

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine,
and doeth them not,
shall be likened unto a foolish man,
which built his house upon the sand:
And the rain descended,
and the floods came,
and the winds blew,
and beat upon that house;
and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Matthew 7:26-27



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

Lord of the Church, you have joined me to a family of believers who walk together in faith, love and service. Keep the congregations of our synod faithful to your Word, and make them eager to do your work. Guide our leaders, and help them fulfill their responsibilities with patience and understanding. Give me a vision which sees beyond the boundaries of my own congregation and a willingness to support the worldwide mission of your Church.

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

October 17 & 18, 2026

HYMN

563 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no
his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; when ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in him be found, clothed in his right - eous -



oth - er claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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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.

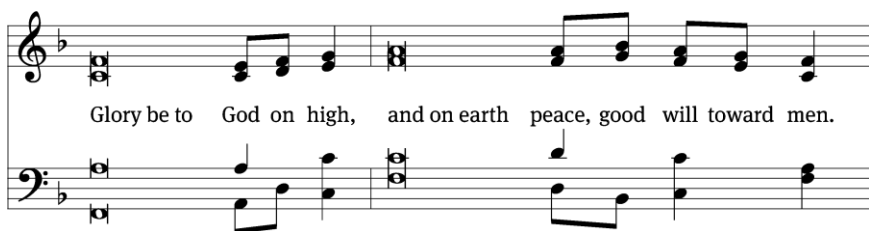
For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

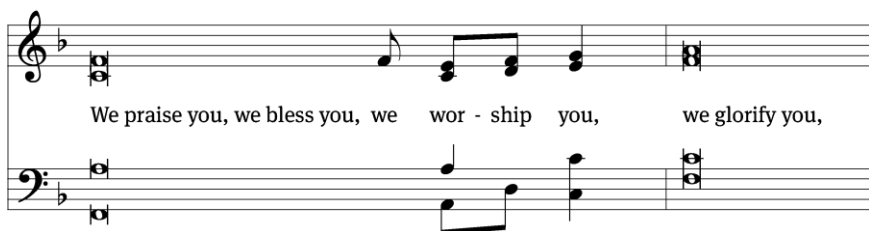
Amen.

Glory Be to God on High



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a half note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, a quarter note B-flat2, and a half note C3. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with a half note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B-flat2, and a half note C3. The lyrics are written below the notes.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a half note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B-flat2, and a half note C3. The bass staff has a half note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B-flat2, and a half note C3. The lyrics are written below the notes.

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; 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

2 Kings 2:6-18 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here because the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.”

But he said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on.

⁷Then fifty men from the sons of the prophets came and stood and watched them from a distance, while the two of them were standing at the Jordan. ⁸Elijah took his cloak, folded it together, and struck the water. The water divided to the right and to the left. Then the two of them crossed on dry land.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask me for whatever I can do for you before I am taken from you.”

Then Elisha said, “Let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.”

¹⁰He said, “You have asked for a difficult thing. If you see me being taken from you, it will surely be yours. But if not, then it will not.”

¹¹While they were walking and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire came and separated them. So Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

¹²Elisha was watching and crying out, “My father! My father! Israel’s chariot and its charioteers!” Then he did not see him anymore. He grabbed his clothing, and he ripped it into two pieces.

¹³Then he picked up Elijah's cloak, which had fallen from him. He returned and stood at the edge of the Jordan. ¹⁴He took Elijah's cloak, which had fallen from him, and he struck the water and said, "Where now is the LORD, the God of Elijah? Yes, where is he?" As soon as he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left so that Elisha could cross.

¹⁵When the sons of the prophets, who were watching him from Jericho, saw this, they said, "Elijah's spirit is resting on Elisha." They went to meet him and bowed down to the ground in front of him.

¹⁶They said to him, "Look, here are your servants, fifty strong men. Please, let them go and search for your master in case the Spirit of the LORD lifted him up and then set him down on one of the mountains or in one of the valleys."

But he said, "Don't send them."

¹⁷But they urged him to the point of embarrassment, so he said, "Send them." So they sent the fifty men. They searched for three days, but they did not find him.

¹⁸When they returned to Elisha, he was staying in Jericho. He said to them, "Didn't I say to you, 'Don't go'?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 John 1:5-2:2 (EHV)

⁵This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. ⁷But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.

2 My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

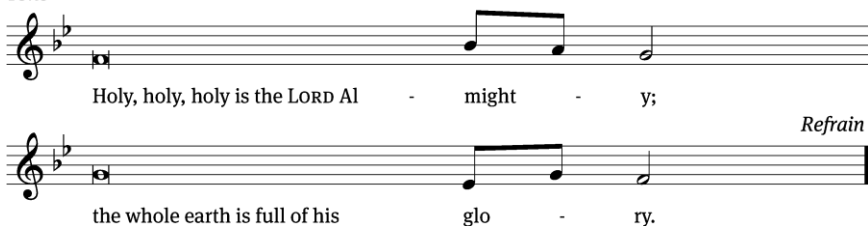
Gospel Acclamation - Setting 1



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Matthew 7:24-29 (EHV)

²⁴“Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on bedrock. ²⁵The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not fall, because it was founded on bedrock.

²⁶Everyone who hears these words of mine but does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—it was completely destroyed.”

²⁸When Jesus finished speaking these words, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹because he taught them as one who had authority, and not like their experts in the law.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Hymn of the Day

713 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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SERMON

STAND

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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

RESPONSIVE LORD'S PRAYER

M: O God, through Jesus' sacrifice you have restored us as your forgiven children. In his name we pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,

M: Help us to know you through your inspired Word and to live by it as children in your family.

