

**And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat
with publicans and sinners,
they said unto his disciples,
How is it that he eateth and drinketh
with publicans and sinners?**

**When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them,
They that are whole have no need of
the physician, but they that are sick:**

**I came not to call the righteous,
but sinners to repentance.**

Mark 2:16-17



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Welcome to Worship!

Worship Services

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

Prayer Before Worship

Lord God, give me strength and willingness to say with your Son, “Not my will but your will be done.” Make me cheerful and trusting to bear whatever you let happen to me. From your hand I am willing to take the good and the bad, the joy and the sorrow.

Keep me from sin, gracious Father,
and comfort me with your kind Word.

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

August 16, 2026



HYMN

OPENING OF SERVICE

Congregation Sings Verses 1-3

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Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,



Now to seek and love and fear you, By your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
peo - ple rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84, st. 1-3; *Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.; unknown, st. 4, alt.

Tune: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER (78 78 88) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, 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

Hymn 221 (Verse 4)

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing your praises yonder.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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

Micah 2:7-13 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

⁷Should the house of Jacob say,
“Is the Spirit of the LORD impatient?
Would he really do these things?”
Will my words fail to accomplish good things for
people who walk uprightly?
⁸But lately my people have stood up like an enemy.
You strip off the splendid robe from those who pass
by as they return safely from battle.

⁹You drive the women among my people out of their comfortable houses.

You take away my splendor from their children forever.

¹⁰Get up and leave,
for this will not be a place to rest,
because the impurity that destroys it will bring painful destruction.

¹¹If a man full of bluster and lies comes and says,
“I will preach for you about wine and beer,”
he would be just the preacher for these people.

A Promise for the Remnant

¹²I will surely assemble all of you, Jacob.
I will surely gather together the surviving remnant of Israel.

I will establish them like a flock in its fold,
like a herd in its pasture,
like a happy crowd of noisy people.

¹³The one who breaks through the siege line will go up ahead of them.

They too will break out and pass through the gate,
and their king will cross over in front of them,
with the LORD as their head.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

Refrain



Psalm tone



When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion,*
we were like those who dreamed.

Our mouths were filled with laughter,*
our tongues with songs of joy.

The LORD has done great things for us,*
and we are filled with joy.

Refrain

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the desert.*
Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.

He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow,*
will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.

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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Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:1-8 (EHV)

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom: ²Preach the word. Be ready whether it is convenient or not. Correct, rebuke, and encourage, with all patience and teaching. ³For there will come a time when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, because they have itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in line with their own desires. ⁴They will also turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

⁵As for you, keep a clear head in every situation. Bear hardship. Do the work of an evangelist. Fulfill your ministry.

Paul's Farewell

⁶You see, I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on, there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness. The Lord, the righteous Judge, will give it to me on that day, and not only to me but also to everyone who loved his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation - Setting 1



Refrain



Tone



Refrain



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Gospel

Mark 2:13-17 (EHV)

¹³Jesus went out again along the sea. The whole crowd went to him, and he taught them. ¹⁴As he was passing by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth. “Follow me,” Jesus told him. And Levi got up and followed him.

¹⁵Then when Jesus was reclining at a table in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples because many of them also were following him. ¹⁶When the experts in the law and the Pharisees saw that he was eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why is he eating and drinking with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹⁷When Jesus heard this, he said to them, “Those who are healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

