

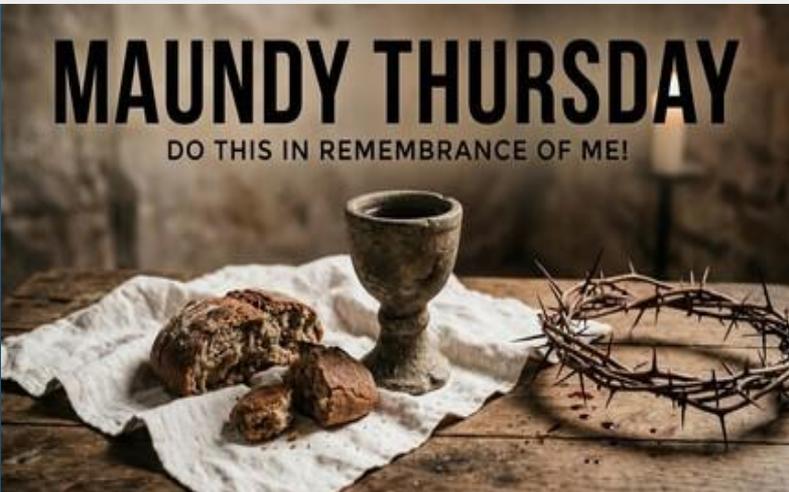
And as they were eating, he took bread,
and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said,

“Take; this is my body.”

And he took a cup,
and when he had given thanks he gave it to them,
and they all drank of it. And he said to them,

*“This is my blood of the covenant, which is
poured out for many. Truly, I say to
you, I will not drink again of the fruit of
the vine until that day when I drink it new
in the kingdom of God.”*

Mark 14:22-25



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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 of all nations, I praise you for the blessings you have showered on my country. Guide and guard your representatives in government as they care for the needs of all citizens. Give them wisdom to rule our society with honesty and justice, that we may have peace in our lives and opportunities to witness to your love.

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.**

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026

Invocation

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

Amen.

Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may love you and praise your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First Reading

Old Testament: Exodus 12:1-14 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

Passover Instituted

The LORD told Moses and Aaron this in the land of Egypt:

²This month is to be the beginning of your calendar. It is to be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the entire Israelite community that on the tenth day of this month, they are to take a lamb or a young goat for themselves, according to their fathers' households, one lamb per household. ⁴But if the household is too small for a whole lamb, then that person and his neighbor next door to him must select one, based on the

number of people. Determine what size lamb is needed according to how much each person will eat.

⁵Your lamb must be unblemished, a year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or the goats. ⁶You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of this month. Then the whole assembly of the Israelite community is to slaughter the lambs at sunset. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where they eat the lamb. ⁸That night they shall eat the meat that has been roasted over a fire, along with unleavened bread. They shall eat it with bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over a fire—with its head, its legs, and its internal organs. ¹⁰You shall not leave any of it until the morning. Whatever remains until the morning, you shall burn in the fire. ¹¹This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt ready for travel, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.

¹²For on that night I will pass through the land of Egypt. I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both people and animals. Against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment. I am the LORD. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. There will be no plague among you to destroy you when I strike down the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a memorial for you, and you are to celebrate it as a festival to the LORD. Throughout your generations you must celebrate it as a permanent regulation.

HYMN



418 The Blood of the Lamb



1 The Fa - ther sees his chil - dren's chains. From Phar - aoh's
2 The lamb is slain as sun is set— a per - fect
3 As mid - night looms, the hour of death, God seeks the
4 Chil - dren of God, we too were slaves: our mas - ter—



land they cry in pain. To res - cue
lamb, with - out de - fect. They stain their
first - born, steals their breath, but pass - es
sin! Our end— the grave! But free - dom



them, he makes a way: the blood of the lamb.
doors with in - no - cence: the blood of the lamb.
o'er doors drenched in red: the blood of the lamb.
came in crim - son shades: the blood of the Lamb.

- 5 This perfect Lamb is Jesus Christ.
He gave himself as sacrifice.
His life poured out, the final price:
the blood of the Lamb.
- 6 The blood he spilled, the life he spent,
he gives us now in sacrament.
Eternal life on Christ depends:
the blood of the Lamb.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:14-21 (EHV)

The Table of the Lord and the Table of Demons

¹⁴Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵I speak to you as to sensible people. Judge for yourselves what I am saying. ¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

¹⁸Consider the people of Israel. Those who eat the sacrifices are partners of the altar, aren't they? ¹⁹So what am I saying? That food from idol sacrifices is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰No, but I do say this: What the Gentiles sacrifice, "they sacrifice to demons, and not to God," and I do not want you to become partners of demons. ²¹You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and of the table of demons.

