

*But if we walk in the light, just  
as he is in the light, we have  
fellowship with one another, and  
the blood of Jesus Christ, his  
Son, cleanses us from all sin.*

*1 John 1:7*



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Pastor Henry Koch

## Welcome to Worship!

**Sunday Worship Service: 9 a.m.**

### Prayer Before Worship

Great Physician of body and soul, I have been struggling with sickness and pain. If it is your will, let these days pass quickly. Guide the hands of those who care for me, and give me confidence in their skills. If I must continue to suffer, grant me the comfort of knowing that you will allow nothing to happen to me which is not for my eternal good.

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.**
- If needed, for your convenience, you can also view and hear the service in our Fellowship Hall.

# Third Sunday of Easter | April 14, 2024

## Holy Baptism & THE SERVICE *Setting One*

### OPENING HYMN

#### 646 See This Wonder in the Making



1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God him -  
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens as the  
3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, far more



self this child is tak - ing as a lamb safe in his  
door of heav - en o - pens and the Fa - ther beams, "Be -  
car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to your arms we



keep - ing, his to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.  
lov - ed, heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"  
place *him/her/them*, with your love and peace em - brace *him/her/them*.

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## *The Holy Baptism of Loretta Rose Dockendorf*

*Remain Seated*

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

**Amen.**

## Confession

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**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*

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

### *The Rite of Baptism Continues at the Font*

#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

The Gospel According to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Loretta Rose Dockendorf, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

*Exhortations May be Spoken*

Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Loretta as your own child and made her a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to her and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness, and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that with all your saints we may inherit eternal life through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### 646 See This Wonder in the Making



4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; home we  
take a new-born crea - ture, now God's pre - cious son or  
daugh - ter, born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

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### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Acts 3:9-20 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

<sup>9</sup>All the people saw him walking and praising God. <sup>10</sup>They recognized him as the one who used to sit begging for money at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. <sup>11</sup>While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people came running toward them in utter amazement in the area called Solomon's Colonnade.

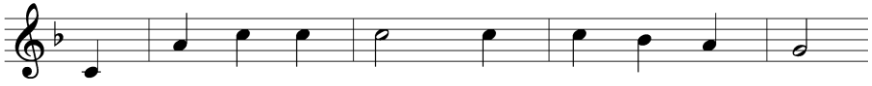
<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us, as if by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. <sup>15</sup>You killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup>And on the basis of faith in his name, it is the name of Jesus that has strengthened this man, whom you see and know. This faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just like your leaders. <sup>18</sup>But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through the mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Therefore repent and return to have your sins wiped out, <sup>20</sup>so that refreshing times may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you.

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm of the Day: 150A Sing Praise to the LORD, You People of Grace



1 Sing praise to the LORD, you peo - ple of grace;  
2 His great - ness ex - ceeds what words can ex - plain,  
3 Where mu - sic is made, let rhy - thms a - bound:  
4 Yield all that you are to wor - ship the LORD—



fill heav'n with the songs that sound from this place;  
and his is the pow'r no force can re - strain;  
let cym - bals and drums add weight to the sound;  
see life as a psalm, each mo - ment a chord;



since you are God's ser - vants and meet in his name,  
with fan - fares of horns and cre - scen - dos of strings,  
with dance that is grace - ful and words that are clear,  
let har - mon - ies flour - ish and mel - o - dies soar—



his won - ders de - clare and his glo - ry pro - claim.  
raise an - thems to hon - or the King of all kings.  
bring joy to the God you a - dore and re - vere.  
let all that has breath praise the LORD ev - er - more.

## Refrain



Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le! Hal - le!



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Hal - le! Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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## GOSPEL

### Luke 24:36-49 (EHV) Jesus Appears to the Disciples

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>37</sup>But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost.

<sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

<sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. <sup>43</sup>He took it and ate in front of them. <sup>44</sup>He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.”

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He said to them, “This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

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

## CHILDREN'S LESSON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

#### 459 Christ the Lord Is Risen Again



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n a - gain; Christ has bro - ken  
2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en -  
3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up -  
4 He whose path no rec - ords tell has de - scend - ed



death's strong chain. Hark, the an - gels shout for joy,  
dured the strife, is our Pas - chal Lamb to - day.  
on the cross lives in glo - ry now on high,  
in - to hell; he the strong man armed has bound



sing - ing ev - er - more on high: Hal - le - lu - jah!  
We too sing for joy and say: Hal - le - lu - jah!  
pleads for us, and hears our cry: Hal - le - lu - jah!  
and in high - est heav'n is crowned. Hal - le - lu - jah!

5 He who slumbered in the grave  
is exalted now to save;  
now through Christendom it rings  
that the Lamb is King of kings.  
Hallelujah!

6 Now he bids us tell abroad  
how the lost may be restored,  
how the penitent forgiv'n,  
how we, too, may enter heav'n.  
Hallelujah!

# **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*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING** (Kindly fill out the red Friendship Registers. Thanks.)

# HYMN: 713 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

## *Refrain*



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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## *Stand* **PRAYER**

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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

### 444 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er  
2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne high o'er heav'n and  
3 Je - sus lives! For me he died; hence will I, to



can ap - pall me. Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
earth is giv - en. I shall go where he is gone,  
Je - sus liv - ing, pure in heart and act a - bide,



From the grave Christ will re - call me. Bright - er  
live and reign with him in heav - en. God is  
praise to him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I



scenes will then com - mence; this shall be my con - fi - dence.  
faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
need God will dis - pense; this shall be my con - fi - dence.

## What's Coming Up at Friedens?

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIME
Sunday, April 14	Worship (Baptism of Loretta Rose Dockendorf) Sunday School <b>Bible Study</b> <i>Trailblazers--Pine Car Derby</i> <i>Everyone is welcome to bring snacks to share!</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
Monday, April 15		
Tuesday, April 16	Worship at Mala Strana <b>Bible Info Class</b> Worship	11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 17	Bible Study Games 5 & 6 Catechism 7 & 8 Catechism <b>Youth Bible Class</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:15 p.m. 5:40 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, April 18	<i>Bible Info Class</i> <i>OUTREACH MEETING</i>	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 19		
Saturday, April 20	<b>Men's Bible Study</b> Worship <b>Bible Info Class</b>	8:00 a.m. Noon 12:50 p.m.
Sunday, April 21	Worship (Communion) Sunday School <b>Bible Study</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, April 22		
Tuesday, April 23	<b>Bible Info Class</b> <b>Choir</b>	2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

### USHERS

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
April 14	Daniel Stahl	Lexi Rivers	Jeff Heine	Joe Stahl
April 21	Lucas Holicky	Mason Storlie	Matt Schellin	Willard Rancour
April 28	Josef Jirik	Ethan Paler	David Tietz	Linda Jandt

# Trailblazers--Pine Car Derby

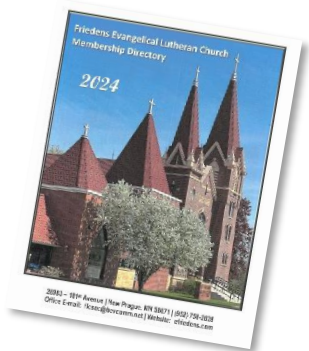
Sunday, April 14, 11:30 a.m.

*See Pastor for Details.*

Everyone is welcome to bring a  
snack to share!



The new Friedens' Membership Directory is finished. You can pick up your copy on the literature table in the Welcome Area.



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