

Then Jesus said to his host,

“When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Luke 14:12-14 (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

Jesus, my risen Lord, you commanded your Church to preach the gospel to all nations. Prosper the work of missionaries sent out in your name. Protect them and their families from illness and danger. Give them joy in proclaiming the good news of salvation to people everywhere.
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 30 & 31, 2025

Opening Hymn

Congregation Sings Verses 1-4

MORNING

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O Splendor of God's Glory Bright



1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright,
2 Come, ver - y Sun of truth and love,
3 Teach us to work with all our pow'r
4 Oh, joy - ful be the live - long day,
5 All praise to God the Fa - ther be,



You dai - ly bring forth light from light.
Come in your ra - diance from a - bove,
To con - quer in temp - ta - tion's hour.
Our thoughts as pure as morn - ing ray,
All praise to Christ e - ter - nal - ly,



O Light from Light, light's foun - tain - spring,
And shed the Ho - ly Spir - it's ray
Let faith her ea - ger fires re - new
Our faith like noon - day's glow - ing height,
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore



O Day, our days en - light - en - ing:
On all we think or do to - day.
And hate the false and love the true.
Our souls un - dimmed by shades of night.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Text: St. Ambrose, 340–97, abt., adapt.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, Rev. ed., London, 1904, alt.
Tune: O HEILIGE DREIPALTIKEIT (LM) Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561, alt.

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the 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.

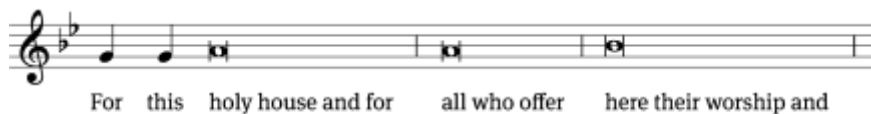
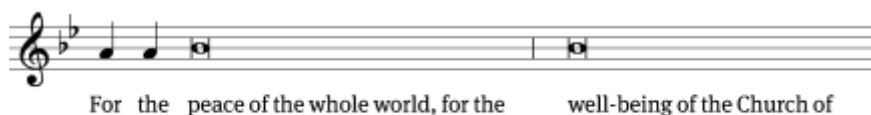
Silence for meditation and reflection

Declaration of Grace

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



Give Glory to God!!!

Hymn #586

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Verse 5

All praise to God the Father be,
All praise to Christ eternally,
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by your Holy Spirit to follow the example of your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; 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

Proverbs 25:6,7 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

⁶Do not honor yourself in a king's presence.

Do not stand in a place reserved for great people,

⁷because it is better to be told, "Come up here."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day 112A Light Dawns in the Darkness

Refrain



Tone



Blessed are those who /fear the LORD,
who find great delight in /his commands.

Wealth and riches are in their /houses,
and their righteousness endures for-/ever. *Refrain*

Surely the righteous will never be /shaken;
they will be remembered for-/ever.
Their hearts are secure, they will /have no fear;
in the end they will look in triumph /on their foes.

**Glory be to the Father and /to the Son
and to the Holy /Spirit,
as it was in the be-/ginning,
is now, and will be forever. /Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

James 2:1-13 (EHV)

My brothers, have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ without showing favoritism. ²For example, suppose a man enters your worship assembly wearing gold rings and fine clothing, and a poor man also enters wearing filthy clothing. ³If you look with favor on the man wearing fine clothing and say, “Sit here in this good place,” but you tell the poor man, “Stand over there” or “Sit down here at my feet,” ⁴have you not made a distinction among yourselves and become judges with evil opinions? ⁵Listen, my dear brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom, which he promised to those who love him? ⁶But you dishonored the poor man. Don’t the rich oppress you, and don’t they drag you into court? ⁷Aren’t they the ones who blaspheme the noble name that was pronounced over you? ⁸However, if you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, since you are convicted by this law as transgressors.

Keep the Whole Law

¹⁰In fact, whoever keeps the whole law but stumbles in one point has become guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not commit murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law of freedom. ¹³For there will be judgment without mercy on the one who has not shown mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

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 peo - ple,



and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Refrain

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Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14 (EHV)

One Sabbath day, when Jesus went into the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat bread, they were watching him closely...

⁷When he noticed how they were selecting the places of honor, he told the invited guests a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline in the place of honor, or perhaps someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him. ⁹The one who invited both of you may come and tell you, ‘Give this man your place.’ Then you will begin, with shame, to take the lowest place.

¹⁰“But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will tell you, ‘Friend, move up to a higher place.’ Then you will have honor in the presence of all who are reclining at the table with you.

¹¹“Yes, everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹²He also said to the one who had invited him, “When you make a dinner or a supper, do not invite your friends, or your brothers, or your relatives, or rich neighbors, so that perhaps they may also return the favor and pay you back.

