

**And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying,**

**This is my beloved Son:  
hear him.**

Mark 9:7



# 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

### For Families

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.**

# THE SERVICE, *Setting One*

January 31 & February 1, 2026

HYMN



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**God Himself Is Present**



1 God him - self is pres - ent— Let us now a - dore him  
2 God him - self is pres - ent— Hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore him.  
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing.  
Trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it.



God is in his tem - ple— All with - in keep si - lence,  
“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly”— Hear the hymn as - cend - ing,  
Like the ho - ly an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore you,



Hum - bly kneel in deep - est rev - - 'rence.  
Songs of saints and an - gels blend - - ing.  
May I cease-less - ly a - dore you.



He a - lone On his throne Is our  
Bow your ear To us here: Hear, O  
Let your will Ev - er still Rule your



God and Sav - ior; Praise his name for - ev - er!  
Christ, the prais - es That your Church now rais - es.  
church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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

**Amen.**

## **CONFSSION**

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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.**

*Lord, Have Mercy.  
Amen.*



# HYMN



Congregation Sings Verse 1

## WORSHIP AND PRAISE

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Glory Be to God the Father

The musical notation for the hymn 'Glory Be to God the Father' is presented in three staves, each with a key signature of one flat (F#) and a common time (indicated by a '4').

- Staff 1:** The first line of the text, '1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to', is followed by a repeat sign and the second line, '2 Glo - ry be to him who loved us, Washed us from each'.
- Staff 2:** The third line, '3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the', is followed by a repeat sign and the fourth line, '4 Glo - ry, bless-ing, praise e - ter - nal!— Thus the choir of'.
- Staff 3:** The fifth line, 'God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it, spot and stain; Glo - ry be to him who bought us, Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions; an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!—' is followed by a repeat sign and the sixth line, 'Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry, Made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry, Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry, Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,'.
- Staff 4:** The final line, 'glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run! glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain! glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing! glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!'

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.

Tune: WORCESTER (87 87 47) Walter G. Whinfield, 1865-1919.

## **The Word**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall.

Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; 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 28:10-22 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

<sup>10</sup>Jacob set out from Beersheba and traveled toward Haran. <sup>11</sup>He came to a certain place and decided to spend the night there, because the sun had set. He took one of the stones from that place, put it under his head, and lay down to sleep in that place. <sup>12</sup>He had a dream in which he saw a stairway set up on the earth with its top reaching to heaven. There were angels of God ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup>There at the top stood the LORD, who said, “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. The land on which you are lying, I give to

you and to your descendants.<sup>14</sup> Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south. In you and in your seed all the families of the earth will be blessed.<sup>15</sup> Now, I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back again into this land. Indeed, I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised to you.”

<sup>16</sup> Jacob woke up from his sleep, and he said, “Certainly the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” <sup>17</sup> He was afraid and he said, “How awe-inspiring is this place! This is nothing other than the house of God, and this is the gate to heaven.”

<sup>18</sup> Jacob got up early in the morning. He took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up as a sacred memorial stone and poured oil on top of it. <sup>19</sup> He named that place Bethel. (Before this, the name of the city had been Luz.) <sup>20</sup> Jacob took a vow, “If God will be with me to keep me safe on this journey I am making, and if he gives me food to eat and clothing to put on, <sup>21</sup> and I come back to my father’s house in safety, the LORD will be my God, <sup>22</sup> and this stone that I have set up as a memorial stone will be God’s house, and I will certainly give you a tenth of everything that you give me.”

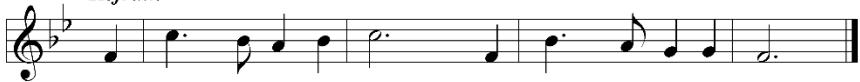
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*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

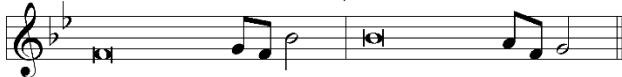
# Psalm 148

## *Refrain*



For - ev - er let us sing the good - ness of the Lord.

