



# Halfway Creek

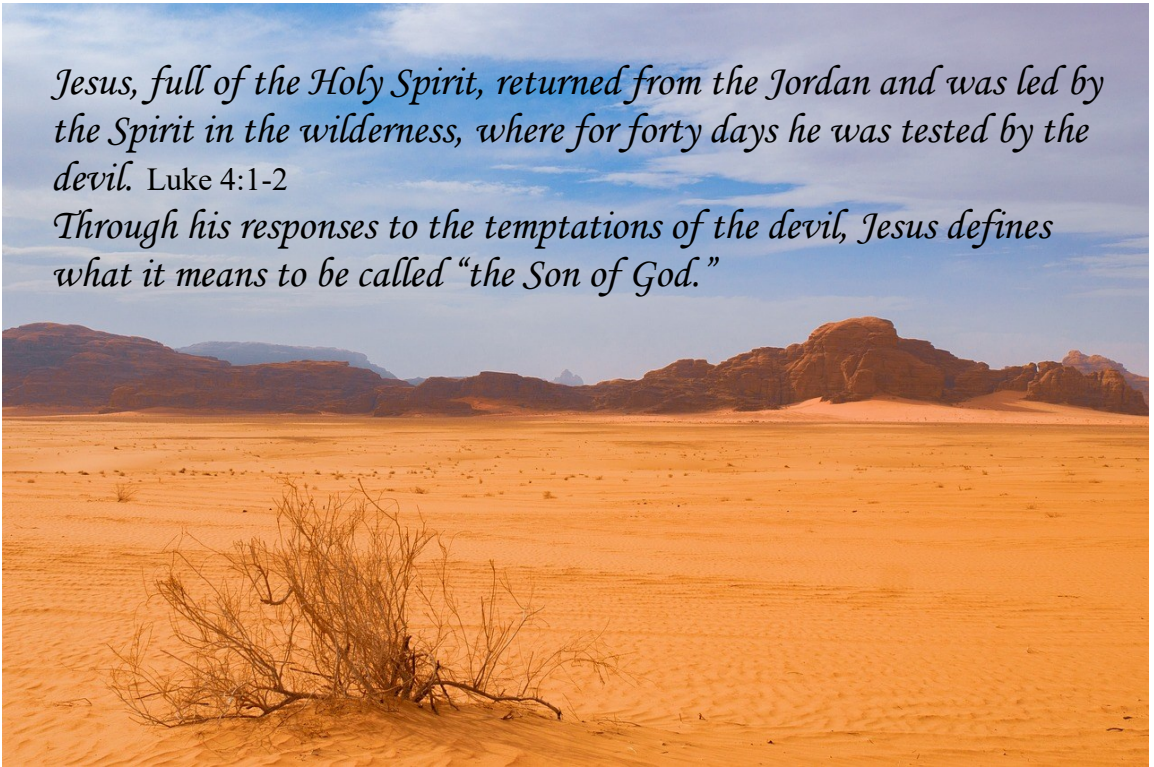
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## *Welcome to Worship*

*and the Installation of Patti Happel as Synod Authorized Minister*

*Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. Luke 4:1-2*

*Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, Jesus defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."*



***March 9, 2025 10:00 a.m.***

*Bishop Felix Malpica, presiding—Worship Accompanist: Lynn Wegner*

*Thank you Bishop Malpica for worshiping with us this weekend. And a huge thank you to Lynn and the worship team for sharing their vocal and musical talents with us and filling the sanctuary with beautiful worship music!*

