

Announcements This Week

- ✓ **Welcome to our worship on this day!** *"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*
- ✓ **Our Liturgist today is Blaine Anderson.**
- ✓ **Our Lenten Study for 2026** is, "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?" by Adam Hamilton. This series offers an opportunity for us to look at why Jesus' crucifixion matters. Join us at 7 p.m. every Wednesday throughout Lent in the BF Comfort Room.
- ✓ **Our Sunday School Cookie Sale** coincides with our "Coffee and Conversation" fellowship immediately following today's service. A variety of cookies will be available for a "free will donation" with proceeds going to continued Sunday School activities and programming.
- ✓ **The "One Great Hour of Sharing" special offering** is coming, Sunday, March 15.

Please pray:

- **For missionaries and aid workers.** God of all compassion, bless those who journey away from home to serve you in ministry meeting needs of body and soul. Amen.
- **All those who are ill, homebound, or in care facilities.**
- **For others in our lives, especially** our Church Conference, Travelers, Military and First Responders, and especially LaDawn Hespe.

Want to add someone to our prayer list?

If so, contact the church office staff with your information. Please note that this is a public list, anyone making a request for someone other than themselves, please ensure that individual has provided you with his or her consent.

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Sunday, March 1, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

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“✠” *Invites all to stand in body or in spirit*

WELCOME & RINGING OF THE BELL

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/**Many**)

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As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey,
God calls us to follow in trust.

**God is able to make us more than we have been
and blesses us on the way.**

As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again,
Christ invites us to become a new creation.

All praise to the Lord of Life!

Let us worship God.

✠ HYMN

“To God Be the Glory”

CH #72

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.**

**By your loving mercy,
help us to live in your light
and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning,
is now and always shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

PSALM LESSON

Psalm 121

R: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** (pp. 571)

CHILDREN’S TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART ☺

GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:1-17

R: Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** (p. 93-94)

MESSAGE

Rev. Chuck Aurand

“The Need for a Reset”

✠ Statement of Faith

The Apostles Creed
(see insert)

✠ HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

CH # 272

A TIME OF PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER (using debts/debtors)

A TIME OF OFFERING

✠ DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HOLY COMMUNION

(SEE INSERT)

✠ VIDEO SONG

(on monitor)

“Once Again”

✠ BENEDICTION

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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God of power and might,

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Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in your name.

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Great is the mystery of Faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will Come again.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, gracious God,

**for giving us bread for the journey
of these forty days.**

**As we travel on through the wilderness
help us to share your grace with others
and draw us ever closer to you. Amen.**



The Apostles Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and Earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

About the Apostles Creed

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