's Word con - vey
souls are plead - ing, may your Spir - it, night and day,
Cal - v'ry's al - tar, through your priest - ly blood we cry:
sup - pli - ca - tions, as like in - cense they as - cend

all that we through Christ in - her - it,
groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;
hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;
to your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.

that as bap - tized heirs we may tru - ly pray.
by his sighs, too deep for words, we are heard.
place them on your Fa - ther's throne as your own.
May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

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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.

The Lord's Prayer
(General Use)

Devotions London

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy King-dom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heav'n. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our debts as we for-give our debt-ers, And lead us not in-to tempta-tion, But de-liv-er us from ev-il, For Thine is the King-dom and the Pow-er and the Glo-ry, For-ev-er and ev-er, A-men! A-men!

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

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.

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): 60
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 <i>OUTREACH MEETING</i> 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.m.-11:15 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.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2025

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!