

*Therefore doth my Father love me,
because I lay down my life,
that I might take it again.*

*No man taketh it from me,
but I lay it down of myself.
I have power to lay it down,
and I have power to take it again.*

This commandment have I received of my Father.

John 10:17-18



Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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

O Lord, you promise that in all things you work for the good of those who love you. Help me see your loving hand in this time of trouble. Save me from doubt, relieve my anguish, and lead me through these dark days with the light of your presence.

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

April 18 & 19, 2026

HYMN



REDEEMER

360 The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want



1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain And
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed In
5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life, Shall



makes me down to lie In pas - tures green; he
me to walk doth make With - in the paths of
will I fear no ill; For thou art with me,
pres - ence of my foes; My head thou dost with
sure - ly fol - low me, And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
right - eous - ness, E'en for his own name's sake.
and thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more My dwell - ing - place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*. Edinburgh, 1650.

Tune: BELMONT (CM) William Gardiner, 1770–1853, adapt.

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 399 To God Be the Glory

Verse 1

To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory—great things he has done!

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be Seated



Old Testament | Psalm 23

Refrain



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

Psalm tone



The LORD is my shepherd,*
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;*
he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;*
he guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,*
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Refrain

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.*
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**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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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 4:1-13 (EHV) A Rest for the People of God

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be fearful that any one of you may be judged to have failed to reach it. ²In fact, we have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did. But the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united in faith with those who did listen. ³Indeed, we who believe are going to enter his rest.

It happened just as he vowed when he said:

So I swore an oath in my wrath, “They will never enter my rest.”

And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world. ⁴For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in this way:

And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.

⁵And again in this statement:

They will never enter my rest.

⁶Therefore, since it is still the case that some do enter this rest, and yet those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not enter because of disobedience, ⁷God again set a certain day, namely, “today,” when he later said through David, as quoted before:

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.

⁸For, if Joshua had given them rest, then God would not have spoken later about another day.

⁹So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. ¹⁰For the one who enters God’s rest also rests from his own work, just as God rested from his work. ¹¹Therefore, let us make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall into the same pattern of disobedience.

¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to the point of dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, even being able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart. ¹³And there is no creature hidden from him, but everything is uncovered and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we will give an account.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

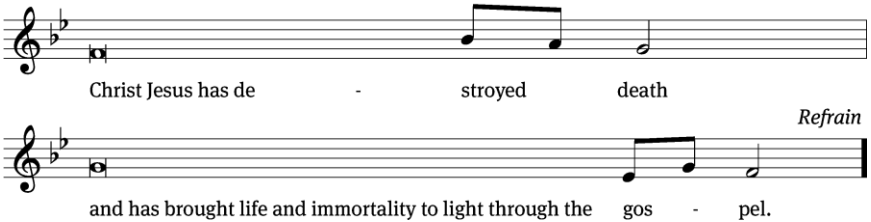
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Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

John 10:17-21 (EHV)

¹⁷This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father.”

¹⁹There was a division among the Jews again because of these words. ²⁰Many of them were saying, “He has a demon and is out of his mind! Why listen to him?” ²¹Others said, “These are not the sayings of someone demon-possessed. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Hymn of the Day



553 The Lord's My Shepherd



1 The Lord's my shep- herd; I'll not want. He makes me
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain and me to
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly



down to lie in pas - tures green; he lead - eth
walk doth make with - in the paths of right - eous -
fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy
of my foes; my head thou dost with oil a -
fol - low me, and in God's house for - ev - er -



me the qui - et wa - ters by. He lead - eth
ness, e'en for his own name's sake; with - in the
rod and staff me com - fort still; for thou art
noint, and my cup o - ver - flows. My head thou
more my dwell - ing place shall be; and in God's



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paths of right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

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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

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



The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



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 by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life.*

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

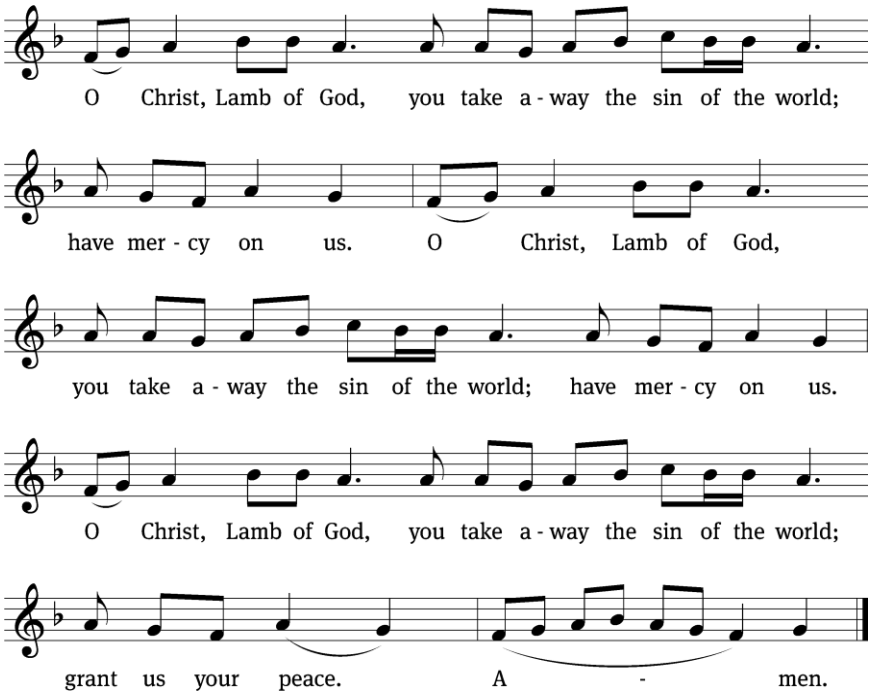
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.

