



*The light of the body is the eye:
if therefore thine eye be single,
thy whole body shall be full of light.*

*But if thine eye be evil,
thy whole body shall be full of darkness.
If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness,
how great is that darkness!*

Matthew 6:22-23 (KJV)

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Welcome to Worship!

Regular Worship Services

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

Prayer Before Worship

O God of tenderness and strength, bless our home and our love, our comings and our goings. Keep us from growing weary in doing good, and sustain us in the hour of trouble. Help us deal tenderly with each other, and knit our lives together in love for you and one another.

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.**



Service of Holy Baptism

October 10, 2026

Holy Baptism of Lucy Michele Holm

(Parents: Isaac & Mariah Holm)

HYMN

648 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, glad - ly your com -
2 Lord, your Word is clear and plain, and we would o -
3 There - fore we have come to you, in our arms this

mand o - bey - ing; with this child we now draw near
bey it du - ly: "He who is not born a - gain,
in - fant bear - ing. Shine your heav'n - ly light a - new—

in re - sponse to your own say - ing that to you it
heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, born of wa - ter
let this child, your mer - cy shar - ing, in your arms be

shall be giv - en as a child and heir of heav - en.
and the Spir - it, can my king - dom not in - her - it."
shield - ed ev - er, yours on earth and yours for - ev - er.

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The Baptismal Party gathers at the font.

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

Amen.

Baptismal Exhortation

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.”

Scripture makes plain the need for Baptism. As children of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature, and we would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin, and by his death on the cross he redeemed us and all people. It is the Father’s will that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and he will raise them up at the Last Day.

Christ’s almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. Jesus promises in the last chapter of Mark, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” The apostle Peter declares, “Baptism now saves you.” Scripture also teaches that the power and promise of Baptism are intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost, the apostle testified, “The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” By water and the Spirit, we are born again and are united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.



Prayer

Let us pray.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment, the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan, your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed the washing that you give us in Holy Baptism.

Holding firmly to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on Lucy Michele Holm. Through this water of Baptism, drown in *her* all sin inherited from Adam and any other evil *she* may do. Set *her* apart from the unbelieving world, and hold *her* safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep *her* always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that *she* may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.



Holy Baptism

Lucy Michele Holm, 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.

Prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the gift of Baptism by which you wash away sin and give us a new and eternal life. Help us each day to remember that through Baptism you clothe us with Christ, that we may stand holy and righteous before you. Look with favor on Lucy, that *she* may be kept safe by the gift of your Spirit, grow daily in your grace, and live forever by the power of the risen Christ. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to all the baptized so that all may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you by his Spirit, that Christ, dwelling in your hearts by faith, may fill you with all spiritual blessings. Go in peace.

648 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here



4 Gra - cious Head, your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take your
5 Now in - to your heart we pour prayers that from our

lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here your throne;
hearts pro - ceed - ed. Our pe - ti - tions heav'n - ward soar;

Way of Life, to heav - en lead it. Pre - cious Vine, let
may our warm de - sires be heed - ed! Write the name we

noth - ing sev - er from your side this branch for - ev - er.
now have giv - en; write it in the book of heav - en!

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THE SERVICE | *Setting One*

October 10 & 11, 2026

HYMN

679 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, gave my
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus'
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion, I am



full re - demp-tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures man - y?
cleans-ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con-science seize me
not so soon en-ticed. Now that to the font I've trav - eled,



I have one worth more than an - y that brought me sal -
since my bap - tism did re - lease me in a dear for -
all your might has come un - rav - eled, and, a - gainst your



va - tion free, last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
giv - ing flood, sprink-ling me with Je - sus' blood?
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!

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STAND

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

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

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.

Give Glory to God!

679 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing to this life-long

in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad-ness to in -
com - fort sure! O - pen-eyed my grave is star-ing: e - ven

her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and ash - es
there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its rais - ing,

faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
still my soul con - tin - ues prais-ing: I am bap - tized

strength di - vine to make life im - mor - tal mine.
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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THE WORD

(Congregation speaks when words are in bold.)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; 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

Psalms 37:25-40 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

Do Not Fret Because of Evildoers

²⁵I was a young man. Now I am old.

But I have never seen a righteous person forsaken
or his children begging for bread.

²⁶Every day he is gracious and lends.

His children will be blessed.

²⁷Turn back from evil and do good.

Then you will remain forever.

²⁸For the LORD loves justice.

He will not forsake his favored ones.

They will be protected forever,

but the descendants of the wicked will be cut off.

²⁹The righteous will inherit the earth.
They will dwell on it forever.
³⁰The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom.
His tongue speaks what is just.
³¹The law of his God is in his heart.
His steps do not slip.

Review of the Theme

³²The wicked spy on the righteous one and seek to kill him.
³³The LORD will not leave him in their hand.
He will not let him be condemned when he is put on trial.
³⁴Wait for the LORD and keep to his way.
He will raise you up to take possession of the earth.
When the wicked are cut off, you will see it.
³⁵I saw a wicked, ruthless man.
He was rooted like a green plant in its native soil,
³⁶but he passed away. Just like that, he was gone!
I searched for him, but he could not be found.
³⁷Take note of the blameless. Look at the upright.
Yes, there is a future for the man of peace.
³⁸But rebels will be completely destroyed.
The future of the wicked will be cut off.
³⁹The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD.
He is their stronghold in times of stress.
⁴⁰The LORD helps them and delivers them.
He delivers them from the wicked.
He saves them, because they have taken refuge in him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-10 (EHV) *The New Creation*

Therefore, because you were raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵So put to death whatever is worldly in you: sexual immorality, uncleanness, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶It is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. ⁷You too once walked in these things, when you were living in them.

