

These things I have spoken unto you, that in  
me ye might have peace. In the world ye  
shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer;  
I have overcome the world.

John 16:33



# 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

Give me a caring heart, O Lord, to love and seek the lost. Overcome my fear, and grant me courage to share my hope of salvation with those who have no hope. Make me faithful in my daily life so that all I say and do may glorify you.

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.**

# Prayer at Close of Day--*Compline*

Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026

*(Note: Congregation's parts are in boldface type.)*

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.  
**Amen.**

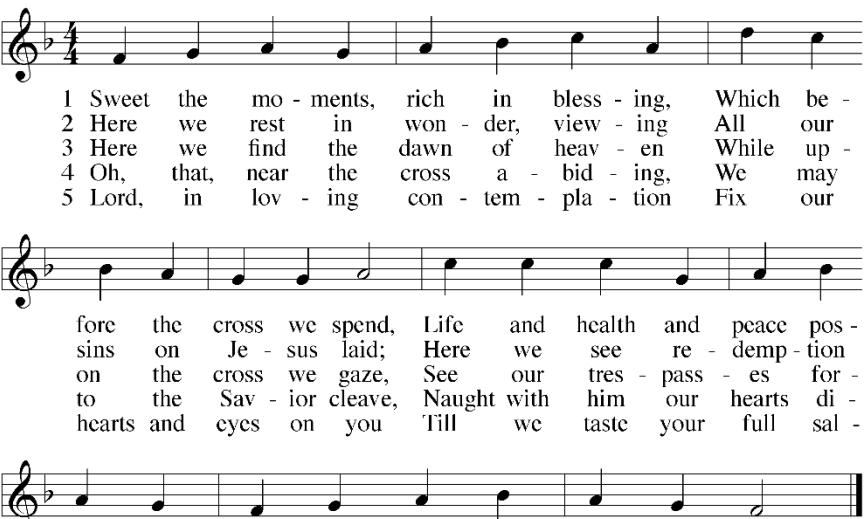
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
**to sing praise to your name, O Most High,**

to herald your love in the morning,  
**your truth at the close of day.**

## HYMN

LENT

### 111                   Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing



1 Sweet the mo - ments, rich in bless - ing, Which be -  
2 Here we rest in won - der, view - ing All our  
3 Here we find the dawn of heav - en While up -  
4 Oh, that, near the cross a - bid - ing, We may  
5 Lord, in lov - ing con - tem - pla - tion Fix our

fore the cross we spend, Life and health and peace pos -  
sins on Je - sus laid; Here we see re - demp - tion  
on the cross we gaze, See our tres - pass - es for -  
to the Sav - ior cleave, Naught with him our hearts di -  
hearts and eyes on you Till we taste your full sal -

sess - ing From the sin - ner's dy - ing friend.  
flow - ing From the sac - ri - fice he made.  
giv - en, And our songs of tri - umph raise.  
vid - ing, All for him con - tent to leave!  
va - tion And your un - veiled glo - ry view.

Text: Walter Shirley, 1725-86, alt.

Tune: RINGE RECHT (87 87) *Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz*, Basel, 1745, alt.

## CONFESSiON OF SINS

Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
**The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
**we have sinned against you**  
**in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,**  
**and in all that we have not done.**  
**Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**  
**Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**Amen.**

## Psalm 51 a

*Refrain*



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

*Psalm tone*



Have mercy on me, O God,\*  
according to your unfailing love.

Wash away all my iniquity,\*  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,\*  
and my sin is always before me.

***Refrain***

Against you, you only, have I sinned\*  
and done what is evil in your sight.

Surely I was sinful at birth,\*  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Hide your face from my sins,\*  
and blot out all my iniquity.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,\*  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**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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## Scripture Reading

### The Passion History of Our Lord Jesus Christ | Lesson One

The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. Jesus said to his disciples, “You know that after two days it will be the Passover, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.” Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas. They plotted together how to arrest Jesus in some deceitful way and kill him. But they said, “Not during the Festival, or else there might be a riot among the people.” Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve. He went away and spoke with the chief priests and officers of the temple guard about how he could betray Jesus to them. They were glad and agreed to give him money. He promised to do it and was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus to them away from the crowd.<sup>a</sup> On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” He sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house that the Teacher says, ‘Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”<sup>b</sup> A dispute arose among the disciples about which of them was considered to be greatest. But he told them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are called Benefactors. But it is not to be that way with you. Instead, let the greatest among you become like the youngest, and the one who leads like the one who serves. For who is greater, one who reclines at the table or one who serves? Isn’t it the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have remained with me in my trials. I am going to grant a kingdom to you, just as my Father granted to me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”<sup>c</sup>

