

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

November 9th, 2025 ~ 8:30am



+ Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church +

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WELCOME

(*) *Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

Prelude Music, Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Litany (by the Rev. Catherine Rolling)

P: O God, we long to rest in You, to trust in your goodness, in your care for us, in your abundant life.

C: **But we don't know how to rest and we have forgotten how to trust.**

P: We seek material goods that we don't really need. We befriend people not always out of love.

C: **We ask questions of You like the Sadducees did of Jesus, questions that try only to prove our point, not to grow in understanding of your desires for us.**

P: Slow us down, Holy One, and attend to us.

C: **Show us that You are our salvation and our resting place.**

P: God is God of the living. The Holy One will make a place for you that is full of life and love, forgiveness and humility, kindness and justice. Your belonging to God is your salvation. You may rest in that truth. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #437 "On Jordan's Stormy Bank ..."

*The Greeting and Prayer of the Day

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. ~ O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us

P: for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The First Reading ~ Job 19: 23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

²³ “O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! ²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 17 (selective verses, read responsively)

¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

² **Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

³ Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

⁴ **I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.

⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who
take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

⁸ **Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

⁹ from the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

The Second Reading ~ 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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***The Gospel Acclamation** (sung by all)



***The Holy Gospel ~ Luke 20: 27-38**

The Holy Gospel according to the 20th chapter of St. Luke.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled. .

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

***Hymn #619 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"**

***The Apostles' Creed (professed together)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.



I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayer of the Church**

After each prayer petition, please respond:

Hear us, O God ... **Your mercy is great.**

Anthem **“Let All the World in Every Corner Sing”**

The Blessing of the Communion Elements



The Lord's Prayer (traditional ~ prayed by all)

+ Communal Reception of the Sacrament +

Communion will be distributed by method of intinction; that is, the wafer will be dipped in the chalice so that both elements are received together.

Post Communion Blessing, Prayer, and Benediction

P: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, You have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

The God of all grace bless you now and forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #638**

“Blessed Assurance”

***The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude Music



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... to Kay Sheerer for serving as our lector

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To be remembered in prayer ... Richard Eisenhart, Hope Geary, Jeanne Logan, Barbara Shaneberger, Kathleen Tuomela May, Darrell Tuomela, Joe Ulmer, people living in war-torn countries, victims of oppression, injustice, violence, and natural disasters, and other dear ones whom we name before God. †

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our Soup & Bake Sale and Basket Raffle a successful one yesterday morning!



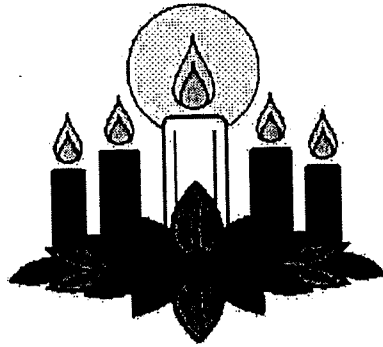
Our annual congregational meeting to elect new Council members and review/vote on the proposed 2026 budget will take place on Sunday, November 16th immediately after the worship service.

Please take note ...

There are information sheets available on the narthex table indicating the needed items for our Mission District Christmas Ingathering event which will benefit the clients of Bright Hope Pregnancy Center and Sharing Life. All items should be brought to the church by November 23rd.



If you are interested in ordering poinsettia plants to adorn our church sanctuary on Christmas Eve, you must place your order TO-DAY with Nancy Filler. The cost is \$7/per plant and you may make a dedication in memory or in honor of loved ones.



The congregation of New Jerusalem Lutheran (3233 Apples Church Rd., Bethlehem) cordially invites the members and friends of Friedens to participate in an Advent wreath building workshop, skit, and meal on Saturday, November 29th at 4:30pm.

Please let Pastor Lisa know if you are interested in attending!