Count the Cost

Luke 14





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

Gracious God, all that I have comes from you: my body and mind, my strength and intelligence, my time and abilities, my energy and possessions. Guard me from the temptation to use these gifts only for my personal benefit. Make me willing to use them joyfully in service to you and to your people. 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*

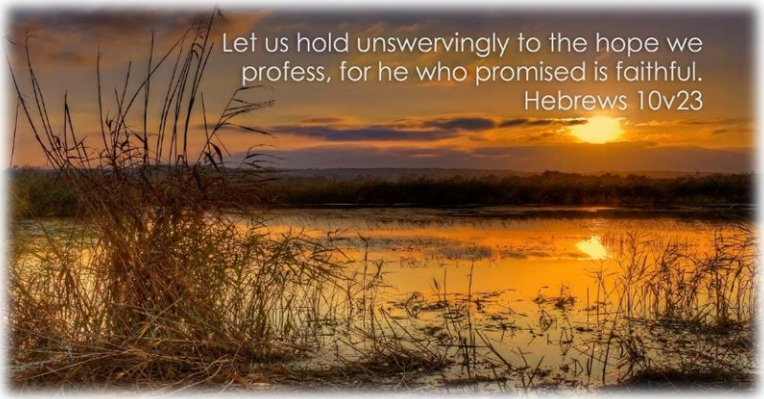
November 7 & 8, 2026

HYMN

780 O Splendor of God's Glory Bright



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STAND

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

Amen.

Confession

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.



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



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.



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



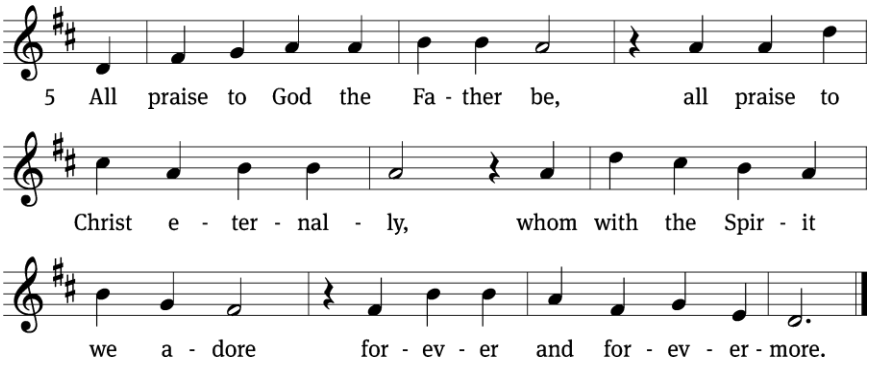
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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Give Glory 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

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 Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be Seated

First Reading
Genesis 50:15-23 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

15When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and will pay us back in full for all of the evil that we did to him."

16They sent the following message to Joseph: "Before he died your father commanded us, 17'You are to tell Joseph, "Please forgive the offense of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." ' Now, please forgive the offense of the servants of the God of your father."

Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

18His brothers also came and fell down in front of him, and they said, "See now, we are your servants."

19Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? 20You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring this to pass and to keep many people alive, as it is this day. 21Now therefore, do not be afraid. I will nourish you and your little ones." He comforted them and spoke to them in a kind way.

22Joseph lived in Egypt, he and his father's household. Joseph lived one hundred ten years. 23He saw Ephraim's children to the third generation. The children also of Makir, the son of Manasseh, were placed on Joseph's knees when they were born.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading
Romans 4:1-8 (EHV)

What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered according to the flesh? [2]If indeed Abraham had been justified by works, he would have had a reason to boast—but not before God. [3]For what does Scripture say? "Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness."

[4]Now to a person who works, his pay is not counted as a gift but as something owed. [5]But to the person who does not work but believes in the God who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited to him as righteousness.

