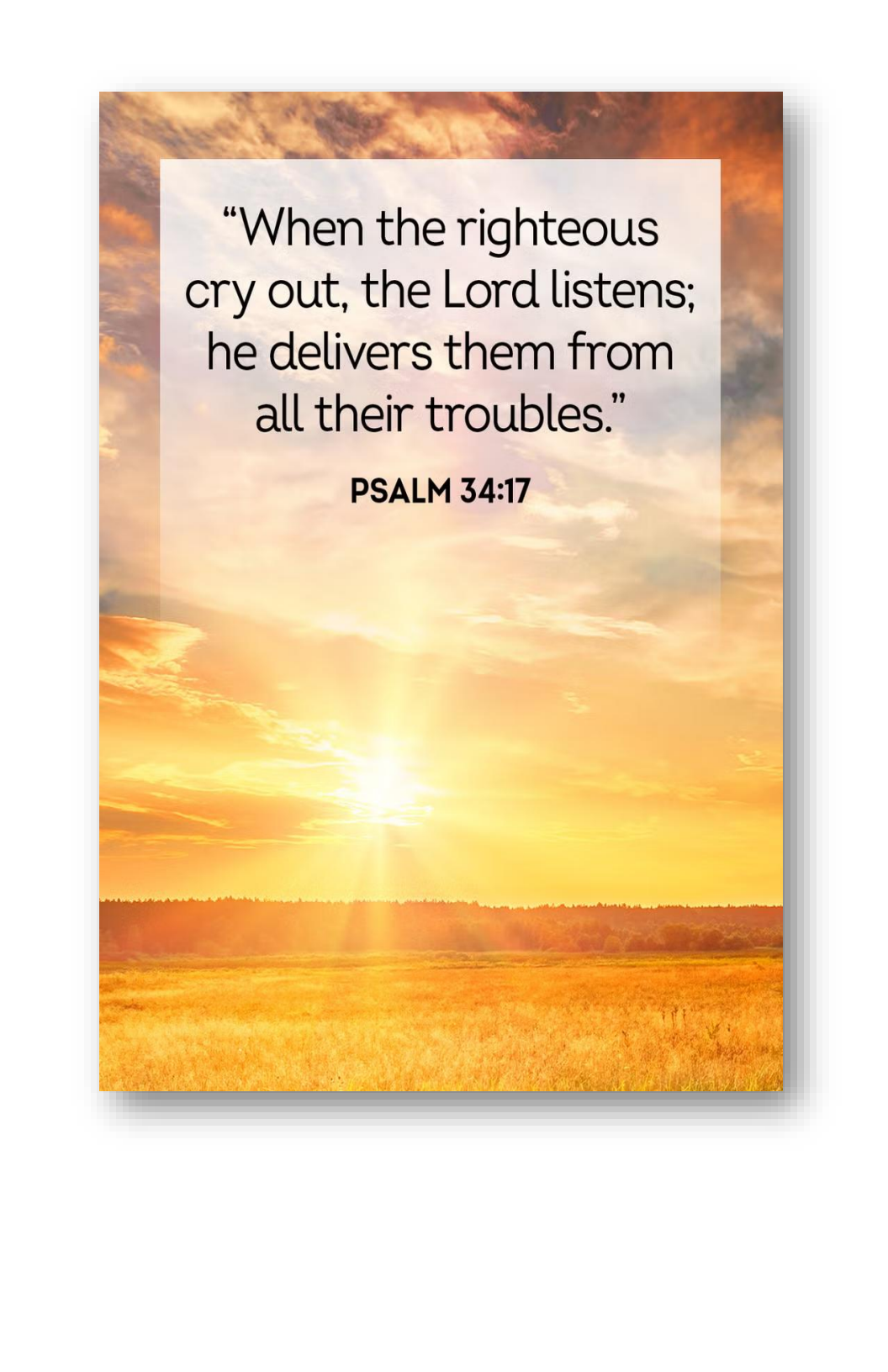


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“When the righteous
cry out, the Lord listens;
he delivers them from
all their troubles.”

PSALM 34:17

Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pastor Henry Koch

Welcome to Worship!

