

Lord, how many
times must I forgive
my brother when he
sins against me?



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

Heavenly Father, thank you for my home and family, for love and gentleness, for laughter enjoyed and sorrows shared, for daily bread. Help me to be mindful of all your gifts and to rejoice in your goodness. May your peace be with us and your presence protect us.

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.**

Thank you, Rev. Keith Bilitz,
for preaching on Sunday!

THE SERVICE | Setting One

September 26 & 27, 2026



HYMN

MORNING

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Every Morning Mercies New



1 Ev - 'ry morn - ing mer - cies new Fall as fresh as
2 Still your kind - ness and your love Ev - 'ry day our
3 Let our prayers each morn pre - vail That these gifts may
4 As the morn - ing light re - turns, As the sun with



morn - ing dew; Ev - 'ry morn - ing let us pay
sins re - move; Dai - ly, far as east from west,
nev - er fail. And as we con - fess our sin
splen - dor burns, Teach us still to turn to you;



Trib - ute with the ear - ly day. For your mer - cies,
Lift the bur - den from the breast; Give un - bought to
And the temp - ter's pow'r with - in, Feed us with the
With your light our souls re - new. Then shall we our



Lord, are sure; Your com - pas - sion will en - dure.
those who pray Strength to live for you each day.
bread of life; Fit us for our dai - ly strife.
voic - es raise In un - fail - ing prayer and praise.

Text: Greville Phillimore, 1821–84, alt.

Tune: VOLLER WUNDER (77 77 77) Johann G. Ebeling, 1637–76.

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.

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.

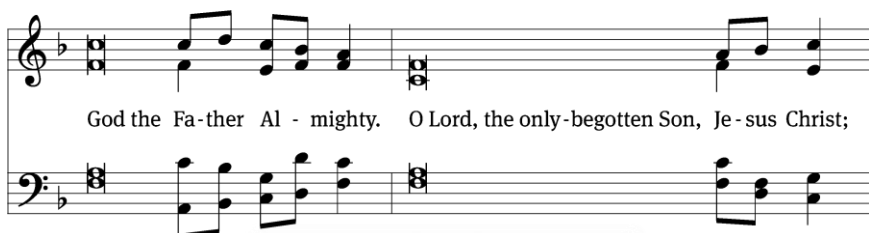
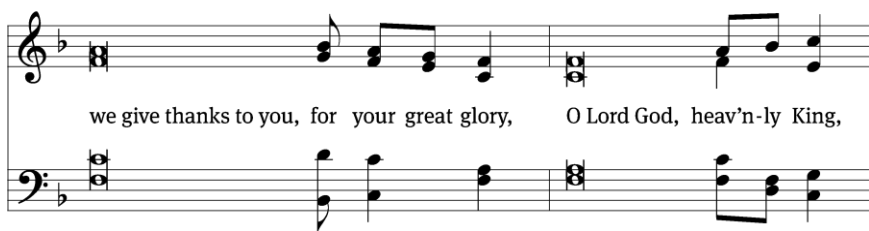
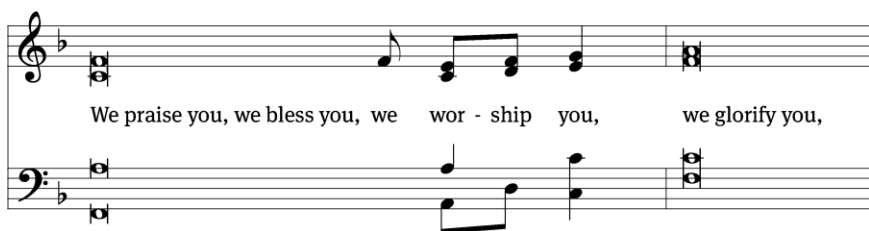
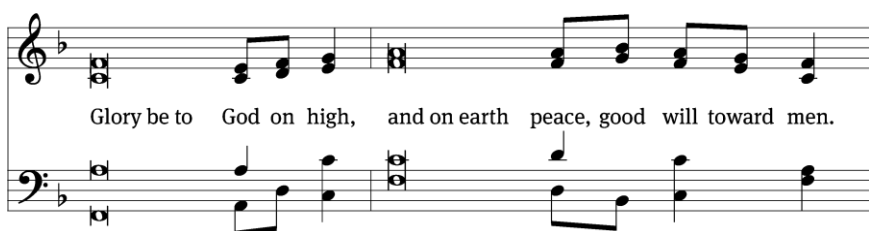
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.



Give Glory to God!