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<sup>a</sup>Matthew 26:1-5; Mark 14:1-2; Luke 22:1-6

<sup>b</sup>Matthew 26:17-20; Mark 14:12-17; Luke 22:7-17

<sup>c</sup>Luke 22:24-30

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Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.<sup>a</sup> By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God. He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand." Peter told him, "You will never, ever, wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me." "Lord, not just my feet," Simon Peter replied, "but also my hands and my head!" Jesus told him, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you<sup>b</sup> are clean, but not all of you." Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean." After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you. Amen, Amen,<sup>c</sup> I tell you: A servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."<sup>d</sup> He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."<sup>e</sup>

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<sup>a</sup>Or to the fullest extent

<sup>b</sup>You is plural.

<sup>c</sup>Usually people say Amen at the end of a prayer, but Jesus used this Hebrew word at the beginning of a statement, which was unique. The inspired writer simply transliterated the Hebrew word that Jesus spoke, instead of using a Greek term. This translation does the same in English. The basic meaning is I solemnly tell you the truth. Here it is emphasized by being used twice. See FAQ #1 at [wartburgproject.org/faqs/](http://wartburgproject.org/faqs/)

<sup>d</sup>John 13:1-17 <sup>e</sup>Luke 22:17-18

## Responsive Reading

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

**Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

**Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

## SERMON

Lent Sermon Series: *The Lord's Prayer in the Light of the Lord's Passion.*

Week 1: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Text: 1 John 3:1--See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! (EHV)

# HYMN



LENT

120

## What Wondrous Love Is This

A musical staff in treble clef and 4/4 time, consisting of 12 notes.

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing

A musical staff in treble clef and 4/4 time, consisting of 12 notes.

soul! What won - drous love is this, O my soul!  
down, When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down,  
sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

A musical staff in treble clef and 4/4 time, consisting of 12 notes.

What won - drous love is this That caused the Lord of  
When I was sink - ing down Be - neath God's right - eous  
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for

A musical staff in treble clef and 4/4 time, consisting of 12 notes.

bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
Am, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing

A musical staff in treble clef and 4/4 time, consisting of 12 notes.

soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: *A General Selection of . . . Spiritual Songs*, Lynchburg, 1811, alt.

Tune: WONDRous LOVE (12 9 66 12 9) *Southern Harmony*, New Haven, 1835.

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

## **Prayer (Spoken)**

Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**Listen to my cry.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
**Hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

In righteousness I shall see you;  
**When I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

## ASH WEDNESDAY—RESPONSIVE

Holy and righteous God, as we begin again the solemn spiritual journey of Lent, we come before you in deep humility. We confess that we are sinners, both by the nature we inherit and by the sinful thoughts and desires, words and actions that nature produces. Because of our sins, we deserve only your wrath and punishment. Yet you reveal yourself, not only as a God of holiness and justice but as a God of mercy and love. Despairing of our own merits and worthiness, and in response to your gracious invitation, we come pleading for your forgiveness.

**Lord, have mercy on us for your holy name's sake.**

You have revealed your love and mercy for us sinners in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. You sent him into our world to be the atoning sacrifice for the sins of all people. Help us grasp by faith the great truth that the pain and suffering, the mockery and ridicule, and the death and punishment he endured should have

been ours. Help us understand that in incomprehensible love he suffered and died for us.

**Lord, have mercy on us for Jesus' sake.**

In silent meditation let us reflect on our sins, praise our Savior for the forgiveness he has won for us, and ask for God's continued grace to remove any doubt that we are forgiven.

*Time for silent meditation follows.*

God of grace and mercy, may your Spirit continue to be with us as we follow the way of the cross. As we contemplate the story of our Savior's passion, build us up in our faith. Renew in us the zeal to serve you by reflecting your love in our lives. Give us the desire and the ability to boldly proclaim the grace in which we stand, so that all for whom you lived and died may join us in fellowship now and in your presence forever.

**We offer our humble thanks and praise, our prayers and petitions, and ourselves in body and spirit to you, Lord God. Hear us, according to your promise, for Jesus' sake.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Song of Simeon



Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,



and guard us sleep - ing



that a - wake we may watch with Christ



and a - sleep we may rest in peace.



