

Hymn

*Savior, when in dust to you Low we bow in homage due;  
When, repentant, to the skies Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;  
O, by all your pains and woe Suffered once for us below,  
Bending from your throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!*

*By your hour of dire despair, By your agony of prayer,  
By the cross, the nail, the thorn, Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,  
By the gloom that veiled the skies O'er the dreadful sacrifice,  
Listen to our humble sigh; Hear our penitential cry!*

Prayers of the Church

Exhortation

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us Your peace.*

Distribution

Nunc Dimittis

Benediction

Closing Hymn

*Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide.*

*The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.*

*When other helpers fail and comforts flee,*

*Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.*

*I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;*

*What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?*

*Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?*

*Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;*

*Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;*

*Change and decay in all around I see;*

*O thou who changest not, abide with me.*

Call to Service

"Savior, When in Dust to You"

"Abide With Me"

**We hope our Worship service will be a Blessing to you!  
Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 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*) February 22 and 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 3<sup>rd</sup> graders on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:30 am. They will meet each Sunday (except March 22<sup>nd</sup>) through March 29<sup>th</sup>. Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7 pm will be their First Communion. If your child is older than 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and has not completed these classes, please talk to Pastor Janine or Pastor Craig.

**Lent Facebook Devotions:** will start **February 19<sup>th</sup>** and go through **April 4<sup>th</sup>**. 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.**

Prelude to Prepare for Worship

Welcome

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.**

Hymn

"Softly and Tenderly"

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling for you and for me;  
Patiently Jesus is 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]  
Oh, 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]**

Response

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

**C: A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Psalm 51:1-17

Confession

P: I ask you in the presence of Almighty God, who searches the heart: Do you truly acknowledge, confess, and lament that you are by nature sinful, and that by omitting to do good and by doing evil you have in thought, word, and deed, grieved and offended your God and Savior, and thereby justly deserve His condemnation? If this be the sincere confession of your hearts, declare it by saying:

**C: Yes**

P: Do you truly believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and that all who believe in His Name receive the forgiveness of sins? Do you, therefore, earnestly desire to be delivered from all your sins, and are you confident that it is the gracious will of your heavenly Father, for Christ's sake, to forgive your sins and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness?

**C: Yes**

P: Is it your earnest purpose, henceforth, to be obedient to the Holy Spirit, so as to hate and forsake all manner of sin, to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily after holiness of heart and life?

**C: Yes**

P: Let us humbly make confession unto God, imploring His forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: O God, heavenly Father, I confess unto you that I have grievously sinned against you in many ways; not only outward transgressions, but also by secret thoughts and desires, which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known by you. I do earnestly repent and am heartily sorry for these my offenses, and I beseech you of your great goodness to have mercy upon me, and for the sake of your dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, to forgive my sins, and graciously to help my infirmities. Amen**

**Imposition of Ashes** - All who desire may come forward as the ushers guide you. The minister applies ashes to each person's forehead with the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

P: Almighty God our Heavenly Father has had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of His dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, forgives us all our sins. As a Minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you who do truly repent and believe in Him, the entire forgiveness of all your sins: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

**Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:12-22

Gospel Hymn

**"O Word of God Incarnate"**

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise you for the radiance That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sermon

Pastor Janine Rew-Werling