



Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!

**My eyes
have seen
your salvation**

LUKE 2:30



February 2, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome Pastor Tara Shilts

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 Forgiveness Prayer response: **Amen**

Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

Gathering Song *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* ELW 815

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia"* setting 4

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *"In His Temple Now Behold Him"* ELW 417

Apostles' Creed

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

Peace

Offertory Song *"This Little Light of Mine"* ELW 677

Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy *"You Are Holy"* ELW 525

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer ELW pg. 191

Invitation to Communion

"Lamb of God" setting 4

Communion Hymns

"Refiners Fire" see insert

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Announcements

Birthdays this week: LeRoy Holley, Lee Thoma, Judy Casberg

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: Throughout February we will be supporting our HCLC Quilters Group who meet Tuesday mornings through March. *Our total collected for Karuna Housing in January was \$179.03. Thank you for making some noise!!*

Pizza Fundraiser: We'll be making pizzas on February 5 at Journey. We'd love to have your help!! **Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space.** There is still time to get your pizzas: **Last minute orders will be taken today.** As a reminder to all who ordered: please plan to pick up your pizzas Feb. 5 after 6 PM at Journey or Sunday, Feb. 9 after worship at HCLC.

Upcoming Worship

Feb 9 at 10 AM; welcome Pastor Carol Garman and Laurie Noelke on piano; Sunday school meets at 9:15 AM.

Feb 16 at 10 AM; welcome Ron Christensen

Confirmation : Please plan to attend our Service Project on Feb. 5th—Making Pizzas at Journey from 5-8 p.m.

Operation Happy Mail Feb 2 and 9

We'll be writing letters to our local National Guard service persons who have been deployed to the Middle East and Africa. And we'll also be sending a care package to them, We'll have a list of items you could donate in the gathering space along with letter writing supplies. Thank you for participating in this outreach project!

Coffee and Fellowship: We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with coffee and provide treats after worship. This is an invaluable opportunity to help encourage fellowship and build community at HCLC. Thank you for your consideration in helping with this ministry.

In Our Prayers:

We pray for friends and family of those we have lost: Ray Cook, Charles Severson, Madilyn Vang, Jeff Rose, Ron Hanson, Rod Sutherland, Curt Nedoba, Judy Campbell, Mike Nedoba, Raymond Lee, Marie Jezova

We pray for Brooklynn Cook, Megan Sacia Ulrich, 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. Guests and members please take a moment to fill out the Welcome Card in the pew. We want to know how we can best minister to you.

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Lyrics for Worship

Refiner's Fire

Purify my heart; let me be as gold and precious silver;
Purify my heart; let me be as gold, pure, gold, Lord. (repeat verse)

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord;
I choose to be holy, set apart for You, my Master, ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart; cleanse me from within and make me holy;
Purify my heart; cleanse me from my sin deep within.

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord;
I choose to be holy, set apart for You, my Master, ready to do Your will.

Congregation Potluck

Thank you for joining us for potluck after the annual congregation meeting and annual cemetery meeting. We'll have plenty of food, please stay for fellowship and celebrate our HCLC family!

Super Bowl Pizza Fundraiser

Order your 12 inch take and bake pizzas today! **Orders due Feb 2.** Pick up will be Wed., February 5th at Journey or after Worship on Sun., February 9th at HCLC.

_____ 12" Cheese Pizza \$10

_____ 12" Pepperoni Pizza \$10

_____ 12" Veggie Lovers \$13

(green peppers, onion, mushroom, black olives)

_____ 12" Meat Lovers \$13 (sausage, pepperoni, Canadian Bacon)

_____ 12" Deluxe Pizza \$13 (sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms, onion,
green peppers, black olives)

_____ 12" Hawaiian \$13 (Canadian Bacon, pineapple)

_____ 7" Apple Pie Dessert Pizza \$7

_____ Total Price



Name _____

Phone _____

Thank you for supporting the Super Bowl Pizza Fundraiser!