Gospel

Gospel: Matthew 26:17-30 (EHV)

Jesus Celebrates the Passover

¹⁷On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

¹⁸He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him the Teacher says, 'My time is near. I will observe the Passover with my disciples at your house.'"

¹⁹The disciples did as Jesus commanded them and prepared the Passover. ²⁰When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve.

One Will Betray Jesus

(Mark 14:18–21; Luke 22:21–23; John 13:21–30)

²¹As they were eating, he said, “Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me.”

²²They were very sad and began to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I, Lord?”

²³He replied, “The one who dipped his hand in the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man is going just as it is written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had not been born.”

²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, replied, “Surely, not I, Rabbi?”

He said to him, “Yes, you are the one.”

The Lord’s Supper

(Mark 14:22–26; Luke 22:18–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25)

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, “Take, eat, this is my body.” ²⁷Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you that I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” ³⁰After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Confession and Absolution

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

Almighty God, merciful Father,

I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.

In what I have done and left undone,

I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.

I have not loved others as you command.

For this I deserve your punishment now and forever.

I am sorry for my sins.

I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy.

Silence for Reflection

Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us.

Cleanse me from my sins.

Release me from my guilt.

Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

Jesus says to his people, “If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven.” Do you believe this?

Yes, I believe.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us, has reconciled us to God, and has promised us the power to forgive and love one another. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

671 Your Body, Given for Me, O Savior



1 Your bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, your blood, which
 2 With you, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
 3 Who can con-demn me now? For sure - ly the Lord is
 4 Tho' death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, it can - not
 5 Thus ev - 'ry pain is dis - ap - pear - ing; one taste my



you for me have shed— these are my life and strength for -
 you and you in me. In you my soul will be de -
 near, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -
 rob me of my cheer, for he who is of death the
 heart has come to know— of Je - sus and his love en -



ev - er; by them my hun - gry soul is fed.
 light - ed, as joys in - crease and sor - rows flee.
 cure - ly with Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
 mas - ter with help and strength is al - ways near.
 dear - ing, the taste that sweet - ens ev - 'ry woe.

Refrain



O Je - sus, may your bod - y and your blood



be for my soul the high - est good.

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Sermon

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, heavenly Father, author of the everlasting covenant and giver of the cup of salvation,

We gather in your courts to offer you our sacrifice of thanksgiving.

For fulfilling your promise to establish a new covenant through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ,

We give you humble and hearty thanks.

As our Lord Jesus Christ gave thanks to you when he broke the bread, as he gave thanks to you when he took the cup,

We also give you thanks.

Precious Savior, both Priest and offering, awe and wonder fill our hearts as we partake of your body, broken for us, and your blood, shed for us.

We praise you, bless you, and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In our poverty of righteousness, we have nothing to offer. Without your tremendous sacrifice, we would still be in our sins,

But through your sacrament of the New Testament, we are assured that our iniquities are forgiven and our sins are no longer remembered.

O Holy Spirit, dwell within us as we remember our Lord's death in this sacrament. Enter our hearts to strengthen our faith and fill us with gratitude for your great mercy.

Move us to encourage one another to love and to do good works.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

As our Lord served his disciples by washing their feet, so may we also humbly serve one another.

Help us live our lives as sacrifices of thanksgiving to him who first loved us. Amen.

Participation in the Lord's Supper

At Friedens Lutheran Church, we believe that participation in the Lord's Supper is both a confession of faith and an expression of our unity in that faith. When you commune with us, you are saying that you agree with our teachings about the Lord's Supper and all the other teachings of the Bible. If you have never communed with us before, we ask that you speak with our Pastor to learn how you can establish a communing fellowship with us. We are eager to enjoy that fellowship with you!