[6]This is exactly what David says about the blessed state of the person to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

[7]Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven
and whose sins are covered.
[8]Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never
count against him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation - Setting 1



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GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-35 (EHV)

25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. He turned and
said to them, 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his
own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters,
yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does
not carry his own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.
28 For which of you, if he wants to build a tower, does not first
sit down and count the cost to see if he has enough to
complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is
not able to finish, everyone who sees it will begin to ridicule
him, 30 saying, 'This fellow began to build, but was not able to
finish.' 31 Or what king, as he goes out to confront another king
in war, will not first sit down and consider if he is able with ten
thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with
twenty thousand? 32 And if he is not able, he sends out a
delegation and asks for terms of peace while his opponent is
still far away. 33 So then, any one of you who does not say
farewell to all his own possessions cannot be my disciple. 34 Salt
is good, but if the salt has lost its flavor, how will it become

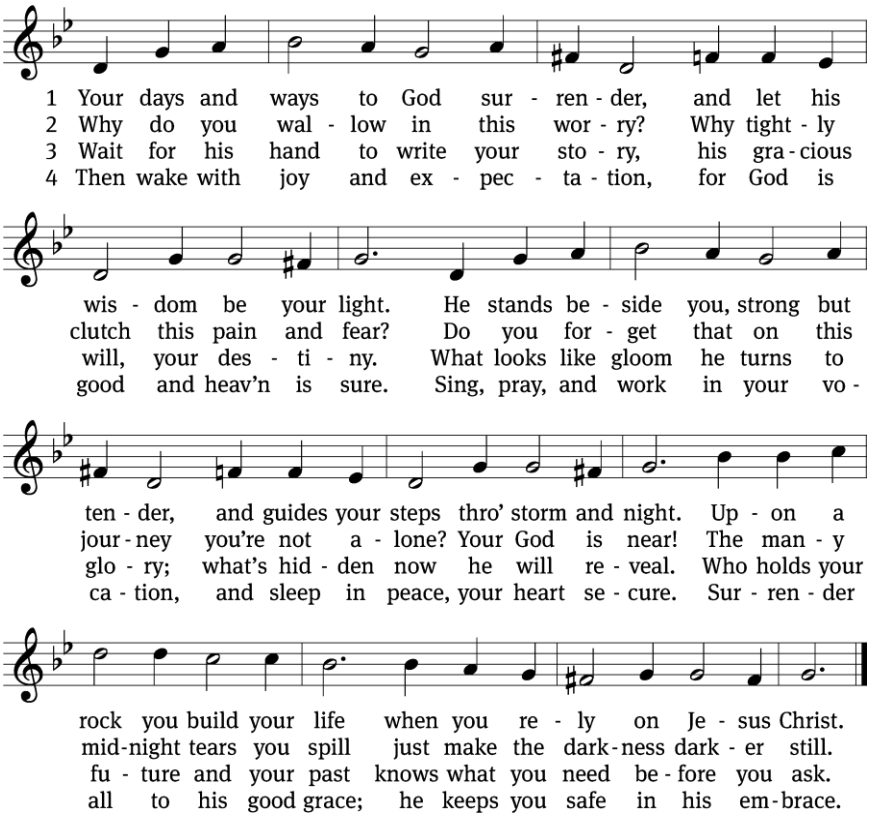
salty again? 35It is not fit for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. The one who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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

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Hymn of the Day

806 Your Days and Ways to God Surrender



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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

THE NATION

Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

465 Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken



Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, abr., alt.
Tune: HYFRYDOL (87 87 D) Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87.

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

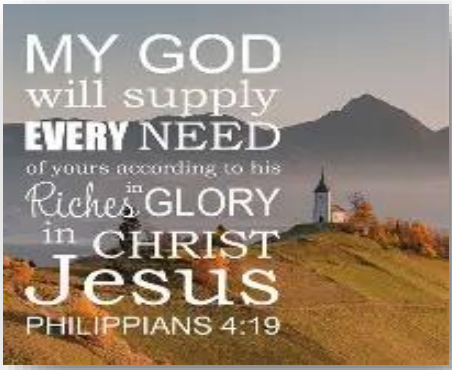
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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.

