

And he that taketh not his cross,
and followeth after me,
is not worthy of me.

He that findeth his life
shall lose it:
and
he that loseth his life
for my sake
shall find it.

Matthew 10:38-39



Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Forgive my open sins and my secret sins.

Forgive the sins I know and the sins I do not know. Forgive the sins I did to please myself and the sins I did to please others. Forgive them all, gracious Lord, for Jesus' sake.

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*

January 10 & 11, 2026

OPENING HYMN

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Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and

all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,

Now to seek and love and fear you, By your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -

sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
peo - ple rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-84, st. 1-3; *Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, st. 1-3, alt.; unknown, st. 4, alt.

Tune: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER (78 78 88) Johann R. Ahle, 1625-73, alt.

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 defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

Give Glory to God!



HYMN

REDEEMER

Congregation Sings Verses 1 & 3

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Christ Be My Leader

1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day,
2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;

Safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way.
Drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth.
Death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor

Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care;
Grant me to trust him, though shift - ing as sand.
dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain Can

Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
Doubt can - not daunt me— in Je - sus I stand!
touch my sal - va - tion— with Je - sus I reign!

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Tune: SLANE (Irregular) Irish folk tune.

THE WORD

(Congregation speaks when words are in bold.)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; 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



PSALM 78



Refrain



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm tone



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O my people, hear my teaching;^{*}
listen to the words of my mouth.

I will utter things from of old,^{*}
what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from our children;^{*}
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.

Refrain

The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob^{*}
and established the law in Israel,
so the next generation would know them,^{*}
and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God^{*}
and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

**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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EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 10:8-18 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming. ⁹Certainly, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and it is with the mouth that a person confesses, resulting in salvation. ¹¹For Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

¹²So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³Yes, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Israel Rejected the Message God Sent

¹⁴So then, how can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one about whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵And how can they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, who preach the gospel of good things!”

¹⁶But not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who believed our message?” ¹⁷So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through the word of Christ.

¹⁸But I ask, did they not hear? Of course, they certainly did. The sound of their voice went out to all the earth, and their words to the farthest parts of the world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

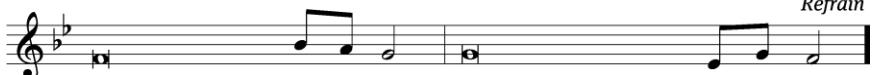
Gospel Acclamation - Setting 1



Refrain



Tone



Refrain

You are my servant, Is - ra - el, in whom I will display my splen - dor.
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GOSPEL

Matthew 10:32-39 (EHV) Conditions of Discipleship

³²“Everyone who confesses me before others, I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. ³³But whoever denies me before others, I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I came to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I came to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶A man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.

³⁷“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

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

CHILDREN'S LESSON

HYMN OF THE DAY



REDEEMER

370 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



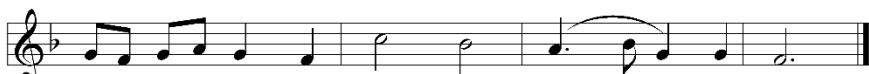
1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels
2 Hail him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid
3 Sin - ners whose love can ne'er for - get The worm - wood
4 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe On this ter -
5 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at his



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 - ccribe And
feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And



crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al
crown him Lord of all. The God in - car - nate,
crown him Lord of all. Go, spread your tro - phies
crown him Lord of all. To him all maj - es -
crown him Lord of all. We'll join the ev - er -



di - a - dem And crown him Lord of all.
Man di - vine, And crown him Lord of all.
at his feet And crown him Lord of all.
ty as - ccribe And crown him Lord of all.
last - ing song And crown him Lord of all.

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

EPIPHANY

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

Amen.

HYMN



908 Go Forth and Preach the Gospel

A musical score for the first line of the hymn. It consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The melody is simple, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes.

1 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who are in need.
2 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who live in fear,
3 Go forth and preach the gos - pel; go spread the news a - broad!

A musical score for the second line of the hymn. It consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The melody is simple, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes.