Regular Worship Services

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

Prayer Before Worship

Too often I put my own concerns and
priorities above your will and work, O Lord.
Rid me of my selfishness, and fill me with
the zeal to keep you first in my life.
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 24, 2026

Holy Baptism of Maverick Scott Petersen

(Parents: Brandon & Brenda Petersen)

HYMN

BAPTISM

Congregation Sings Verses 1-2

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Our Children Jesus Calls

1 Our chil - dren Je - sus calls To his most
2 "Let them ap - proach," he cries, "Nor scorn their
3 With joy we bring them, Lord, De - vot - ing

dear em - brace. He holds them in his
hum - ble claim. The heirs of heav'n are
them to you, And pray, "As you show

might - y arms Through their bap - tis - mal grace.
such as these; For such as these I came."
love to us, So love our chil - dren, too."

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51, adapt., abr.

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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 *Maverick Scott Petersen*. Through this water of Baptism, drown in *him* all sin inherited from Adam and any other evil *he* may do. Set *him* apart from the unbelieving world, and hold *him* safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep *him* always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that *he* 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

Maverick Scott Petersen, 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 Maverick, that *he* 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.



Hymn

BAPTISM

Congregation Sings Verse 3

296

Our Children Jesus Calls

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THE SERVICE | Setting One

October 24 & 25, 2026

HYMN

Sunday - "Welcome & Thank You"
to Rev. Mark Haefner!

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

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From All that Dwell below the Skies

1 From all that dwell be-low the skies Let the Cre-a-tor's
2 E-ter-nal are your mer-cies, Lord; E-ter-nal is your
praise a-rise. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
glo-rious Word. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Let the Re-deem-er's name be sung Through
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore Till

ev-'ry land, by ev-'ry tongue. Al-le-lu-ia!
suns shall rise and set no more. Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN (888 888 with Alleluias) *Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Köln, 1623, alt.

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!

REDEEMER

Congregation Sings Verse 1

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Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
Bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er;
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o - ra - tion



Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
Than all the an - gels in the sky.
Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Münsterisch Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677, abr.; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904.

Tune: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU (557 558) Silesian folk tune, 19th century, alt.

THE WORD

(Congregation speaks when words are in bold.)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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

Daniel 3:19-30 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage, and the expression on his face changed against Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego. He said to heat the furnace seven times hotter than it was usually heated. ²⁰He ordered some men, who were soldiers from his army, to bind Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego in order to throw them into the blazing fiery furnace. ²¹So these men were bound in their coats, their pants, their turbans, and their other clothing, and they were thrown into the middle of the blazing fiery furnace. ²²Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace was extremely hot, those men who carried Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego were killed by the intense heat of the fire. ²³But these three men, Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who had been tied up, fell into the blazing fiery furnace.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar was startled and immediately stood up. He said to his advisors, “Didn’t we throw three men, who had been tied up, into the middle of the fire?”

They answered the king, “Certainly, Your Majesty.”

²⁵He said, “Look! I see four men, who are untied and walking around in the middle of the fire, unharmed. What is more, the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”

²⁶Then Nebuchadnezzar approached the door of the blazing fiery furnace. He said, “Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out!” Then Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego came out from the middle of the furnace. ²⁷The satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the royal advisors gathered together and looked at these men. The fire had no power over their bodies. Not a hair on their head was singed, their robes were not damaged, and the smell of fire had not stuck to them.

²⁸Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who sent his angel and saved his servants, who trusted in God and ignored the king’s command. They gave up their bodies and did not pay homage or worship any god except their God. ²⁹So I have issued an order that every people, nation, and language that speaks any blasphemy against the God of Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego shall be cut to pieces, and his house shall be turned into a pile of rubble, because there is no other god who is able to save like this.”

³⁰Then the king promoted Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

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

Second Reading

Romans 14:4-12 (EHV)

⁴Who are you to pass judgment on someone else's servant? It is up to his master to decide whether that servant stands or falls. And he will stand, because God is able to make him stand.

⁵One person values one day above another. Another person values every day the same. Let each person be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The person who honors a certain day does this for the Lord, and the person who eats does this for the Lord, because he gives thanks to God. And the person who does not eat does this for the Lord and gives thanks to God.

⁷In fact, not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself. ⁸Indeed, if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹For this reason he died, rose, and lived, to be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Do Not Cause a Weak Christian to Stumble in Faith

¹⁰But you, why do you pass judgment on your brother? And you, why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹Indeed, it is written: As I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow to me, and every tongue will acknowledge God.