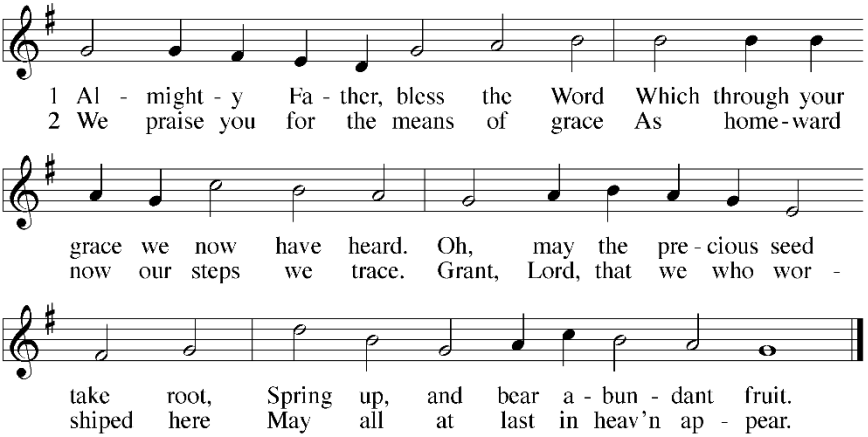
Amen.

Be Seated



CLOSING HYMN

323 Almighty Father, Bless the Word



Text: Scandinavian hymn; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnary*, Decorah, 1913, alt.
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.



Give it to God

and go to sleep.

Psalm 55:22



What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance	
Saturday (10/31/26):	19
Sunday (11/01/26):	72
Total:	91

Sunday, November 8	Worship Sunday School Bible Study *OUTREACH MEETING*	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.
Monday, November 9		
Tuesday, November 10		
Wednesday, November 11 **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 7 & 8 Catechism	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:15 p.m. 5:40 p.m.
Thursday, November 12	*LADIES AID MEETING* *ELDERS/EXEC. COUNCIL MTG.*	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Friday, November 13		
Saturday, November 14	Men's Bible Study Worship Bible Info Class **Children's Activity--Baking**	8:00 a.m. Noon 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 15	Worship (Communion) Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, November 16		
Tuesday, November 17	Worship at Mala Strana Worship Choir	11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
November 8, 2026	Corey Schanus	Kaden Holicky	Gary Grassmann	Bruce Nelson
November 15, 2026	Mason Storlie	Jackson Storlie	Jeff Heine	Joe Stahl
November 22, 2026	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Dean Cornelius	Willard Rancour
November 26, 2026	Corey Schanus	Kaden Holicky	David Tietz	Linda Jandt
November 29, 2026	Mason Storlie	Jackson Storlie	Roger M. Meyer	Eric Schanus

Christmas Concert at MLC

Martin Luther College's highly anticipated Christmas Concert will be presented **Saturday, December 12, at 7:30 pm** and **Sunday, December 13, at 4:00 pm** in the MLC Chapel of the Christ.

Under the theme *Thy Manger, My Paradise*, the concert invites us to ponder the mystery of the incarnation—God's Son taking on human flesh and entering our world in the humblest of circumstances. As we gaze at his lowly manger, we rejoice that this little Child is also the victorious Savior, who has opened the gates of paradise for us.

Four choirs, the Wind Symphony, and the Hosanna Ringers invite you to enjoy a program of traditional and contemporary Christmas music, including Ola Gjeilo's beautiful setting of *Away in a Manger*, Dan Forrest's stirring arrangement of *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, Gustav Holst's festive *Christmas Day*, and Paul Gerhardt's beloved hymn, *O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is.* All are welcome as we celebrate Christ's birth with this joyous campus tradition!

For the Christmas concerts at MLC, there is no charge and we don't have tickets. It's just first come, first serve for seating in the Chapel.

God's blessings on your day,

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Children's Activity
Baking

November 14, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Friedens' Fellowship Hall

(Contact: Liza Flinton, 612-246-7768)



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Christmas for Kids

December 5, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friedens' Fellowship Hall

(Contact: Cindy Koch, 952-564-9496)

Nativity Story | Game | Candy Cane Hunt | Crafts | Singing | Cookie Decorating

All kids are welcome to come learn about Jesus. Feel free to bring your friends.



Please fill out a form (located on the literature table in the Welcome Area of the church) to register your child and give the form to Cindy Koch, or just arrive a little early the day of the event.

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