## *Psalm tone*



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Praise the LORD from the heavens,\*  
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,\*  
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,\*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

## *Refrain*

Praise the LORD from the earth,\*  
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,  
you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,\*  
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,  
kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,\*  
young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,\*  
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**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*

## Second Reading

2 Peter 3:14-18 (EHV)

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, dear friends, as you look forward to these things, make every effort to be found in peace, spotless and blameless in his sight. <sup>15</sup>Regard the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as also our dear brother Paul wrote to you, according to the wisdom that was given to him. <sup>16</sup>He spoke about these things the same way in all of his letters. There are some matters that are hard to understand in his letters, which the ignorant and unstable distort, as they also do with the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, dear friends, since you already know these things, be on your guard so that you do not fall from your own firm position by being led astray through the error of the wicked. <sup>18</sup>Instead grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory, both now and forever. Amen.

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*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation - Setting 1



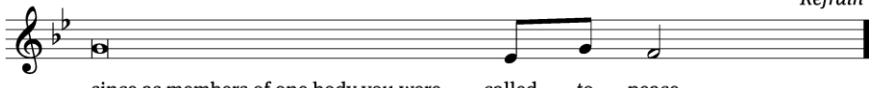
*Refrain*



*Tone*



*Refrain*



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## Gospel

Mark 9:2-13 (EHV)

<sup>2</sup>After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain where they were alone by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. <sup>3</sup>His clothes became radiant, dazzling white, whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And Elijah appeared to them together with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup>Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say because they were terrified.

<sup>7</sup>A cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.”

<sup>8</sup>Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. <sup>10</sup>They kept the matter to themselves, discussing with one another what this “rising from the dead” meant.

<sup>11</sup>They asked him, “Why do the experts in the law say that Elijah must come first?”

<sup>12</sup>He said to them, “Elijah does come first and restores all things. Why was it also written about the Son of Man that he must suffer many things and be rejected? <sup>13</sup>But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they wanted, just as it was written about him.”

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*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

*Be Seated*

CHILDREN'S LESSON

# Hymn of the Day

## 392 This Brightness, Lord! What Shall I Say



1 This bright - ness, Lord! What shall I say to see your  
2 But Mo - ses and E - li - jah know the lengths to  
3 I quick - ly learn we can - not stay; the bright - ness  
4 Your liv - ing Word has let me see the truth be -



face out - shine the day? No great - er gift could  
which your love must go. What plea - sure fills your  
gone, you lead the way, ad - vanc - ing down this  
hind the blood - y tree, what makes your face pro -



I re - ceive; I'll stay right here and nev - er leave!  
Fa - ther's voice: "My pre - cious Son, my per - fect choice!"  
moun - tain - side to where you'll soon be cru - ci - fied.  
found - ly shine— you made my sin no long - er mine.

5 No glory lights the plains below  
where trials rise and troubles flow,  
and yet I know you'll help me bear  
each blessed cross that's waiting there.

6 I'll soon exchange this mountain sight  
for heaven's everlasting light;  
your brightness, Lord, will then be mine,  
and then my face, like yours, will shine.

# 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 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**

## 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

Musical notation for the Preface. The music is in G clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. The lyrics are: The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the Preface. The music is in G clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. The lyrics are: And also with you.

Musical notation for the Preface. The music is in G clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. The lyrics are: Lift up your hearts.

Musical notation for the Preface. The music is in G clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. The lyrics are: We lift them up to the Lord.

Musical notation for the Preface. The music is in G clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. The lyrics are: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Musical notation for the Preface. The music is in G clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. The lyrics are: 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 *lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.*

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.