C: Hallowed be thy name.

M: Give us your Holy Spirit to rule in our hearts, and use us to extend your kingdom of grace to others.

C: Thy kingdom come.

M: Make us zealous to carry out your will as gladly as the angels do, and to conform our will to yours.

C: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

M: Merciful Lord, since you are the provider of all things necessary for our bodies; fill us with trust.

C: Give us this day our daily bread.

M: Continue to erase our sins, and help us gladly to forgive and to do good to those who wrong us.

C: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

M: We know the devil seeks to destroy our souls and the world lures us to ruin by appealing to the desires of our flesh. Guard us from the poison of misbelief and the trap of unrepented sin.

C: And lead us not into temptation.

M: Keep safe our bodies and souls, our property and honor, and above all send the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith in Christ which leads to life everlasting.

C: But deliver us from evil.

M: For all these petitions we look to you as King of Kings and Lord of your church.

C: For thine is the kingdom,

M: You alone hold the power to grant our requests.

C: and the power,

- M: We worship you from whom all blessings flow.
C: **and the glory forever and ever.**
- M: Relying on Jesus, who cancelled our sins and made us acceptable in your sight, we pray with confidence:
C: **Amen. It shall be so.**

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





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 lives and reigns forever in perfect unity with you and the Holy Spirit as one God and one Lord.*

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.

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

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the syllables. The text is: "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." The final note of the piece is a whole note on the G line of the staff.

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

657 Baptismal Waters Cover Me



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me as I ap -
 2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, his bod - y
 3 Lord, may your wound - ed hand im - part your heal - ing
 4 From your own mouth comes forth a word; your shep - herd
 5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



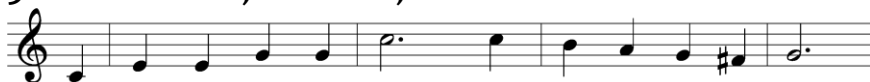
proach on bend - ed knee; my Fa - ther's mer - cy
 bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore him
 to my bro - ken heart; your love a - lone can
 speaks, but you are heard; through him your hand now
 hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, for griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
 all my sin, my dark - est se - crets from with - in.
 form in me a heart that serves you joy - ful - ly.
 stretch - es out, for - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
 strong em - brace, with joy I praise him for his grace.

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560 Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ



1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, speak glad - ness to this heart;
 2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, can heal my sin - ful soul;
 3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the dread - ful load
 4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, has paid the ran - som due;
 5 Your right - eous - ness, O Christ, a - lone can cov - er me;



they tell me all is done, they bid my fear de - part.
 your wounds, not mine, con - tain the balm that makes me whole.
 of sins that none could bear but the in - car - nate God.
 ten thou - sand deaths like mine would have been all too few.
 no oth - er right - eous - ness can set a sin - ner free.

Refrain



To whom but you, who can a - lone for sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

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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

797 I Know My Faith Is Founded

Congregation Sings Verse 1

1 I know my faith is found - ed on Je - sus Christ, my
2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, for Sa - tan seeks by
3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you; though per - se - cu - tion,

God and Lord; and this my faith con - fess - ing, un -
night and day to rob me of this trea - sure and
grief, and pain should seek to o - ver - whelm me, let

moved I stand up - on his Word. Our rea - son can - not
take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with you be -
me a stead - fast trust re - tain. And then at my de -

fath - om the truth of God pro - found; who trusts in world - ly
side me I shall be un - dis - mayed; and led by your good
par - ture, at home with you I'll be, and there will I in -

wis - dom re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is
Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with
her - it all you have prom - ised me. In life and

all - suf - fi - cient, it makes di - vine - ly sure, and,
me, O Sav - ior, a firm - er faith be - stow; then
death, Lord, keep me un - til your heav'n I gain, where

trust - ing in its wis - dom, my faith shall rest se - cure.
I shall bid de - fi - ance to ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
I by your great mer - cy the end of faith at - tain.

What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance
 Saturday (10/10/26): 27
 Sunday (10/11/26): 64
 Total: 91

Sunday, October 18	Worship (Communion) Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, October 19		
Tuesday, October 20	Worship at Mala Strana Worship Choir	11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 21 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, October 22	<i>PASTORS' MEETING (Friedens hosts)</i>	10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
Friday, October 23		
Saturday, October 24	Men's Bible Study Worship (Baptism Cake served in Welcome area After Worship)	8:00 a.m. Noon
Sunday, October 25	Worship Sunday School Bible Study MLC Reformation Service	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
Monday, October 26		
Tuesday, October 27		

USHER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
October 18, 2026	Corey Schanus	Kaden Holicky	Keith Barta	Scott Gilsrud
October 25, 2026	Mason Storlie	Jackson Storlie	Doug Holicky	Troy Rabenberg

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

Martin Luther College Food Bank Donations For MLC Student Families

Deadline for Donations: October 24, 2026



Every
Donation
Makes A
Difference

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

Note: There is a food collection table in the Welcome Area.

**If you'd like to donate some food, please feel free
to take a food list (on literature table) that lists
needed food items.**

Pumpkin Painting

**Saturday, October 31
Friedens' Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Hostess: Liza Flinton

**All kids are welcome to come paint
pumpkins in the Fellowship Hall!**

Thanks to
Barten Pumpkins
for donating a
lot of baby
pumpkins!

