. . . When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. "What do you think, Simon?" he asked. "From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes—from their own children or from others?"

"From others," Peter answered.

"Then the children are exempt," Jesus said to him. "But so that we may not cause offense, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours."



Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church

28983 – 181st Avenue | New Prague, MN 56071
Church: (952) 758-2828 | Website: EFriedens.com
Pastor Henry Koch

Welcome to Worship!

Worship Services

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

Prayer Before Worship

Lord of all nations, I praise you for the blessings you have showered on my country. Guide and guard your representatives in government as they care for the needs of all citizens. Give them wisdom to rule our society with honesty and justice, that we may have peace in our lives and opportunities to witness to your love.
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*
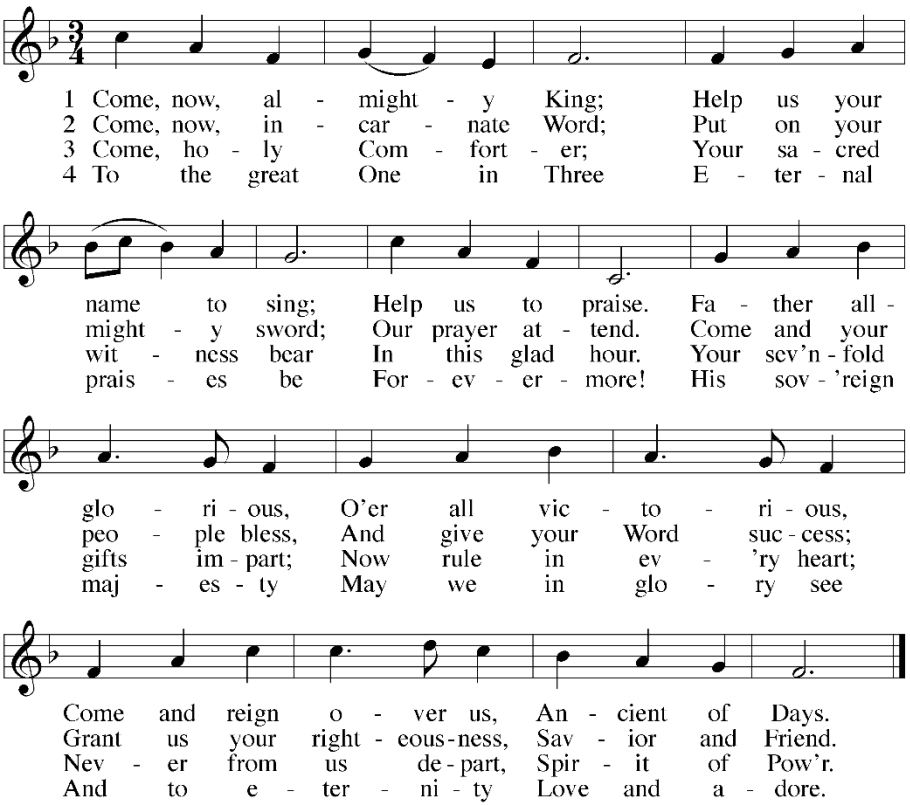
November 14 & 15, 2026



HOLY TRINITY

Congregations Sings Verses 1-3

193 Come, Now, Almighty King



Text: Unknown, c. 1757, abr., alt.
Tune: ITALIAN HYMN (664 6664) Felice de Giardini, 1716–96, alt.

Stand

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

Amen.

CONFESSION

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.



HYMN 193 COME, NOW, ALMIGHTY KING

Verse 4

To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be
Forevermore!
His sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see
And to eternity
Love and adore.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, forgive the wrongdoing of your people and be gentle with us in our weakness. Deliver us from the bondage of our sin and direct us to the path of righteousness; 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

1 Samuel 20:27-42 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

27On the day after the new moon, the second day of the month, David's place was still empty. So Saul asked his son Jonathan, "Why didn't the son of Jesse come to the meal, either yesterday or today?"

