



Halfway Creek
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!



“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.” Romans 10:15

*Maundy Thursday
April 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.*

Worship Leader: Patti Happel Worship Accompanist: Lynn Wegner

Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Come and remember the love of Jesus, gathered at table with his friends.

We come to receive from Christ the bread of life, the cup of blessing;

Come, receive the tender service Christ offers each of us;

We come to receive the challenge of the new commandment:

“Love one another.”

Come and contemplate the many temptations of a world that would entice us, like Judas,
to betray the trust of a suffering God.

We come to travel with Jesus the way of the Cross, so that our Easter “alleluia” will take on new meaning.

Let us worship together and reflect upon the life of Christ, that we might remember what discipleship may cost, and what it may reap.

Confession and Forgiveness

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Gathering Song

“Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love”

ELW 708

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

Gospel Acclamation

“A New Commandment”

WOV 664

Last Supper

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Sermon

Foot Washing

So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s

feet. **c: For I have set you an example that you also should do as I have done for you.**

Hymn of the Day *"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"* ELW 659

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

c: Amen

Peace

Offering Anthem

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

Offering Prayer

God, you give us all we have. In gratitude we return these offerings to you, for the sake of our neighbors and the world. Bless them for your holy purposes, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

ELW pg. 112

Invitation to Communion

Communion

Communion Hymn

"Here Is Bread"

ELW 483

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

ELW 494

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 88 Anthem

Departure in Silence

Good Friday
in the Holmen Community

Noon: Meet at Halfway
Creek bandshell for the
Crosswalk.

1PM: Holmen Lutheran
Church community worship
service.

Halfway Creek Lutheran Church - We welcome ALL!

Join us for

**HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP**

6:30 PM April 18 | Good Friday

8:00 AM April 20 | Easter Sunday

10:00 AM April 20 | Easter Sunday

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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. 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! We have instruments to play for the last song, 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. If you think of other ways to participate, let Pastor Chris know—worship is meant to be fun and interactive, so you are especially welcome to make that happen.

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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