

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 Author: Kathleen Thomerson © 1970 Celebration, admin. The Copyright Co. OneLicense #00361 *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Call to Service

Sunday, March 8th, 2026 Attendance: 168 General offering: \$7,147.83 Hospitality: \$199 Youth Group: \$20, Décor Comm: \$185 Lent offering: \$500 Helping Hands: \$1,000	Wednesday, March 11th, 2026			
	Attendance: Lent offering: \$ Youth Group:			
	February	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Difference
	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!
4th Sunday in Lent, Sunday, March 15th, 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)* **today.**

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!

Choir practice: They will meet on Wednesday, March 18th & 25th at 7:15 pm, in the Chape. They will sing on Palm Sunday, March 29th. If you are interested in joining the choir, please talk to Sarah Becker or just show up to practice!

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 March 22nd) through March 29th. Maundy Thursday, April 2nd @ 7 pm will be their First Communion.

Lent Facebook Devotions: will 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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, grant that we, who for our evil deeds worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of your grace, may mercifully be relieved; 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

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Hymn

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

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 9:1-41

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Sermon

Pastor Craig Werling

Sermon Hymn

“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.