



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

Heavenly Father, thank you for my home and family, for love and gentleness, for laughter enjoyed and sorrows shared, for daily bread. Help me to be mindful of all your gifts and to rejoice in your goodness. May your peace be with us and your presence protect us.

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.**

Worship in the Park

THE SERVICE | *Setting One*

August 22, 2026 (Noon ~ Sanctuary)

August 23, 2026 (10 a.m. ~ Church Park)



HYMN

MORNING

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Every Morning Mercies New



1 Ev - 'ry morn - ing mer - cies new Fall as fresh as
2 Still your kind - ness and your love Ev - 'ry day our
3 Let our prayers each morn pre - vail That these gifts may
4 As the morn - ing light re - turns, As the sun with



morn - ing dew; Ev - 'ry morn - ing let us pay
sins re - move; Dai - ly, far as east from west,
nev - er fail. And as we con - fess our sin
splen - dor burns, Teach us still to turn to you;



Trib - ute with the ear - ly day. For your mer - cies,
Lift the bur - den from the breast; Give un - bought to
And the temp - ter's pow'r with - in, Feed us with the
With your light our souls re - new. Then shall we our



Lord, are sure; Your com - pas - sion will en - dure.
those who pray Strength to live for you each day.
bread of life; Fit us for our dai - ly strife.
voic - es raise In un - fail - ing prayer and praise.

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

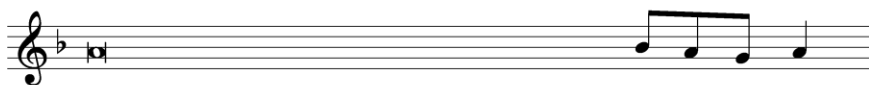
God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy



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



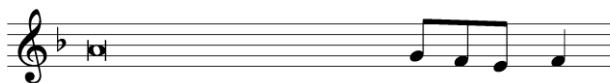
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



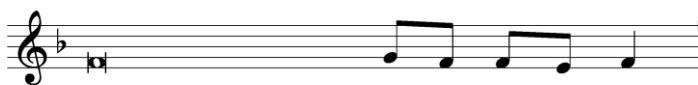
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



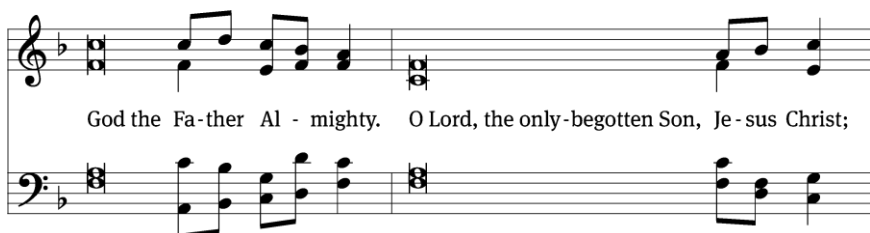
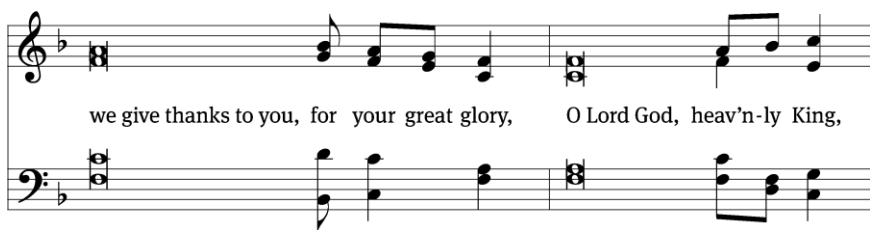
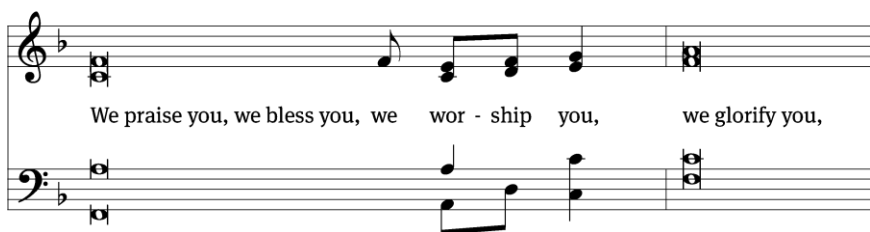
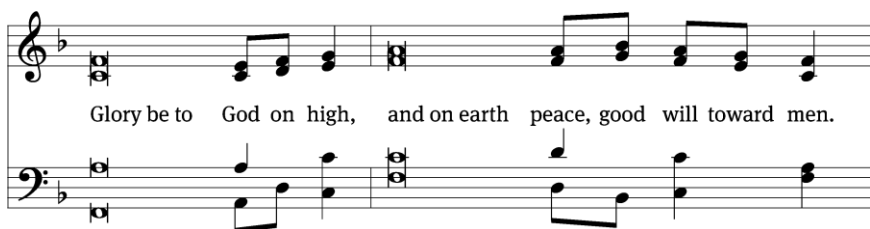
Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.

