

**O Jerusalem, Jerusalem,  
thou that killest the prophets,  
and stonest them which are sent unto thee,  
how often would I have gathered thy children together,  
even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings,  
and ye would not!**

**Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.**

**For I say unto you,  
Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say,  
Blessed is he that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.**

Matthew 23:37-39



# 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

Give me a caring heart, O Lord, to love and seek the lost. Overcome my fear, and grant me courage to share my hope of salvation with those who have no hope. Make me faithful in my daily life so that all I say and do may glorify you.

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 21 & 22, 2026

## HYMN



LENT

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## Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



1 Je - sus, Ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Dare we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry,  
pent - ant vow, As we see you wound - ed, bleed - ing,  
love for you! May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing



Sav - ior from the world a - bove, Oh, how oft your  
See your thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Since your sin - less  
To be - hold your cross a - new, Till in glo - ry,



eyes, of - fend - ed, Gaze up - on a sin - ner's fall! Yet, up -  
death has brought us Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest, On - ly  
part - ed nev - er From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en



on the cross ex - tend - ed, You en - dured the pain of all.  
what your grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
in our hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied!

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452-98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826-96, alt.

Tune: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE (87 87 D) *Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz*, Basel, 1745, alt.

STAND

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Confession**

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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*

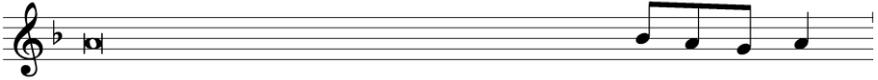
God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Lord, Have Mercy



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



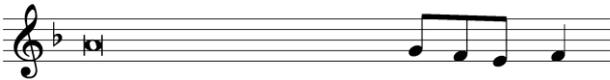
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**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

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death, we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal 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*

### First Reading

Genesis 14:8-20 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

<sup>8</sup>The king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out and lined up for battle in the Valley of Siddim <sup>9</sup>against Kedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goyim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar—four kings against five. <sup>10</sup>Now the Valley of Siddim was full of tar pits. When the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, they fell there. Those who survived fled to the hills. <sup>11</sup>The raiders took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food, and then they went on their way. <sup>12</sup>Because he had been living in Sodom, they took also Lot, the son

of Abram's brother, and his possessions and went on their way.

<sup>13</sup>One person escaped and came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks that belonged to Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eshcol and Aner. They were allies of Abram. <sup>14</sup>When Abram heard that his relative was taken captive, he led out all his trained men who were born in his house, three hundred eighteen of them, and pursued them as far as Dan. <sup>15</sup>During the night he divided his servants into groups to attack them. He struck them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. <sup>16</sup>He brought back all the possessions. He also brought back his relative Lot, and his possessions, and the women also, and the rest of the people.

<sup>17</sup>After Abram's return from the defeat of Kedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). <sup>18</sup>Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was a priest of God Most High. <sup>19</sup>He blessed Abram and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, <sup>20</sup>and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand."

Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10 (EHV)

You were dead in your trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you formerly walked when you followed the ways of this present world. You were following the ruler of the domain of the air, the spirit now at work in the people who disobey.

<sup>3</sup>Formerly, we all lived among them in the passions of our sinful flesh, as we carried out the desires of the sinful flesh and its thoughts. Like all the others, we were by nature objects of God's wrath.

<sup>4</sup>But God, because he is rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in trespasses. It is by grace you have been saved! <sup>6</sup>He also raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup>He did this so that, in the coming ages, he might demonstrate the surpassing riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast.

<sup>10</sup>For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

*Stand*

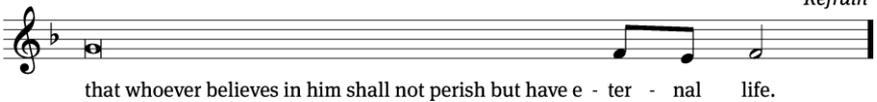
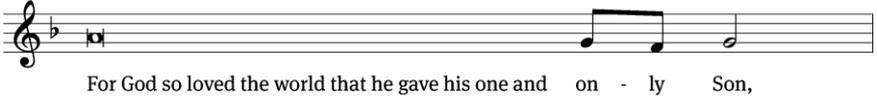
## Gospel Acclamation - Setting 1



### Refrain



### Tone



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## GOSPEL

### Matthew 23:34-39 (EHV)

<sup>34</sup>“Look, this is why I am sending you prophets, wise men, and experts in the law. Some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town. <sup>35</sup>As a result, you will be held responsible for all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Berekiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. <sup>36</sup>Amen I tell you: All these things will come upon this generation.

