

Welcome to Worship!



Dec 1, 2024 - 10:00 a.m. First Sunday of Advent

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

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

Gracious Lord, prepare our lives to receive your beloved Son as he comes to us in his birth and as he will come again in power at the close of the age. Inspire us through prophecy to await him with joy. Amen.

Gathering Song "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ELW 257

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Reading Gospel Acclamation	Jeremiah 33:14-16 "Come Now O Prince of Peace"	ELW 247 v1
Gospel Sermon	Luke 21:25-36	LLW 247 VI
Hymn of the Day Apostles' Creed	"My Lord, What a Morning "	ELW 438
Prayers of Intercession	"Wait for the Lord"	ELW 262
M	erciful God, receive our prayer.	
Peace		
Offertory Song	"He Came Down"	ELW 253 v1
Offering Prayer		
Words of Institution		
Lord's Prayer		ELW pg. 191
Communion		
Communion Hymn	"Now the Heavens Start to Whisper"	see insert
Prayer after Communion		
Blessing of the Hunters		

Blessing Song

Sending Song "Christ Be Our Light" v. 1, 2, 5 ELW 715

Dismissal Postlude

Announcements

<u>Birthdays this week:</u> Justin Happel, Maddy Arendt, Matthew Payne, Alice Jackson, Rita Johnson, Cameron Legrave, Laura Oines, Esther Smith, Jodi Eide, Adam Thoma

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.

<u>Noisy Offering</u>: December noisy offering will support ELCA Good Gifts. Let's keep making some noise.

Preparing for Advent: We are covering our Christmas tree in ELCA Good Gifts ornaments. You may purchase an ornament and put the money in the envelope. Our goal is to collect \$525 which will be reached when all of the ornaments are gone! Check out the information in the gathering space or talk to Bette Pedretti, if you have more questions. Thank you!

Caring Tree: Tags are now on the tree. If you'd like to purchase an item for the caring tree, please take a tag and complete the clipboard next to the tree. Wrapped gifts are due back at church on December 8. Thank you!!

<u>Confirmation & Sunday School</u> Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church this morning!!

Sunday School & Confirmation will have a big day on Sunday, Dec. 8th. Plan to arrive at 8:45 a.m. for music practice followed by Jesus' birthday party and the music program. We hope you will join us for this day of celebration!

Upcoming

Dec 8 at 10 AM; Second Sunday of Advent—Multi-generational Program led by the worship team, Sunday School. (kids will practice at 8:45 AM)

Dec 15 at 10 AM; Third Sunday of Advent **Dec 22 at 10 AM**; Blue Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve Worship Services at HCLC will be December 24 at 2 PM and 4 PM.



In Our Prayers:

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

We pray for Perry Voshage, Owen Gilbertson, Adisyn Rhyme, Kannon Happel, Marjorie 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 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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