

Then Jesus said to his disciples:

***“Therefore I tell you,
do not worry
about your life,***

***what you will eat;
or about your body,
what you will wear. . . .”***

Luke 12:22 (NIV)



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Welcome to Worship!

Regular Worship Services

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

Prayer Before Worship

O God of tenderness and strength, bless our home and our love, our comings and our goings. Keep us from growing weary in doing good, and sustain us in the hour of trouble. Help us deal tenderly with each other, and knit our lives together in love for you and one another.

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*

August 9 & 10, 2025

Opening Hymn



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How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 In ev - 'ry con - di - tion, in sick - ness, in health,
3 "Fear not, I am with you, Oh, be not dis - mayed,
4 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
5 "Through-out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



Is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
In pov - er - ty's vale, or a - bound - ing in wealth,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love,



What more can he say than to you he has said
At home and a - broad, on the land, on the sea—
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
For I will be with you your trou - bles to bless
And then, when gray hair shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
The Lord, the Al - might - y, your strength e'er shall be,
Up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand,
And sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress,
Like lambs they shall still on my shoul - ders be borne."

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession (Congregation in Bold)

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.

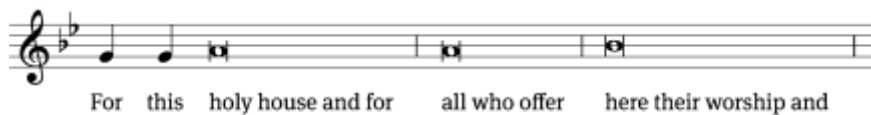
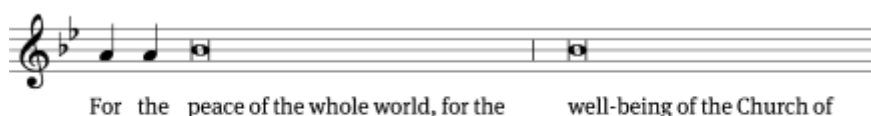
Silence for meditation and reflection

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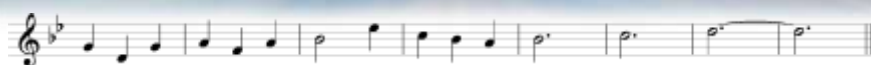
God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy



Glory to God in the Highest



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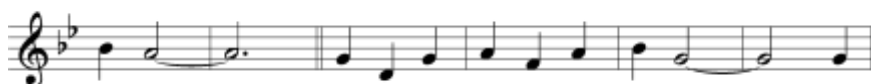
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



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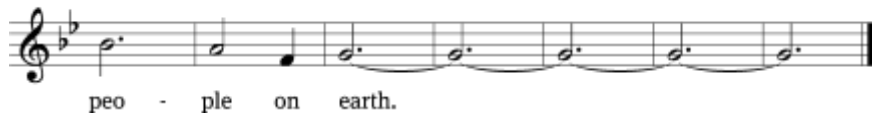
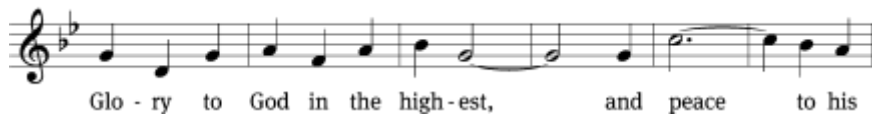
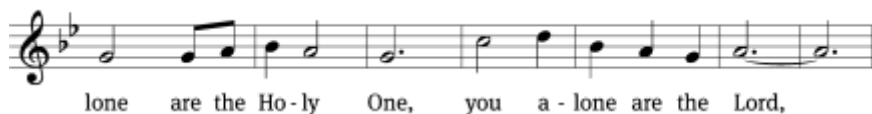
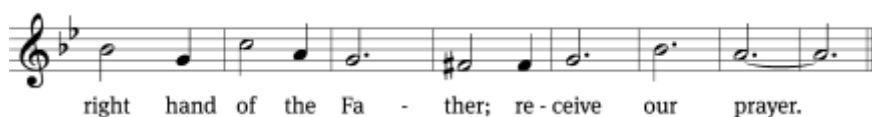
peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of 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

Genesis15:1-6 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

After these events the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. He said, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.” ²Abram said, “LORD God what can you give me, since I remain childless, and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³Abram also said, “Look, you have given me no offspring, so a servant born in my house will be my heir.”

⁴Just then, the word of the LORD came to him. God said, “This man will not be your heir, but instead one who will come out of your own body will be your heir.” ⁵The LORD then brought him outside and said, “Now look toward the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” He said to Abram, “This is what your descendants will be like.” ⁶Abram believed in the LORD, and the LORD credited it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

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

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I lift up my eyes to the hills.*

Where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD,*
the maker of heavenand 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

Hebrews 11:1-16 (EHV)

Faith

11 Faith is being sure about what we hope for, being convinced about things we do not see. ² For by this faith the ancients were commended in Scripture.^[a]

³ By faith we know that the universe was created by God's word, so that what is seen did not come from visible things.

⁴ By faith Abel offered a better sacrifice to God than Cain did. By faith he was commended in Scripture as righteous; God testified favorably about his gifts. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up, so that he would not experience death, and he was not found because God took him away.^[b] In fact, before he was taken away, he was commended in Scripture as one who "pleased God."^[c] ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God. Indeed, it is necessary for the one who approaches God to believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

⁷ By faith Noah, when he was warned about things that had not been seen before, built an ark, in reverent fear, in order to save his family. By it he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that is by faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance, and he left without knowing where he was going.

