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# Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**January 9, 2022, 9:00 a.m.—First Sunday after Epiphany**



Welcome to Worship Service  
*The Wedding at Cana*

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

## PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather:

**a community of faith in God's subversive world.**

We gather to celebrate

**that no darkness can extinguish light,**

to remember

**that love will always be more powerful than death,**

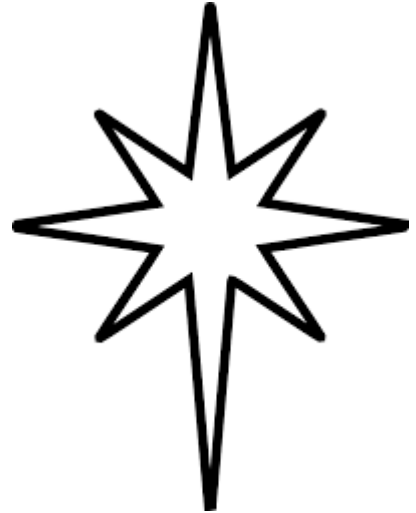
and to trust

**that peace will always be stronger than violence.**

We gather,

**people of faith in the light of God's world.**

Welcome to worship.



## ANTHEM

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### \*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

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star.

**Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory,** through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, **one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Gospel Reading:        John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*The Gospel of the Lord!*  
***Praise to you, O Christ!***

SERMON

*Epiphany*

**Blessing the Chalk**

O God of the universe,  
Bless this chalk made from the earth,  
A favored tool we use to play, learn, and  
create.

*Use the chalk to bless your home by praying  
the following prayer and inscribing on paper  
or your wall the current calendar year be-  
tween C+M+B “Christus mansionem bene-  
dicat” - “May Christ bless this home.”*

**Blessing our Home and Church**

20 + C + M + B + 22

Peace be to this space and all who live,  
play, and visit here. May all who come  
and go from this space, find welcome,  
kindness, gentleness, and love, Because  
you, God, live here with us.

ANTHEM

\*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

... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

\*PEACE

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

\*OFFERING

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**Loving Lord, you provide for all our needs, both the important ones and the ones we may take for granted. May we never doubt that each act of kindness is blessed with your grace and received with thanksgiving. Pour your blessings upon these offerings and all those who give them, that we may be joined to one another in love. 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, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both 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

In this bread and in this cup, **We celebrate something we can't quite understand.** Because God has made a house at this table. **Because God satisfies our hunger in the most unlikely places.** Because God comes to be with us. **Now and always.** Come.

### \*COMMUNION

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### BLESSING

God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, + bless you and keep you in hope and peace. **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE



**Worship Leader:** Pastor Chris; **Worship Accompanist:** Paula Przywojski

## Announcements

### Thank You Volunteers

Thank you to all our worship service volunteers. Your time and talents make HCLC a better place of worship and reflection, of community and love, of life. Anyone who would like to volunteer, please sign up on the clipboard located at the church entrance or use the sign-up genius button on our website or E-News.

### Worshipping in Person

During worship, we will continue to respect each other by allowing for physical distance in the pews, wearing a mask, using sanitizer and taking communion at our seats. If you test positive for COVID-19 after attending worship, please contact the office. We will keep your information confidential while also contacting others in attendance to let them know they were potentially exposed to COVID-19. Thank you!

### Important Update

With COVID-19 cases rapidly rising this past week, we will be considering the implications on our worship time and gathering in groups at church. Please pray with us as we decide whether or not to continue in person worship or to move to a virtual platform for the next few weeks.

**Birthdays this week:** **9** Paula Hammes , Noah Lepsch **10** Dewey Crocker, Lonnie Oines, Edward Scholze, Jordyn Schreiber **11** Mathew Barbour **12** Robert Lee **13** Zachary Mueller **14** Mary Jane Nelson, Trevor Plomedahl **15** Lisa Betsinger

*In our prayers...*



We pray for 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, Zach Mossman, Marie Zezova

## Upcoming Events

### **Sunday, Jan. 9**

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Education Series and fellowship

### **Monday, Jan. 10**

Information for Annual Report due

### **Thursday, Jan. 13**

6:00 p.m. Vision Board

### **Saturday, Jan. 15**

RSVP for ELCA Youth Gathering—Call or email the office!

### **Sunday, Jan. 16**

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Education Series and fellowship

### **Monday, Jan. 17**

Articles for February Currents due

## Giving at HCLC

Giving at HCLC has been made even easier. You can now go



directly to Paypal and search for Halfway Creek Lutheran church. Or scan this QR code. Thank you for helping us further our mission.

## Food Drive

There is a constant need in our community for food. We have a grocery cart located near the front doors. Let's fill it with non-perishable foods and toiletries each week. Your generous donations are so appreciated.

## Mail it Monday!

In response to our mission to "Reach Out, Share Christ With ALL", we are encouraging everyone to send mail. Grab a card from the basket. Write a note to someone you haven't seen for a while or that you've thought of recently. Pop the note in the mail!! Share on social media using the hashtags:

#mailitmonday  
#halfwaycreeklutheranchurch  
#reachoutsharechristwithall.



## **ELCA Youth Gathering 2022 July 24-28 Minneapolis, MN**

Calling all 8th–12th grade students! If you are interested in attending the Youth Gathering, please contact Shari by January 15.  
assistant@halfwaycreek.org

**Confirmation  
Students  
QR code for  
Worship Notes  
Form**