In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant



now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my



eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which



you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a



light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the



glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,  
and guard us sleep - ing  
that a - wake we may watch with Christ  
and a - sleep we may rest in peace,  
in peace, in peace.

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Let us praise the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## BLESSING

The Almighty and merciful Lord—  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—  
bless us and keep us.

**Amen.**

**The Choir will Sing *Tallis' Canon*  
by Thomas Tallis (1510-1595)**



# What's Coming Up at Friedens?

## Last Week's Attendance

Saturday (02/14/26): 20

Sunday (02/15/26): 85

Total: 105

Sunday, February 22	Worship Sunday School <b>Bible Study</b> <b>TRAILBLAZERS: PINE CAR SHOP W/LUNCH &amp; DEVOTION</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
Monday, February 23		
Tuesday, February 24	<b>Choir</b> (Canceled for this week)	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, February 25 <b>Pastor's "Drop-In" Consultation Times:</b> 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Games 5 & 6 Catechism 7 & 8 Catechism <b>Soup Supper</b> <b>Ash Wednesday Lenten Service</b>	9:00 a.m. 4:15 p.m. 5:40 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, February 26		
Friday, February 27		
Saturday, February 28	<b>Men's Bible Study</b> Worship	8:00 a.m. Noon
Sunday, March 1	Worship (Communion) Coffee Time Sunday School <b>OUTREACH MEETING</b> <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
Monday, March 2		
Tuesday, March 3	Worship at Mala Strana <b>Choir</b>	11:00 a.m. 7:15 p.m.

## USHER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
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



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*Please Join Us in Worship!*

**Reg. Service Times: Sunday 9 a.m. | Saturday Noon**

**LENTEN SEASON | HOLY WEEK | EASTER  
SERVICE SCHEDULE**

SERVICE	DATE	TIME
Ash Wednesday	February 18	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	February 25	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 4	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 11	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 18	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 25	7:15 p.m.
Palm Sunday	March 29	9:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	April 2	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	April 3	7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday (Sunrise)	April 5	7:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast	April 5	8:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday	April 5	9:00 a.m.

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*Ash Wednesday*

**The Lenten Season Begins**

*Please Join Us in Worship!*

Wednesday Lenten Services ( February 18-March 25): 7:15 p.m.

**Soup Suppers will be served  
before each Lenten service, starting at 6:00 p.m.**

Feel free to use these invitations to hand  
out to friends and family.  
They are on the literature table.



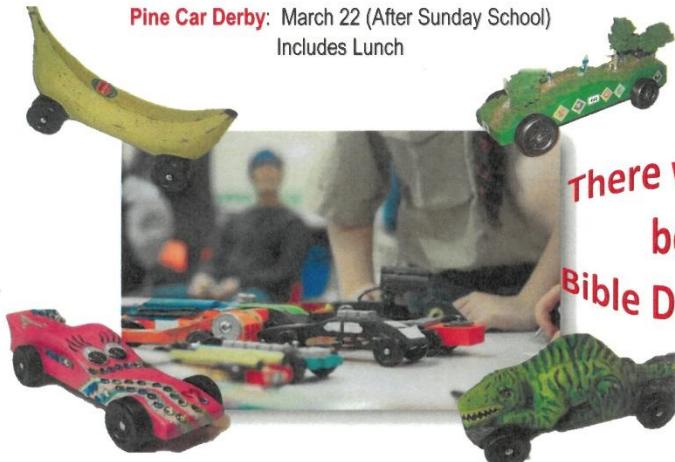
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## “Trailblazers”

For All Kids (Grades 1-8)

**Pine Car Shop:** February 22 (After Sunday School till Finished)  
Includes Lunch

**Pine Car Derby:** March 22 (After Sunday School)  
Includes Lunch



There will also  
be a  
Bible Devotion.

Sign Up and Pick Up Your Pine Car on the  
Literature Table!

Don't forget  
to bring a  
friend!



**First**, kids will race the  
new cars built in 2026.

**Second**, we'll have a  
Vintage Race, where  
we'll race cars from  
previous years.

**FYI:** There are usually  
extra pine cars that  
guests can use to race in  
the special Vintage Race.

Make sure to pick up a pine car kit on  
the literature table. Please fill out the  
form that you received your car kit.