

And he said unto them,
What man shall there be among you,
that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the
sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?
How much then is a man better than a sheep?
Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

Matthew 12:11-12



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

Lord of the Church, you have joined me to a family of believers who walk together in faith, love and service. Keep the congregations of our synod faithful to your Word, and make them eager to do your work. Guide our leaders, and help them fulfill their responsibilities with patience and understanding. Give me a vision which sees beyond the boundaries of my own congregation and a willingness to support the worldwide mission of your Church.

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

September 5 & 6, 2026

HYMN

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for
reign - ing And, as on wings of an
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when
fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and
dore him! All that has life and breath,



he is your health and sal - va - tion!
ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
heed - less - ly fall - ing, has stayed you.
mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear Now to his tem - ple draw
Have you not seen All that is need - ful has
What need or grief Ev - er has failed of re -
Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can
Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -



near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.
do As with his love he be - friends you.
gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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.

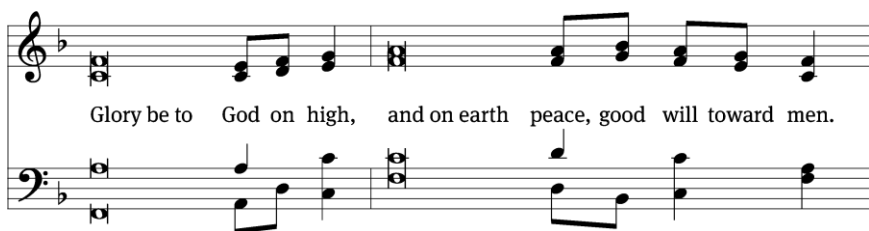
For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

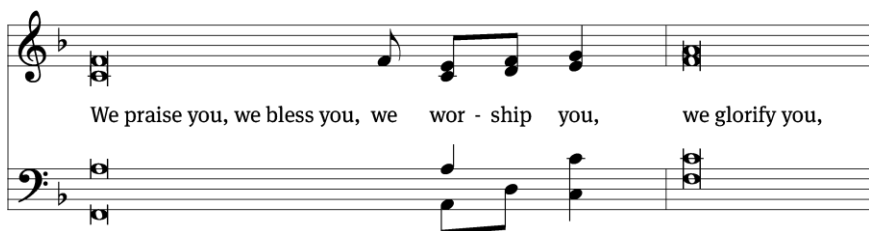
Amen.

Glory Be to God on High



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same key signature and rhythmic patterns.

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Numbers 21:4-9 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

⁴They set out from Mount Hor along the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom, but the people became very impatient along the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? Look, there is no food! There is no water! And we are disgusted by this worthless food!”

⁶The LORD sent venomous snakes among the people, and the snakes bit the people. As a result many people from Israel died. ⁷The people went to Moses and said, “We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD to take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed on behalf of the people.

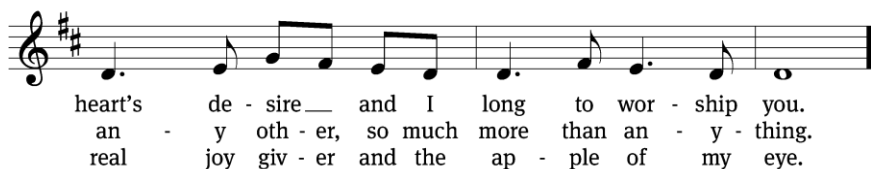
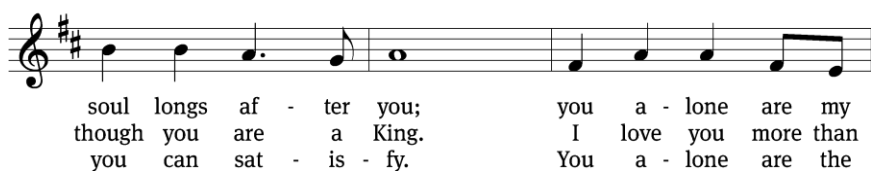
⁸The LORD said to Moses, “Make a venomous snake and put it on a pole. If anyone who is bitten looks at it, he will live.” ⁹Moses made a bronze snake and put it on the pole. If a snake had bitten anyone, if that person looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