The Sacrament

Preface



The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

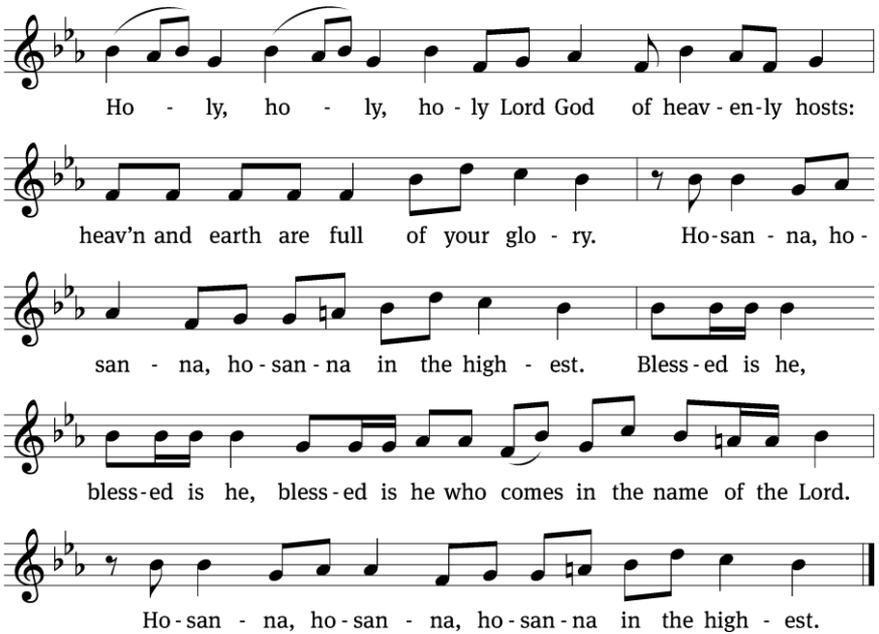


It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome.*

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with 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.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.



O Christ, Lamb of God

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Christ, Lamb of God". It consists of five staves of music in a single system, all written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;". The second staff continues with "have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,". The third staff continues with "you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.". The fourth staff begins with "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;". The fifth and final staff concludes with "grant us your peace. A - - - men." and ends with a double bar line.

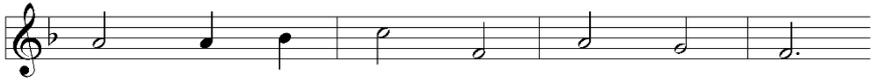
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MAUNDY THURSDAY

136 'Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night



1 'Twas on that dark, that dole - ful night
2 Be - fore the mourn - ful scene be - gan,
3 "This is my bod - y, slain for sin;
4 "Do this," he said, "till time shall end,
5 Je - sus, your feast we cel - e - brate;



When pow'rs of earth and hell a - rose
He took the bread and blessed and broke.
Re - ceive and eat the liv - ing food."
In mem - 'ry of your dy - ing friend;
We show your death; we sing your name



A - gainst the Son, our God's de - light,
What love through all his ac - tions ran!
Then took the cup and blessed the wine:
Meet at my ta - ble and re - cord
Till you re - turn and we shall eat



And friends be - trayed him to his foes.
What won - drous words of grace he spoke!
" 'Tis the new cov - 'nant in my blood."
The love of your de - part - ed Lord."
The mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, abr., alt.
Tune: ST. CROSS (LM) John B. Dykes, 1823-76.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
His mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

320 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus,
King of grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Have no
pow'r to hide your face. This the su - per - scrip - tion be:
Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my life, my hope's foun -
da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion.

What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance

Wednesday (03/25/26): 33

Saturday (03/28/26): 22

Sunday (03/29/26): 76

Total: 131

Sunday, April 5 HAPPY EASTER!	Easter Sunrise Service (Communion) Easter Breakfast Easter Worship Service (Communion)	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
Monday, April 6		
Tuesday, April 7	Worship at Mala Strana Worship Choir	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, April 8 Pastor's "Drop-In" Consultation Times: 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.-4:00 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, April 9	<i>LADIES AID MEETING</i> <i>EXEC. COUNCIL MEETING</i>	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Friday, April 10		
Saturday, April 11	Men's Bible Study Worship	8:00 a.m. Noon
Sunday, April 12	Worship Sunday School Bible Study <i>OUTREACH MEETING</i> <i>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
Monday, April 13		
Tuesday, April 14		

USHER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
April 2, 7:00 p.m.	Lucas Holicky	Mason Storlie	Duane Jirik	Justin Storlie
April 3, 7:00 p.m.	Josef Jirik	Ethan Paler	Gary Grassmann	Bruce Nelson
April 5, 7:00 a.m.	Sam Workman	Ruth Workman	Jeff Heine	Joe Stahl
April 5, 9:00 a.m.	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Dean Cornelius	Willard Rancour
April 12, 9:00 a.m.	Lucas Holicky	Mason Storlie	David Tietz	Linda Jandt
April 19, 9:00 a.m.	Josef Jirik	Ethan Paler	Roger M. Meyer	Eric Schanus
April 26, 9:00 a.m.	Sam Workman	Ruth Workman	Keith Barta	Scott Gilsrud

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

For by
grace
you have
been
saved
through faith