

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

"A Mighty Fortress"

*A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.*

*Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot over-pow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.*

*God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!*

Call to Service

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

5th Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 3rd, 2026



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Announcements

Faith Formation: Our Faith Formation kids are in for a treat today as we wrap up our year with a story of community and legacy. Author **Julianne Endres** will visit to read *Little Bug Earns Her Spots*, a book inspired by the legacy of Emily Hult, a young girl from Watertown whose love of ladybugs continues to spread joy. Thanks to a kind donation from **Jan DeBerg**, each student will receive their own copy to keep! To help our kids understand the power of giving, **DeDe Gilbertson** from **Make-A-Wish** will talk about how book proceeds help grant wishes for local children facing critical illnesses. It's a beautiful way to see our faith in action! **Mark your calendars for VBS July 27th – 30th.**

Youth Group T-shirts and Hats for Sale: all funds raised will be used for Youth Group Faith-building experiences, such as Quake (retreat weekend), Christian concerts, and local youth group activities. If you would like to order a T-shirt or a hat, please find the order forms and sizing examples on the red cart in the Faith Formation hallway.

Confirmation Classes: the last class is this Wednesday, May 6th.

High School Senior Day: We will be recognizing our HS seniors on Sunday, May 17th during worship. Please send the following to the office email (listed above) grads full name, parents' names, photo, future plans, favorite Bible verse, best church memory, and HS memory.

Electronic Giving or Text to Give: If you are interested in giving electronically, we have an app for that! Just go to the app store, search for Vanco Mobile, download it, search for Hosanna Lutheran Church, and follow the steps! You can also text 855-625-1726 with the amount you want to give, click the link they send you, and put in your information. If you have any questions, please see Anna. You can also put your offering in the offering plates.

<p><u>Sunday, April 26th, 2026</u> Attendance: 143 General offering: \$4,441.44 Hospitality: \$63.85 Youth Group: \$65 Change Offering: \$178.51</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>March 2026</u></th> <th><u>YTD Budget</u></th> <th><u>YTD Actual</u></th> <th><u>Difference</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Giving</td> <td>94,585</td> <td>91,190.40</td> <td>3,394.60 <u>under budget</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenses</td> <td>82,799</td> <td>80,428.53</td> <td>2,370.47 <u>under budget</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>March 2026</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	Giving	94,585	91,190.40	3,394.60 <u>under budget</u>	Expenses	82,799	80,428.53	2,370.47 <u>under budget</u>
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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 when 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 ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, 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 Author: Rick Founds 1989 Universal Music Brentwood Benson Pub (admin. Brentwood-Benson Music Pub, Inc.) ***“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”***

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,

from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.

Lord, I lift your name on high!

{Repeat}

Prayer of the Day

O God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

Acts 7:51-60

Psalms 31:1-5, 14-16

Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:1-10

Gospel 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.

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

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day Text copyright © 1958 Service Book and Hymnal admin Augsburg Fortress. ***“Built on the Rock the Church Does Stand”***

Built on the Rock the Church shall stand, even when steeples are falling;

Crumbled have spires in every land; bells still are chiming and calling;

Calling the young and old to rest, but above all the soul distressed,

Longing for rest everlasting.

We are God's house of living stones, made for his own habitation;

Through his baptismal grace he owns, us by his wondrous salvation;

Though we were only two or three He, as he promised us, will be

Here with his grace and his favor.

Grant, then, O God, where'er we live, that, when the church-bells are ringing

Many will faith in Christ receive where he his message is bringing.

“I know my own, my own know me; You, not the world, my face shall see.

the peace I leave with you.” Amen.

Sermon

Pastor Janine Rew-Werling

Sermon 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 we 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}