⁸But now, you too are to rid yourselves of all of these: wrath, anger, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to each other since you have put off the old self with its practices, ¹⁰and put on the new self, which is continually being renewed in knowledge, according to the image of its Creator.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

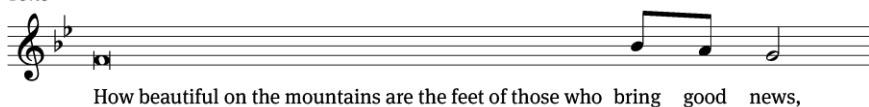
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Refrain

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GOSPEL

Matthew 6:19-23 (EHV) *Treasures*

¹⁹“Do not store up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

²⁰But store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹Because where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²“The eye is the lamp of the body. So then if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. So if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

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

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Hymn of the Day

Psalms 37A When Lawless People Thrive



1 When law - less peo - ple thrive and wrong sup - press - es
2 Be still be - fore the LORD; in pa - tience learn to
3 The god - less bor - row much and can - not then pay
4 I've seen a boast - ing thief grow like a weed a -
5 Sal - va - tion is from God in times of bla - tant



right, re - mem - ber they will fade a - way and
wait and nev - er fret if crime suc - ceeds and
back; the right - eous give, and give a - gain, are
pace; but when I passed that way a - gain I
wrong, and all who seek his shel - ter find a



with - er o - ver - night. Com - mit your life to
some grow rich and great. For jeal - ous dis - con -
blessed, and have no lack. The saints whose lives are
looked, but found no trace. My steps are from the
ref - uge safe and strong. So ful - ly trust the



God, and trust the LORD to make the jus - tice
tent tends on - ly to de - stroy; the meek who
true can turn a - way from wrong; God's Word is
LORD who helps my feet to stand. I stum - ble
LORD; shun e - vil, fol - low right: God gives you



of your right - eous cause shine clear for his name's sake.
look to God their LORD a king - dom shall en - joy.
hid - den in their heart, God's wis - dom guides their tongue.
but I do not fall; my God shall hold my hand.
all your heart's de - sire when he is your de - light.

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

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity,
[especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition].

Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, *[especially . . . here name the person]*. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness. **Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.
Amen.

HYMN

827 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing



1 Re - joice, my heart, be glad and sing, a cheer - ful
 2 Did not his love and truth and pow'r guard ev - 'ry
 3 His wis - dom nev - er plans in vain nor fal - ters

trust main - tain; for God, the source of ev - 'ry - thing, your
 child - hood day? And did he not in threat - ning hour turn
 nor mis - takes; all that his coun - sels may or - dain a

treasure shall re - main. Why spend the day in blank de -
 dread - ed ills a - way? He al - ways will with pa - tience
 bless - ed end - ing makes. Up - on your lips, then, lay your

spair, in rest - less thought the night? On your Cre - a - tor
 chide, his rod falls gent - ly down; and all your sins he
 hand, and trust his guid - ing love; then like a rock your

cast your care; he makes your bur - dens light.
 casts a - side in o - cean depths to drown.
 peace shall stand here and in heav'n a - bove.

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PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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.

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CLOSING HYMN*

TRUST

451

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 near, When my life is al - most gone,
 near And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my

light. Take my hand, pre-cious Lord; Lead me home.
 fall. Take my hand, pre-cious Lord; Lead me home.
 hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord; Lead me home.

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Thomas Dorsey was successful in Chicago nightclubs, but as a Christian he was urged to use his musical talent for the Lord. In 1932, he was invited to go to St. Louis and lead the music for a large revival meeting. He hesitated to agree because his wife was pregnant. He didn't want to leave her with the time for delivery so close, but he made the trip.

The second day of the revival meetings, he got a telegram. The baby had been born, but his wife had died in childbirth. He rushed back to Chicago and held the baby in his arms. Only a few hours later, his infant son died too. Both mother and baby were buried in the same casket. Dorsey was devastated. He was trying to serve God, and this is what happened. In anger, he told the Lord, 'God, you aren't worth a dime to me right now.'

A few weeks later, still depressed, he [sat](#) down at the piano, and the words and music simply came to him. With tears streaming down his face, he sang, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand."

What's Coming Up at Friedens?

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	
Saturday (10/03/26):	25
Sunday (10/04/26):	<u>65</u>
Total: 90	

Sunday, October 11	Worship Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, October 12		
Tuesday, October 13		
Wednesday, October 14 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, October 15	ELDERS/EXEC. COUNCIL MEETING	6:30 p.m.
Friday, October 16		
Saturday, October 17	Men's Bible Study Worship	8:00 a.m. Noon
Sunday, October 18	Worship (Communion) Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, October 19		
Tuesday, October 20	Worship at Mala Strana Worship Choir	11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
October 11, 2026	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Roger M. Meyer	Eric Schanus
October 18, 2026	Corey Schanus	Kaden Holicky	Keith Barta	Scott Gilsrud
October 25, 2026	Mason Storlie	Jackson Storlie	Doug Holicky	Troy Rabenberg

October is here already!



Do you have possibly two hours of time to host a Trailblazer event--a skill to teach, a treat to share, a small part of the Bible that you'd like to read to children?

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. Please see Church Mouse, and she can walk you through the process. We can reserve the Fellowship Hall and/or Church Park for your event. All you have to do is come up with your event idea, or skill to teach, bring a treat and read a segment of the Bible to the kids.

IDEAS

HAYRIDE, BONFIRE,
MOVIE NIGHT W/POPCORN OR PIZZA,
BOWLING, HIKING, ROLLERSKATING,
LEARN HOW TO MAKE, COOK OR BAKE SOMETHING,
SEW A BUTTON ON A SHIRT, ETC.

Please let Heidi Gilsrud know, and she'll help you sign up and get the word out. Thank you.