⁹ By faith he lived as a stranger in the Promised Land, as if it did not belong to him, dwelling in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹ By faith Abraham also received the ability to conceive children, even though Sarah herself was barren and he was past the normal age,

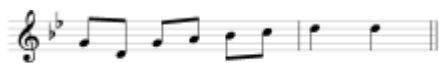
because he considered him faithful who made the promise.^[a] ¹² And so from one man, and he as good as dead, descendants were born as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand along the seashore.

¹³ One by one, all of these died in faith, without having received the things that were promised, but they saw and welcomed them from a distance. They confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴ Indeed, people who say things like that make it clear that they are looking for a land of their own. ¹⁵ And if they were remembering the land they had come from, they would have had an opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better land—a heavenly one. For that reason, God is not ashamed to be called their God, because he prepared a city for them.

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

Stand

Gospel Acclamation - Setting 2



Refrain



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

Tone



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,



and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Refrain

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Gospel

Luke 12:22-34 (EHV)

²²Jesus said to his disciples, “For that reason I tell you, stop worrying about your life, about what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³Certainly life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap; they have no warehouse or barn; and yet God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than birds! ²⁵And who of you by worrying can add a single moment to his lifespan? ²⁶Since you are not able to do this little thing, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these. ²⁸If this is how God clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith? ²⁹Do not constantly chase after what you will eat or what you will drink. Do not be worried about it. ³⁰To be sure, the nations of the world chase after all of these things, but your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, continue to seek the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you. ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not become old, a treasure in the heavens that will not fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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

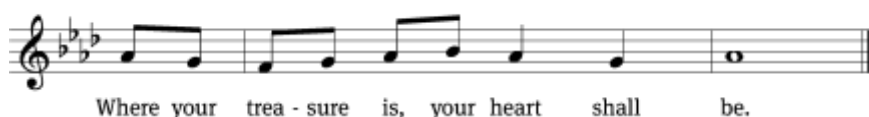
Be seated

Children’s Lesson

Hymn of the Day

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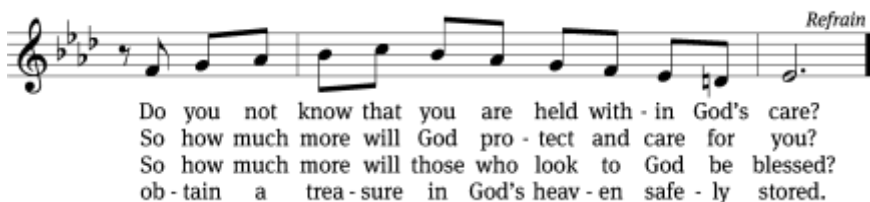
- 1 What do you gain from all your wor - ry,
- 2 Look at the ra - vens high a - bove you.
- 3 Be - hold the lil - ies in their splen - dor.
- 4 O lit - tle flock, do not be fright - ened;



what you should eat or what to wear?
They do not work their whole life through,
In grace and beau - ty are they dressed,
yours is the king - dom of the Lord.



There is no peace in stress or hur - ry.
and yet God feeds them and pro - tects them.
and yet so soon their bloom is fad - ed.
Give your pos - ses - sions to the need - y;



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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 (Please write your name in the little red Friendship Registers. Thank you.)

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity,
[especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition].

Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, [especially . . . here name the person]. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness. **Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Hymn



TRUST

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Children of the Heavenly Father

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish; In his
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his

in his bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird or star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he
 Lord his chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them his grace he
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In his might - y arms he bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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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.



551**For All the Saints**


1 For all the saints who from their
 2 You were their rock, their for-tress,
 3 Oh, may your sol-diers, faith-ful,
 4 Oh, blest com-mun-ion, fel-low-
 5 And when the fight is fierce, the

la-bors rest, All who their faith be-
 and their might; You, Lord, their cap-tain
 true, and bold Fight as the saints who
 ship di-vine! We fee-bly strug-gle;
 war-fare long, Steals on the ear the

fore the world con-fessed, Your name, O
 in the well-fought fight And in the
 no-bly fought of old And win with
 they in glo-ry shine, Yet all are
 dis-tant tri-umph-song, And hearts are

Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest,
 dark-ness drear their one true light,
 them the vic-tor's crown of gold,
 one with-in your grand de-sign,
 brave a-gain and arms are strong,

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
 Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest.
 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day;
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of glory passes on his way.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 From earth's wide bounds to ocean's farthest coast
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

What's Coming Up at Friedens?

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	
Saturday (08/02/25):	15
Sunday (08/03/25):	57
Total:	72

Sunday, August 10	Worship Guitar Club Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, August 11	OUTREACH MEETING	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 12	Bible Info. Class	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 13	Bible Study Games	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, August 14	FIFAF Book Club ELDER/EXEC. COUNCIL COMBO MTG.	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Friday, August 15		
Saturday, August 16	Men's Bible Study Worship Bible Info. Class	8:00 a.m. Noon 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 17	Worship (Communion) Guitar Club Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, August 18		
Tuesday, August 19	Worship at Mala Strana Bible Info. Class Worship	11:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2025

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
August 10	Josef Jirik	Ethan Paler	Duane Jirik	Justin Storlie
August 17	Sam Workman	Ruth Workman	Gary Grassmann	Bruce Nelson
August 24	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Jeff Heine	Joe Stahl
August 31	Daniel Callahan	Claire Callahan	Dean Cornelius	Willard Rancour