



Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!



Dec 1, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

Worship Leader: Pastor Carol Garman

Worship Accompanist: Lynn Wegner

Announcements

Birthdays this week: 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.

Noisy Offering: 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!!

Confirmation & Sunday School

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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