Glory Be to God on High



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; receive our prayer.

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

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

Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE WORD

(Congregation speaks when words are in bold.)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; 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

1 Samuel 15:13-26 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

¹³When Samuel came to Saul, Saul said to him, “You are blessed by the LORD! I have carried out the word of the LORD.”

¹⁴Samuel said, “Then what does this mean—this bleating of sheep in my ears and the lowing of cattle that I hear?”

¹⁵Saul said, “They have been brought here from the Amalekites, because the people spared the best of the sheep and the cattle to sacrifice to the LORD your God. But we have completely destroyed the rest.”

¹⁶Then Samuel said to Saul, “Stop right there! Let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night.”

He said to him, “Tell me.”

¹⁷Samuel said, “Though you were insignificant in your own sight, you were made the head of the tribes of Israel. The LORD anointed you king over Israel. ¹⁸Then the LORD sent you on a mission and said, ‘Go and devote the Amalekites, that sinful people, to destruction. Fight against them until they are exterminated.’ ¹⁹Why didn’t you listen to the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the plunder and do what was evil in the LORD’s sight?”

²⁰Saul said to Samuel, “But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD and have completed the mission that the LORD gave me. I have captured Agag king of Amalek, and I have completely destroyed the Amalekites. ²¹But the people took some of the plunder: sheep, cattle, and the best of what was devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.”

²²Samuel said, “Does the LORD take as much pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obedience to the voice of the LORD? Know this! To obey is better than sacrifice, and to pay attention is better than the fat of rams. ²³For rebellion is the same as the sin of witchcraft, and arrogance is like having useless idols or consulting household gods. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you as king.”

²⁴Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed against the command of the LORD, as well as against your words, because I was afraid of the people, so I listened to their voice. ²⁵But now, please pardon my sin and come back with me again, so that I may worship the LORD.”

²⁶But Samuel said to Saul, “I will not return with you, because you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 6:1-7 (EHV)

In those days, as the number of disciples was increasing, a complaint arose from the Greek-speaking Jews against the Hebrew-speaking Jews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

²So the Twelve called together the whole group of disciples and said, “It is not right for us to neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³Brothers, carefully select from among you seven men with good reputations, who are full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. We will put them in charge of this service. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

⁵This proposal pleased the entire group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas, a proselyte from Antioch.

⁶They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷The word of God kept on spreading, and the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. Also a large group of priests became obedient to the faith.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

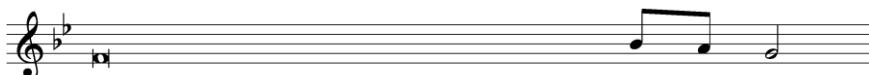
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Tone



Refrain



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GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17 (EHV)

¹⁰Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹And a woman was there who had a spirit that had disabled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “**Woman, you are freed from your disability.**” ¹³He placed his hands on her, and immediately she stood up straight and began to glorify God.

¹⁴But the ruler of the synagogue was indignant that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath. He said to the crowd in response, “There are six days to do work. So come to be healed on those days and not on the Sabbath day!”

¹⁵The Lord answered him, “Hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you untie his ox or his donkey from the manger on the Sabbath and lead it to water? ¹⁶Here is this daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound for eighteen years! Shouldn’t she be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?”

¹⁷As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame. But the entire crowd was rejoicing over all the glorious things he was doing.

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

Be Seated

JESUS
the way . the truth . the life

Hymn of the Day

579 His Mercy Is More



1 What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
2 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam,
3 What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us;



Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum;
what Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home!
his blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.



thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.



Refrain
Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more!



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; our



sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more!

The refrain for stanza 3 is sung three times (twice, with no break between, then a final time).

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SERMON

Sermon Theme: *How Can I Ever Forgive You?*

Sermon Text: Matthew 18:21-35 (EHV)

²¹Then Peter came up and asked Jesus, “Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother when he sins against me? As many as seven times?”

²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but I tell you as many as seventy-seven times. ²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle them, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. ²⁵Because the man was not able to pay the debt, his master ordered that he be sold, along with his wife, children, and all that he owned to repay the debt.

²⁶“Then the servant fell down on his knees in front of him, saying, ‘Master, be patient with me, and I will pay you everything!’ ²⁷The master of that servant had pity on him, released him, and forgave him the debt.

²⁸“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began choking him, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’

²⁹“So his fellow servant fell down and begged him, saying, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!’ ³⁰But he refused. Instead he went off and threw the man into prison until he could pay back what he owed.

