

“Don’t you see

that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach
and then out of the body?

But the things that come out of a person’s mouth
come from the heart, and these defile them.

For out of the **heart** come evil thoughts—
murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft,
false testimony, slander.

These are what defile a person;
but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

Matthew 15:17-20



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Pastor Henry Koch

Welcome to Worship!

Worship Services

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

Prayer Before Worship

God our Father, your Son welcomed all who came to him, even the outcasts and despised. Give me a faith that dares to come to you, trusting only in your love. Give me a love that loves others, as I have been loved by 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.**

THE SERVICE, *Setting One*

July 18 & 19, 2026

HYMN

*Thank you Lord
for all the blessings.*

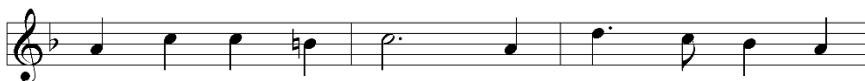
WORSHIP AND PRAISE

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When All Your Mercies, O My God



1 When all your mer - cies, O my God, My
2 Ten thou - sand thou - sand pre - cious gifts My
3 Through ev - 'ry pass - ing phase of life Your
4 Through all e - ter - ni - ty to you A



wak - ing soul sur - veys, Trans - port - ed with the
dai - ly thanks em - ploy, Nor is the least a
good - ness I'll pur - sue And af - ter death, in
joy - ful song I'll raise, But, oh, e - ter - ni -



view, I'm lost In won - der, love, and praise.
cheer - ful heart That tastes these gifts with joy.
dis - tant worlds, The glo - rious theme re - new.
ty's too short To ut - ter all your praise.

Text: Joseph Addison, 1672–1719, abr., alt.

Tune: WINCHESTER OLD (CM) attr. George Kirbye, c. 1560–1634.

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.

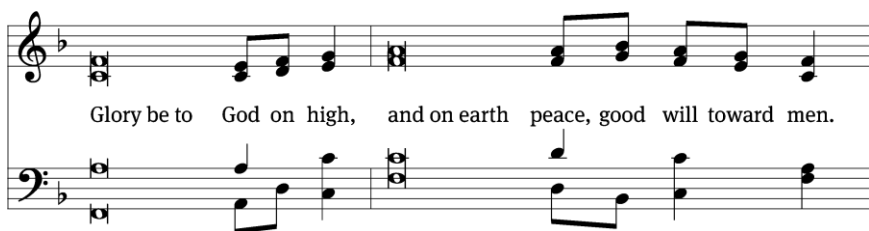
For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

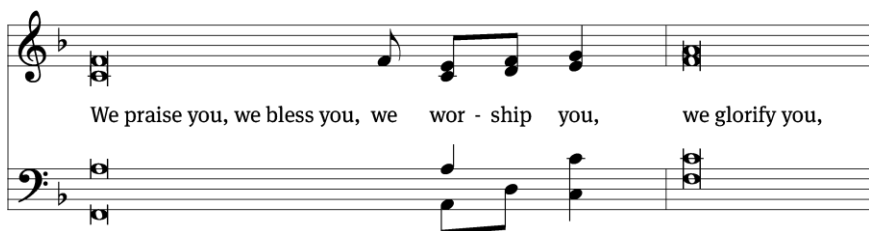
Amen.

Glory Be to God on High



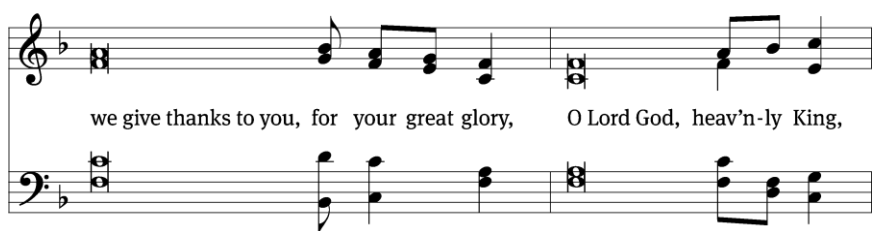
Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a half note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, a quarter note B-flat2, and a half note C3. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with a half note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B-flat2, and a half note C3. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

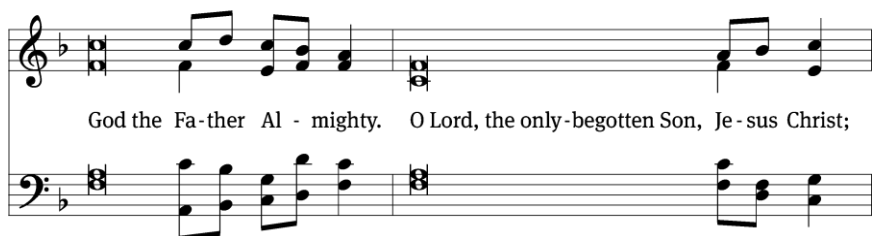


We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,

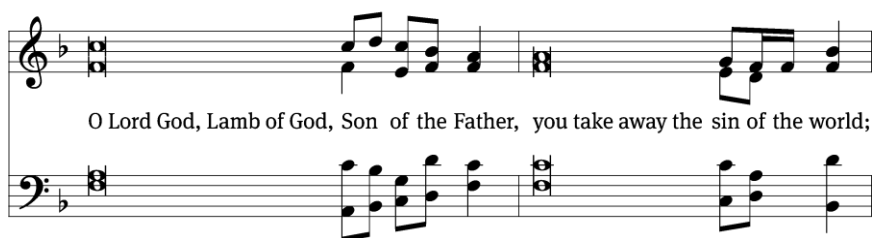
The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a half note D3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note F3, and a half note G3. The bass staff has a half note D3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note F3, and a half note G3. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.



