

4th Sunday of Pentecost

July 6th, 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 David Beswick)

P: Loving God, as we prepare to share in the life of Christ, grant us the grace to share through our faithful witness.

C: Teach us how to speak the truth in love, humbly and without shame.

P: Save us from the temptation to conform to what is popular or what is favored by people we admire for their success in the world.

C: Teach us how to rely upon You in the power of the Spirit to bring the harvest of the Kingdom.

P: Let us seek no other reward than to know that we will receive what is promised to faithful witnesses, the reward of knowing You and being known by You in the communion of all the saints forever. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #663** “Spread, Oh Spread, Almighty ...”

***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, the Father of our Lord Jesus, You are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With

P: your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The First Reading ~ Isaiah 66: 10-14

Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her — ¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. ¹² For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. ¹³ As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

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

Psalm 66 (selective verses read responsively)

¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

² **Sing the glory of God's name;
sing the glory of God's praise.**

³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

⁴ **All the earth bows down before you,
sings to you, sings out your name."**

⁵ Come now and see the works of God,
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

⁶ **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the
water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.**

⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;
let no rebels exalt themselves. —————→

⁸ **Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.**

⁹ Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.

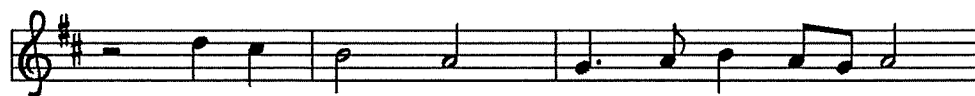
The Second Reading ~ Galatians 6: 7-16

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. ¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised — only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule — peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*The Holy Gospel ~ Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where He would go and do what He would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

The Holy Gospel according to the 10th chapter of St. Luke

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ After this, the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' " ¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." ¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The Sermon

***Hymn #576**

“We All are One in Mission”

***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:

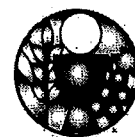
God of grace ... **Hear our prayer.**

Special Music

The anthems are presented as a musical offering in praise of our God. Instead of applauding, one may express appreciation to the singers after the worship service.

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: We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

*Hymn #674 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

*The Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord in love. ♥

Thanks be to God!

Postlude Music



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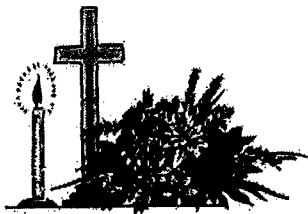
... to Ed Walakovits for serving as our organist



To be remembered in prayer ... Quinette Brucker, Leona Callahan, Hope Geary, Jeanne Logan, Kathleen Tuomela May, Darrell Tuomela, Joe Ulmer, George Williams, Zachary, people living in war-torn countries, victims of oppression, and other dear ones whom we name before God. †

Pray and work for peace in our world.

If you or another member of the church has graduated this year, please email the student's name, school, degree, and future plans to the church office at friedens@ptd.net so their accomplishment may be recognized in the next newsletter. Well done, graduates!



The altar flowers have been sponsored by Leona Callahan in loving memory of her son, Scott Callahan. ♥