28Jonathan answered Saul, "David begged me for permission to go to Bethlehem. 29He said, 'Please let me go, because our family has a sacrifice in the city. My brother has ordered me to be there. Now, if I have found favor in your eyes, please excuse me so I can go and see my brothers.' That is why he has not come to the king's table."

30Then Saul's anger burned against Jonathan, and he said to him, "You son of a perverted, unfaithful woman! Don't I know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of your mother's nakedness? 31For as long as the son of Jesse lives on this earth, you will not be established, nor will your kingship. So send for him and bring him to me, because he must surely die!"

32Jonathan answered his father Saul, "Why should he be put to death? What has he done?"

33Saul threw his spear at him to hit him. So Jonathan knew that his father was determined to put David to death. 34Jonathan got up from the table in

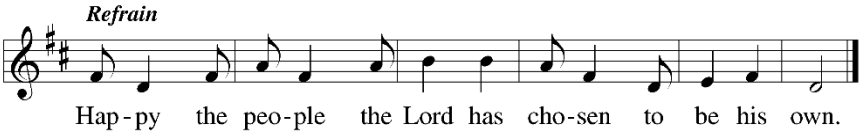
fierce anger, and he ate no food on the second day of the month, for he grieved for David, because his father had treated David so shamefully.
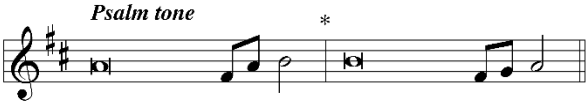
35In the morning Jonathan went out into the field at the time he had set with David. He took a young servant boy with him. 36He said to his boy, "Run out and find the arrows that I shoot." As the boy ran, Jonathan shot an arrow beyond him. 37When the boy reached the area where Jonathan's arrow had landed, Jonathan yelled to the boy, "Isn't the arrow farther out from you?" 38Jonathan shouted to the boy, "Go faster! Hurry up! Don't be slow!" Jonathan's boy picked up the arrows and came back to his master. 39The boy did not know anything about what was going on. Only Jonathan and David knew. 40Jonathan gave his equipment to his boy and told him, "Go on ahead. Carry these things into the city."

41As soon as the boy was gone, David got up from the south side of the mound. He fell down with his face to the ground and bowed three times. They kissed one another and wept together, but David wept more. 42Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, because we have both sworn in the LORD's name. May the LORD stand between you and me and between my offspring and your offspring forever." David got up and left, and Jonathan went back into the city.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133-134





How good and pleasant it is*
when brothers live together in unity!

For there the LORD bestows his blessing,*
even life forevermore.

Refrain

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD*
who minister in the house of the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary*
and praise the LORD.

May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,*
bless you from Zion.

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

Refrain Tune: Columba Kelly. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc., Chicago, IL, www.giamusic.com. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Second Reading

Acts 20:26-32 (EHV)

26 Therefore I solemnly declare to you today that I am
innocent of the blood of all of you, 27 for I did not
hesitate to proclaim to you the whole counsel of God.

28 "Always keep watch over yourselves and over the
whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as
overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he
purchased with his own blood. 29 I know that after my
departure savage wolves, who will not spare the flock,
will come in among you. 30 Even from your own group
men will rise up, twisting the truth in order to draw
away disciples after them. 31 Therefore be always on
the alert! Remember that for three years, night and
day, I never stopped warning each one of you with
tears.

