



Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!

You are my Son,
the Beloved;
with you
I am well
pleased

LUKE 3:22



January 12, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.
Baptism of our Lord

Worship Leader: Ron Christensen
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

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

"Be Not Afraid"

see insert

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Gospel Acclamation

"Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

ELW 510 v1

Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Baptized and Set Free"

ELW 453

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

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

Peace

Offertory Song

"This Little Light of Mine"

ELW 677

Offering Prayer

Thanksgiving for the word

C: our hearts sing of your mercy and might!

Lord's Prayer

ELW pg. 191

Blessing

Sending Song

"I've Just Come from the Fountain"

WOV 696

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

Birthdays this week: Robert Lee, Zachary Mueller, Mary Jane Nelson, Trevor Plomedahl, Joy Jandt, Jordyn Stasiak

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 January we will be supporting Karuna, Inc. Last weekend we collected \$59.58. Thank you! See more information about Karuna Housing in our January Currents.

Confirmation

Confirmation will meet on Wednesdays: January 15 and 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Pizza Fundraiser

Our annual pizza fundraiser has been such a huge hit and a fun collaboration with Journey Lutheran that we are having it again! Order forms may be found in the gathering space and in our weekly E-News. Please place orders before the end of January. We'll be making pizzas on February 5 at Journey. We'd love to have your help!!

Upcoming Worship

Jan 19 at 10 AM; LuMin Sunday with Pastor Kathryn Thompson

Jan 26 at 10 AM; welcome Jason Knipe and Laurie Noelke on piano

Feb 2 at 10 AM; Pastor Tara Shilts; annual meeting, cemetery meeting and Potluck!

Vision Board Member Nominations are due. Please turn in your nomination to a current board member or leave it in the office. Thank you!



In Our Prayers:

We pray for friends and family of those we have lost: 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.

Mark your calendars for our:

HCLC Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 2 after worship. The Annual Cemetery meeting will follow along with our **Congregation Potluck and Fellowship!** Please sign up in the gathering space if you'd like to bring something. Please note that everyone is welcome and bringing food is NOT required; we'll have plenty! Please just come and enjoy the meal and fellowship.

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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Lyrics for Worship

Be Not Afraid – Bob Dufford

1. You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain

Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come, follow me,
and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all. *Refrain.*

Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you! *Refrain.*



SUPER BOWL PIZZAS

Place your orders today!

Forms in the Gathering Space or online in E-News!

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Congregation Potluck

Sunday, February 2

Following Annual meeting and HCLC Cemetery meeting

Sign-up in the Gathering Space if you'd like to bring something to the potluck.
You may also sign-up on-line. Find the Sign-up Genius link in your E-News.
You are NOT required to bring anything; we'll have plenty of food! Just come!