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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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October 24, 2021 –9:00 a.m., 22st Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Worship

Today we celebrate Holy Communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table, whether you're visiting, or a member, whether it's your first time taking it or your thousandth, whether it's been a long time, or it's been just a while. You are welcome!

In response to our mission, continue to check on one another as you reach out and share Christ with all!

You are invited to speak the **bold** text. Please stand as you are able at parts marked *

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God created all things. **We celebrate all that God created when we gather.**
We gather to serve the Lord, **Even when serving the Lord is hard.**

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Creator of all things, we have failed to care for all that you have made. We have squandered resources and oppressed others. Forgive us for what we have done and have failed to do. Teach us how to be steward of your creation with care and nurture. Amen.

Our God will always love all that God has made. Although we sin, God forgives. Receive now the entire forgiveness of all your sins, granted as a gift from a loving God. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG

The Potter's Hand

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior,
I know for sure all of my days are held in your
hand,
Crafted into your perfect plan.

You gently call me into Your presence
Guiding me by Your Holy Spirit.
Teach me, dear Lord to live all of my life
Through Your eyes.

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Through Your eyes.

I'm captured by Your holy calling,
Set me apart, I know You're drawing me to
Yourself,
Lead me Lord, I pray.

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Set me apart, I know You're drawing me to
Yourself,
Lead me Lord, I pray.

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me,
I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me,
I give my life to the Potter's hand. (repeat)

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me,
I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me
I give my life to the Potter's hand.

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*GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of faithful servanthood, You called Samuel to anoint David, the smallest and youngest of Jesse's son, to be king over Israel. Teach us to follow you as Samuel did. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

16 Eternal One (to Samuel): How long will you mourn over Saul? I have rejected him as king over *My people* Israel. Now take your horn, fill it with oil, and depart. I have selected a new king for Me from among the sons of Jesse of Bethlehem.

The Lord has yet another mission for Samuel.

Samuel: ²How can I do that? If Saul hears *I am anointing a new king*, he will kill me!

Eternal One: Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Eternal One." ³ Invite Jesse to that sacrifice, and *when he arrives*, I will show you what to do. You will anoint for Me the one I show to you.

⁴ Samuel did as the Eternal One had told him, and he went to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came out to him, *unsure of what business he had there*.

Elders (*trembling*): Do you come in peace?

Samuel: ⁵Yes, in peace. I have come to sacrifice to the Eternal One. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.

And Samuel consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice as well. ⁶When they came, he noticed *the eldest son*, Eliab.

Samuel (to himself): Surely this is the one the Eternal One will anoint.

Eternal One (to Samuel): ⁷ Take no notice of his looks or his height. He is not the one, for the Eternal One does not pay attention to what humans value. Humans only care about the external appearance, but the Eternal considers the inner character.

⁸ Jesse called *his son* Abinadab and brought him to Samuel. Samuel looked at him.

Samuel: The Eternal has not chosen him either.

⁹ Then Jesse brought *his son* Shammah in front of Samuel.

Samuel: The Eternal has not chosen him either.

¹⁰ Jesse walked seven of his sons in front of Samuel, *and each time*, Samuel refused them because the Eternal One had chosen none of them.

Samuel (to Jesse): ¹¹ Are all your sons here?

Jesse: All but the youngest. He is off keeping the sheep.

Samuel: Send for him, and bring him here. We will not sit down until he arrives.

¹² Jesse sent for the youngest son, *David*, and he came in *front of Samuel*. He was a handsome boy, with a healthy complexion and bright eyes.

Eternal One: Rise and anoint him, because this is the one.

¹³Then Samuel took the horn filled with *olive* oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the Spirit of the Eternal fell strongly on David and remained from that day on. Samuel then left for Ramah.

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

ANTHEM OF THE DAY

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Cleanse our hearts and hear these our prayers, O Lord, offered in hope for a world that sees as its Creator does—with one all-loving gaze and an irrevocable promise of deliverance for all. **Amen.**

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*OFFERING

*OFFERING PRAYER

We serve you however we can, Lord. Today we bring to you an offering as an act of service. Use these gifts to call others into your service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen**

*LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you so much for worshiping with us today!

BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a world in need of it.
The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Confirmation Students
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*SENDING SONG

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O
Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12
Music: CREATE IN ME, anonymous

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.**

*POSTLUDE

Word cloud containing various terms and names, including: Sons, Samuel, Lord, Jesse, Anoint, Sacrifice, Chosen, King, Oil, Made, Before, Here, Now, and many others.

Worship Leader: Pastor Chris; **Worship Accompanist:** Lynn Wegner

Birthdays this week: Aubrey Henthorn, Rubianne Kinsman, Jen Strangstalien, Dave Betsinger, Isabella Medd Beville, Lori Anderson, Nicole Stumlin, Annie Fiers, Jamie Lohrentz, Mark Witte



We pray for Roy Ackermann, Katie Wier, Phoebe Kitzke, Ayla Humphrey, Ted Latham, Gayle Kuespert, Mark Sanders, Beulah Sanders, Cary Heyer, Eric Erdman, Dawson Reed, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebaken, Karla Johnson, Alice Fonfara, Ruth Scholze, Mildred Schwanebeck, Kathy Johnson

Announcements

The cooler fall weather has brought us together inside for worship. We'll continue to respect each other by physical distance in the pews, wearing a mask, using sanitizer and taking communion at your seat.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Oct. 26

5:00 p.m. Holmen's Hope Dinner at American Legion

6:30 p.m. Faith+Full+Life Women's Fellowship at Journey Lutheran

Saturday, Oct. 30

1:00–3:00 p.m. Trunk-or-Treat at HCLC parking lot; spread the word and sign up to help

Sunday, Oct. 31

9:00 a.m. Worship, Reformation Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

2:30-4:30 p.m. "Fill the Pumpkin" Drive-up Food Collection at Holmen Lutheran

More HCLC information and events may be found in our monthly Currents newsletter and weekly E-news. If you have information for either of these publications, please email:

assistant@halfwaycreek.org.

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