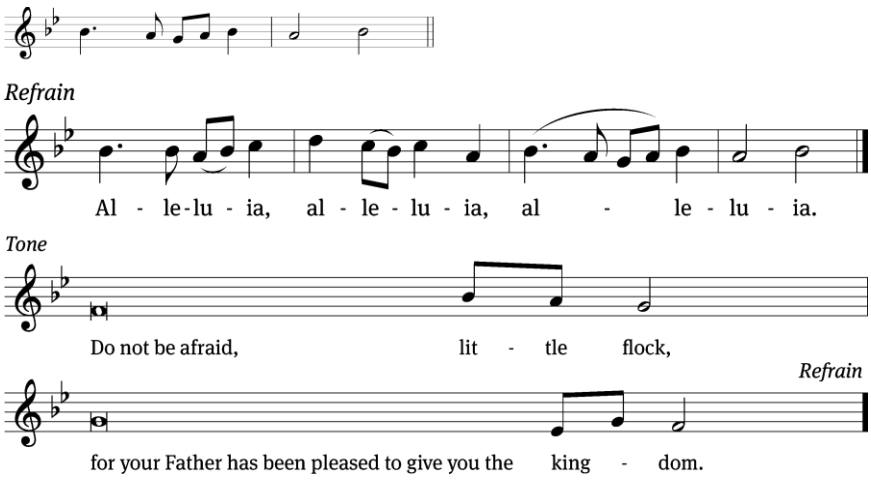
32 "And now I entrust you to God and to the word of
his grace, which has power to build you up and to give
you an inheritance among all those who are
sanctified."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation - Setting 1



Tune: © 2021 Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: CCLI no. 11241921

Gospel

Matthew 17:24-27 (EHV)

[24]When they came to Capernaum, those who collected the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?" [25]He said, "Yes."

When he came into the house, Jesus spoke first, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth collect tolls or a tax? From their own sons or from others?"

[26]Peter said to him, "From others."

Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are exempt. [27]But, so that we do not offend them, go to the sea, cast a hook, and take the first fish that you pull up. When you open its mouth, you will find a silver coin. Take that coin and give it to them for me and for you."

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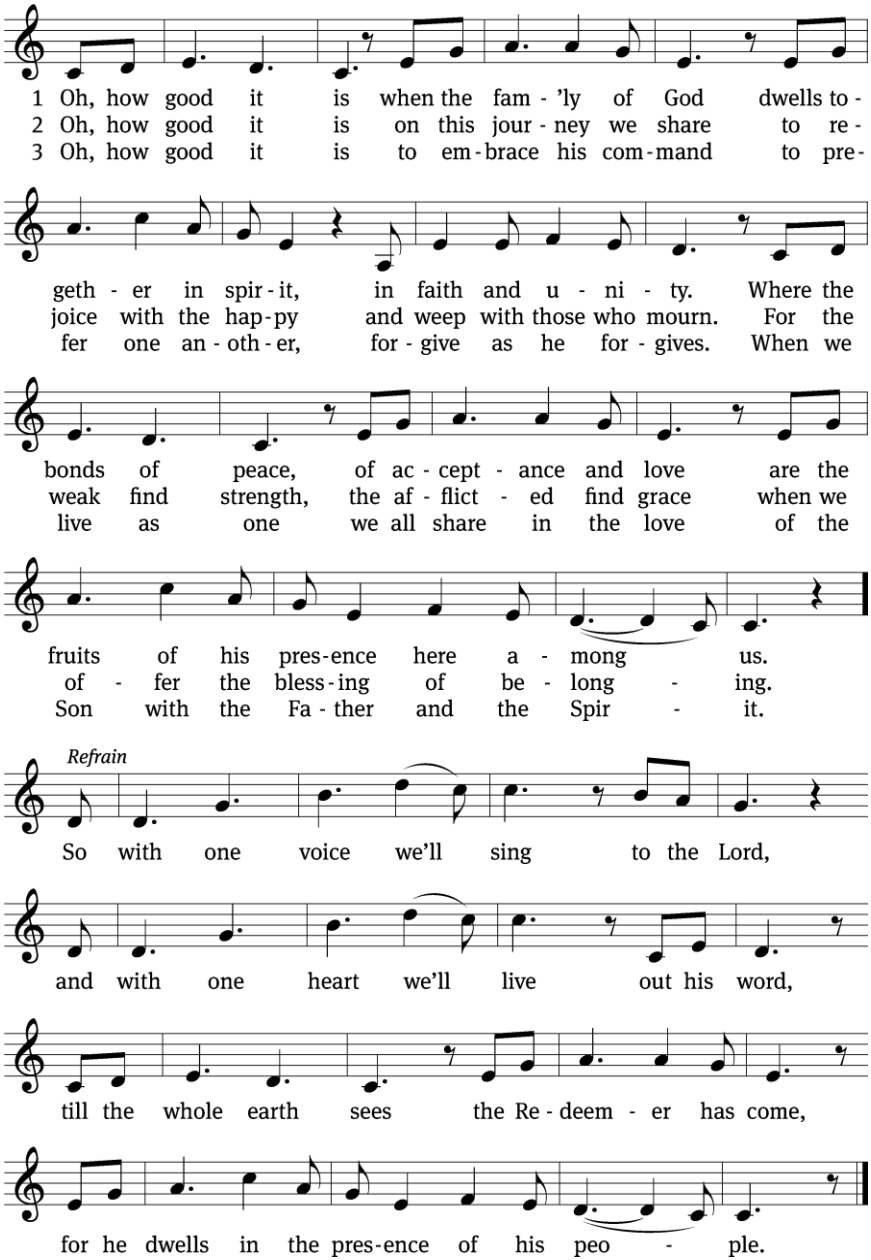
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Hymn of the Day

