



# Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

W6016 COUNTY RD. W  
HOLMEN, WI 54636

**March 13, 2022, 9:00 a.m.—Second Sunday in Lent**

Welcome to Worship Service



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

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, have mercy on us, we pray. **In your mercy, make us clean from our sins.** Wipe away every failing and make us new in your sight. **Restore us, deliver us, and re-create us, O Lord.**

These forty days called Lent are like no other. **It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus.** This is no small pilgrimage on

which we have just embarked. **It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares.** The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

GATHERING SONG

*Beautiful Things*

\*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

**Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

**Narrator:** They came at last to the village of Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee; and on the Sabbath Day, Jesus went straight into a synagogue, sat down, and began to teach. The people looked at each other, amazed, because this strange teacher acted as One authorized by God, and what He taught affected them in ways their own scribes' teachings could not. Just then a man in the gathering who was overcome by an unclean spirit shouted.

**Unclean Spirit:** What are You doing here, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I can see who You are! You're the Holy One of God.

**Jesus (rebuking him):** Be quiet, and come out of him now!

**Narrator:** The man's body began to shake and shudder; and then, howling, the spirit flew out of the man. The people couldn't stop talking about what they had seen.

**People:** Who is this Jesus? This is a new teaching—and it has such authority! Even the unclean spirits obey His commands!

**Narrator:** It wasn't long before news of Jesus spread over the countryside of Galilee.

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

SERMON

REFLECTION STATION

**Let us pray.**

**Loving God, we give you thanks for the gifts of life on earth, for our human bodies and all you have created. By the wounds of your Son we are healed. Bring your saving health to all people. Your Son Jesus brought the gift of healing and wholeness. Bring your healing presence now to all who are in any distress. Almighty God, source of human knowledge, give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide medical care. Give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, caregivers, and all who are suffering. God of Great and Abundant Mercy, with your presence sustain all for whom we pray; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

*When We Are Tested*

\*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**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

\*PEACE

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

\*OFFERING

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**Although we often fall short, today we strive to do our best, bringing our first fruits as offering. Hold us to the highest standard and teach us to give generously. Use our gifts to further your mission in the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Jesus, the Son of Man, has been lifted up so that all who believe may have eternal life. **We share in the gift of eternal life every time we come to the table for healing.** Come, eat this bread and drink this cup, and be healed.

\*COMMUNION

We eat together the bread: this is the body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**  
We drink together the cup: this is the blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BLESSING

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ☩ bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

\*SENDING SONG

*Healer of our Every Ill—ELW# 612*

\*DISMISSAL

Go in peace, Jesus meets you on the Way. **Thanks be to God.**

\*POSTLUDE

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

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



# Announcements

## New Guidelines for In Person Worship—Beginning Wednesday, March 16

With new guidelines put forth from the CDC, we have decided to relax some of our mitigation procedures in worship for those of you who feel you need a break when conditions are suited to it.

Please see the information below for a description related to levels of risk in the county. We have previously used metrics at [covidactnow.gov](https://www.covidactnow.gov) and are switching to the new CDC formula. The metric we are using is found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

You will know how we are worshipping by the level reported on this site each **Friday**. This will be shared before worship in the weekly E-News. Physical distancing practices will continue to be normal and we'll keep the first three rows of pews empty during worship.

The new levels and our related protocols:

**Low risk**—masks optional

**Medium risk**—Masks strongly encouraged (and people at risk should consult with their physician according to the guidelines)

**High risk**—Masks required

We continue to do our best to protect the health and well-being of all our members, especially those most vulnerable. We also hope that these new protocols will give some relief to those who feel they need it. We continue to offer services online, live at 9:00. We continue to recommend masking as an easy way to protect yourself and others from any respiratory illness (\*note that N95 or KN95 masks are recommended for protection against the omicron variant), and urge you to stay home if you are feeling unwell or experiencing symptoms.

Thank you for your continued respect, flexibility, patience, and prayers.

-Leadership of HCLC

### WHAT'S A COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL?

- It's a new tool to help communities decide what prevention measures to take based on the latest data
- Every community in the United States is classified as:

<b>Low</b> Limited impact on healthcare system, low levels of severe illness	<b>Medium</b> Some impact on healthcare system, more people with severe illness	<b>High</b> High potential for healthcare system strain; high level of severe illness
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[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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## During Lent

**First Communion** instructional classes are scheduled Sundays at 11:00 a.m. on March 27, April 3, and April 10. Please call the office to sign up.

Our Lenten study, The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus by Adam Hamilton, will continue during and after worship services throughout Lent. All are welcome to participate!

Worship schedule:

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.; 6:30 p.m. Book Study—all ages  
Sundays 9:00 a.m.; 9:45 a.m. Book Study and Sunday School

## Courage Conversations

Our Synod's Church in Society Committee is hosting "Courage Conversations" this Lenten season on Sunday evenings from 6:00–7:00 p.m. (ZOOM). We will discuss Debby Irving's book *Waking Up White*. Participants need to register with the synod office (608 788 5000) or (melanie@lacrosseareasynd.org).

## Synod WELCA

The 2022 Synod WELCA Convention will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, La Crosse, on Saturday, April 30.

## Invitation to Anti-Racism 2022 Event

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Tues., March 29, 8:30 am - noon

Holmen Lutheran – Fee: \$35

Hope Restores will present two short films titled "Amplifying Black Voices." Registration will take place at 8:30am with refreshments. Both films, which are true stories of black students and their parents who live in La Crosse, will be viewed with discussion time between. If you have seen these videos before we would invite you to still attend so that we can learn and listen together with different people. Please register with the synod office (melanie@lacrosseareasynd.org) for planning.

## Calendar

### **Sunday, Mar. 13**

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Lenten Series - The Way;

Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

### **Tuesday, Mar. 15**

9:00 a.m. Quilters

### **Wednesday, Mar. 16**

6:00 p.m. Worship

6:30 p.m. Lenten Series - The Way;

Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

### **Thursday, Mar. 17**

Happy St. Patrick's Day

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

### **Sunday, Mar. 20**

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Lenten Series - The Way;

Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

### **Monday, Mar. 21**

April Currents articles due

**Birthdays this week:** **13** Gaye Johnson, Michael Martin, Garrett Pederson, Tricia Syverson **15** Braxton Lohrentz **17** Elyzabeth Yahnke **18** James Dokkebakken, Collin Noel

*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 Dokkebakken, Karla Johnson, Alice Fonfara, Mildred Schwanebeck, Kathy Johnson, Zach Mossman, Marie Zezova

*Specific Prayer Request:* Mary Dokkebakken asks for prayers for relief from severe arthritic pain and a return to better health.

### 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.



### 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