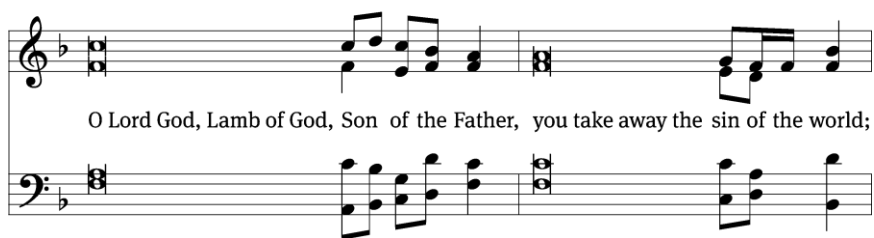


A - men.

Give Glory to God!

Glory Be to God on High





O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



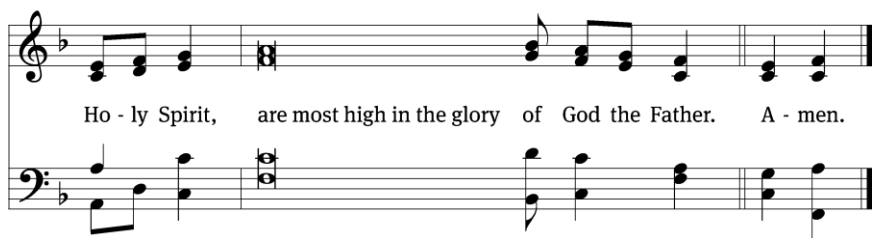
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE WORD

(Congregation speaks when words are in bold.)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be Seated

First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

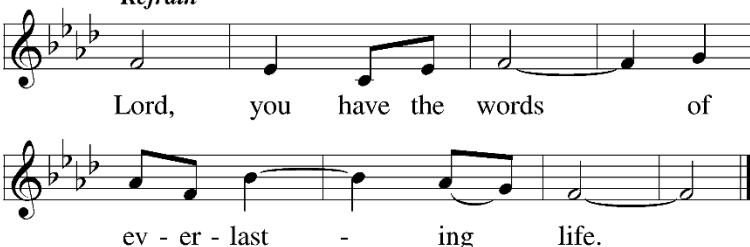
²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not realize that the skin of his face was shining because he had been speaking with the LORD. ³⁰When Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, they were amazed that the skin of his face was shining, so they were afraid to come close to him. ³¹Moses called to them, so Aaron and all the rulers of the community returned to him, and Moses spoke to them. ³²Afterward, all the people of Israel came close to him, and he gave them all of the commands that the LORD had spoken to him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses was finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out again. Then he would

come out and tell the people of Israel what he had been commanded. ³⁵Whenever the people of Israel saw Moses' face, they would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining. Then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with the LORD again.

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

Psalm 119b

Refrain



Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.

Psalm tone



*

Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;*
then I will keep them to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law*
and obey it with all my heart.

Direct me in the path of your commands,*
for there I find delight.

Refrain

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;*
preserve my life according to your Word.

Fulfill your promise to your servant,*
so that you may be feared.

How I long for your precepts!*
Preserve my life in your righteousness.

**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 Corinthians 3:12-18 (EHV)

¹²Therefore, since we have this kind of hope, we act with great boldness. ¹³We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the Israelites could not continue to look at the end of the radiance, as it was fading away. ¹⁴In spite of this, their minds were hardened. Yes, up to the present day, the same veil remains when the Old Testament is read. It has not been removed because it is taken away only in Christ. ¹⁵Instead, to this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is

taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸But all of us who reflect the Lord's glory with an unveiled face are being transformed into his own image, from one degree of glory to another. This too is from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