731 Oh, How Good It Is



Text: © 2012 Getty Music Publishing (BMI), Parakeet Boots Music (ASCAP), Townend Songs, admin. Music Services . Used by permission: CCLI no. 11241921
Text and tune: © 2012 Getty Music Publishing (BMI), Parakeet Boots Music (ASCAP), Townend Songs, admin.

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.)

43. END TIME OR CHRIST THE KING—RESPONSIVE

M: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.

M: You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.

C: Allelula! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!

M: You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve you, our God and Father.

C: Help us live as royal priests.

M: We give thanks to you, O Christ our Shepherd-King, because you have searched for us and found us. Lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of your saving love, so that we may enjoy peace and comfort for our souls.

C: Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin and guilt. Strengthen us when we are weak.

M: We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Come with your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil, of the ungodly influences and ideas of the world, and of our own sinful nature. Use your power to calm the unrest among nations and peoples so that your kingdom may spread and grow.

C: Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.

M: O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.

C: Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with His glory.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

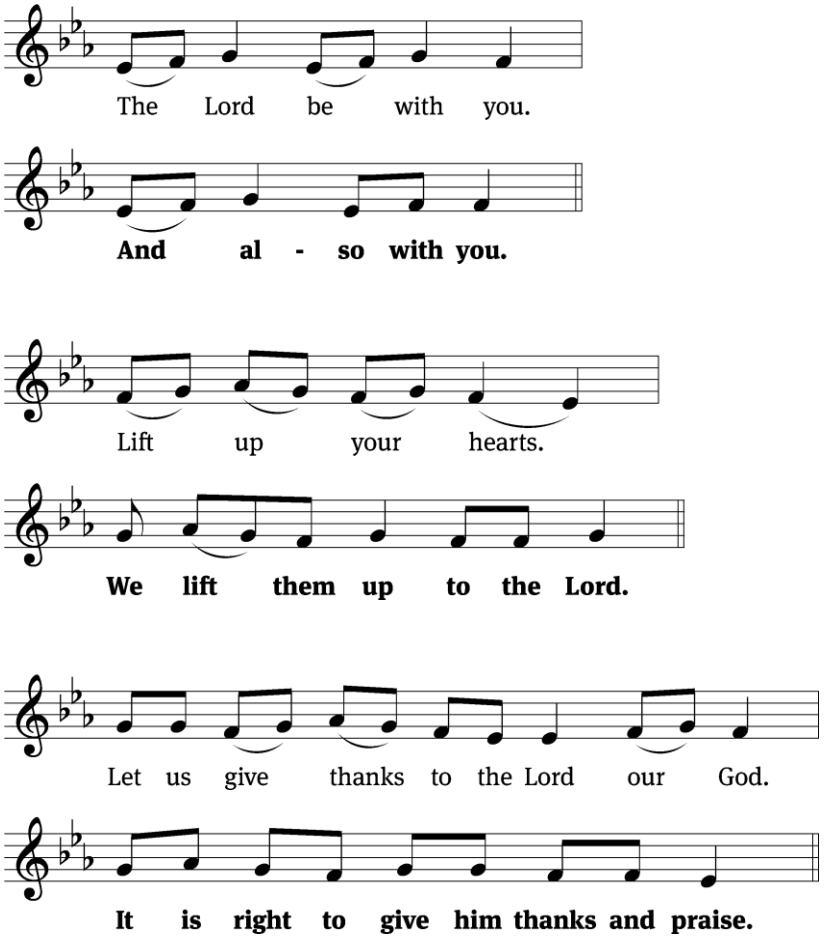
C: The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! Amen.

