



Confirmed

*Let love and faithfulness
never leave you;*

*bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.*

PROVERBS 3:3 (NIV)

Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship!

Worship Services

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. | Tuesday: *See Church Calendar* | Saturday: Noon

Prayer Before Worship

Almighty Father, giver of life and health, I pray for all who are sick and suffering. Grant that in the midst of pain they may be comforted by your presence and sustained by your love. If it be your gracious will, restore them to health.

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

May 16 & 17, 2026

HYMN

Congregation Sings Verses 1-3

598

My Maker, Be with Me



1 My Mak - er, be with me The light of life
2 My Sav - ior, wash me clean With your most pre -
3 My Com - fort - er, give pow'r That I may stand
4 O Ho - ly Trin - i - ty, To whom I all



to give, And guide me pa - tient - ly While
cious blood, That takes a - way all sin And
se - cure When in temp - ta - tion's hour The
things owe, Your pres - ence gra - cious - ly With -



here on earth I live. To you my heart I
seals my peace with God. My soul will rest se -
world and sin al - lure. The Son to me re -
in my heart be - stow. Though I am weak and



ten - der And all my pow'rs sur - rend - er;
cure - ly, For you still love me dear - ly;
veal - ing, In - spire my thought and feel - ing,
low - ly, I am your tem - ple ho - ly.



Make it my one en - deav - or To love and
Now I find full sal - va - tion And free - dom
His Word of grace to pon - der Nor let me
My praise shall rise un - end - ing For grace so



serve you ev - er. Help me your lov - ing
from dam - na - tion. With - out you, lost, de -
from him wan - der. On me your gifts and
con - de - scend - ing. Oh, heav'n - ly bliss, your



care to sec; My Mak - er, be with me.
filed by sin, My Sav - ior, wash me clean.
gra - ces show'r: My Com - fort - er, give pow'r.
own to be, O Ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

STAND

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

Amen.

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

HYMN

598 My Maker, Be with Me

Verse 4

O Holy Trinity, To whom I all things owe,
Your presence graciously Within my heart bestow.
Though I am weak and lowly, I am your temple holy.
My praise shall rise unending For grace so condescending.
Oh, heav'nly bliss, your own to be, O Holy Trinity!

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be Seated



First Reading

Isaiah 55 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

Hey, all of you who are thirsty, come to the water,
even if you have no money!

Come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without
cost.

²Why do you spend money on something that is not
bread?

Why do you waste your labor on something that does
not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good.

Satisfy your appetite with rich food.

³Turn your ear toward me, and come to me.

Listen, so that you may continue to live.

The Creator's Everlasting Covenant

Yes, I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
the faithful mercies promised to David.

⁴Look, I appointed him as a witness for peoples,
a leader and commander of peoples.

⁵Look, you will call out to a nation you do not know,
and a nation that does not know you will run to you,
on account of the LORD your God,
because of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found!

Call on him while he is near!

⁷Let the wicked man abandon his way.

Let an evil man abandon his thoughts.

Let him turn to the LORD,
and he will show him mercy.

Let him turn to our God,
because he will abundantly pardon.

⁸Certainly my plans are not your plans,
and your ways are not my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so my ways are higher than your ways,
and my plans are higher than your plans.

¹⁰Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky
and do not return there
unless they first water the earth, make it give birth, and
cause it to sprout,
so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth
will not return to me empty.

Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please,
and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.

¹²Yes, you will go out with joy,
and in peace you will be carried along.

The mountains and the hills will break out in shouts of
joy before you,
and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

¹³Instead of thorns, a fir tree will grow up.
Instead of briars, a myrtle tree will grow up.
This will make a name for the LORD.

It will serve as an everlasting sign that will not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47



God Has Gone Up with a Shout

47

Refrain

God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of the trum - pet.

The musical notation for the refrain is written on two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Tone

The musical notation for the tone is written on two staves. The first staff is in treble clef and the second in bass clef, both with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notation consists of chords and single notes, providing a harmonic accompaniment for the text.

Clap your hands, all you / nations;
shout to God with / cries of joy.
For the LORD Most High is / awesome,
the great King over / all the earth.
God reigns over the / nations;
God is seated on his / holy throne. *Refrain*

God has ascended amid / shouts of joy,
the LORD amid the sounding of / trumpets.
Sing praises to God, sing / praises;
sing praises to our King, sing / praises.
For God is the King of / all the earth;
sing to him a / psalm of praise.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be-/ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (EHV)

Now we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal home in heaven, which is not made by human hands. ²In fact, the reason we groan is that we long to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven. ³If we do indeed put it on, we will certainly not be found naked. ⁴To be sure, while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵Now the one who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the Spirit as the down payment.

⁶Therefore we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body, we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸But we are confident and would much prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹And for this reason we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home or away. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he did while in the body, whether good or bad.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choir: *Confirmation Blessing*

(Confirmands join for singing verse 2.)

(Words by Christopher Wordsworth; Tune by Rowland Richard; Setting by Paul Bunjes)

Thank you to our Choir and Confirmands for singing today.