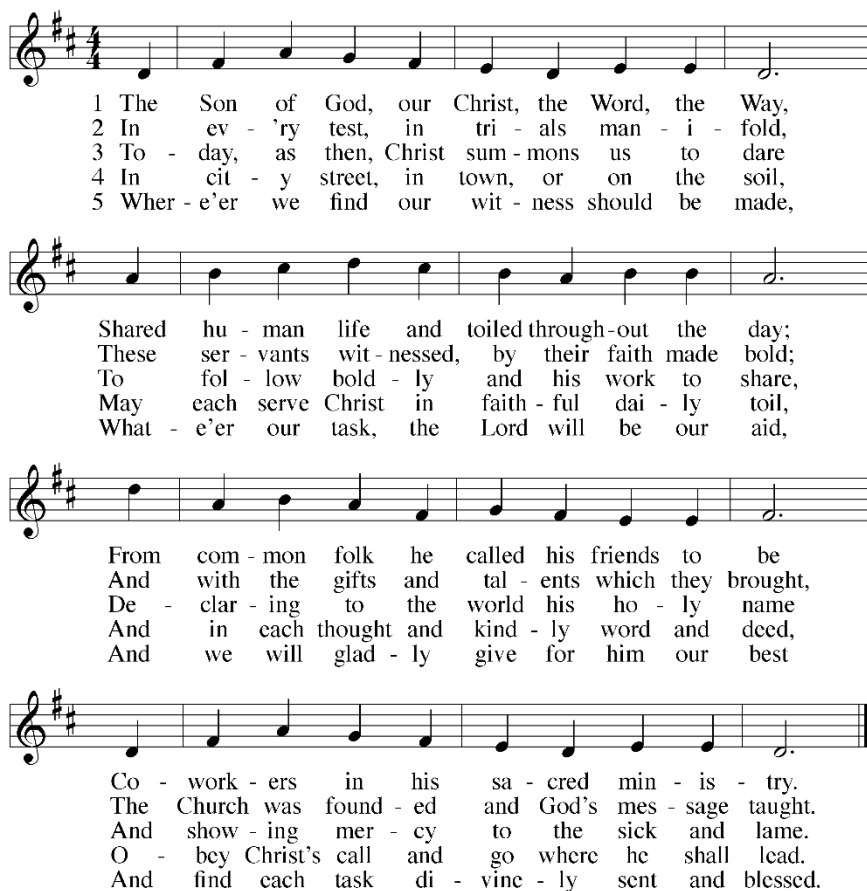
CHILDREN'S LESSON

Hymn of the Day

SOCIAL CONCERN

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The Son of God, Our Christ



1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,
2 In ev - 'ry test, in tri - als man - i - fold,
3 To - day, as then, Christ sum - mons us to dare
4 In cit - y street, in town, or on the soil,
5 Wher - e'er we find our wit - ness should be made,
Shared hu - man life and toiled through-out the day;
These ser - vants wit - nessed, by their faith made bold;
To fol - low bold - ly and his work to share,
May each serve Christ in faith - ful dai - ly toil,
What - e'er our task, the Lord will be our aid,
From com - mon folk he called his friends to be
And with the gifts and tal - ents which they brought,
De - clar - ing to the world his ho - ly name
And in each thought and kind - ly word and deed,
And we will glad - ly give for him our best
Co - work - ers in his sa - cred min - is - try.
The Church was found - ed and God's mes - sage taught.
And show - ing mer - cy to the sick and lame.
O - bey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.
And find each task di - vine - ly sent and blessed.

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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 (Please See Insert)

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

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff 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 spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed 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 of the piece is a whole note on the second line of the staff, followed by 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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Jesus Sinners Does Receive



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the
 4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his
 5 I, a sin - ner, come to you With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
 Lord for - sak - en; Wea - ry souls who lost their way
 in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope
 Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -
 Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en In his arms
 Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words



for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By your blood and bitter passion,
 For these words I do believe—
 Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.
 Even I have been forgiven.
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to him I cleave—
 Jesus sinners does receive.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT (78 78 77) *Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1699, 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



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Triune God, Oh, Be Our Stay

Tri - une God, oh, be our stay And let us per - ish nev - er!

Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.

Keep us from the e - vil one; Up - hold our faith most ho - ly;

Grant us to trust you sole - ly With hum - ble hearts and

low - ly. Let us put God's ar - mor on, With all true

Chris - tians run - ning Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning

The dev - il's wiles and cun - ning. A - men, a - men!

This be done; So sing we, Al - le - lu - ia!

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What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance
 Saturday (08/08/26): 23
 Sunday (08/09/26): 57
 Total: 80

Sunday, August 16	Worship (Communion) Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, August 17		
Tuesday, August 18		
Wednesday, August 19 <i>Office Closed</i> 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	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, August 20 <i>Office Closed</i>		
Friday, August 21 <i>Office Closed</i>		
Saturday, August 22	Men's Bible Study Worship	8:00 a.m. Noon
Sunday, August 23	Worship in the Park Potluck & Petting Zoo	10:00 a.m. After Worship
Monday, August 24		
Tuesday, August 25	Worship at Mala Strana Worship	11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
August 16, 2026	Mason Storlie	Ethan Paler	Keith Barta	Scott Gilsrud
August 23, 2026	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Doug Holicky	Troy Rabenberg
August 30, 2026	Mason Storlie	Ethan Paler	Duane Jirik	Justin Storlie

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