## Order of Worship

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

Prelude	<i>“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”</i>	worship team
Welcome & Announcements		
Gathering		
Confession and Forgiveness	c: <b>Amen.</b>	
<i>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.</i>		
Gathering Song	<i>“Blessed Be Your Name”</i>	see insert
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		
<b>O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.</b>		
First Reading	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>“Let Your Steadfast Love Come to Us O Lord”</i>	insert
Gospel	Luke 4:1-13	
Sermon		
Hymn of the Day	<i>“On Eagles Wings”</i>	ELW 787
Installation of Synod Authorized Minister		
<b>c: We will, and we ask God to help us.</b>		
Prayers of Intercession	God in your mercy, <b>receive our prayer.</b>	
Peace		
Offertory Song	<i>“We Are an Offering”</i>	ELW 692
Offering Prayer		
Words of Institution		
Lord’s Prayer		ELW pg. 191
Invitation to Communion		
Communion	<i>“Welcome Table”</i>	see insert
<i>“United at the Table” ELW 498, and “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” ELW 674</i>		
Post Communion Blessing	<b>c: Amen</b>	
Prayer after Communion	<b>c: Amen</b>	
Blessing		
Sending Song	<i>“The Lord Is My Light”</i>	see insert
Dismissal & Postlude		

## Announcements

Birthdays this week: Robert Nelson, Sydney Page, Gaye Johnson, Michael Martin, Garrett Pederson, Tricia Syverson, Braxton Lohrentz

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: Our noisy offering for the month of March is for the Coulee Region Immigration Task Force. The mission of the Coulee Region Immigration Task Force is to welcome, advocate, and educate in the service of new, recent, and established immigrants. Last weekend you gave \$45.32. Let's keep making some noise!

### *Congratulations, Patti!*

The altar flowers are in honor and celebration of Patti Happel and her installation as our Synod Authorized Minister (SAM). Congratulations, Patti! We are so excited to have you join our ministry in this role and serve the members of Halfway Creek Lutheran Church and community!

### Upcoming Worship & Events—MARCH

**12**—5:45 p.m. Wednesday Lenten Meal  
6:30 p.m. Service followed by reflection and conversation

**15**—10:00 a.m. Worship and Baptism; Pastor Jim Arends presiding

**19**—5:45 p.m. Wednesday Lenten Meal  
6:30 p.m. Service followed by reflection and conversation

**23**—10:00 a.m. worship with Pastor Kuespert

### **Mid-week Lenten meals and service:**

We'll gather on Wednesdays during lent from March 12 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. If you would like us to order a copy, contact Shari or you may purchase a copy on your own.

*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.

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

### **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** 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.

(more announcements on the insert)

## 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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# Lyrics for Worship

## GATHERING SONG

### **Blessed Be Your Name**

Blessed Be Your Name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say

### **Chorus**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**  
**Blessed be Your name**  
**Blessed be the name of the Lord**  
**Blessed be Your glorious name**

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's 'all as it should be'  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say

### **Chorus** (repeat)

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord, blessed be Your name (Repeat)

### **Chorus** (repeat 3 times)

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### **Let Your Steadfast Love Come to Us**

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.  
Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.  
Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.  
Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

## COMMUNION SONG

### **I'm a-Goin'-a Eat at the Welcome Table Welcome Table**

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,  
I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,  
some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,  
I'm goin'-a eat at the welcome table,  
some of these days.

2

I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,  
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,  
some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,  
I'm goin'-a feast on milk and honey,  
some of these days. (over)

3

I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,  
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,  
some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,  
I'm goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,  
some of these days.

*Text: African American spiritual*

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## SENDING SONG

### **The Lord Is My Light**

The Lord is my light and my salvation,  
the Lord is my light and my salvation,  
the Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

#### *Refrain*

Whom shall I fear,  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;  
whom shall I fear?

In the time of trouble, he shall hide me;  
in the time of trouble, he shall hide me;  
in the time of trouble, he shall hide me;  
whom shall I fear?

Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,  
oh, wait on the Lord and be of good courage,  
wait on the Lord and be of good courage;  
he shall strengthen thy heart. *Refrain*

Text: Psalm 27; adapt. Lillian Bouknight  
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## **Announcements** (Continued)

Cookies on Campus: The weather is getting nicer and LuMin is heading back out to share cookies with the college students. We signed up to provide 500 cookies on April 2nd. If you'd like to make cookies for LuMin's Cookies on Campus, please find the clipboard in the gathering space. Thank you!

Easter Flowers: Would you like to help decorate the sanctuary with Easter flowers in honor, in memory or in celebration of someone? Please find order forms in the gathering space. Orders are due March 30.