



# Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Welcome to Worship!*

“The Spirit of the **Lord** is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the **poor...**  
to **set free** those who are oppressed  
to proclaim the **year** of the  
**Lord's favor.”**

Luke 4:18-19

*January 26, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.*

*Welcome Jason Knipe*

*Worship Accompanist: Laurie Knoelke*

## Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness                      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    *“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”*    ELW 314

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

**Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Reading    Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Second Reading    1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Gospel Acclamation    *“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”*    ELW 510 v1

Gospel    Luke 4:14-21

Sermon

Hymn of the Day    *“We Are Marching in the Light”*    ELW 866

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    Response: **We worship you, O God.**

Lord’s Prayer    ELW pg. 191

Sending Litany

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed—and Jesus embodied—

**God’s call to reach out and care for those who are brokenhearted and those who mourn, people who are abused and oppressed, who are powerless to make changes for good in their lives.**

The Spirit of the Lord empowers and anoints us to proclaim and to live out that same message—

**to lift up those who are downtrodden, to comfort those who mourn, to be bearers of the gospel in word and deed.**

Blessing  
Sending Song  
Dismissal  
Postlude

*“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve“*

ELW 551



**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 the friends and family of Charles Severson who passed on January 9th and also Ray Cook (family: Kathy Johnson, Jeremy & Jess Cook) who passed on January 18th.

Gracious God,

*Surround the families of Charles Severson and Ray Cook with your love, and grant them your peace, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come. Thanks be to you, O God, for you give us the victory through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

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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# Announcements

Birthdays this week: Erica Nichols, Matt Rink, Camden Thiele, Bristol Pralle, Corey Hendrickson, Wayne Atchley, Alexa Shisler.

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. Karuna's mission is to build community by providing a supportive housing model that empowers people experiencing homelessness to cultivate their resilience, elevate their personal dignity, and find their own life worth living. So far this month, we've collected \$117.74. Thank you for contributing to this worth cause!

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, bulletin and in our weekly E-News. **Orders are due January 31st.** 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.**

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

## Upcoming Worship

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

**Feb 9 at 10 AM;** welcome Pastor Carol Garman and Laurie Noelke on piano

**Feb 16 at 10 AM;** welcome Ron Christensen

HCLC Annual Meeting is 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. Annual Reports are available on our website and in the gathering space!

## 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 next week's E-News and at worship. Thank you for participating in this outreach project!

# Super Bowl Pizza Fundraiser

Order your 12 inch take and bake pizzas today! **Orders due Jan. 31.** Pick up will be Wed., February 5<sup>th</sup> at Journey or after Worship on Sun., February 9<sup>th</sup> 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!

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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 and enjoy fellowship and food with your HCLC family!