## **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."

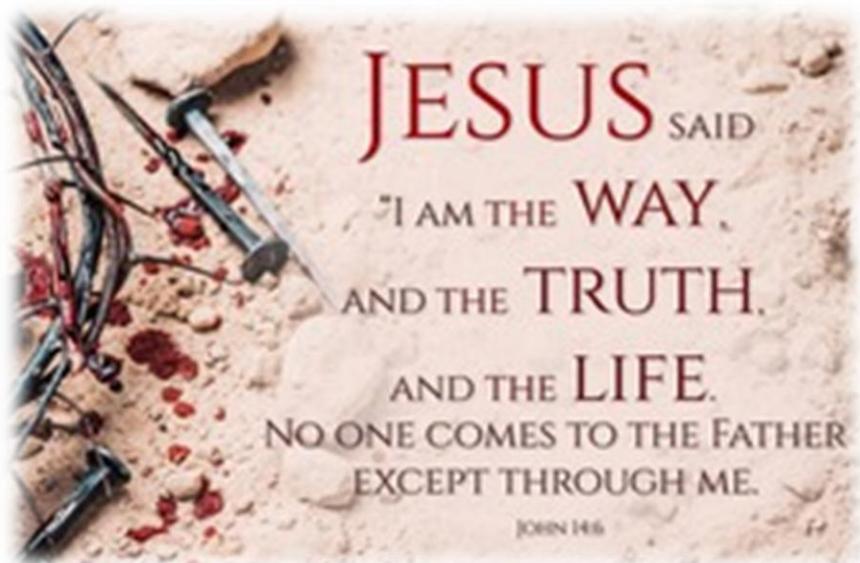
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God

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



### 389 How Good, Lord, to Be Here



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here your beau - ty to be - hold,  
3 Ful - fil - ler of the past, and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king-dom come;



your face and gar-ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor-rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes-sen-gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re-demp-tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.

5 But you, Lord, do not stay.  
With mercy resolute  
you leave this glorious hill to die—  
our perfect substitute.

6 How good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
but since you bid us leave the mount,  
come with us to the plain.

*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.**



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## CLOSING HYMN

JUSTIFICATION

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### To God Be the Glory



1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,  
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;  
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,

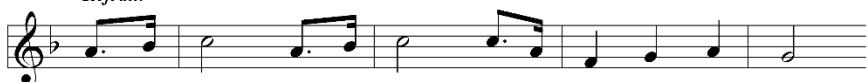


The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves,  
But pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.  
Our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!



Oh, come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son



And give him the glo - ry— great things he has done!

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915, alt.

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY (11 11 11 11 with Refrain) William H. Doane, 1832-1915.

# What's Coming Up at Friedens?

## Last Week's Attendance

Saturday (01/24/26): 18

Sunday (01/25/26): 69

Total: 87

<b>Sunday, February 1</b>	Worship (Communion) Coffee Time Sunday School <b>Bible Study</b> <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
<b>Monday, February 2</b>		
<b>Tuesday, February 3</b>	Worship at Mala Strana <b>Choir</b>	11:00 a.m. 7:15 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, February 4</b> <b>Pastor's "Drop-In"</b> <b>Consultation Times:</b> 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.
<b>Thursday, February 5</b>	<i>FIFAF Book Club/Bible Study</i> <i>ELDERS' MEETING</i>	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
<b>Friday, February 6</b>		
<b>Saturday, February 7</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study</b> Worship	8:00 a.m. Noon
<b>Sunday, February 8</b>	Worship Sunday School <b>Bible Study</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
<b>Monday, February 9</b>	<b>OUTREACH MEETING</b>	6:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, February 10</b>	<b>Choir</b>	7:15 p.m.

# USHER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
February 1 (9:00 a.m.)	Daniel Callahan	Claire Callahan	Gary Grassmann	Bruce Nelson
February 8 (9:00 a.m.)	Lucas Holicky	Mason Storlie	Jeff Heine	Joe Stahl
February 15 (9:00 a.m.)	Josef Jirik	Ethan Paler	Dean Cornelius	Willard Rancour
February 18 (7:15 p.m.)	Sam Workman	Ruth Workman	David Tietz	Linda Jandt
February 22 (9:00 a.m.)	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Roger M. Meyer	Eric Schanus
February 25 (7:15 p.m.)	Daniel Callahan	Claire Callahan	Keith Barta	Scott Gilsrud

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

# Peace Fund

Members are asking if there is a way they can assist Mike Meyer following the fire that burned his shop on January 29, and to have 100% go to him, rather than a funding site take a percentage fee. Friedens has the "Peace Fund" for exactly this type of situation. You may make a check payable to "Friedens Ev. Lutheran Church" and include a note requesting this go to the Peace Fund for the benefit of Mike Meyer.

May God's Spirit comfort and bless Mike.

Pastor Henry Koch