*The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

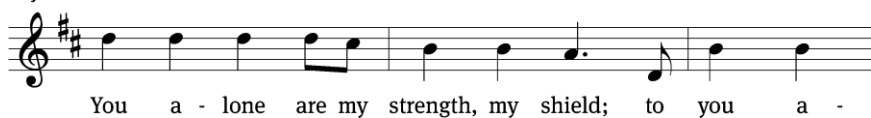
Psalm 42A As the Deer



1 As the deer pants — for the wa - ter, so my
2 You're my friend, and — you're my broth - er, e - ven
3 I want you more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly



Refrain



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Second Reading

Romans 7:14-25 (EHV)

¹⁴Certainly we know that the law is spiritual, but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. ¹⁵For I do not understand what I am doing, because I do not keep doing what I want. Instead, I do what I hate. ¹⁶And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But now it is no longer I who am doing it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸Indeed, I know that good does not live in me, that is, in my sinful flesh. The desire to do good is present with me, but I am not able to carry it out. ¹⁹So I fail to do the good I want to do. Instead, the evil I do not want to do, that is

what I keep doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who am doing it, but it is sin living in me.

²¹So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is present with me. ²²I certainly delight in God's law according to my inner self, ²³but I see a different law at work in my members, waging war against the law of my mind and taking me captive to the law of sin, which is present in my members. ²⁴What a miserable wretch I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation - Setting 1



Refrain



Tone



Refrain



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Gospel

Matthew 12:9-21 (EHV)

⁹Going on from there, he went into their synagogue. ¹⁰A man was there who had a withered hand. Looking for a way to accuse Jesus, they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on Sabbath days?”

¹¹He said to them, “Who among you, if you have one sheep that falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? ¹²How much more valuable is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” ¹³Then he told the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and it was restored, as healthy as the other one. ¹⁴But the Pharisees went out and plotted against him, considering how they might put him to death.

“Here Is My Servant”

¹⁵Since Jesus was aware of this, he withdrew from that place. Large crowds followed him and he healed them all. ¹⁶He ordered them not to tell others about him. ¹⁷This happened to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet:

¹⁸Here is my servant whom I have chosen,
the one I love, in whom I am well pleased.

I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

¹⁹He will not quarrel or cry out,
and no one will hear his voice in the streets.

²⁰A bruised reed he will not break.

A smoldering wick he will not put out,
until he leads justice to victory.

²¹And in his name the nations will hope.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Hymn of the Day

541 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, my



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place, my nev - er - fail - ing
Proph - et, Priest, and King, my Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
treasure filled with bound - less stores of grace.
way, my end, ac - cept the praise I bring.

- 5 How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought,
but when I see you as you are,
I'll praise you as I ought!
- 6 Till then I would your love proclaim
with ev'ry fleeting breath;
and may the music of your name
refresh my soul in death.

SERMON

STAND

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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

Minister: Let us pray to the God of all knowledge and wisdom that the Church may be renewed and strengthened for her mission.

M: O Lord, you have revealed your good and gracious will to your people on earth. Forgive us for pursuing that knowledge that serves only our selfish desires and for using what we have learned to exploit and hurt others. Cleanse our guilty hearts of the apathy we feel for searching out the deeper truths of your Word.

C: Holy Spirit, hear our prayer that we may put self aside and rejoice in the truth that builds up.

M: Heavenly Father, send the Spirit of Jesus into our hearts so that like the Bereans of old we eagerly learn of you. As the deer pants for streams of water, may we be instilled with a longing to explore the mysteries of your grace.

C: Holy Spirit, increase in us the knowledge of your truth.

M: As you sent your Son among us as the Word made flesh, so bless the efforts of schools, colleges, and seminaries to train those who proclaim your presence among us in Word and sacrament.

C: Holy Spirit, instill in us a desire to teach others the wisdom of your ways.

M: God of light, give to the Church renewed wisdom and fresh understanding that the message of your salvation may shine ever brighter in this dark age.

C: Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love so that others may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth so that at the name of Jesus every knee may bow.

C: May your peace, which transcends all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. 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





Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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 lives and reigns forever in perfect unity with you and the Holy Spirit as one God and one Lord.*

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.

The 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.

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

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases marked with slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes, aligned with the syllables. The text is: "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." The final note is a double bar line.

