

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8



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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

O God our Father, by your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender.
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.**

Prayer at Close of Day--Compline

Lenten Worship, March 18, 2026

(Note: Congregation's parts are in boldface type.)

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

Amen.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High,

to herald your love in the morning,
your truth at the close of day.



Congregation Sings Verse 1

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Jesus, in Your Dying Woes



1 Je - sus, in your dy - ing woes, E - ven
2 Je - sus, pit - y - ing the sighs Of the
3 Je - sus, lov - ing to the end Her whose
4 Je - sus, plunged in depths un - known With our
5 Je - sus, in your thirst and pain, While your



while your life - blood flows, Crav - ing par - don
thief who near you dies, Prom - is - ing him
heart your sor - rows rend, And your dear - est
e - vil foe a - lone, While no light from
wounds the life - blood drain, Thus ful - fill - ing



for your foes: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!
par - a - dise: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!
hu - man friend: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!
heav'n is shown: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!
Scrip - ture's plan: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!

CONFESSION OF SINS

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
The Maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for personal reflection

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
**we have sinned against you
in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and
in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising
of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.
Amen.

Psalm 27

Refrain



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I
be a - afraid, of whom shall I be a - afraid?

Psalm tone



*

Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;*
be merciful to me and answer me.

Do not hide your face from me,*
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,*
O God my Savior.

Refrain

Though my father and mother forsake me,*
the LORD will receive me.

I am still confident of this:*
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;*
be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

**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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Scripture Reading

The Passion History of Our Lord Jesus Christ

LESSON FIVE

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, and said to them, “You brought this man to me as one who is misleading the people. Look, I have examined him in your presence. I have found in this man no basis for the charges you are bringing against him. Herod did not either, for he sent him back to us. See, he has done nothing worthy of death. So I will have him flogged and release him.”^a

At the time of the Festival the governor had a custom to release to the crowd any one prisoner they wanted. At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas, who had been thrown in prison for a rebellion in the city and for murder. The crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

So when they were assembled, Pilate said to them, “Do you want me to release the King of the Jews to you? Which one do you want me to release to you? Barabbas—or Jesus, who is called Christ?” For Pilate in fact knew that they had handed Jesus over to him because of envy.

While he was sitting on the judgment seat, Pilate’s wife sent him a message. “Have nothing to do with that righteous man,” she said, “since I have suffered many things today in a dream because of him.” But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus put to death. The governor asked them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”

They all shouted together with one voice: “Take him away! Release Barabbas to us!”

Pilate said to them, “Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews? What should I do with Jesus, who is called Christ?”

They all said to him, “Crucify him!”

But the governor said, “Why? What has he done wrong?”

But they kept shouting even louder: “Crucify him!”

Pilate addressed them again, because he wanted to release Jesus. But they kept shouting, “Crucify! Crucify him!”

He said to them the third time, “Why? What evil has he done? I have found no grounds for sentencing him to death. So I will whip him and release him.” But they kept pressuring him with loud voices, demanding that he be crucified. And their voices were overwhelming.^b

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.^c

The governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole cohort^d of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. They twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a staff in his right

^a Luke 23:13-16

^b Matthew 27:15-23; Mark 15:6-14; Luke 23:17-23; John 18:39-40

^c John 19:1; Matthew 27:26; Mark 15:15

^d A Roman *cohort* was about six hundred soldiers.

hand, knelt in front of him, and mocked him by saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spit on him, took the staff, and hit him repeatedly on his head. They also kept hitting him in the face.^a

Pilate went outside again and said to them, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.”

So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!”

When the chief priests and guards saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!”

Pilate told them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no basis for a charge against him.”

The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He went back inside the palace again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?”

But Jesus gave him no answer.

So Pilate asked him, “Are you not talking to me? Don’t you know that I have the authority to release you or to crucify you?”

Jesus answered, “You would have no authority over me at all if it had not been given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin.”

From then on Pilate tried to release Jesus. But the Jews shouted, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar! Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar!”

