The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2nd, 2026 ~ 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 Christine Longhurst)

P: Loving God, You are our Creator and Sustainer. When You open Your hand, You satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.

C: And so we look to You whenever we are in need, trusting in Your love and Your abundant goodness.

P: As You once fed the hungry crowds with five loaves and two small fish, we ask that You would again fill those who are empty this day. Pour out Your Spirit on all who hunger and thirst.

C: We pray for those who are physically hungry whose stomachs are empty ... as well as for those are empty emotionally who are lonely and long for companionship and love, or are overwhelmed with grief.

P: Lord, fill us with Your compassion and love, so that we would willingly share some of our abundance with those who have need. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #658 "O Jesus Joy of Loving Hearts"

*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. ~ Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and You cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The First Reading ~ Isaiah 55: 1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

[1] Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have
no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. [2] Why do you spend your money for that which is
not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen
carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich
food. [3] Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I
will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for
David. [4] See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. [5] Now you shall call nations that you do not
know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of
the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

Psalm 145 (selective verses, read responsively)

[8] The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
[9] **LORD, you are good to all,**
and your compassion is over all your works.
[14] The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who
are bowed down.
[15] **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,**
and you give them their food in due season.

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[16] You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
[17] **You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**
[18] You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.
[19] **You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;**
you hear their cry and save them.
[20] You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.
[21] **My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;**
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

The Second Reading ~ Romans 9: 1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

[1] I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit —[2] I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. [3] For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. [4] They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; [5] to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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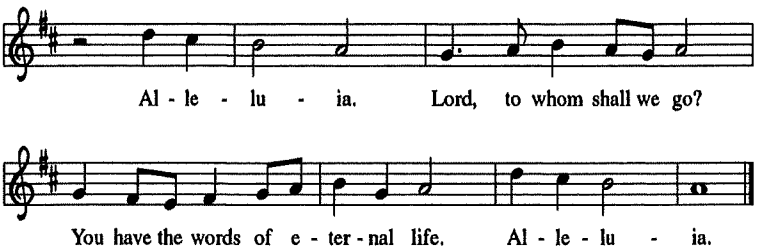
*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)

The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 14: 13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

The Holy Gospel according to the 14th chapter of St. Matthew.

Glory to You, O Lord.

[13] Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. [14] When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. [15] When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." [16] Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." [17] They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." [18] And he said, "Bring them here to me." [19] Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. [20] And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. [21] And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Sermon

*Hymn (see insert) "Where is Bread?"

(tune: God is Here)

*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

*The Prayers of Intercession

God of grace … **Hear our prayer.**

Anthem "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Blessing of the Communion Elements

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

+ Communal Reception of the Sacrament +

This morning, the sacrament will be distributed by method of intinction; that is, the Pastor will dip the wafer into the chalice, hand it to the recipient so that they may place it in their own mouth.

Post-Communion Blessing and Benediction

P: May Christ take the smallness of what you have, bless it in His hands, and multiply your life to feed a hungry world. And may you go forth filled and satisfied, knowing that God's grace overflows with more than enough for all your days. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

*Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord in love.♥

Thanks be to God!

Postlude Music

No formal offering is taking during the worship service. Two plates are located out in the narthex hallway to receive your financial gifts to Friedens. Thank you.

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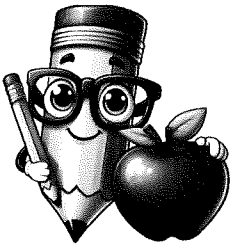

School Supplies COLLECTION

Once again, Friedens is holding a school supplies collection throughout the month of August to benefit teacher, Carl Tyce, and his students.

Needed items include:

#2 Pencils, Colored Pencils, Pens, Markers

Expo/Dry Erase Markers

Scissors, Rulers, Folders

Please place items in the designated box out in the narthex hallway.

Many thanks!

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

To remember in prayer ... Ronald Black, Bob Brown, Shauna and Dan Brucker, Richard Eisenhart, Faye, Hope Geary, Harlan, Janet Heckman, Jeanne Logan, Lori Remaly, Barb Shaneberger, Kathleen Tuomela May, Darrell Tuomela, Joe Ulmer, Leon Warmkessel, George Weiser, people living in war-torn countries, victims of oppression, injustice, violence, and natural disasters, and other dear ones we name before God. ✝

The altar flowers have been sponsored by Sharon Edwards in loving memory of her father, Leidy Bleam, on this, his heavenly birthday.