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



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I Come, O Savior, to Your Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Oh, grant that I in man - ner wor - thy May now trust
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Oh, let me loathe all sin for - ev - er As death and
 5 Your heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners



wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a - lone are
 sole - ly in your Word, And, con - sci - ous of the sins be -
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet you your lamb will ban - ish
 poi - son to my soul, That I through will - ful sin - ning
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to you in faith are



a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole.
 fore me, Look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.
 nev - er, Nor will your faith - ful - ness de - part. Lord, may your
 nev - er May see your judg - ment take its toll!
 turn - ing; So let me, too, come trust - ing - ly.



bod - y and your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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|---|--|
| <p>6 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now your guest.
<i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>11 Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
Your blood, which you for me have shed—
These are my life and strength forever;
By them my hungry soul is fed.
<i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>7 You here will find a heart most lowly
That feels unworthy in your sight,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely
Your merit pleads, as it is right.
<i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>12 With you, Lord, I am now united;
I live in you and you in me.
No sorrow fills my soul; delighted,
It finds its peace on Calvary.
<i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>8 By faith I call your holy table
The testament of your deep love,
For by your gift I now am able
To know the heart of God above.
<i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>13 Who can condemn me now? For surely
The Lord is near, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely
With Jesus I to heaven rise.
<i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>9 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace.
<i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>14 Though death may threaten with disaster,
It cannot rob me of my cheer,
For he who is of death the master
With help and strength is always near.
<i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>10 This feast is manna, wealth abounding
Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r,
To angels joy, to hell confounding,
And life for me in death's dark hour.
<i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>15 My heart has now become your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
<i>Refrain</i></p> |

Text: Friedrich C. Heyder, 1677–1754, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.
Tune: ICH STERBE TÄGLICH (98 98 88) *Emskirchner Choralbuch*, Leipzig, 1756, alt.

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



FAITH

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My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of
2 May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a -
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me
faint - ing heart; My zeal in - spire! As thou hast
round me spread, Be thou my guide. Bid dark - ness
sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior,



while I pray; Take all my guilt a - way;
died for me, Oh, may my love to thee
turn to day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way,
then, in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move;



Oh, let me from this day Be whol - ly thine!
Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
Oh, bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-87.

Tune: OLIVET (664 6664) Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.

What's Coming Up at Friedens?

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	
Saturday (08/29/26):	36
Sunday (08/30/26):	<u>53</u>
Total:	89

Sunday, September 6	Worship (Communion) Coffee Time SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MTG. OUTREACH MEETING	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.
Monday, September 7 Office Closed	Happy Labor Day	
Tuesday, September 8	Worship at Mala Strana Worship	11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 9 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, September 10	LADIES AID MEETING ELDERS/EXEC. COUNCIL MTG.	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Friday, September 11		
Saturday, September 12	Men's Bible Study Worship Youth Bike Trip--Waterville	8:00 a.m. Noon 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 13	Worship Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, September 14		
Tuesday, September 15	Choir	6:30 p.m.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
September 6, 2026	Corey Schanus	Kaden Holicky	Duane Jirik	Justin Storlie
September 13, 2026	Mason Storlie	Jackson Storlie	Gary Grassmann	Bruce Nelson
September 20, 2026	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Jeff Heine	Joe Stahl
September 27, 2026	Corey Schanus	Kaden Holicky	Dean Cornelius	Willard Rancour



**MN Valley Lutheran Women's
Missionary Society Fall Rally**

ATHENS IS ON MY MIND!

Saturday, October 3, 2026

St. Paul's Lutheran Church | Jordan, MN
100 6th St W | Jordan, MN 55352

Coffee Hour 8–9AM

Program 9AM–12:15PM

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**GUEST
SPEAKER**

Pastor Dan Lindner

Campus Ministry Mission Counselor

—◆—
Please contact Amy Radick with any
dietary requirements or questions:
spljordan.la@gmail.com or
952-492-2489.



ACTS 17:16-34 (esp. 16-17)

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.



SEPTEMBER IN A NUTSHELL

Catechism Starts: September 2 (Grades 5 & 6 at 4:15 p.m. & Grades 7 & 8 at 5:40 p.m.)



Waterville Youth Bike Trip: September 12, at 1:00 p.m. (See Pastor)

Sunday School Starts: September 13, at 10:10 a.m.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: September 21, 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

We need volunteers for the Blood Drive!

Please check the Volunteer 2026 wall
(it has moved next to the bulletin board)
for opportunities to help.

ALSO—We need to plan some Trailblazer events!

Adult Members: Please sign up on the wall above the literature table in the Welcome Area to host an event for our precious children. We are hoping to have at least one event per month (September-May) for the kids to look forward to.

Thank you so much.