³¹“When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were very distressed. They went and reported to their master everything that had taken place.

³²“Then his master called him in and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt when you begged me to.
³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴His master was angry and handed him over to the jailers until he could pay back everything he owed.

³⁵“This is what my heavenly Father will also do to you unless each one of you forgives his brother from his heart.”

blessed

IS EVERY ONE
THAT FEARETH
THE LORD;
THAT WALKETH
IN HIS WAYS.

PSALM 128:1

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

O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

We praise you for every grace and blessing.

Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state (provincial), and local governments.

Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare. **Amen.**

HYMN



583 God Loves Me Dearly



1 God loves me dear - ly, grants me sal -
 2 I was in slav - 'ry, sin, death, and
 3 He sent forth Je - sus, my dear Re -
 4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, him - self did
 5 Now I will praise you, O Love e -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, loves e - ven me.
 dark - ness; God's love was work - ing to make me free.
 deem - er, he sent forth Je - sus and set me free.
 of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, paid all I owed.
 ter - nal; now I will praise you all my life long.



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, loves e - ven me.

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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

GOD
is good
ALL THE TIME

CLOSING HYMN



CLOSE OF SERVICE

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Now, the Hour of Worship O'er



1 Now, the hour of wor - ship o'er, Teach - ing, hear - ing,
2 Now the bless - ing cheers our heart, By his grace to
3 Bless our go - ing out, we pray; Bless our en - trance



pray - ing, sing - ing, Let us glad - ly God a - dore,
us ex - tend - ed. Let us joy - ful - ly de - part;
in like mea - sure. Bless our bread, O Lord, each day;



For his Word our prais - es bring - ing; For the rich re -
Be our souls to God com - mend - ed. May his Spir - it
Bless our toil, our rest, our plea - sure. Bless us when we



past he gave us Praise the Lord, who deigned to save us.
ev - er guide us And with all good gifts pro - vide us.
reach death's por - tal; Bless us then with life im - mor - tal.

Text: Hartmann Schenck, 1634–81; tr. composite, st. 1-2; Oscar M. Kaiser, 1865–1960, st. 3.
Tune: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER (78 78 88) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt.



What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance
 Saturday (09/19/26): 16
 Sunday (09/20/26): 63
 Total: 79

Sunday, September 27	Worship Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, September 28		
Tuesday, September 29	Choir	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 30 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 1	<i>First-Thursday Dinner:</i> <i>OKTOBERFEST</i>	5:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.
Friday, October 2		
Saturday, October 3	Men's Bible Study Worship	8:00 a.m. Noon
Sunday, October 4	Worship (Communion) Coffee Time Sunday School OUTREACH MEETING SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
Monday, October 5 OFFICE CLOSED		
Tuesday, October 6 OFFICE CLOSED	Worship at Mala Strana Worship	11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

DATE	TEENS	ADULTS
September 27, 2026	Corey Schanus Kaden Holicky	Dean Cornelius Willard Rancour

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



First-Thursday Dinner!
Oktoberfest!



**all are invited to
 attend Oktoberfest!**
 Thursday, October 1 (Fellowship Hall)
 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Hosted by: Terry & Linda Jandt;
 Will & Brenda Rancour

**Menu: Pork, Spaetzle & Gravy,
 Sauerkraut, Fried Apples & Desserts**

Free-will offering

**Feel free to
 bring a dessert!**



USHER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
October 4, 2026	Mason Storlie	Jackson Storlie	David Tietz	Linda Jandt
October 11, 2026	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Roger M. Meyer	Eric Schanus
October 18, 2026	Corey Schanus	Kaden Holicky	Keith Barta	Scott Gilsrud
October 25, 2026	Mason Storlie	Jackson Storlie	Doug Holicky	Troy Rabenberg

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 and help worshipers in God's House!***

*May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace as you trust
in him, so that you may overflow
with hope by the power of the
Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13





**MN Valley Lutheran Women's
Missionary Society Fall Rally**

ATHENS IS ON MY MIND!

Saturday, October 3, 2026

St. Paul's Lutheran Church | Jordan, MN
100 6th St W | Jordan, MN 55352

Coffee Hour 8–9AM

Program 9AM–12:15PM

—♦—
**GUEST
SPEAKER**

Pastor Dan Lindner

Campus Ministry Mission Counselor

—♦—
Please contact Amy Radick with any
dietary requirements or questions:
spljordan.la@gmail.com or
952-492-2489.



ACTS 17:16-34 (esp. 16-17)

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.