



Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!

From one tiny seed...



June 16, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Pastor Chris Sesevold Worship Accompanist: Laurie Noelke

Order of Worship

(ELW—Evangelical Lutheran Worship—red hymnal; WOV –With One Voice—blue hymnal)

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Gathering Song

“Build Us Up, Lord”

ELW 670

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children’s Message

Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Gospel Acclamation

“Celtic Alleluia”

ELW 174

Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

ELW 679

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Peace

Offertory Song

“As the Grains of Wheat”

ELW 465

Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ELW 473

Lord’s Prayer

ELW pg. 191

Communion

Communion Hymn

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

ELW 479

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

ELW 547

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

Birthdays this week:

Mary Gordon, Dylan Hale, Samantha Pralle, Abbey Stasiak, Henry Barbour, Jessica Harper, Gretchen Sesvold, Soren Sesvold, Rowdy Beneke, Anna Holley, Andrew Wilson, Patti Happel, Glenn Schmidt, Benjamin Olson

Giving at HCLC: We appreciate all the ways you help to meet our needs and the needs of others! To give through PayPal, please use the QR code on the back page of the bulletin.

Noisy Offering: June's noisy offering will go toward the youth gathering trip! On June 2nd we collected \$39.23! Thank you!

Holmen's Hope Summer Lunch Program: HCLC members will be volunteering on **June 19, July 31 and August 14**. Sign up to help make and deliver lunches. Link below may also be found in the E-news and our online bulletin!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A9A923A0FCC70-49343201-2024#

HCLC Apparel Order: the youth are hosting an apparel fundraiser and the money will go back to the General Fund! If you'd like to order, please grab a form in the gathering space and return it today!

Thank you, Laurie Noelke, for sharing your musical talents with us today!

Upcoming Worship: Next weekend, Nancy Solberg will be joining us and talking about the Synod delegation going to Peru. She will also share information about her health equipment lending program. Welcome Nancy!

On Wednesday, June 26th we'll have our first outdoor worship at 7 PM. We'll be serving communion as well. If you can volunteer, please sign-up on-line or email the office! Thank you!

Youth Gathering participants are preparing for their final fundraiser: Chicken Q on July 9 at Journey Lutheran Church. Tickets will go on sale this weekend!!
Thank you for your support!



Blessings on Father's Day! May fatherly love, in all its beautiful forms, continue to be a source of strength, guidance, and unwavering support in our world.



We pray for friends and family of Rod Sutherland, Curt Nedoba, Judy Campbell, and Mike Nedoba, Marjorie Lee and the friends and family of Raymond Lee, Jean Latham, Bob Loper, Joan Vaughn, Bridget Ferk, Thelma Severson, Lisa Herrera Evans, Katie Wier, Phoebe Kitzke, Gayle Kuespert, Beulah Sanders, Cary Heyer, Eric Erdman, Dawson Reed, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebakken, Karla Johnson, Alice Fonfara, Marie Jezova, the Coats family

Welcome to Worship!

Thank you for being here today. We want you to feel at home when you are here at HCLC, so please remember:

As you participate

Bolded words on the screen are for you to speak.

Even though the pastor indicates when to stand up or sit down, that is not mandatory. We do not judge when it's done differently. Move around as you need to and please worship as *your* body demands it.

Offering

The offering is our way of showing that when we come to the table we bring ourselves as well as all we have been given by God to be blessed for service in God's world.

The offering plate is placed at the entrance of the sanctuary and may be passed around as well.

The cake pan is for our Noisy Offering. Each month we choose a cause to support.

Offerings can also be made through our website or by using this QR code. Thank you for the many ways you support HCLC and our mission.



Holy Communion

All are welcome to the table today. It is not our table, but Jesus is the host. So, in this place **all** are welcome to Jesus' table.

Pre-packaged communion kits, regular and **gluten-free**, are available for communing in your seats or bringing them with you as you come forward.

Communion in the front aisle will be baked bread and both wine and juice (the wine is red, juice is clear).

Kids

We welcome kids to participate fully in any part of the service! We have instruments to play for the last song, there will be a Children's Message and coloring page, you may pass the offering plate or noisy offering. We have activity bags as you enter church. If you think of other ways to participate, let Pastor Chris know—worship is meant to be fun and interactive, so you are especially welcome to make that happen.

An **AED is available** in case of an emergency. It is located just outside the sanctuary doors.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship each week after service.

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