Distribution

EASTER

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Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no
2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne High o'er
3 Je - sus lives! For me he died; Hence will
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the



long - er can ap - pall me. Je - sus lives! Death's
heav'n and earth is giv - en. I shall go where
I, to Je - sus liv - ing, Pure in heart and
me from him shall sev - er, Life nor death nor
gate to life im - mor - tal; This shall calm my



reign is done! From the grave Christ will re -
he is gone, Live and reign with him in
act a - bide, Praise to him and glo - ry
pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ for -
trem - bling breath When I pass its gloom - y



call me. Bright - er scenes will then com - mence;
heav - en. God is faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence!
giv - ing. All I need God will dis - pense;
ev - er. God will be a sure de - fense;
por - tal. Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:



This shall be my con - fi - dence.
This shall be my con - fi - dence.
This shall be my con - fi - dence.
This shall be my con - fi - dence.
"Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!"

Text: Christian F. Gellert, 1715-69, abr.; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1815-97, alt.
Tune: JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT (78 78 77) Johann Crüger, 1598-1662.

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.



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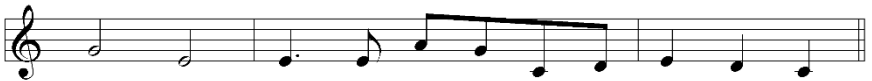
327 God Be with You till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain, By his
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain, 'Neath his



coun - sels guide, up - hold you, With his sheep se - cure - ly
wings pro - tect - ing hide you, Dai - ly man - na still pro -



fold you— God be with you till we meet a - gain.
vide you— God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Refrain



Till we meet, Till we meet, Till we



meet at Je - sus' feet. Till we meet, Till we



meet— God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904, abr., alt.

Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU (98 89 with Refrain) William O. Tomer, 1833–96.

What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance

Saturday (04/11/26): 17

Sunday (04/12/26): 57

Total: 74

Sunday, April 19	Worship (Communion) Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, April 20		
Tuesday, April 21	Worship at Mala Strana Worship Choir	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22 Pastor at Conference 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, April 23		
Friday, April 24		
Saturday, April 25	Men's Bible Study Worship	8:00 a.m. Noon
Sunday, April 26	Worship Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, April 27		
Tuesday, April 28	Choir	7:15 p.m.

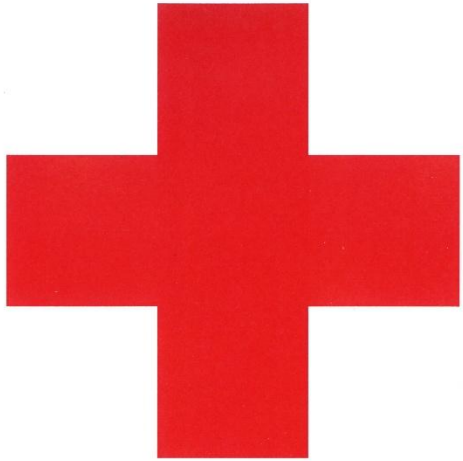
USHER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
April 19, 9:00 a.m.	Josef Jirik	Ethan Paler	Roger M. Meyer	Eric Schanus
April 26, 9:00 a.m.	Sam Workman	Ruth Workman	Keith Barta	Scott Gilsrud

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Friedens Evangelical Lutheran
Church

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Monday, May 4, 2026
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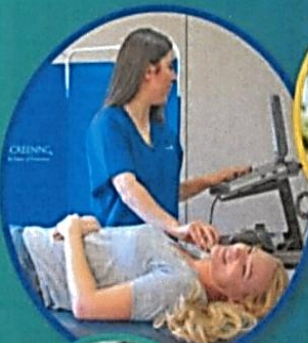
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You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church

When: May 11, 2026



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Psalm 23

23 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Ladies Aid Breakfast | May 3 | After Worship

Ladies Aid is Hosting a Supply Drive for the Central African Medical Mission (CAMM) in Malawi in April.

Current needs:

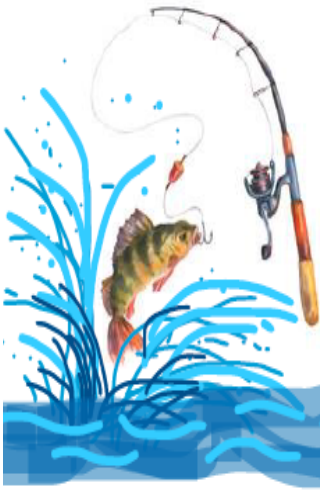
- Short- and Long-Sleeve Shirts and Sweatshirts (24 mos. to 4T).
- Sun Hats (infant - adult).
- Onesies (12 mos. - 2 T).
- Athletic Pants/Leggings (12 mos.-4 T).
- Baby Receiving Blankets, Socks and Hats.
- Sunscreen Lotion (spf 50).
- Knitted/Winter Hats (infant-adult).
- and 2-Gallon Ziploc Bags.
- Baby Bottles.

(See Pam Tietz on where to put donations.)

Sunday, May 3, a breakfast will be served with the free-will offering collection going toward shipping of supplies to Malawi. It will cost \$150-\$200 to send a box of supplies to Malawi. A Thrivent Action Grant will pay for the breakfast supplies; and any left-over funds will go toward shipping.

Thank you for your support, love and prayers,

Friedens Ladies Aid



Friedens' Fish Fry

(Menu: Fried Fish, French Fries, Beans, Coleslaw, Garlic Bread and Desserts)

May 7 | 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



Free-will offering.