

And when he thus had spoken,
he cried with a loud voice,

**Lazarus,
come forth.**

John 11:43



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Welcome to Worship!

Regular Worship Services

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

Prayer Before Worship

Great Physician of body and soul, I have been struggling with sickness and pain. If it is your will, let these days pass quickly. Guide the hands of those who care for me, and give me confidence in their skills. If I must continue to suffer, grant me the comfort of knowing that you will allow nothing to happen to me which is not for my eternal good.

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

May 9 & 10, 2026

The Sunday School Children will Sing *God Loves Me Dearly*.

HYMN

Congregation Sings Verses 1-4

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Now Let All Loudly



1 Now let all loud - ly Sing praise to God the Lord;
2 The Lord is reign - ing O - ver the u - ni - verse,
3 Come, hea - then ra - ces, Cast off all grief and cares,
4 Rich - ly he feeds us Al - ways and ev - 'ry - where.
5 Sing we his prais - es Who is thus mer - ci - ful.



Chris - ten - dom, proud - ly Laud him with one ac - cord.
The world sus - tain - ing. All things his praise re - hearse.
For pleas - ant pla - ces Your Sav - ior now pre - pares,
Gent - ly he leads us With a true fa - ther's care.
Chris - ten - dom rais - es Songs to his glo - rious rule.



Gent - ly he bids you come be - fore him.
The an - gel host his glo - ry tell - ing,
Where his blest Word a - broad is sound - ed,
The late and ear - ly rains he sends us.
Re - joice! No foe shall now a - larm us.



Haste, then, O Is - ra - el, now a - dore him!
Psal - ter and harp are the an - them swell - ing.
Par - don for sin - ners and grace un - bound - ed;
Dai - ly his bless - ing, his love, at - tends us.
He will pro - tect us, and who can harm us?



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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

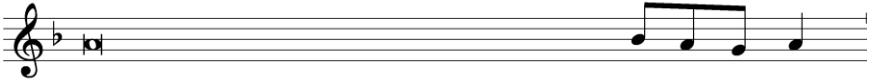
God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



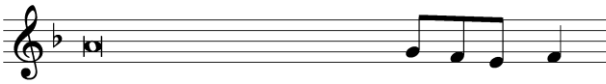
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



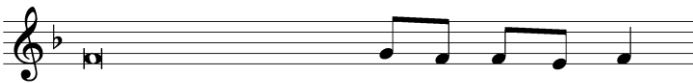
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Give Glory to God!

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Now Let All Loudly

Verse 5

Sing we his praises Who is thus merciful.
Christendom raises Songs to his glorious rule.

Rejoice! No foe shall now alarm us.

He will protect us, and who can harm us? He will protect us, and
who can harm us?

THE WORD

(Congregation speaks when words are in bold.)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament

Genesis 18:16-33 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

¹⁶The men got up from there and looked down toward Sodom. Abraham went with them to see them on their way. ¹⁷The LORD said, “Should I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household who follow after him to keep the way of the LORD by carrying out righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may deliver to Abraham what he has promised him.”

²⁰So the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very flagrant, ²¹I will go down now and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has come to me. If not, I will know.”

²²The two men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Abraham approached him and said, “Will you really sweep away the righteous along with the wicked? ²⁴What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep them away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵You would never do such a thing, killing the righteous along with the wicked, treating the righteous the same as the wicked. You would never do such a thing. The Judge of all the earth should do right, shouldn't he?”

²⁶The LORD said, “If I find fifty righteous people within the city of Sodom, then I will spare the entire place for their sake.”

²⁷Abraham answered, “See now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it on myself to speak to my Lord. ²⁸What if

there are five fewer than fifty righteous? Will you destroy the entire city if the number is five short?” He said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.”

²⁹He spoke to him yet again and said, “What if only forty are found there?”

He said, “I will not do it for the sake of the forty.”

³⁰He said, “Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak again. What if thirty are found there?”

He said, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.”

