



Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!



January 5, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Christmas

Worship Leader: Pastor Jim Arends
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

God-with-us, **we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.**

Gathering Song

“The First Noel” v 1-2

ELW 300

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

O God our redeemer, you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all darkness and turn us toward the light of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Gospel Acclamation

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

ELW 510 v1

Gospel

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“What Feast of Love”

ELW 487

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of Intercession

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

Peace

Offertory Song

“He Came Down”

ELW 253 v3

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

ELW pg. 191

Communion

Communion Hymns

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

ELW 815

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Sending Song

“Love Has Come”

ELW 292

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

Birthdays this week: Mia Bartnik, Joe Feltes, Keith Casberg, Petra Nedoba, Tonya Holley, John Stasiak, Paula Hammes, Noah Lepsch, Dewey Crocker, Lonnie Oines, Edward Scholze, Jordyn Schreiber, Tyler Sherry, Matthew Barbour, Cody Smith



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 : ELCA Good Gifts Noisy Offering and Ornaments raised \$546.42, surpassing our goal of \$525! Thank you! Throughout January we will be supporting Karuna, Inc. See more information about Karuna Housing in our January Currents.

Confirmation & Sunday School

All grades through 8th will meet on January 12 at 9:15 a.m.

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

Upcoming Worship

Jan 12 at 10 AM; welcome Ron Christensen & Patti Happel

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

Jan 26 at 10 AM; welcome Jason Knipe & Patti Happel along with Laurie Noelke on piano

Vision Board Member Nominations are due today. 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 this past year: Jeff Rose, Ron Hanson, Rod Sutherland, Curt Nedoba, Judy Campbell, Mike Nedoba, Raymond Lee, Marie Jezova

We pray for 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 Membership Meeting on Sunday, February 2 after the 10 AM worship. The Annual Cemetery meeting will follow along with our Congregation Potluck! Please sign up in the gathering space to bring an item or two to share at the potluck!

Any volunteers and team members that would like to report about the activities at HCLC this past year, please have those reports to the office by January 10. Thank you!

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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