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

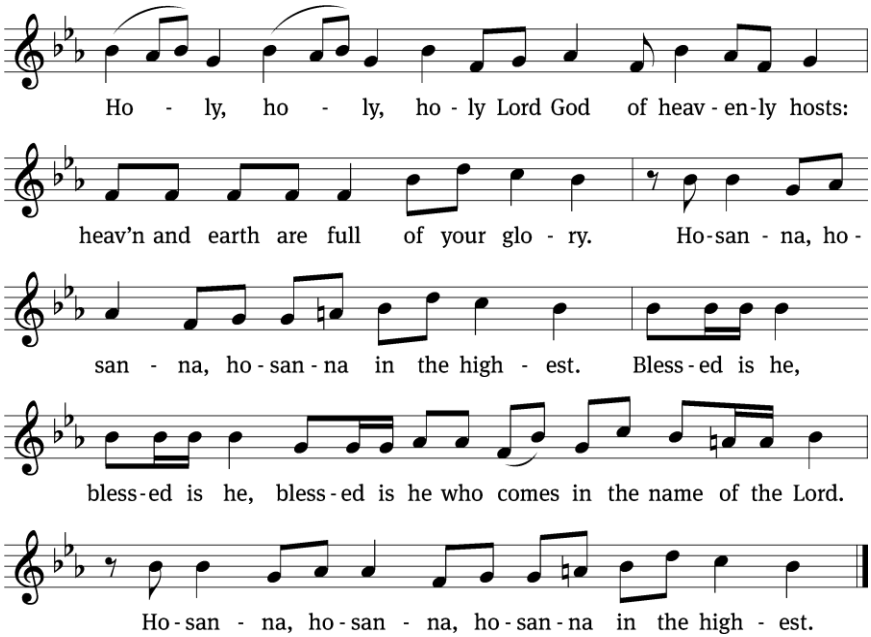
Preface



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 preserves his Church to the end of time, when he will come again as King to judge all people and take his own to glory.*

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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

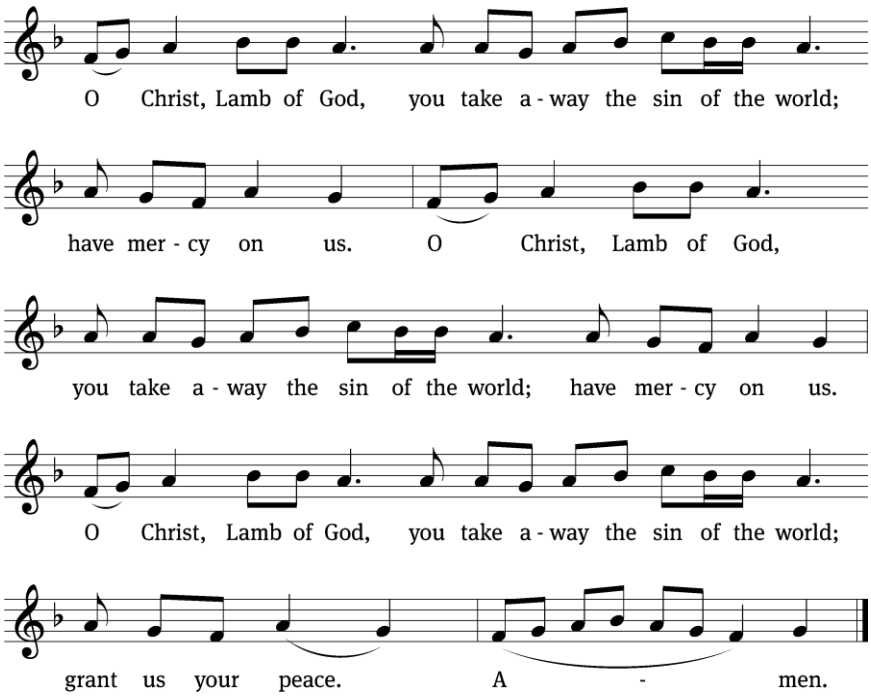
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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."

