



And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought
always to pray and not lose heart.

He said, “In a certain city there was a judge
who neither feared God nor respected man.

And there was a widow in that city
who kept coming to him and saying,
‘Give me justice against my adversary.’

For a while he refused,
but afterward he said to himself,
‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man,
yet because this widow keeps bothering me,
I will give her justice,
so that she will not beat me down
by her continual coming.’” (Luke 18:1-5)



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

O God, my Father in heaven, bless every effort to establish peace among the nations of the world.

Give wisdom and strength to those who lead,
guide those who make decisions,
and transform the hearts of people everywhere
to exalt peace above war,
justice above gain
and honor above glory.

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 Two

October 18 & 19, 2025

Hymn



OPENING OF SERVICE

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As We Begin Another Week



1 As we be - gin an - oth - er week, In Je - sus'
2 Your gen - tle bless - ings, Lord, out - pour On all our
3 In ev - 'ry sea - son, ev - 'ry place, May we re -
4 And keep with an - gels in your rest The end - less



name your grace we seek. God, grant that through these
la - bors ev - er - more. Our hearts with your good
call your Word of grace Un - til, when life's brief
Sab - bath of the blest. Grant this to us through



sev - en days No e - vil may be - fall our ways.
Spir - it fill That we may glad - ly do your will.
day is past, We reach e - ter - nal joy at last
Christ, your Son, Who reigns with you up - on your throne.

Text: Martin Wandersleben, 1608–68, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.

Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) As *hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

Stand

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

Confession (Congregation in Bold)

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

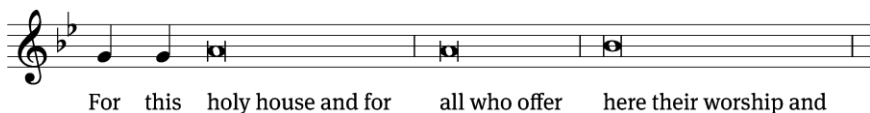
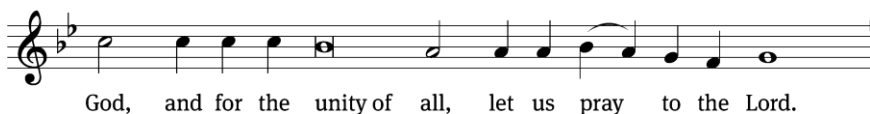
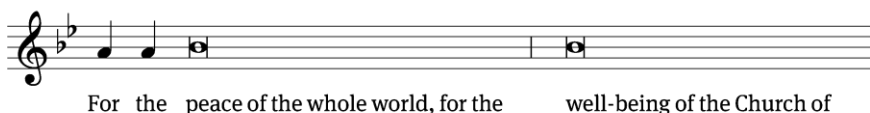
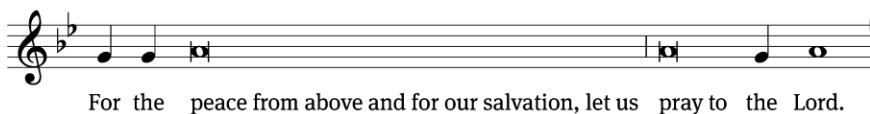
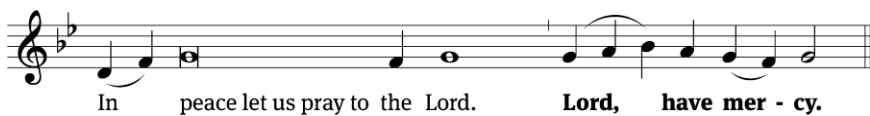
with his innocent suffering and death.

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



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

After the Intro, Congregation Begins by Singing the Refrain.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace

to his peo - ple on earth.

Last time only

Pastor Speaks

M: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you
for your glory. ***Refrain***

M: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right
hand of the Father; receive our prayer. ***Refrain***

M: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with
the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Amen. ***Refrain***

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your church as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins but in peace and forgiveness; 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

Genesis 32:22-30 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

²²He got up that night and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and he also sent his possessions across. ²⁴Jacob was left alone, and he wrestled with a man there until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he could not defeat him, he touched the socket of his thigh, and the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated as he wrestled. ²⁶The man said, "Let me go. It's daybreak."

Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷Then he said to him, "What is your name?"

He said, "Jacob."

²⁸Then he said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have fought with God and with men, and you have won.”

²⁹Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.”

He said, “Why do you ask what my name is?” Then he blessed him there. ³⁰Jacob named the place Peniel, because he said, “I have seen God face-to-face, and my life has been spared.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day Psalm 121

Refrain

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.

Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Psalm tone

*

I lift up my eyes to the hills.*

Where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD,*
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip,*
he who watches over you will not slumber;

indeed, he who watches over Israel*
will neither slumber nor sleep.

Refrain

The LORD watches over you,*
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The LORD will keep you from all harm,*
he will watch over your life;

the LORD will watch over your coming and going*
both now and forevermore.

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

1 John 5:13-15 (EHV)

¹³I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

¹⁴This is the confidence that we have before him: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we also know that we receive the things we have asked from him.

*The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Rejoice in the Lord for his love and faith - ful - ness.

Refrain

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8 (EHV)

Jesus told them a parable about the need to always pray and not lose heart: ²“There was a judge in a certain town who did not fear God and did not care about people. ³There was a widow in that town, and she kept going to him, saying, ‘Give me justice from my adversary!’ ⁴For some time he refused, but after a while he said to himself, ‘Even though I do not fear God or care about people, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice so that she will not wear me out with her endless pleading.’ ”

⁶The Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷Will not God give justice to his chosen ones, who are crying out to him day and night? Will he put off helping them? ⁸I tell you that he will give them justice quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children’s Lesson

HYMN OF THE DAY

COMMITMENT

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With the Lord Begin Your Task



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di -
 2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise and ad - o -
 3 With your Sav - ior at your side Foes need not a -
 4 If your task is thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's



rect it. For his aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus
 ra - tion. On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is
 harm you; In his prom - is - es con - fide And no
 bless - ing, Safe - ly then your course will run, Naught your



will per - fect it. Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise,
 your sal - va - tion. Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night
 ill can harm you. All your trust and hope re - pose
 soul dis - tress - ing. Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where



And, when day is end - ed, In his name then
 Je - sus will be near you, Save you from the
 In the might - y Mas - ter, Who in wis - dom
 While you here must wan - der; You at last the



close your eyes; Be to him com - mend - ed.
 temp - ter's might, With his pres - ence cheer you.
 tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.
 joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.

Text: *Morgen-und Abend-segen*, Waldenburg, 1734, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
 Tune: FANG DEIN WERK (76 76 D Trochaic) Peter Frank, 1616–75, 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 truly 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 (Please write your name in the little red Friendship Registers. Thank you.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father gather and guide it so that we may worship him in peace and tranquility:

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the Church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your Word, and bring salvation to people everywhere. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our pastors and teachers and all leaders of the Church, and for all the people of God:

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold all who serve you and your people. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the Church. Help each of us to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way to salvation:

Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the gospel.

Help us, your Church, to grow in love for you and for one another, so that we become more perfect witnesses of your love for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may live in true peace and freedom:

Almighty and eternal God, graciously direct those who have been set in positions of authority among us, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray that God, the almighty and merciful Father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, and free those unjustly deprived of liberty:

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. In your mercy hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

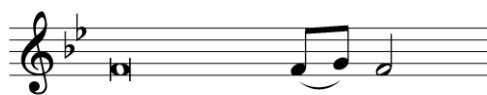
Participation in the Lord's Supper

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

Stand

Preface



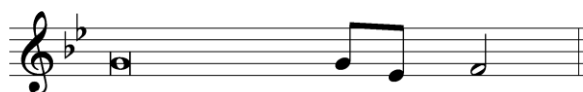
The Lord be with you.



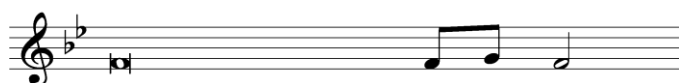
And al - so with you.



