

But I have greater witness  
than that of John:  
for the works which the Father  
hath given me to finish,  
the same works that I do,  
bear witness of me,  
that the Father hath sent me.

John 5:36 (KJV)



# 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

O Holy Spirit, come to me with your comforting Word, which alone can drive away my doubts. Direct me to my Savior, Jesus, that I may trust in him with my whole heart.

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

July 25 & 26, 2026

## HYMN

### 708 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to  
2 Hith - er - to thy love has blessed me, thou hast drawn me  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -



sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
to this place; and I know thy hand will lead me  
strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,



call for songs of loud-est praise. Teach me some me - lo-dious  
safe - ly home by thy good grace. Je - sus sought me when a  
bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I



son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise his  
stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; he, to  
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my



name, I'm fixed up - on it, name of God's re - deem-ing love.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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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*

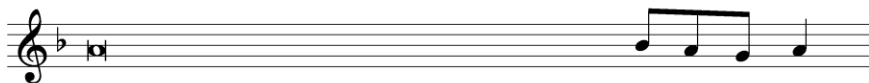
God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Lord, Have Mercy



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



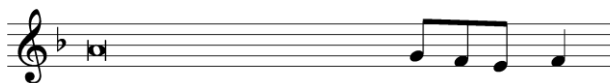
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**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.



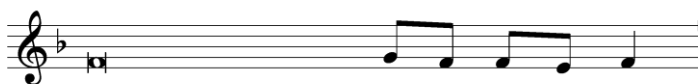
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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.**

# Glory to God

Gloria in Excelsis

From the Divine Service 1



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, 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. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

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## THE WORD

(Congregation speaks when words are in bold.)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; 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*

## Old Testament

Jeremiah 23:21-32 (warning about false prophets)

<sup>21</sup>I did not send these prophets, yet they ran.  
I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.

<sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council,  
they would have made my people hear my words,  
and they would have turned them from their evil ways  
and from their evil deeds.

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God who is only nearby, declares the LORD,  
and not a God far away?

<sup>24</sup>Can anyone hide in secret places  
so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD.  
Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

<sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets who prophesy lies in my name have said. They say, "I have had a dream! I have had a dream!" <sup>26</sup>How long will this be in the hearts of these lying prophets? These prophets proclaim the fantasies of their own hearts. <sup>27</sup>They think they can make my people forget my name with the dreams each one tells his neighbor, the way their fathers forgot my name because of Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream. But let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully.



What has chaff to do with grain? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like a fire? declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? <sup>30</sup>Therefore listen to this, declares the LORD. I am against the prophets who steal my words from each other. <sup>31</sup>Indeed, I am against the prophets, declares the LORD, who use their own tongues to say, "This is what the LORD declares!" <sup>32</sup>Yes, I am against those who prophesy about lying dreams, declares the LORD. I am against those who tell lying dreams to lead my people astray with their extravagant lies. But I did not send them or command them. They provide no benefit for this people, declares the LORD.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

### **Epistle Lesson**

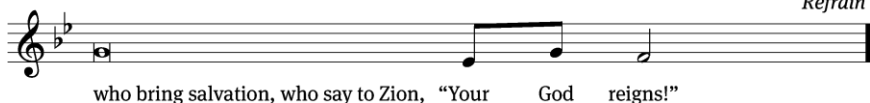
1 John 4:1-6 (How to Test the spirits)

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit who does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard is coming and is already in the world. <sup>4</sup>You are from God, dear children, and you have overcome the false prophets, because the one in you is greater than the one in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world. That is why they speak from a worldly perspective and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. The one who knows God listens to us, but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. That is how we can distinguish between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel Acclamation - Setting 1



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## GOSPEL

## John 5:30-38 Greater Testimony than John's

31<sup>4</sup>If I were to testify about myself, my testimony would not be valid. 32There is another who testifies about me, and I know that his testimony about me is valid. 33You sent to John, and he has testified to the truth. 34The testimony I receive is not from man, but I am saying these things so that you may be saved. 35John was a lamp that was shining brightly, and for a while you wanted to enjoy his light. 36But I have testimony greater than John's. For the works that the Father gave me to carry out, the very works that I am doing, these testify about me that the Father has sent me. 37The Father who sent me—he is the one who has testified about me. You have never heard his voice or seen his form. 38And you do not have his word remaining in you, because you do not believe the one he sent.

# *The Gospel of the Lord.*

## *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

Be Seated

### CHILDREN'S LESSON

## *Hymn of the Day*



### 520 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
3 The name of Je - sus calms our fears and  
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; he



great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the  
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
earth a - broad, the hon - ors of your name.  
sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
foul - est clean; his blood a - vails for me.

5 See all your sins on Jesus laid;  
the Lamb of God was slain.  
His life was once an off'ring made  
that you might live again.

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be ever, ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heav'n.

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## **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



## 602 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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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



### 519 There Is a Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son,  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,  
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;



pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.  
there I'll serve my King for-ev - er in that ho - ly place.

#### Refrain



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us your Son



and leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

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## AUGUST EVENTS

**Czech Out New Prague:** August 6, 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
(Memorial Park, 400 Main St. E., New Prague, MN) *There are a couple of volunteer opportunities to represent our church—see Pastor.*

**Vacation Bible School:** August 12 & 13, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. --Lunch is Included (Children ages 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade invited). *There are **many** volunteer opportunities; please see the Volunteer 2026 wall. Registration forms are on the literature table. Please put them on the church mouse desk (copy room counter).*

**Worship in the Park (Potluck & Petting Zoo):** August 23, at 10:00 a.m.

Last Week's Attendance  
 Saturday (07/18/26): 20  
 Sunday (07/19/26): 50  
 Total: 70

# What's Coming Up at Friedens?

|                                                                                                                                        |                                                               |                                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sunday, July 26                                                                                                                        | Worship<br><b>VOTERS' MEETING</b>                             | 9:00 a.m.<br>10:15 a.m.               |
| Monday, July 27                                                                                                                        |                                                               |                                       |
| Tuesday, July 28                                                                                                                       | Worship at Mala Strana<br>Worship                             | 11:00 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m.               |
| Wednesday, July 29<br>Pastor's "Drop-In"<br>Consultation Times:<br>10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.<br>3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.<br>7:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | Bible Study<br>Games                                          | 9:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.               |
| Thursday, July 30                                                                                                                      |                                                               |                                       |
| Friday, July 31                                                                                                                        |                                                               |                                       |
| Saturday, August 1                                                                                                                     | Men's Bible Study<br>Worship                                  | 8:00 a.m.<br>Noon                     |
| Sunday, August 2                                                                                                                       | Worship (Communion)<br>Coffee Time<br><b>OUTREACH MEETING</b> | 9:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>10:45 a.m. |
| Monday, August 3                                                                                                                       |                                                               |                                       |
| Tuesday, August 4                                                                                                                      |                                                               |                                       |

## USHER SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2026

| DATE          | TEENS         | ADULTS          |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| July 26, 2026 | Mason Storlie | Ethan Paler     |
|               |               | Dean Cornelius  |
|               |               | Willard Rancour |

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