Stand

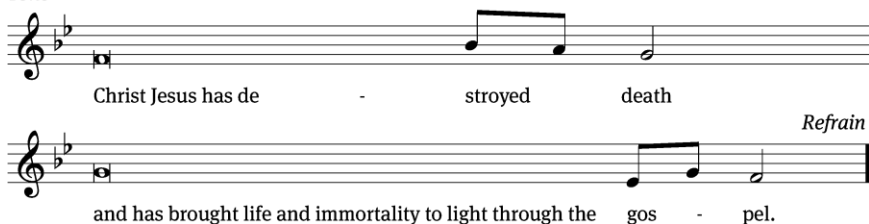
Gospel Acclamation - Setting 1



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

John 8:12-20 (EHV)

¹²When Jesus spoke to them again, he said, “I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

¹³So the Pharisees said to him, “You testify about yourself. Your testimony is not valid.”

¹⁴“Even if I testify about myself,” Jesus replied, “my testimony is valid, because I know where I came from and where I am going. But you do not know where I came from or where I am going. ¹⁵You judge

according to the flesh. I am not judging anyone. ¹⁶But even if I were to judge, my judgment would be true, because I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent me. ¹⁷Even in your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is valid. ¹⁸I am one who testifies about myself, and the Father who sent me testifies about me.”

¹⁹Then they asked him, “Where is your Father?”

“You do not know me or my Father,” Jesus answered. “If you knew me, you would also know my Father.”

²⁰He spoke these words while teaching in the temple area near the offering box. But no one arrested him, because his time had not arrived yet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S LESSON

Hymn of the Day

387 Arise, Your Light Is Come



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's pow'r will make us strong.

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SERMON



CONFIRMATION

(Kaden Douglas Holicky; Corey Donald Schanus;
Jackson Tyler Storlie; Chelsey Stahl)

OFFERING (Kindly fill out the red Friendship Registers. Thanks.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



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 by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life.

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.

Distribution

511 O Lord, Our God, Your Gracious Hand

1 O Lord, our God, your gra-cious hand Has
 2 For ev-'ry earth-ly grace and gift We
 3 We thank you, Lord, and sing your praise For
 4 Your Word a-lone, great God of pow'r, Can
 crowned our lives with bless-ing; Your
 thank you, dear-est Fa-ther. Now
 bless-ings you have giv-en; Be
 feed our soul and spir-it. Christ's
 good-ness has en-riched our land With gifts
 teach us, Lord; our thoughts up-lift That heav'n -
 with us still in fu-ture days To guide
 love gives strength for ev-'ry hour With-out

for our pos - sess - ing. Our homes, our
ly fruit we gath - er. Our fa - thers
our youth to heav - en. Lord, grant that
our deeds or mer - it. Grant schools that

food, And ev - 'ry good For earth - ly
knew And kept in view Truc wis - dom's
we May clear - ly see The worth of
teach And men who preach Truc Chris - tian

work and liv - ing, A - bun - dant wealth And
worth and plea - sure; They prized as jewels Their
Chris - tian train - ing That youth may grow Your
ed - u - ca - tion. Let youth grow strong By

life and health Your faith - ful love is giv - ing.
Chris - tian schools And left a last - ing trea - sure.
love to know, E - ter - nal rich - es gain - ing.
Word and song In ev - 'ry land and na - tion.

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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



CONFIRMATION

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Let Me Be Yours Forever



1 Let me be yours for - ev - er, My faith - ful
2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my
3 O gra - cious Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort -



God and Lord; Let me for - sake you nev - er
life di - vine, My on - ly con - so - la - tion,
er and guide, Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it



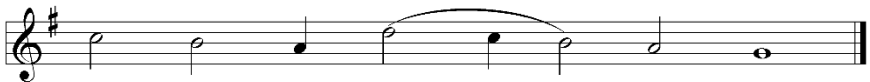
Nor wan - der from your Word. Lord, do not
To you I all re - sign, For you have
I al - ways may con - fide, Him to the



let me wa - ver But give me stead -
dear - ly bought - mc With blood and bit -
end con - fess - ing Whom I have known



fast - ness, And for such grace and fa - vor
ter pain. Let me, since you have sought me,
by faith. Give me your con - stant bless - ing



Your ho - ly name I'll bless.
E - ter - nal life ob - tain.
And grant a Chris - tian death.

Text: Nikolaus Selnecker, 1532–92, st. 1; *Gesangbuch*, Rudolstadt, 1688, st. 2-3; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.
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Last Week's Attendance
 Saturday (05/09/26): 20
 Sunday (05/10/26): 86
 Total: 106

What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Sunday, May 17 Happy Confirmation Day!	Worship (Communion/Confirmation) Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, May 18		
Tuesday, May 19	Worship at Mala Strana Worship Choir	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, May 20 Pastor's "Drop-In" Consultation Times: 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 } Yes—Per Pastor 7 & 8 Catechism }	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:15 p.m. 5:40 p.m.
Thursday, May 21	COMBO ELDERS/EXEC. COUNCIL MTG.	6:30 p.m.
Friday, May 22	(Prairie Quilters)	9:00 a.m.-Noon
Saturday, May 23	(Prairie Quilters Day Retreat) Men's Bible Study Worship	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. Noon
Sunday, May 24	Worship Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day Gathering at Cemetery HONOR GUARD SHOWING Coffee & Doughnuts in F.H. afterward	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 26	Choir	7:15 p.m.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
May 17, 2026	Josef Jirik	Ethan Paler	Gary Grassmann	Bruce Nelson
May 24, 2026	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Jeff Heine	Joe Stahl
May 31, 2026	Lucas Holicky	Mason Storlie	Dean Cornelius	Willard Rancour