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.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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 Kings 17:1-16 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

Elijah from Tishbe, one of the settlers in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As surely as the LORD lives, the God of Israel before whom I stand, there will be no dew or rain during the coming years, except at my word.”

²Then the word of the LORD came to him: ³“Leave this place and turn east. Hide yourself by the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴You will drink from the stream, and I will command the ravens to provide for you there.”

⁵So Elijah went and did just as the LORD had said. He lived in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and in the evening, and he drank from the stream.

Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath

⁷After some time the stream dried up because there had been no rain in the land. ⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹“Get up! Go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there. I have commanded a woman there, a widow, to provide for you.”

¹⁰So he got up and went to Zarephath. He came to the city gate, and there he saw a widow gathering sticks. He called to her and said, “Please give me a little water in a jar, so that I can have something to drink.”

¹¹When she went to get it, he called to her, “Please bring me a piece of bread.”

¹²She said, “As surely as the LORD your God lives, I have no food except a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a

pitcher. See, I am gathering a couple of sticks so that I can go and prepare it for myself and my son, so that we can eat it and then die.”

¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid. Go and do just as you said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from the flour and bring it out to me. Then go and make another for you and your son. ¹⁴For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says. The jar of flour will not run out and the pitcher of oil will not become empty until the day the LORD sends rain to water the surface of the ground.”

¹⁵So she went and did exactly as Elijah said. He and she, as well as her household, were able to eat for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour did not run out, and the pitcher of oil did not become empty, just as the LORD had said through Elijah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:29-32 (EHV)

²⁹Do not let any unwholesome talk come from your mouths. Say only what is beneficial when there is a need to build up others, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear. ³⁰Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Get rid of every kind of bitterness, rage, anger, quarreling, and slander, along with every kind of malice. ³²Instead, be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ has forgiven us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation - Setting 1



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Matthew 15:10-20 (EHV)

¹⁰Then he summoned the crowd and said to them,
“Listen and understand. ¹¹What goes into the mouth does not make a person unclean, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles a person.”

¹²Then the disciples came and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard this saying?”

¹³He answered, “Every plant which my heavenly Father did not plant will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them go. They are blind guides of the blind. And if the blind are guiding the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

¹⁵Peter replied and said to him, “Explain the parable to us.”

¹⁶Jesus said, “Do you still not understand? ¹⁷Do you not understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated into the latrine? ¹⁸But whatever comes out of the mouth comes from the heart. That is what defiles a person. ¹⁹To be sure, out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, sexual sins, thefts, false testimonies, and blasphemies. ²⁰These are the things that defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Give-Away Item from Bill & Lynn Benson: 50" LG TV

Please call before coming to pick it up (952-237-5618).

Note: This TV works great but is heavy.

AUGUST EVENTS

Czech Out New Prague: August 6, 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
(Memorial Park, 400 Main St. E., New Prague, MN) *There are a couple of volunteer opportunities to represent our church—see Pastor.*

Vacation Bible School: August 12 & 13, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. --Lunch is Included (Children ages 4-5th grade invited). *There are **many** volunteer opportunities; please see the Volunteer 2026 wall. Registration forms are on the literature table. Please put them on the church mouse desk (copy room counter).*

Worship in the Park (Potluck & Petting Zoo): August 23, at 10:00 a.m.

Hymn of the Day



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Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish; In his
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his



in his bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird or star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he
 Lord his chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them his grace he
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In his might - y arms he bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Tune: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA (LM Trochaic) Swedish folk tune, 19th century.

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.)

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.

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.

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

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.

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Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

1 "For-give our sins as we reach for-give," You
 2 How can your par-don and bless The
 3 In blaz-ing light your cross re-veals The
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with-in our souls And
 taught us, Lord, to pray, But you a-lone can
 un-for-giv-ing heart That broods on wrongs and
 truth we dim-ly knew: What triv-ial debts are
 bid re-sent-ment cease; Then, bound to all in
 grant us grace To live the words we say.
 will not let Old bit-ter-ness de-part?
 owed to us; How great our debt to you!
 bonds of love Our lives will spread your peace.

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

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O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to thee My heart - felt
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is
thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing - ly
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with - in
be - stowed On me thy bod - y and thy blood.
my heart— How blest am I! How good thou art!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928.
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

Last Week's Attendance
 Saturday (07/11/26): 11
 Sunday (07/12/26): 46
 Total: 57

What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Sunday, July 19	Worship (Communion) Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, July 20	(Pastor out of town with family, July 20-22.)	
Tuesday, July 21	(Pastor out of town with family, July 20-22.)	
Wednesday, July 22 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.	(Pastor out of town with family, July 20-22.) Games	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, July 23		
Friday, July 24		
Saturday, July 25	Men's Bible Study Worship	8:00 a.m. Noon
Sunday, July 26	Worship VOTERS' MEETING	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, July 27		
Tuesday, July 28	Worship at Mala Strana Worship	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
July 19, 2026	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Jeff Heine	Joe Stahl
July 26, 2026	Mason Storlie	Ethan Paler	Dean Cornelius	Willard Rancour

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