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside. He sat down on the judge’s seat at a place called the Stone Pavement, or Gabbatha in Aramaic. It was about the sixth hour^b on the Preparation Day for the Passover. Pilate said to the Jews, “Here is your king!”

They shouted, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!”

Pilate said to them, “Should I crucify your king?”

“We have no king but Caesar!” the chief priests answered.^c

When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing and that instead it was turning into a riot, he decided that what they demanded would be done. He took water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, “I am innocent of this righteous man’s blood. It is your responsibility.”

^a Matthew 27:27-30; Mark 15:16-19; Luke 23:17-25; John 19:2-3

^b The word *about* indicates an approximate time reference. Likely this was in the first part of the day, between 6 AM and 9 AM, using the time system of the Roman civil day, which began at 12 midnight. Mark 15:25 states that Jesus was crucified at 9 AM. John also seems to use Roman civil time to calculate the day in John 20:19 (because the evening is considered part of the *first day of the week*. Jewish time regarded sunset as the beginning of the next day).

^c John 19:4-15

And all the people answered, “Let his blood be on us and on our children!”

Since he wanted to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them.

So then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.^a

After they had mocked him, the soldiers took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. Jesus was carrying his own cross.

As they were going out of the city, a certain man, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), was passing by on his way in from the country. They placed the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of the people was following him, including women who were mourning and wailing for him.

Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. Be sure of this: The days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’^b For if they do these things to the green wood, what will happen to the dry?”^c

^a Matthew 27:24-26; Mark 15:15; Luke 23:24; John 19:16

^b Hosea 10:8

^c Matthew 27:31-32; Mark 15:16-19; Luke 23:26-31; John 19:16-17

HYMN

PRAYER

410

Our Father, Who from Heaven Above



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove
6. For- give our sins, Lord, we im- plore,



Bids all of us to live in love
that they may trou- ble us no more.



As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly
We, too, will gla- dly those for- give



And pray to you in un - i - ty,
who hurt us by the way they live.



Teach us no thought - less words to say,
Help us in our co- mu- ni- ty



But from our in - most hearts to pray.
to serve each o- ther wil- ling- ly.

SERMON: “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

Sermon Text: Luke 23:33,34

When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said, *“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”*

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

James 1:5 (KJV) –

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.



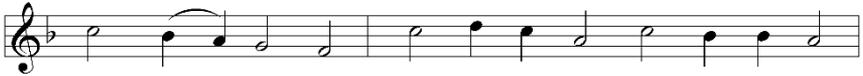
HYMN

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A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, Our guilt and
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what
 4 From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you,



e - vil bear - ing And, lad - en with the sins of earth,
 God, our Sav - ior; Him God the Fa - ther chose to send
 you com - mand me. My will con - forms to your de - cree;
 Christ, my trea - sure. To sac - ri - fice my - self for you



None else the bur - den shar - ing. Goes pa - tient on,
 To gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"
 I'll do what you have asked me." O won - drous Love,
 Shall be my aim and plea - sure. My stream of life



grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint,
 the Fa - ther said, "And free my chil - dren from their dread
 what have you done! The Fa - ther of - fers up his Son,
 shall ev - er be A cur - rent flow - ing cease - less - ly,



That spot - less life to of - fer, Bears shame and stripes
 Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes
 De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how strong
 Your con - stant praise out - pour - ing. I'll trea - sure in



and wounds and death, An - guish and mock - er - y and says,
 are hard to bear, But by your pas - sion they will share
 you are to save! You make his bed with - in the grave
 my mem - o - ry, O Lord, all you have done for me,



"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."
 The fruit of your sal - va - tion."
 Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
 Your gra - cious love a - dor - ing.

Prayer



Hear my prayer, O Lord;



lis - ten to my cry.



Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;



hide me in the shad - ow of your wings.



In right - eous - ness I shall see you;



when I a - wake, your pres - ence will give me joy.

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PRAYER

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illuminate this night with your celestial brightness, that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Song of Simeon



Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,



and guard us sleep - ing



that a - wake we may watch with Christ



and a - sleep we may rest in peace.