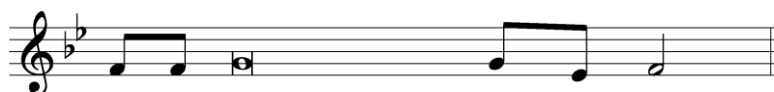
Lift up your hearts.



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.

Proper 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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written on seven staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly half and quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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.

Jesus, Lamb of God

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The first line is an instrumental introduction. The second and fourth lines contain the lyrics 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The third and fifth lines contain the lyrics 'sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.'. The sixth line contains the lyrics 'sin of the world; grant us your peace.'. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence at the end of the sixth line.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Tune: Marty Haugen

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Be seated

Distribution

HOLY COMMUNION

309 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
3 Come for - ward, then, with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields,
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread makes them that hun - ger whole,
Be - fore your al - tar, Lord, your ser - vants bow;

Him - self the vic - tim and him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirs - ty soul.
In this your feast of love be with us now.

Text: Latin hymn, 7th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: OLD 124TH (10 10 10 10) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, alt.

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 you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until

that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

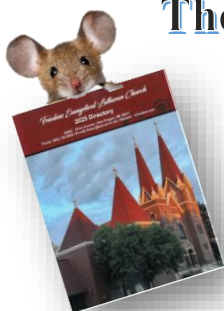
Blessing

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.



The 2025 Directories are here!

Please see Heidi Gilsrud
for your copy!

Please Note: There are limited copies
(if you did not submit a photo),
so hurry while supplies last.



****Food Drive****

MLC Food Bank

for Married Students!

Please consider bringing in some non-perishable food items during the month of October to help feed married MLC students.

The **DEADLINE** to bring in a food donation to help these students is **October 26, Before Noon**. (Please check the "Best Buy" dates. We cannot donate old food.) There is a round table set up in the Welcome Area for your kind donations. There are extra "Items Needed" sheets on the table for you to take for your shopping list.

CLOSING HYMN

EVANGELISM



562

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a -
2 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it

bove, Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of
best Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To

Je - sus and his love. I love to tell the
hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of

sto - ry Be - cause I know it's true; It
glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'Twill

sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else can do.
be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my
theme in glo - ry To tell the old, old
sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Arabella C. Hankey, 1834–1911, abr.

Tune: HANKEY (76 76 D with Refrain) William G. Fischer, 1835–1912.

What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance	
Saturday (10/11/25):	19
Sunday (10/12/25):	<u>70</u>
Total:	89

Sunday, October 19	Worship (Communion) Guitar Club Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 p.m.
Monday, October 20		
Tuesday, October 21	Choir	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, October 22	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, October 23		
Friday, October 24		
Saturday, October 25	Men's Bible Study Worship	8:00 a.m. Noon
Sunday, October 26	Worship Council Update Guitar Club Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 p.m.
Monday, October 27		
Tuesday, October 28	Worship at Mala Strana Worship Choir	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2025

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
October 19	Josef Jirik	Ethan Paler	Jeff Heine	Joe Stahl
October 26	Sam Workman	Ruth Workman	Dean Cornelius	Willard Rancour

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

Volunteer

2026



Dear Church Members:

In light of the response we received for more church events (from our congregational survey), the church Elders and Council realized we have to be more prepared with having our volunteer teams in place prior to the new year. We are asking our members to please see the new **"VOLUNTEER"** wall (across from the literature table) and sign up to be a volunteer for an event or two. **Go ahead and just feel free to fill up those sign-up sheets!** Then, we can keep having our wonderful events we enjoy so much.

THE NEW PLAN PER THE COUNCIL: Before the new year (2026), we'll see how many volunteers we have signed up. If we have all the volunteers we need for an event by **December 31, 2025**, that event will be included in the 2026 Special Events Schedule. Sadly, if we do not get any or enough volunteers signed up by the Deadline (**December 31, 2025**), that event will not be included in the 2026 Special Events Schedule.

Please Note: At any time, if anyone would like to host an event, they can always go to the Elders and ask.

Please and thank you!