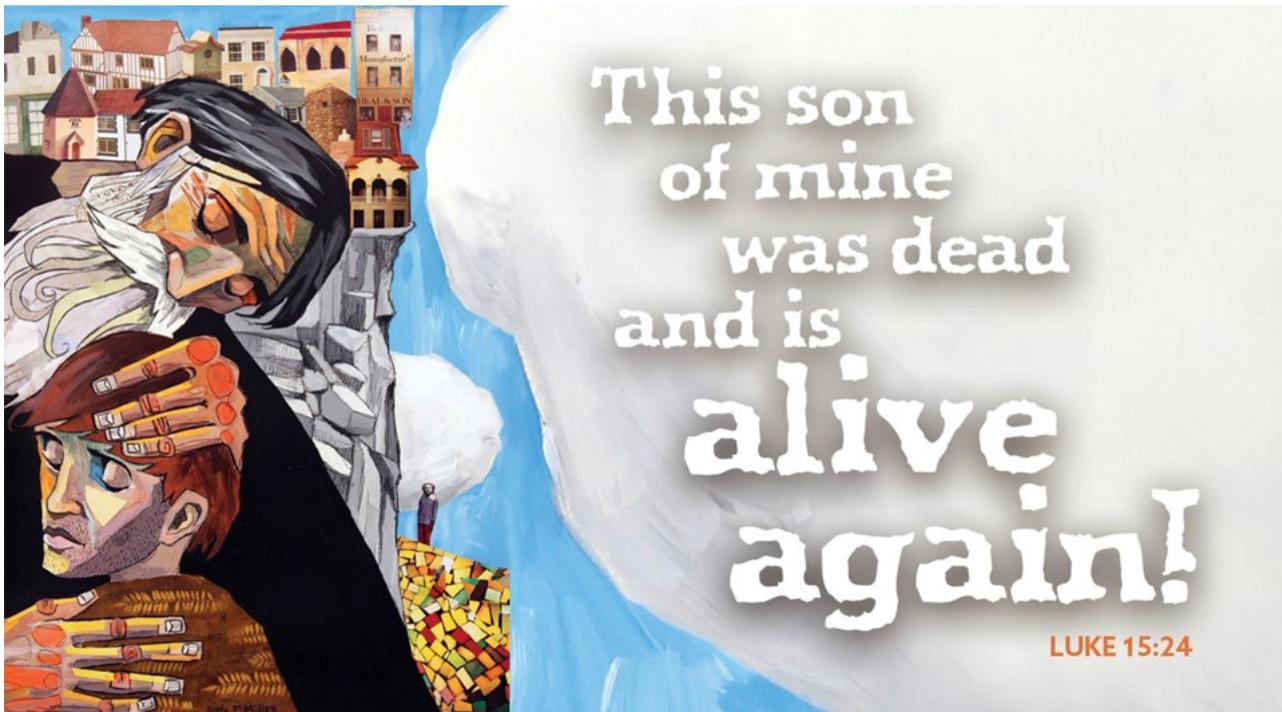




Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship



March 30, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Wayne Van Kaulwenbergh, presiding

Worship Accompanist: Lynn Wegner

Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

Compassionate One,

you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

Gathering Song

“Amazing Grace”

ELW 779

Greeting

c: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

Gospel Acclamation

“Let Your Steadfast Love Come to Us O Lord” setting 8

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

ELW 608

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of Intercession

God, in your mercy, **c: receive our prayer.**

Peace

Offertory Song

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

ELW 188

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

ELW pg. 191

Invitation to Communion

Communion

“Eat This Bread”

ELW 472

“Here is Bread”

ELW 483

Post Communion Blessing

c: Amen

Prayer after Communion

c: Amen

Blessing

c: Amen

Sending Song

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

ELW 538

Dismissal & Postlude

Announcements

Birthdays this week: John Daily, Stella Pederson, Daniel Brudahl, Reid Stumlin, Nicole Barbour, Noah Hanson, Gregory Temp, Rachael Hauser, Trinity Horstman

Noisy Offering: Our noisy offering for the month of March is for the Coulee Region Immigration Task Force. Last weekend you gave \$31.71 for a total of \$201.77 so far. Let's keep making some noise!

Upcoming Worship & Events

Easter flower orders due today

APRIL

2—5:45 p.m. Wednesday Lenten Meal (Chili and sandwiches);

6:30 p.m. Service followed by reflection and conversation

4—6:00—10:00 pm Youth Night Out for grades 6-12. RSVP to Rich: 608-385-9968

6—9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. worship with Pastor Ralph Kuespert

Confirmation Sunday is May 4th!

Save-the-date: Versiti Blood Drive hosted by Halfway Creek Lutheran Church on Friday, May 16 from 9 am—2 pm. Please sign-up online (link in E-news) or contact Shari in the office.

Mid-week Lenten meals and service: We'll gather on Wednesdays during lent through April 9 at 5:45 p.m. for our meal and 6:30 p.m. for service followed by a short time of reflection and conversation. Topics will come from the book "*The Great Spiritual Migration*" by Brian D McLaren. It is not necessary to read the book to participate in these conversations.

Sign up sheets for the Lenten meals may be found in the gathering space.

Planning ahead for Holy Week and Easter:

Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m.

(In the community: Noon crosswalk starting at the bandshell, 1PM service at Holmen Lutheran)

Easter Sunday, April 20 at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Outreach Opportunity: Life Planning Seminar in collaboration with Fredrickson Funeral Homes. All are welcome to attend this short seminar to learn about the benefits of funeral pre-planning and enjoy a catered meal on Tuesday, May 6 from 5:00—6:30 p.m. at HCLC. Please RSVP to Margaret at 608-397-8672. Invite your friends and family, too.

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 Mike and Pat Martin, Laurie Noelke, 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 passed around during the offering song.

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! You may pass the offering plate or noisy offering, and 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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