In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant



now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my

eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which
 you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a
 light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
 glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,

and guard us sleep - ing

that a - wake we may watch with Christ

and a - sleep we may rest in peace,

in peace, in peace.

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Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

The Almighty and merciful Lord—
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—
bless us and keep us.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

436 The Seven Words



1 Their nails were fresh - ly driv - en, their ha - tred
clear - ly shown, when, "Let them be for - giv - en,"
was heard at heav - en's throne. Your en - e - mies, O
Je - sus, you loved be - yond de - gree, a love so
pure and pre - cious it e - ven par - doned me.

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What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance

Wednesday (03/11/26): 37

Saturday (03/14/26): 46

Sunday (03/15/26)(Blizzard): 5

Total: 88

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

USHER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
March 18, 7:15 p.m.	Lucas Holicky	Mason Storlie	David Tietz	Linda Jandt
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!



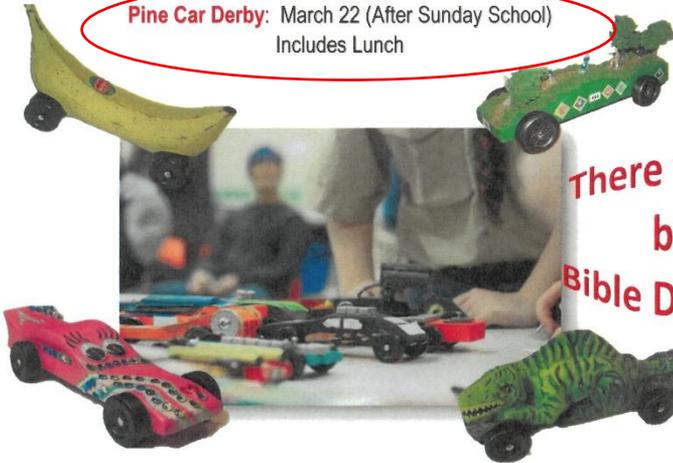
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"Trailblazers"

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.

Please ask Pastor for a car kit, if you
don't have one yet.

Learn About Jesus at Easter for Kids!

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

(Ages 4 - 4th 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.

You can just come 15 minutes early to register your children, too.



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Reg. Service Times: Sunday 9 a.m. | Saturday Noon

LENTEN SEASON | HOLY WEEK | EASTER

SERVICE SCHEDULE

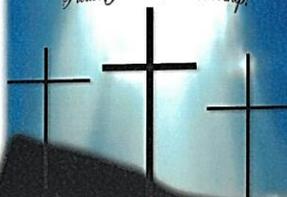
SERVICE	DATE	TIME
Ash Wednesday	February 18	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	February 25	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 4	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 11	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 18	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 25	7:15 p.m.
Palm Sunday	March 29	9:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	April 2	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	April 3	7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday (Sunrise)	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

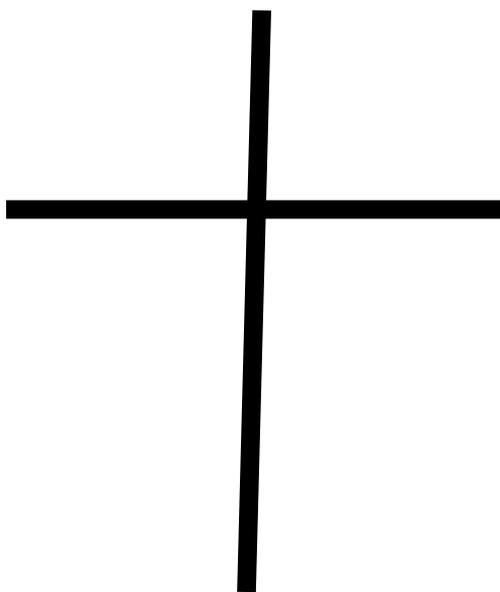
Please Join Us in Worship!



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.



I WILL
LIFT UP MY EYES
TO THE *Hills*,
FROM WHENCE
COMES MY HELP
- PSALM 121:1

Notes

