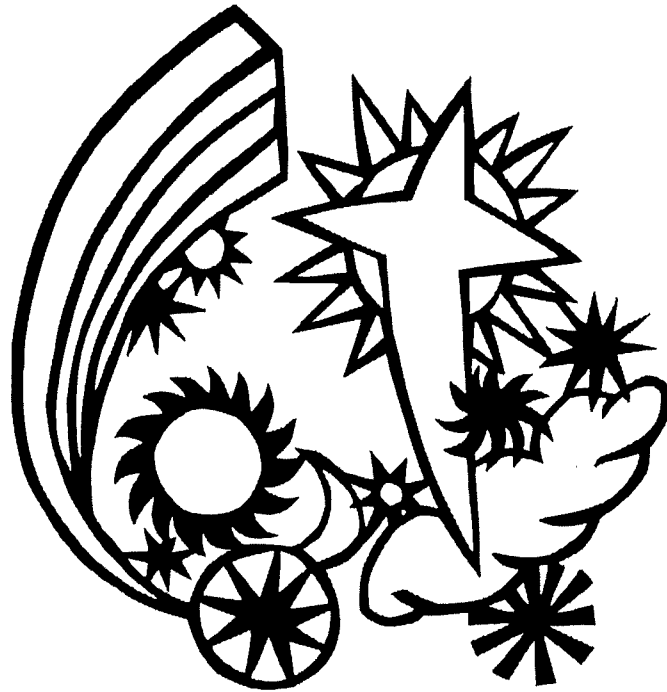


23rd Sunday After Pentecost

November 16th, 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 Bruce Prewer)

P: Though false teachers come and delude the gullible ...

C: **God's truth remains sure.**

P: Though temples crumble and churches wither ...

C: **God's gospel remains sure.**

P: Though earthquakes strike and diseases ravage ...

C: **God's purpose remains sure.**

P: Though good people suffer injustice and persecution ...

C: **God's love remains sure.**

P: Though saints go to prison or face execution ...

C: **God's life remains sure.**

P: We affirm the God who treasures and nurtures us, who yearns over the fate of each one as if they were all, and who turns loss to gain, and defeat to victory. **Amen.**

***Opening Hymn #796** “How Firm a Foundation”

***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 protector of all who trust in You, without You nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with You as our ruler and guide, we may

P: live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The First Reading ~ Malachi 4: 1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

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

Psalm 98 (selective verses, read responsively)

¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

² **O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have
revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of
Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸ **Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out
with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

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



*The Holy Gospel ~ Luke 21: 5-19

The Holy Gospel according to the 21st chapter of St. Luke.

Glory to You, O Lord.

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear. .

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. ⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately."

¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹

By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

Sermon

***Hymn #596** “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

***Prayer of the Church**

After each prayer petition, please respond:

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

Anthem

“I’ll Fly Away”

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.**

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

***Closing Hymn #785** “When Peace Like a River”

***The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude Music

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



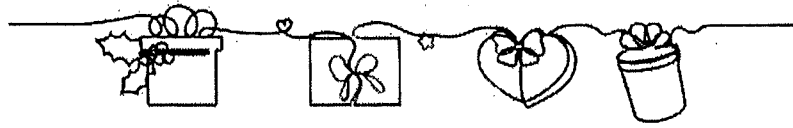
The altar flowers have been sponsored
by Kevin and Cathy Filler in honor of
their loved ones.



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, vic-
tims of oppression, injustice, violence, and natural
disasters, and other dear ones whom we name
before God. †

Our annual congregational meeting to elect new
Council members and review/vote on the pro-
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immediately after the worship service.

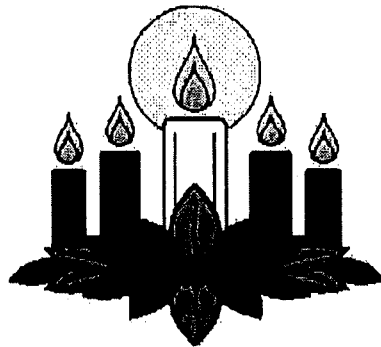




Please take note:

All gift items for the Mission District Ingathering need to be brought to the church by November 23rd!

Thank you so much for thinking of others during this holiday season and making it a bit brighter.



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'll be attending!