¹²So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

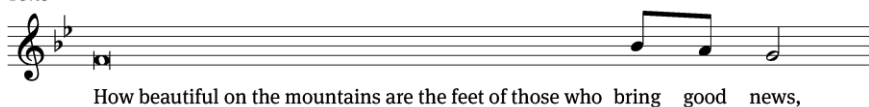
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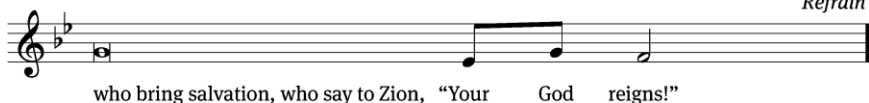
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GOSPEL

John 5:1-9 (EHV)

After this, there was a Jewish festival, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.²Near the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem there is a pool, called Bethesda in Aramaic, which has five colonnades.³Within these lay a large number of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—who were waiting for the movement of the water.⁴For an angel would go down at certain times into the pool and stir up the water. Whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was healed of whatever disease he had.⁵One man was there who had been sick for thirty-eight years.⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew he had already been sick a long time, he asked him, “**Do you want to get well?**”

⁷“Sir,” the sick man answered, “I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up. While I’m going, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

⁸Jesus said to him, “**Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.**”⁹Instantly the man was healed. He picked up his mat and walked.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Hymn of the Day

769 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old was strong to
2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health, gave speech and
3 O be our great de - liv - 'rer still, the Lord of

heal and save; it tri-umphed o - ver pain and death, o'er
strength and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed re -
life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless, with

dark - ness and the grave. To you they came, the
vealed you, Lord of light. And now, O Lord, be
your life - giv - ing breath. To hands that work and

blind, the mute, the par - a - lyzed and lame, the lep - ers
near to bless, al - might - y as be - fore, in crowd - ed
eyes that see give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r that whole and

in their mis - er - y, the sick with fe - vered frame.
street, by beds of pain, as by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.
sick and weak and strong may praise you ev - er - more.

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SATURDAY'S SERMON (Rev. Henry Koch)

Text: Daniel 3:19-30

SUNDAY'S SERMON--STAND FIRM! (Rev. Mark Haefner)

Text: Matthew 10:16-23

¹⁶“Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷Be on guard against people. They will hand you over to councils, and they will whip you in their synagogues. ¹⁸You will be brought into the presence of governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹Whenever they hand you over, do not be worried about how you will respond or what you will say, because what you say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰In fact you will not be the ones speaking, but the Spirit of your Father will be speaking through you.

²¹“Brother will hand over his brother to death, and a father will do the same with his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. ²²**You will be hated by all people because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved.** ²³And when they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Amen I tell you: You will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

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

691 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise and See

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise and see this great and
2 Al - though life's heart - aches, trials, and sin com - bine to
3 Come, share that life formed by his cross and for Christ's
4 For you no long - er live, but he who washed you

glo - rious mys - ter - y, this shin - ing prom - ise,
grieve your hope with - in, re - joice! Your Sav - ior's
sake, come suf - fer loss; his Spir - it works your
clean and set you free; bap - tized in Christ, you

ev - er new: the hope of glo - ry— Christ in you.
grace is great, made per - fect in your weak - ened state.
life to fill with all good things to do his will.
now are saved, for - ev - er on his palms en - graved.

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Deadline for Donations: October 24, 2026



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Difference

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

Note: There is a food collection table in the Welcome Area.

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

800 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,
 my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;
 What more can he say than to you he has said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
 the flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

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USHER SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
November 1, 2026	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Duane Jirik	Justin Storlie
November 8, 2026	Corey Schanus	Kaden Holicky	Gary Grassmann	Bruce Nelson
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
 worshippers in God's House!***

What's Coming Up at Friedens?

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	
Saturday (10/17/26):	28
Sunday (10/18/26):	<u>65</u>
Total: 93	

Sunday, October 25	Worship Sunday School Bible Study MLC Reformation Service	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
Monday, October 26		
Tuesday, October 27		
Wednesday, October 28 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 29		
Friday, October 30		
Saturday, October 31 <i>Set the clocks back tonight!</i>	Men's Bible Study Worship Children's Event—Pumpkin Painting	8:00 a.m. Noon 1:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 1 Daylight Saving Time Ends	Worship (Communion) Coffee Time Sunday School OUTREACH MEETING SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MTG.	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
Monday, November 2		
Tuesday, November 3	Worship at Mala Strana Worship	11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
October 25, 2026	Mason Storlie	Jackson Storlie	Doug Holicky	Troy Rabenberg

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Pumpkin Painting

**Saturday, October 31
Friedens' Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Hostess: Liza Flinton

**All kids are welcome to come paint
pumpkins in the Fellowship Hall!**

Thanks to
Barten Pumpkins
for donating a
lot of baby
pumpkins!