¹³“But when you make a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. Certainly, you will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

Be seated

Hymn of the Day



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Son of God, Eternal Savior

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior,
 2 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong
 3 Bind us all as one to - geth - er
 4 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers,

Source of life and truth and grace, Word made
 King of love and Prince of Peace; Hush the
 In your Church's sa - cred fold, Weak and
 So may we for oth - ers live, Free - ly

flesh, whose birth a - mong us, Hon - or
 storm of strife and pas - sion; Bid - ers
 health - y, poor and wealth - y, Sad - its
 have your gifts been grant - ed; Free - ly

all our hu - man race, You our head,
 cru - el dis - cords cease, By your pa -
 joy - ful, young and old, Is there want
 may your ser - vants give. Yours the gold

who, throned in glo - ry, For your own will
 tient years of toil - ing, By your si - lent
 or pain or sor - row? Make us all the
 and yours the sil - ver, Yours the wealth of

ev - er plead; Fill us with your love and
 hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered thirst for
 bur - den share, Are there spir - its crushed and
 land and sea; We but stew - ards of your

pit - y; Heal our wrongs and help our need,
 plea - sure; Stem our self - ish greed for gain,
 bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care,
 boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.

Sermon

Sermon Theme: Jesus Values Service that is Humble (Text: Luke 14:1, 7-14)

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

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. [Especially bless . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Hymn



766 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of
 2 Still your chil - dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re -
 4 Sent from wor - ship as your ser - vants, forth in your dear

hu - man need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
 cry for bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
 veal - ing light in its height and depth and great - ness,
 name we go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged,

of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants,
 still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your
 dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the
 love in liv - ing deeds to show; hope and health, good -

bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se -
 deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the
 needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring
 will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your

crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift that you im - part.
 love your Spir - it kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
 us to tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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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.




CLOSING HYMN

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

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How Great Thou Art




1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cle-ma-tion



Con-sid-er all the works thy hand hath made,
And hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the might-y thun-der,
When I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur
That on the cross my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing
Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion



Thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played,
And hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze,
He bled and died to take a-way my sin,
And there pro-claim: "My God, how great thou art!"


Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior-God, to thee, "How great thou



art! How great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my



Sav-ior-God to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!"

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What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance

Saturday (08/23/25): 20

Sunday (08/24/25): 57

Total: 77

Sunday, August 31	Worship Guitar Club Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, September 1 Office Closed	Labor Day	
Tuesday, September 2 Office Closed		
Wednesday, September 3 Office Closed	Bible Study Games	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, September 4 Office Closed	FIFAF Book Club/Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Friday, September 5		
Saturday, September 6	Men's Bible Study Worship Bible Info. Class	8:00 a.m. Noon 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 7	Worship (Communion) Coffee Time Guitar Club Sunday School Bible Study SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
Monday, September 8		
Tuesday, September 9	Bible Info. Class	3:30 p.m.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2025

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
August 31	Daniel Callahan	Claire Callahan	Dean Cornelius	Willard Rancour

USHER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
September 7	Lucas Holicky	Mason Storlie	David Tietz	Linda Jandt
September 14	Josef Jirik	Ethan Paler	Roger M. Meyer	Eric Schanus
September 21	Sam Workman	Ruth Workman	Keith Barta	Scott Gilsrud
September 28	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Doug Holicky	Troy Rabenberg

Host Families Needed

In October the Martin Luther College Concert Choir will be starting out their fall tour at Trinity, 500 W Church St., Belle Plaine! They will be here on Friday, October 24, for a 7:00 p.m. concert.



We are letting our friends at Friedens know of this to invite you to attend the concert and because we are in need of 30-34 host homes to accommodate the choir members on Friday night. They are paired up Ark style (2 x 2) and ask that the pairs not be separated. Hosts are welcome to take more than one pair. Sofas, shared beds, and air mattress accommodations are altogether acceptable, but of course, their own bed is preferred. We ask that the hosts provide breakfast, and an on-time (TBD at this point) return to the church Saturday morning. Save the date on your calendar! And while we know it's a distance, please consider hosting a pair of students (or more).

Kathy Fredrich, (612) 817-6956, is coordinating the housing accommodations for the students. To sign up you can contact her or scan the QR code. This is a wonderful privilege to be having the MLC Concert Choir present their Fall concert in our area! If you have never heard the Concert Choir before, now is your opportunity.

Pastor Curt Seefeldt is available today for any questions you may have.

LWMS Fall Donations September 7

LWMS is planning to do a free-will offering on Sunday, September 7, for the LWMS fall rally, which will be held on October 4, at St. John's in Redwood Falls. The guest speaker will be Pastor Abram Degner (who lives in Paraguay and works with Academia Cristo, a part of the Latin America team).

Look for promotional materials to arrive soon. Everyone is invited. Pray for our missions, missionary families, and the LWMS as we work together in Christ!

Pam Tietz, Gay Eaves and Beth Sirek

Attention Parents!



Sunday School Starts September 7:
10:10 a.m.

Catechism Starts September 10:
5th and 6th Grades: 4:15 p.m.
7th and 8th Grades: 5:40 p.m.

