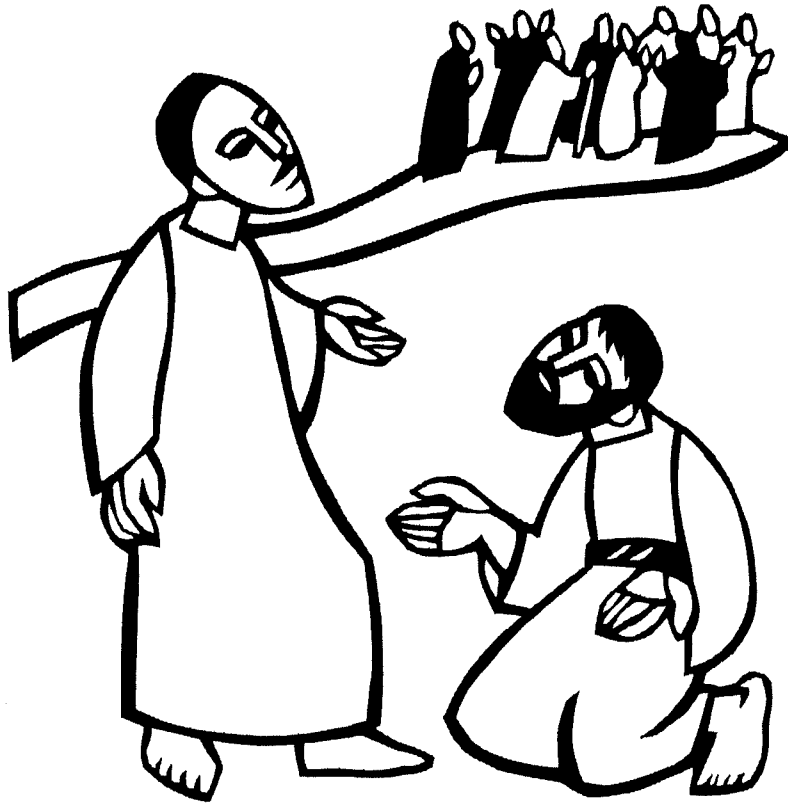


18th Sunday of Pentecost

October 12th, 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 (from "Waiting for Water")

P: O God, so often we take You for granted.

C: **We take for granted that You will answer our prayers,
that You will heal us and make us whole.**

P: We take for granted that you love us.

C: **Forgive us for not appreciating your grace and pres-
ence in our lives.**

P: Help us to be more thankful.

C: **Give us faith to see you in everything and everyone
around us, so that we may be truly grateful. In Christ's
name we pray. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn #822

"O Sing to the Lord"

*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. ~ Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that You would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The First Reading ~ 2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c

In this passage Elisha miraculously cures Naaman's illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. ^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

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

Psalm 111 (read responsively, lector then congregation)

¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² **Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵ You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶ **You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷ The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸ **They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant
forever; holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who
practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures
forever.**

The Second Reading ~ 2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful — he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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



***The Holy Gospel ~ Luke 17: 11-19**

The Holy Gospel according to the 17th chapter of St. Luke.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When Jesus saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

***Hymn #617 “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”**

***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 ... Receive our prayer.

Anthem “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

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.

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation You have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Hymn #840

“Now Thank We All Our God”

*The Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord in love.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude Music

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... to Maureen Wagner for serving as our lector

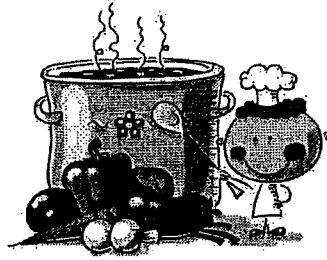
... to Drew Wagner for serving as our live stream tech



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. †

The altar flowers are placed in honor of
Clergy Appreciation Day.





Soup & Bake Sale

Please mark your calendars for our next soup & bake sale and basket raffle:

Sat., November 8th from 9am-noon

Volunteers will be needed to provide a variety of soups and baked goods.

Please sign the sheet on the narthex table if you are able to help in this capacity. Thanks!

Today we are observing Cancer Awareness Sunday.



We remember with love all those who have fought the battle or who have lost their life to the disease.

The collection of children's gently used & new coats to benefit the clients of Betty Lou's Pantry continues throughout the month of October. Please bring any donations to church and place the coats in the plastic bin located in the narthex. Thank you!