³¹He said, “See now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to my Lord. What if there are twenty found there?”

He said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of the twenty.”

³²He said, “Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak just once more. What if ten are found there?”

He said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten.”

³³As soon as he had finished speaking with Abraham, the LORD went on his way, and Abraham returned to his place.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson

1 John 3:19-24 (EHV)

¹⁹This is how we know that we are of the truth and how we will set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰If our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God. ²²We also receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commands and do what is pleasing in his sight. ²³This then is his command: that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and that we love one another just as he commanded us. ²⁴The one who keeps his commands remains in God and God in him. This is how we know that he remains in us: We know it from the Spirit, whom he has given to us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

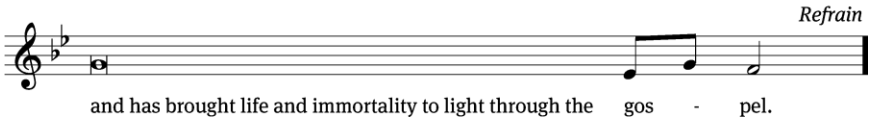
Gospel Acclamation - Setting 1



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL

John 11:28-45 (EHV)

²⁸After she said this, Martha went back to call her sister Mary. She whispered, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”

²⁹When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet gone into the village, but was still where Martha met him. ³¹The Jews who were with Mary in the house consoling her saw that she got up quickly and left. So they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and troubled.

³⁴He asked, “Where have you laid him?”

They told him, “Lord, come and see.”

³⁵Jesus wept.

³⁶Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹“Take away the stone,” he said.

Martha, the dead man’s sister, told him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days.”

⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone.

Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

⁴⁴The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, “Loose him and let him go.”

⁴⁵Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

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

CHILDREN'S LESSON



458 May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill



1 May we your pre-cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on
 2 So may we join your name to bless, Your grace a -
 3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, U - nite our



earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove,
 dore, your pow'r con - fess, To flee from sin and strife.
 hearts, our joy in - crease, Your gra-cious help sup - ply.



Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all your
 One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of
 To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian



chil - dren, and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.
 all our hopes the same: A glo - rious crown of life.
 fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

Text: Edward Osler, 1798-1863, alt.
 Tune: MERIBAH (886 886) Lowell Mason, 1792-1872.

EXAMINATION OF CONFIRMANDS

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STAND

TRINITY

We All Believe in One True God

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The Nicene Creed
Wir glauben all' an einen Gott
Martin Luther, 1525
Tr., composite

8s. 10 lines
(FIRST TUNE)

Wir glauben all' an einen Gott
"Manuskript Gesangbuch"
Langenöls, 1742

1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Who cre-at-ed earth and heav-en,
2 We all be-lieve in Je-sus Christ, His own Son, our Lord, pos-sess-ing
3 We all con-fess the Ho-ly Ghost, Who sweet grace and com-fort giv-eth

The Fa-ther, who to us in love Hath the right of chil-dren giv-en.
An e-qual Godhead, throne, and might, Source of ev-'ry grace and bless-ing.
And with the Fa-ther and the Son In e-ter-nal glo-ry liv-eth;

He both soul and bod-y feed-eth, All we need He doth pro-vide us;
Born of Ma-ry, vir-gin moth-er, By the pow-er of the Spir-it,
Who the Church, His own cre-a-tion, Keeps in u-ni-ty of spir-it.

He thro' snares and per-ils lead-eth, Watch-ing that no harm be-tide us.
Made true man, our eld-er Broth-er, That the lost might life in-her-it;
Here for-give-ness and sal-va-tion Dal-ly come thro' Je-sus' mer-it.

He car-eth for us day and night, All things are governed by His might.
Was cru-ci-fied for sin-ful men And raised by God to life a-gain,
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be In bliss with God e-ter-nal-ly. A-men.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

HYMN



CHRISTIAN HOME

501

Our Father, by Whose Name



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name All fa - ther-hood is known,
2 O Christ, your-self a child With - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind Our hearts in u - ni - ty,



In love di - vine you claim Each fam - 'ly as your own.
With heart still un - de - filed You did to man-hood come.
And teach us how to find The love from self set free.



Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, With con - stant love as
Our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place That they may all be -
In all our hearts such love in - crease That ev - 'ry home by



sen - ti - nel, The homes in which your peo - ple dwell.
hold your face And, know - ing you, may grow in grace.
this re - lease May be the dwell - ing - place of peace.

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Tune: RHOSYMEDRE (66 66 888) John D. Edwards, 1805–85.

Stand

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.



CLOSING HYMN



927 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's
3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en us from earth to



joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
call a - way, borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,
glad the sum - mons to o - bey, may we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with Christ in end - less day.

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What's Coming Up at Friedens?

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	
Saturday (05/02/26):	16
Sunday (05/03/26):	<u>63</u>
Total:	79

Sunday, May 10 Happy Mother's Day!	Worship (Examination Sunday) <i>After Worship, All are Invited to Have Some Exam./Confirmation Cake (From Ladies Aid)</i> Sunday School Bible Study <i>Please help move tables after cake. Thx!</i> <i>See Heidi Gilsrud.</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, May 11	LIFE LINE SCREENING	8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 12	Choir	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, May 13 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, May 14 Happy Ascension Day!	LADIES AID MEETING Ascension Potluck <i>(at Trinity Lutheran in Belle Plaine)</i> Ascension Service <i>(at Trinity Lutheran in Belle Plaine)</i>	1:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 15		
Saturday, May 16	Men's Bible Study Worship	8:00 a.m. Noon
Sunday, May 17 Happy Confirmation Day!	Worship (Communion/Confirmation) Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, May 18		
Tuesday, May 19	Worship at Mala Strana Worship Choir	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
May 10, 2026	Lucas Holicky	Mason Storlie	Duane Jirik	Justin Storlie
May 17, 2026	Josef Jirik	Ethan Paler	Gary Grassmann	Bruce Nelson
May 24, 2026	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Jeff Heine	Joe Stahl
May 31, 2026	Lucas Holicky	Mason Storlie	Dean Cornelius	Willard Rancour

LIFE LINE SCREENING®
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Where: Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church

When: May 11, 2026

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Table-Moving Help Needed

We are hoping to find some people willing to help move tables **after** the Exam Day Celebration/Confirmation Cake on May 10, in preparation for our community outreach **Life Line Screening** event (May 11). Please see Heidi Gilsrud if you are able to help. Thanks!

Hello Church Family:

I made a **BIG BAD BIRTHDAY MISTAKE** in the May newsletter! I grabbed the wrong sheet of birthdays (June instead of May). I'm sorry to all the May and June babies. Please disregard the incorrect birthdays listed in the May newsletter.

TRUE MAY BIRTHDAYS THAT SHOULD'VE BEEN IN THE MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER:

Daisy Babione: **May 3**
Lukas Holicky: **May 3**
Violet Bisek: **May 4**
Rebecca Barnack: **May 13**
Kaden Holicky: **May 15**
Karla Kotek: **May 20**
Ryan Rancour: **May 28**
Sue Meyer: **May 28**
Amy Jirik: **May 31**

Happy Birthday!

~Heidi Gilsrud





**He Lives To Rule All
Things For The Church**

**Joint Ascension Service
Thursday, May 14**

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Belle Plaine**

**5:30 pm – Potluck
7:00 pm – Service**

Celebrate the Festival of the Ascension on May 14, at the Joint Ascension service. This year's service is at Trinity Lutheran Church in Belle Plaine. The celebration begins with a joint potluck beginning at 5:30 pm and continues with the service at 7 pm.

We are looking for choir members and musicians to join in the service. If you play an instrument and would like to participate, please let your pastor know or contact Pastor Glowicki at 763-244-9926. Joint rehearsals for choir and musicians are May 3 and 10, at 4:30 pm. Practices are at Trinity.