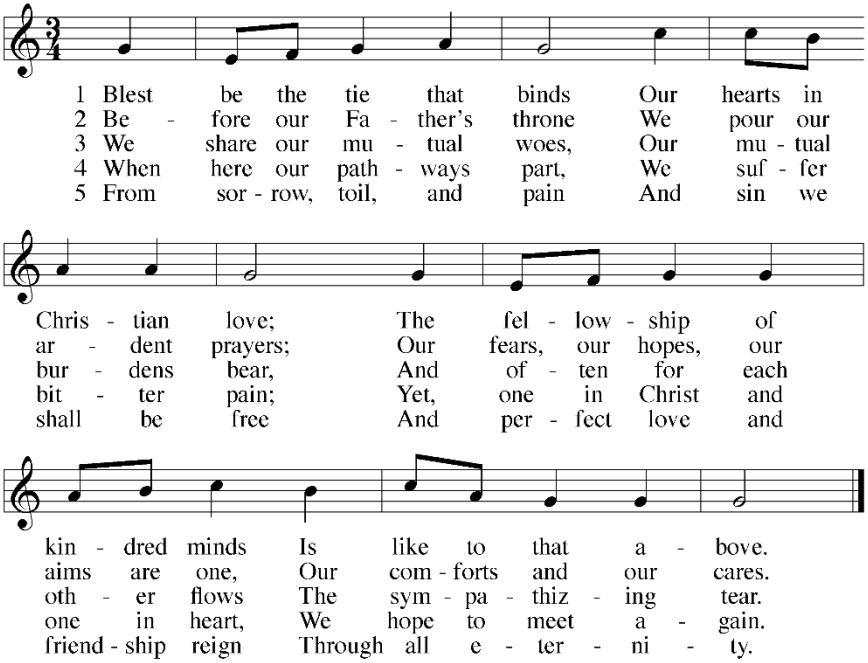
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



Distribution

494 Blest Be the Tie that Binds



Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, abr., alt.
Tune: BOYLSTON (SM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

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.

