

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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Exhortation

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Blessing & Post Communion Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

*Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission: all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. {Refrain}*

Call to Service

Ash Wednesday, February 18th, 2026

Attendance: 152

Lent offering: \$297

Youth Group: \$752

Sunday, February 22nd, 2026

Attendance: 188

General offering: \$6,765.64

Hospitality: \$32

Facility: \$30

December YTD Budget YTD Actual Difference

Giving 401,691 463,956.95 +53,265.95 over budget

Expenses 351,071 335,101.84 +15,969.16 under budget

We hope our Worship service will be a Blessing to you!

2nd Sunday in Lent, Sunday, March 1st, 2026



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Announcements

Parent Bible study: We all want to raise great kids who love Jesus, but the pressures of modern life seem to work against our ability to do that. This study brings hope to weary parents doing their best to raise great kids! Join us for a 6-week study on Sunday mornings from 10:45-11:30. Let’s connect and support each other in this parenting journey! (*during Faith Formation*) March 1, 8, and 15.

Youth Group Lent Dessert and Hot Chocolate Bar: Instead of Lent Suppers, we are going to serve Lent desserts! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year for the youth group, and we appreciate everyone's help to make it successful! Each Wednesday in Lent, we will serve a themed dessert, along with decaf coffee and a hot chocolate bar. Parents sign up to help provide desserts and to work in the kitchen. Also, come and enjoy some wonderful desserts!

Lent Worship Services: All other Lent services will be on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. The Youth Group will serve desserts after worship each Wednesday night as a fundraiser!

First Communion classes: Pastor Janine will start First Communion classes for 3rd graders on Sunday, February 22nd @ 10:30 am. They will meet each Sunday (except March 22nd) through March 29th. Maundy Thursday, April 2nd @ 7 pm will be their First Communion. If your child is older than 3rd grade and has not completed these classes, please talk to Pastor Janine or Pastor Craig.

Lent Facebook Devotions: will start **February 19th** and go through **April 4th**. Pr. Craig or Pr. Janine will be LIVE on Facebook at either 9 am or 9 pm each day/night.

Lent Offering: will go to the Watertown Area Foster Closet. We will also be collecting NEW backpacks and 12x6x12 clear tote bags with zippers. You can find them on Amazon.

Easter Flower Gifts: Due to limited space, instead of buying an Easter flower, you can give a gift in honor or memory of a loved one, with all proceeds going towards replacement items for the decorating committee. Each gift will be \$15. Please fill out and hand in the form by **Sunday, March 22nd**. The forms are located by the bulletins.

Prelude to Prepare for Worship

Welcome

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P: 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 might perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-examination and reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and fellow minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority and in his place, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Opening Hymn

“To God Be the Glory”

**To God be the glory, great things he has done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he has done.**

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. {Refrain}**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-9

Psalm 121

Second Lesson

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

Gospel Hymn

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of the Day CCLI #4615235 Authors: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend ©2005 Thankyou Music

“Speak O Lord”

Speak O Lord as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word.

Take Your truth plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness

That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak O Lord and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility;

Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.

Words of pow’r that can never fail— Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises, And by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Sermon

Pastor Craig Werling

Sermon Hymn

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down, sinking down.

When I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,

Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,

Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.