<sup>37</sup>“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! <sup>38</sup>Look, your house is left to you desolate. <sup>39</sup>For I tell you, you will certainly not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ”

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

CHILDREN'S LESSON

*Hymn of the Day*



**Congregation Sings Verses 1 & 6**  
**Choir Sings Verses 2-5**

LENT

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**Glory Be to Jesus**



**Choir**

1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies,  
5 Oft as earth ex - ult - ing Lifts its praise on high,



Poured for me the life - blood From his sa - cred veins.  
Blest be his com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind.  
Which from end - less tor - ments Did the world re - deem.  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.  
An - gel hosts re - joic - ing Make their glad re - ply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

Text: Italian hymn, 18th century, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78, alt.  
Tune: WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN (65 65) Friedrich Filitz, 1804-76.

## **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



JUSTIFICATION

Congregation Sings Verses 1-5

## 391 God Loved the World So that He Gave



1 God loved the world so that he gave His on - ly  
2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die— His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives the  
5 When you are sick, when death draws near, This truth your



Son the lost to save That all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in  
sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the  
sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves my



him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word does teach How we the bless - ed goal may reach.  
Je - sus' blood; Bap - tized, you are a child of God.  
soul from death— This is the an - chor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

Text: *Heiliges Lippen . . . Gesangbuch*, Stettin, c. 1778; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
Tune: ST. CRISPIN (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

*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

### **391      God Loved the World So that He Gave**

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

# What's Coming Up at Friedens?

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	
Wednesday (03/11/26):	37
Saturday (03/14/26):	46
Sunday (03/15/26)(Blizzard):	<u>5</u>
Total: 88	

<b>Sunday, March 22</b>	Worship Sunday School Bible Study Pine Car Derby, w/Lunch & Devotion	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
<b>Monday, March 23</b>		
<b>Tuesday, March 24</b>	Worship at Mala Strana Choir	11:00 a.m. 7:15 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, March 25</b> 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.
<b>Thursday, March 26</b>		
<b>Friday, March 27</b>		
<b>Saturday, March 28</b>	Men's Bible Study Worship EASTER FOR KIDS	8:00 a.m. Noon 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, March 29</b> PALM SUNDAY	Worship Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
<b>Monday, March 30</b>		
<b>Tuesday, March 31</b>	Choir	7:15 p.m.

## USHER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
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!*



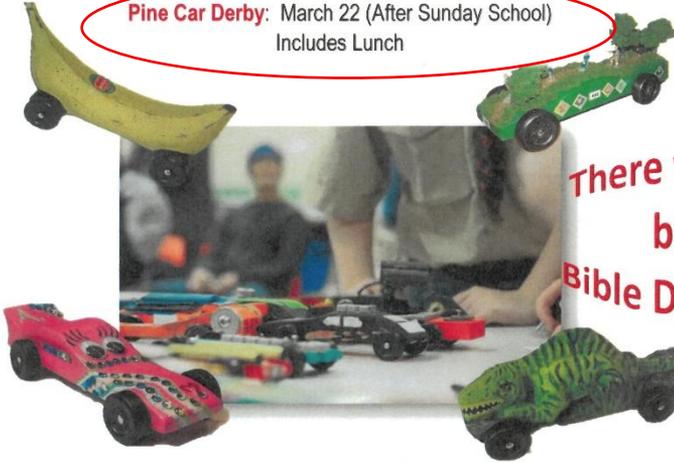
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## "Trailblazers"

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.

# Learn About Jesus at Easter for Kids!

## Saturday, March 28, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

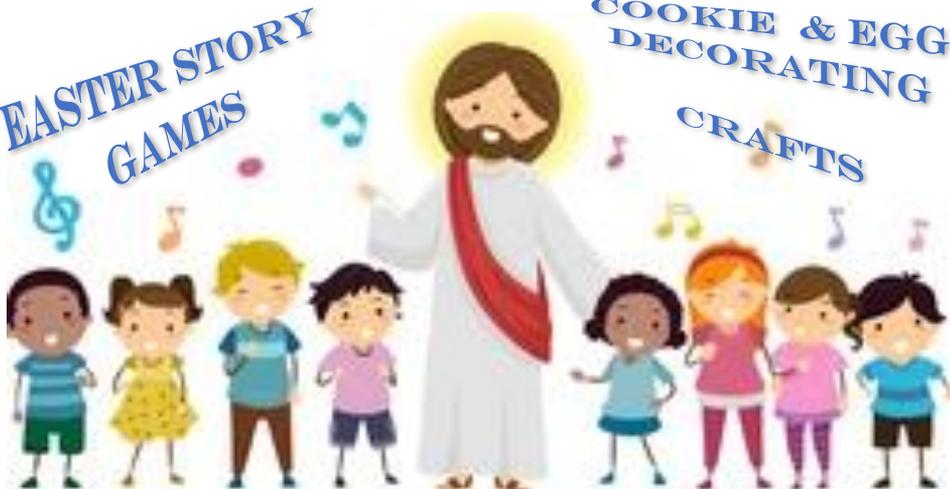
### (Ages 4 - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

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](mailto: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.