Then one of them, named Caiaphas,

who was high priest that year, spoke up,

“You know nothing at all!

You do not realize that

it is better for you

that one man die for the people

than that the whole nation perish.”

John 11:49-50

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Welcome to Worship!

Worship Services

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

Prayer Before Worship

Too often I put my own concerns and priorities above your will and work, O Lord. Rid me of my selfishness, and fill me with the zeal to keep you first in my life.
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 14 & 15, 2026

HYMN

Congregation Sings Verses 1-3

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

239 Glory Be to God the Father

1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to him who loved us, Washed us from each
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
4 Glo - ry, bless-ing, praise e - ter - nal!— Thus the choir of

God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it,
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to him who bought us,
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!—

Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
Made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry,
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,

glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.
Tune: WORCESTER (87 87 47) Walter G. Whinfield, 1865–1919.

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 239 GLORY BE TO GOD THE FATHER

Verse 4

Glory, blessing, praise eternal!—Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!—Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; 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

Deuteronomy 7:6-11 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

6For you are a people that is holy to the LORD your God, because the LORD your God has chosen you to belong to him as a people that is his treasured possession, chosen from all the peoples that are on the face of the earth. 7The LORD became attached to you by love and has chosen you, not because you were more numerous than all the peoples. Actually you were the fewest of all the peoples. 8But because of the LORD's love for you and because he was keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that is why the LORD brought you out by a strong hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9He did this so that you would know that the LORD your God, yes, he is God, the faithful God who maintains both his covenant and his mercy for those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations. 10But he also repays the ones who hate him to their face by destroying them. He will not delay repaying anyone who hates him. To his face he will fully repay him. 11So you are to be careful to keep the set of commandments and the statutes and the ordinances that I am commanding you today.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118

The LORD is my strength and my song;*
he has become my salvation.

The LORD's right hand is lifted high;*
the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live,*
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;*
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;*
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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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Second Reading

Revelation 5:8-14 (EHV)

[8]And when the Lamb took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders bowed down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and gold bowls full of incense (these are the prayers of the saints). [9]And they sang a new song, saying:
You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals,
because you were slain, and you bought us for God with your blood out of every tribe and language and people and nation.
[10]You made them to be a kingdom and priests for our God,
and they will reign on the earth.

[11]And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels who were around the throne and around the living creatures and the elders. Their number was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands upon thousands. [12]With a loud voice they were saying:
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

[13]I also heard every creature that is in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:
To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.

[14]The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders bowed down and worshipped.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

John 11:46-57 (EHV)

46But some of them went to the Pharisees and told
them what Jesus had done. 47So the chief priests and the
Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. They asked,
"What are we going to do, because this man is doing
many miraculous signs? 48If we let him go on like this,
everyone will believe in him. Then the Romans will come
and take away both our place and our nation."

49But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest
that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. 50You
do not even consider that it is better for us that one man
die for the people than that the whole nation
perish." 51He did not say this on his own, but, as high

priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to
die for the nation, [52]and not only for that nation, but
also in order to gather into one the scattered children of
God.

[53]So from that day on they plotted to kill
him. [54]Therefore Jesus no longer walked about openly
among the Jews. Instead he withdrew into a region near
the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim. And he stayed
there with his disciples.

[55]The Jewish Passover was near, and many went up
to Jerusalem from the country to purify themselves
before the Passover. [56]They kept looking for Jesus and
asking one another as they stood in the temple area,
"What do you think? He certainly won't come to the
Festival, will he?" [57]The chief priests and the Pharisees
had given orders that if anyone knew where Jesus was,
he should report it so that they could arrest Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Hymn of the Day

JUSTIFICATION

384 By Grace I'm Saved

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound - less;
2 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior,
3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of prom - ise
4 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble,
5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing;

My soul, be - lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver
Came down to earth to bear our sin. Was it be -
When you are by your sins op - pressed, When Sa - tan
In trib - u - la - tion's fur - nace tried— By grace, de -
In Je - sus' prom - ise I re - joice. For though I

at this word of prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er
cause of your own mer - it That Je - sus died your
plagues your trou - bled con - science, And when your heart is
spite all fear and trou - ble, The Fa - ther's heart is
know my heart's con - di - tion, I al - so know my

false - hood taught? So then this word must true re -
soul to win? No, it was grace, and grace a -
seek - ing rest. What rea - son can - not com - pre -
o - pen wide. Where could I help and strength se -
Sav - ior's voice. My heart is glad; all grief has

main: By grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.
lone, That brought him from his heav'n - ly throne.
hend God by his grace to you did send.
cure If grace were not my an - chor sure?
flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

Text: Christian L. Scheidt, 1709–61, abr.; tr. composite.
Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (DRETZEL) (98 98 88) Cornelius H. Dretzel, 1697–1775, alt.

SERMON

STAND

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and
became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

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

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

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

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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.

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CLOSING HYMN

550 Lamb of God

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What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance	
Saturday (03/07/26):	21
Sunday (03/08/26):	65
Wednesday (03/11/26):	37
Total:	123

Sunday, March 15	Worship (Communion) Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, March 16		
Tuesday, March 17	Choir	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, March 18 **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 19		
Friday, March 20		
Saturday, March 21	Men's Bible Study Worship	8:00 a.m. Noon
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.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
March 15, 9:00 a.m.	**Volunteer Pls.**	**Volunteer Pls.**	Dean Cornelius	Willard Rancour
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.

Make sure to pick up a pine car kit on the literature table. Please fill out the form that you received your car kit.

Learn About Jesus at Easter for Kids!

Saturday, March 28, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

(Ages 4 – 4th Grade)

Friedens' Fellowship Hall

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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Please Join Us in Worship!

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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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Feel free to use these invitations to hand out to friends and family.
They are on the literature table.

Notes