All Saints Sunday

November 1st, 2026 ~ 8:30am



+ Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church +

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WELCOME

(*) Please stand as you are comfortable and able

Prelude Music

Welcome & Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. — Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God ...

C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

*Hymn #422 (vss. 1,2,6,7) "For All the Saints"

*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 God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading ~ Revelation 7: 9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could
count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with
palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the
Lamb!"

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders
and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the
throne and worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God
forever and ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed
in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you
are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have
come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made
them white in the blood of the Lamb.

[15] For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is
seated on the throne will shelter them. [16] They will hunger no more and
thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,
[17] for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Psalm 34 (selective verses, read responsively)

[1] I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
[2] **I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
[3] Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.
[4] **I sought the LORD, who answered me**
and delivered me from all my terrors.
[5] Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
[6] **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me**
and saved me from all my troubles.
[7] The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.
[8] **Taste and see that the LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge in God!
[9] Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
[10] **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
[22] O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

The Second Reading ~ 1 John 3: 1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

[1] See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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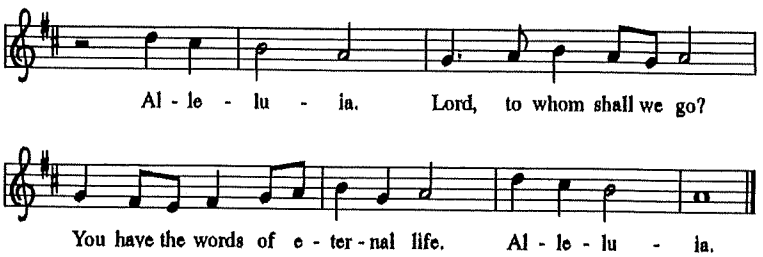
*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)



*The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 5: 1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

The Holy Gospel according to the 5th chapter of St. Matthew.

Glory to You, O Lord.

[1] When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2] And he began to speak and taught them, saying: [3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [4] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. [5] "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. [6] "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. [7] "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. [8] "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. [9] "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. [10] "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [11] "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you

and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

Sermon

*Hymn #423 "Shall We Gather at the River"

*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, in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer.**

Anthem "The People of God"

Blessing of the Communion Elements

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 Prayer and Benediction

P: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Closing Hymn #873 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

*Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Music

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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.

thank you

... to Diane Ernst for serving as our lector this morning

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

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



We give thanks for the lives and love of **Hope Geary and George Weiser** , long time members of Friedens, who both entered into eternal life this past year.



Friedens will be holding a Bake Sale on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd. Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated! Please speak with Nancy.

Today's altar flowers have been sponsored by Quinette Brucker in loving memory of her beloved husband, Frank.