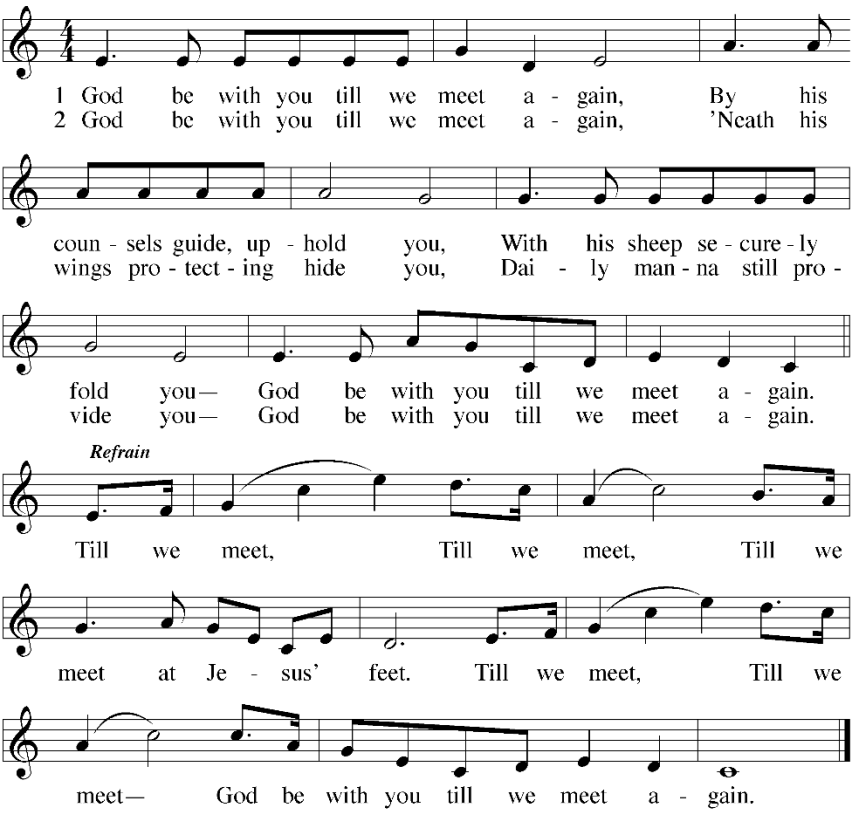
We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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.

CLOSING HYMN

327 God Be with You till We Meet Again



Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904, abr., alt.
Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU (98 89 with Refrain) William O. Tomer, 1833–96.

Note: Service music is reprinted and used with permission by CCLI (License #11241921), and ONE LICENSE (License #A-725514). All rights reserved.

What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance	
Saturday (11/07/26):	26
Sunday (11/08/26):	70
Total:	96

Sunday, November 15 *Exec. Council—Pls. Stay After Worship so Heidi Can Take a New Picture for Website. Thanks.*	Worship (Communion) Sunday School Bible Study ***Bake Sale Today***	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, November 16		
Tuesday, November 17	Worship at Mala Strana Worship Choir	11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 18 **Pastor's "Drop-In" Consultation Times:** 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.
Thursday, November 19		
Friday, November 20		
Saturday, November 21	Men's Bible Study Worship Bible Info Class **Hot Cider at Hy-Vee Outreach** (Volunteers Needed—Teens & Adults Welcome)	8:00 a.m. Noon 1:00 p.m. Set Up 9:30 a.m./ 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 22	Worship Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, November 23		
Tuesday, November 24	Choir	7:00 p.m.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
November 15, 2026	Mason Storlie	Jackson Storlie	Jeff Heine	Joe Stahl
November 22, 2026	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Dean Cornelius	Willard Rancour
November 26, 2026	Corey Schanus	Kaden Holicky	David Tietz	Linda Jandt
November 29, 2026	Mason Storlie	Jackson Storlie	Roger M. Meyer	Eric Schanus

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

Christmas for Kids

December 5, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friedens' Fellowship Hall

(Contact: Cindy Koch, 952-564-9496)

Nativity Story | Game | Candy Cane Hunt | Crafts | Singing | Cookie Decorating

All kids are welcome to come learn about Jesus. Feel free to bring your friends.



Please fill out a form (located on the literature table in the Welcome Area of the church) to register your child and give the form to Cindy Koch, or just arrive a little early the day of the event.

Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church: 28983 – 181st Avenue, New Prague, MN 56071

Children's Activity

Decorating Gingerbread Houses

December 12, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Friedens' Fellowship Hall

(Contact: Liza Flinton, 612-246-7768)



Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church: 28983 – 181st Avenue, New Prague, MN 56071

Bake Sale!

Sunday, November 15

ATTENTION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

After worship today, I would like to take a picture of the Executive Council to update the Website picture.

Please and Thank you.

Church Mouse



Volunteers Needed
(Teens & Adults) for our
Outreach Event
"Hot Cider at Hy-Vee"

November 21 at Hy-Vee in N.P.
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
(Set Up: 9:30 a.m.)
Ask Russ Meyer for Details.