As wit - ness to the Sav - ior, go teach by word and deed.
and share the joy - ful mes - sage that God is al - ways near.
Pro - claim to ev - 'ry na - tion the great-ness of our God.

A musical score for the third line of the hymn. It consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The melody is simple, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes.

The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us to de - clare
The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us forth in peace
The Spir - it is up - on us, that all may un - der - stand

A musical score for the fourth line of the hymn. It consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The melody is simple, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes.

good news of God's for - give - ness to peo - ple ev - 'ry - where.
to bring the poor glad ti - dings, that mer - cy may in - crease.
the prom - ise of sal - va - tion re - vealed to ev - 'ry land.

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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.

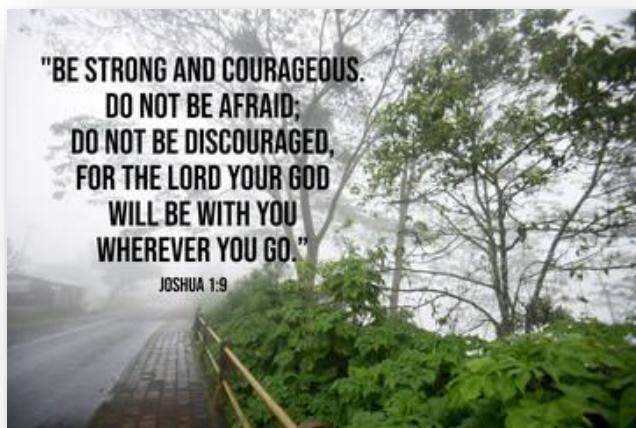
LORD'S PRAYER

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

JUSTIFICATION

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To God Be the Glory



1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,

He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,

Who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin
The vil - est of - send - er who tru - ly be - lieves,
But pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
Our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!

Oh, come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son
And give him the glo - ry—great things he has done!

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915, alt.

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY (11 11 11 11 with Refrain) William H. Doane, 1832–1915.

Clean Team Help Needed

If you would like to serve as a back up to our church cleaning team, please let Keith Barta know.

Thanks,

Keith Barta
(952) 292-3113

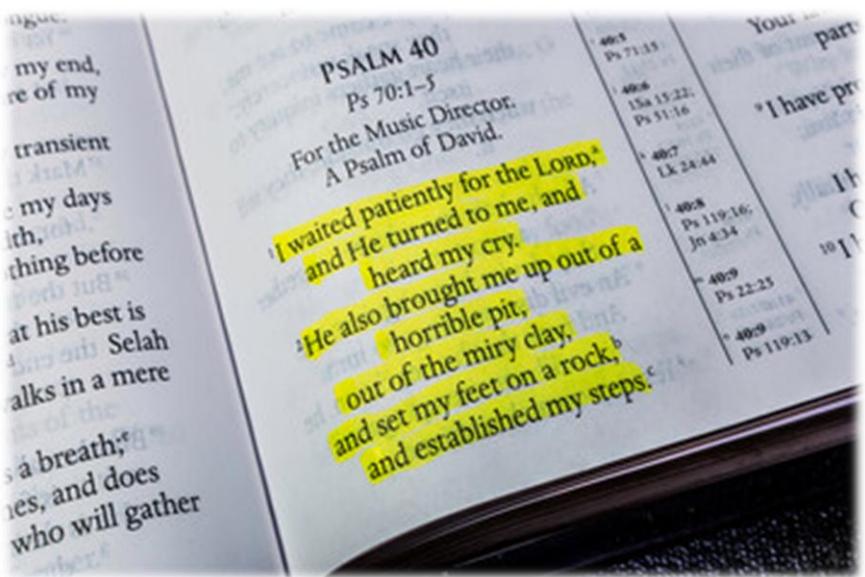
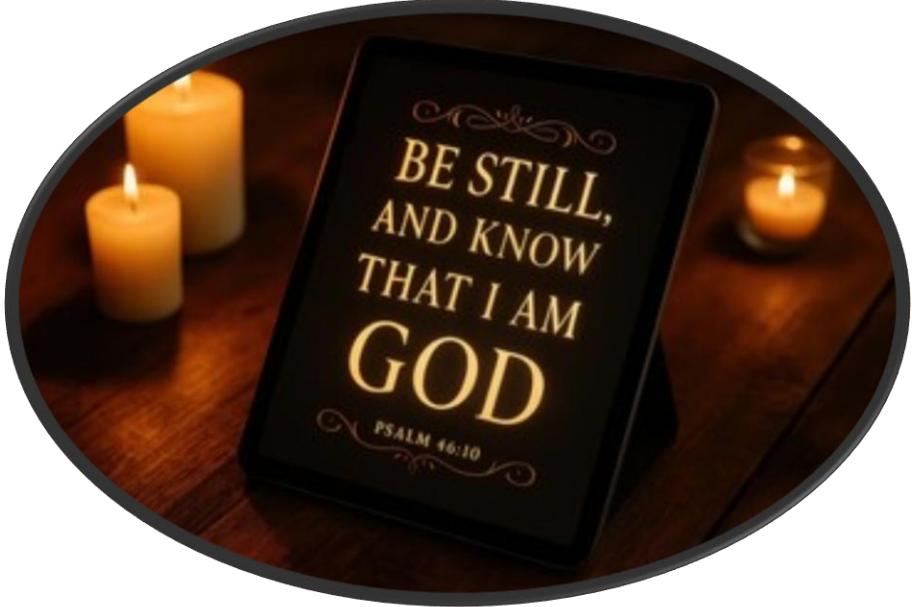
ATTENTION ENCOURAGING ELDERS, OUTGOING OUTREACH, PEACEFUL PEACE FUND PEOPLE & FRIEDENS' FAITHFUL FINANCIAL PEOPLE!

