



Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Continue
in my word*

JOHN 8:31

*Oct 27 2024 - 10:00 a.m.
Reformation Sunday*

*Worship Leader: Pastor Carol Garman
Worship Accompanist: Lynn Wegner*

Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Gathering

Confession and Words of Assurance

Forgive us when we limit you, God and when we place you and your ideas into boxes. Open our souls to the expansiveness of faith. May we incorporate the new winds and bold ideas even when we are set in our old ways and content with our monotonous routines. Amen.

Gathering Song *“That Priceless Grace”* ELW 591

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

God of all time and spaces, we know that through your magnificent creative Spirit our world and our lives came into being. And yet, you are not completely finished with creation. You continue to speak. As you nudge us to newness, grant us renewal as we observe creation with refreshed souls. Help us to appreciate the boldness of Jesus, Martin Luther, and other reformers throughout history. Give us the courage to change what needs to be transformed in order for your Church to grow. Amen.

Reading Romans 3:19-28

Gospel Acclamation *“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”* ELW 172

Gospel John 8:31-36

Message Kathleen Jensen, The Little Heart Project

Hymn of the Day *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”* see insert

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Peace

Offertory Song *“For the Wholeness of the Earth”*

Give thanks to God for the wholeness of the earth. (x3) Can you feel it rising in you?

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer ELW pg. 191

Communion

Communion Hymn *“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”* see insert

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing

Sending Song *“Make a Difference”* see insert

Announcements

Birthdays this week: Lori Anderson, Nicole Stumlin, Annie Fiers, Jamie Lohrentz, Mark Witte, Les Kolbo, Sue Bramwell, Noel Jandt, Jean Latham

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: October noisy offering will support The Little Heart Project. We have collected \$172.91 so far this month! This project, which was started by our former office assistant, Kathleen Jensen, aims to prevent suicide one crocheted heart at a time through serendipitous words of encouragement. The Little Heart Project is people leaving small knitted or crocheted hearts with a note of encouragement wherever one goes; whether it be the grocery store, the library, the gas station, your hometown coffee shop or bar, the Empire State Building, or the Great Wall of China. In January 2024, Kathleen Jensen was recognized in the Wisconsin State Assembly as being a Hometown Hero for her work in the community.

November worship:

3rd—All Saints Sunday

10th—Blessing of the Quilts

17th—Blessing of the Hunters

Trunk or Treat: A huge thank you to everyone who organized and participated in Trunk or Treat!

Confirmation & Sunday School:

All ages (Pre-K to 8th grade) are welcome to attend Sunday School/Confirmation on **November 3 & 10 at 9:15 a.m.**

As another option, Confirmation students (grades 6-8) will meet on **Wednesday, November 20th at 6:30 p.m.**

ELCA World Hunger 50 year celebration is happening this month. We'll be supporting this effort with an HCLC food drive. So far we've collected 100 items—or goal is 208! We're almost halfway there. Thank you!



In Our Prayers:

We pray for friends and family of those we have lost this past year: Rod Sutherland, Curt Nedoba, Judy Campbell, Mike Nedoba, Raymond Lee, Marie Jezova

We pray for Owen Gilbertson, Adisyn Rhyme, Ron Hanson, Kannon Happel, Marjorie Lee, Jean Latham, Bob Loper, Joan Vaughn, Bridget Ferik, Thelma Severson, Lisa Herrera Evans, Katie Wier, Phoebe Kitzke, Gayle Kuespert, Beulah Sanders, Cary Heyer, Eric Erdman, Dawson Reed, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebaken, Karla Johnson, Alice Fonfara, 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 when communion is offered. 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! 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

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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