

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

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Benediction

Closing Hymn *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;

When all supports are washed away, He then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

Clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! [Refrain]

Call to Service

Sunday, March 15th, 2026 No Worship due to the weather.	February	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Difference
Wednesday, March 18th, 2026 Attendance: Lent offering: \$297 Youth Group: \$752	Giving	58,206	62,342.59	+4,136.59 over budget
	Expenses	54,421	53,318.41	+1,102.59 under budget

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

5th Sunday in Lent, Sunday, March 22nd, 2026



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Announcements

Choir practice: will be Wednesday, March 25th at 7:15 pm in the Chapel. The choir will sing on Palm Sunday, March 29th.

Youth Group Lent Dessert and Hot Chocolate Bar: 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!

Holy Week Services: Palm Sunday, March 29th @ 9:15 am. Maundy Thursday, April 2nd @ 7 pm. Good Friday, April 3rd @ 8 pm. Easter Sunday, April 5th @ 8:30 am & 10:30 am.

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 this Sunday) through March 29th. Maundy Thursday, April 2nd @ 7 pm will be their First Communion.

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 **THIS Sunday, March 22nd**. The forms are located by the bulletins.

Thrivent Financial Members: Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars! Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funds can help support Hosanna Lutheran Church or many other organizations you care about. Eligible members of Thrivent Financial who have been designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2026**, to direct any remaining 2025 Choice Dollars®. Help support our congregation. Call 800-THRIVENT and state “Thrivent Choice®” or go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call your Financial Rep.

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 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, unite my soul with thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Second Lesson

Romans 8:6-11

Gospel Hymn

"Lord, Speak to Me"

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of Thy tone.

As Thou have sought, so let me seek Thy erring children lost and lone.

**O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things that you impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.**

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Just As I Am"

**Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Sermon

Pastor Janine Rew-Werling

Sermon Hymn

"Softly and Tenderly"

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.**

Refrain:

**Come home, come home; ye who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!**

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? (Refrain)

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. (Refrain)