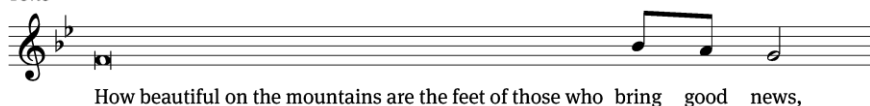
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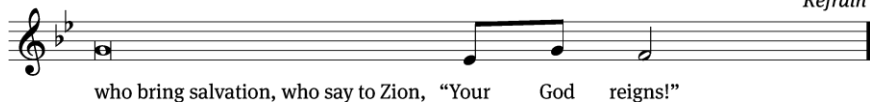
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Tone



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GOSPEL

Matthew 9:27-34 (EHV) Two Blind Men

²⁷As Jesus left that place, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

²⁸When he entered the house, the blind men came to him. Jesus said to them, “**Do you believe that I am able to do this?**”

They told him, “Yes, Lord.”

²⁹Then he touched their eyes and said, “**According to your faith let it be done for you.**” ³⁰And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus warned them emphatically, “**See to it that no one learns about this.**” ³¹But they went out and spread the word about him throughout that entire region.

Jesus Heals a Mute Man

³²Just as they were leaving, people brought to him a demon-possessed man who could not talk. ³³After the demon was driven out, the mute man spoke. The crowds were amazed and said, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel!”

³⁴But the Pharisees said, “He drives out demons by the ruler of demons.”

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

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S LESSON

Hymn of the Day

SOCIAL CONCERN

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Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old Was
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health, Gave
 3 Oh, be our great de-liv-er still, The

strong to heal and save; It tri-umphed o'er dis-
 speech and strength and sight; And youth re-newed and
 Lord of life and death; Re-store and quick-en,

ease and death, All dark-ness and the grave. To
 fren-zy calmed Re-vealed you, Lord of light. And
 soothe and bless, With your life-giv-ing breath. To

you they came, the blind, the dumb, The par-a-
 now, O Lord, be near, to bless, Al-might-y
 hands that work and eyes that see Give wis-dom's

lyzed and lame, The lep-ers in their
 as be-fore, In crowd-ed street, by
 heal-ing pow'r That whole and sick and

mis-er-y, The sick with fe-vered frame.
 beds of pain, As by Gen-nes-'ret's shore.
 weak and strong May praise you ev-er-more.

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–91, alt.

Tune: KINGSFOLD (CM D) English folk tune, 19th century, adapt.

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

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. [Pour out your special blessing on . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people.
Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom
and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN

353 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness With a
2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren With a
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who



lib - er - a - ting light; Praise the one who frees the
strong, yet gen - tle, word; Praise the one who drove out
suf - fered in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic -



pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
de - mons With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
to - rious That we may know God by grace.



Praise the one who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing
Praise the one who brings cool wa - ter To the
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, See - ing



ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and feed - ing
des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this well comes liv - ing
what our God has done; Let us praise the true Re -



thou - sands With the Fa - ther's word of peace.
wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
deem - er, Praise the one who makes us one.

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Tune: BEACH SPRING (87 87 D) attr. Benjamin F. White, 1800–79.

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

EVANGELISM

562

I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a -
2 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it

bove, Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of
best Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To

Je - sus and his love. I love to tell the
hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of

sto - ry Be - cause I know it's true; It
glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'Twill

sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else can do.
be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my

theme in glo - ry To tell the old, old

sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Arabella C. Hankey, 1834–1911, abr.

Tune: HANKEY (76 76 D with Refrain) William G. Fischer, 1835–1912.

A photograph of a field of sunflowers. In the foreground, a large sunflower is in focus, with its bright yellow petals and dark brown center. Other sunflowers are visible in the background, some slightly out of focus. In the far background, a river or lake is visible, surrounded by green trees and foliage under a soft, overcast sky.

**THANK GOD
FOR ANOTHER
DAY.**

A photograph showing the upper portions of several sunflowers against a bright blue sky filled with wispy white clouds. The sunflowers have yellow petals and green leaves, and their stems are visible. The perspective is looking up at the flowers, making them appear to be reaching towards the sky.

I see God
EVERYWHERE!

Last Week's Attendance
 Saturday (08/15/26): 34
 Sunday (08/16/26): 51
 Total: 85

What's Coming Up at Friedens?

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.
Wednesday, August 26 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 27		
Friday, August 28		
Saturday, August 29	Men's Bible Study Worship	8:00 a.m. Noon
Sunday, August 30	Worship Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, August 31 <i>Office Closed</i>		
Tuesday, September 1 <i>Office Closed</i>		
Wednesday, September 2 <i>Office Closed</i>	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.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
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!