It is once again time to compile the 2025 Annual Report information for our Voters' Meeting coming up soon on Sunday, January 25, at 10:15 a.m. Church Mouse has to put this thing together really soon, so please get your individual committee reports done and submitted before it's too late. (Please just assume that they are due now.) I need to also gather some additional information for reporting our church's 2025 statistics to WELS, so please pay attention to your e-mails and mailboxes in order to promptly provide any needed information.

*As always . . .
please and thank you!*

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What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance

Saturday (01/03/26): 17

Sunday (01/04/26): 64

Total: 81

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| Sunday, January 11 | Worship Church Undecorating (See Will & Brenda Rancour for Guidance) Sunday School Bible Study | 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:30 a.m. |
| Monday, January 12 | OUTREACH MEETING | 6:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, January 13 | Choir | 7:15 p.m. |
| Wednesday, January 14 Pastor's Open Office Hours: 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | Bible Study Games 5 & 6 Catechism 7 & 8 Catechism | 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:15 p.m. 5:40 p.m. |
| Thursday, January 15 | FULL COUNCIL MEETING | 6:30 p.m. |
| Friday, January 16 | | |
| Saturday, January 17 | Men's Bible Study Worship | 8:00 a.m. Noon |
| Sunday, January 18 | Worship (Communion) Sunday School Bible Study | 9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m. |
| Monday, January 19 | | |
| Tuesday, January 20 | Worship at Mala Strana Choir | 11:00 a.m. 7:15 p.m. |

USHER SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2026

| DATE | TEENS | | ADULTS | |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| January 11 | Josef Jirik | Ethan Paler | Keith Barta | Scott Gilsrud |
| January 18 | Sam Workman | Ruth Workman | Doug Holicky | Troy Rabenberg |
| January 25 | Mikkala Quickle | Kameron Quickle | Duane Jirik | Justin Storlie |

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

“Trailblazers”

Attention **EVERYONE** (All Ages Invited)!

How to Fell a Tree!

TIMBERRRRR!!!



January 24 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(The tree to be cut down is at the Parsonage.

The Bonfire will be in the Church Park.)

Please drop off and pick up in the Fellowship

Hall. Parents are welcome to stay!

LUNCH: ROASTED HOT DOGS AND HOT CHOCOLATE.

Hosts: Keith Barta and Josh Bulfer.

There will also be a devotion & snack!