

FRIEDENS LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRELUDE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the Pastor begins.

Blessed be the Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Pastor invites the Assembly into confession.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,
we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

The Pastor declares the forgiveness given in Christ.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ☩ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sin is forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Day by Day”

GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING JEREMIAH 20:7-13

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PSALM 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 *Spoken responsively*

⁷Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

⁸**I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.**

⁹Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

¹⁰**I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.**

¹¹I put on sackcloth also,
and became a byword among them.

¹²**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

¹³But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set,
O LORD:

“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

¹⁴**Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the
deep waters.**

¹⁵Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep
swallow me up;
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

¹⁶**Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.**

¹⁷Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

¹⁸**Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 6:1B-11

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Jesus says, The Spirit of the Lord will testify on my
behalf, and you also are to testify. *Alleluia.* (John 15:26, 27)

GOSPEL MATTHEW 10:24-39

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SERMON

Pr. Laura A. Csellak

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

**and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.***

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

PRAYERS

Response: “Your mercy is great.”

PEACE

Share a sign of peace by bowing to your neighbor

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,**

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”



Day by Day

- 1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
where at last I'll find eternal rest.
- 2 Day by day, I know you will provide me
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow,
I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow
till in glory I behold your face.
- 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
when my burdens grow too great to bear;
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me,
you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Robert Leaf, b. 1936
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Sweet Hour of Prayer

- 1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

- 2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless;
and since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my ev'ry care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

- 3 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
may I thy consolation share,
till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height
I view my home and take my flight.
With joy I'll hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
thy promise gained, sweet hour of prayer.

Text: William Walford, 1772-1850, alt.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
- 2 We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
- 4 Early let us seek your favor,
early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,

with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

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*In the name of Jesus Christ, we strive to serve all people in our community
and world. We extend a warm welcome to all visitors who are worshipping
with us today...Please sign the guest register in the lower narthex and
complete a visitor's pew card, placing it in the offering plate.*

Worship times June: 10:30 a.m. July-September: 9:00 a.m.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Head Usher: **Altar Guild:** **Lector:** TBA
Counters:
Ushers:

THIS WEEK AT FRIEDENS

Today, June 21: Worship 10:30 am

Looking ahead...

Next Sun., June 28: Worship 10:30 am
Tuesday, July 14: Church Council, 7 pm.

Prayer Corner:

The family of Pr. Gary F. Koch, Sr., former pastor of Friedens
(1976-1980), who died June 3, age 77, in Nazareth, PA.

**Names may be added to the Sunday bulletin prayer list by calling
the church office no later than Thursday prior to Sunday worship
(570-682-9690).** If you forget to call, a prayer card is available from the
ushers to fill out and return to ushers for Pastor Swanson before service.
Prayer requests for the Friedens *prayer chain* can be made by calling Julie
Klinger (682-9110) or Nancy Kline (682-9160).