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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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May 8, 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Worship



Today we welcome Jordan Anderson, Blake Anderson and Graham Kinsman to the Lord's Table at their First Holy Communion!

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

PRELUDE

*EASTER PROCLAMATION

Christ is Risen! **He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

*GATHERING SONG

Borning Cry

ELW #732

*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.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of authenticity, when Paul and Silas healed a girl with a spirit of divination, they were beaten and thrown in jail for threatening her owner's livelihood. They put the jailer's life before their own when they refused to escape. Help us to show our true selves to the world as Paul and Silas did. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 16:16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them secure-

ly. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

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*GOSPEL

Luke 6:18-19, 22-23

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

They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

There Is A Balm in Gilead

ELW #614

*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

... Risen Lord, **hear our prayer**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*PEACE

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*OFFERING PRAYER

We bring our offerings before you, holy God. We ask that you bless them and use them for your glory. Even when we cannot see the ending of our efforts, we know that your spirit has the power to enter hearts and transform lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FIRST COMMUNION

PRAYER

Most Holy God, for these siblings in Christ, who join in sharing the meal of holy communion this day we thank you. As you made them your own in baptism, feed and nourish them always with your forgiveness, grace, and love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to holy communion:

Welcome to the Lord's table.

We thank God for you.

We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal, until we feast forever at God's heavenly banquet.

...In the name of Jesus Christ, the one who commands that we receive this meal together.
Amen.

*DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*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

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

*COMMUNION

Take the bread: this is the body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

Take the cup: this is the blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet
Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

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ELW #808

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

Go and Make Disciples

*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God!

*POSTLUDE

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

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, Mildred Schwanebeck, Kathy Johnson, Zach Mossman, Marie Zezova

Announcements

Retirement Party

All are invited to a Retirement Party for Rich and Bette Pedretti on Saturday, May 21 from Noon– 3:00 p.m. at the Town of Holland Shelter. Lunch will be served. Please bring a lawn chair if you want. NO GIFTS PLEASE: non-perishable food or monetary donation will go to local food pantries. Please stop in if you are able!

Synod Assembly Worship June 12

HCLC will be meeting at Riverside Park for worship at 10 a.m. Wear your HCLC apparel and meet us there! Please see the insert for more information on this great event!!

First Communion

We welcome Jordan Anderson, Blake Anderson, and Graham Kinsman to the Lord's Table today! Congratulations!

Senior Recognition and Blessing

Class of 2022 graduates are invited to worship on Sunday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m. for recognition and a blessing. Refreshments will follow the service.

Birthdays this Week

8 Seth Heiser, Megan Jostad-Myhre, Jordan Ouellette 10 Samantha Bartnik, Lauren Bringe, Patricia Krause 11 Mary Severson 13 Jenny Lee

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

Calendar

Sunday, May 8

9:00 a.m. Worship—First Communion

9:45 a.m. Last day of Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Fellowship

Happy Mother's Day!

Thursday, May 12

6:00 p.m. Vision Board

Sunday, May 15

Senior Recognition Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Refreshments and Fellowship

Monday, May 16

Newsletter articles due

Thursday, May 19

9:30 a.m. Bible Study



We pray for all mothers with us here and those who have passed into eternal life with our Lord. We pray for those who wish to be mothers. We pray for mothers who grieve the children they have lost. We pray for all Mothers! May God bless your generous spirit, keep your loving heart and hold you close forever.

Happy Mother's Day!



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Please complete the Time and Talent form and place in the basket or offering plate before leaving today.

Thank you for prayerfully considering volunteering for worship service on a regular basis.

Schedules will be available June 1.



Time and Talent

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ (text reminder ok?) Yes/No

Please check the ovals indicating where you are comfortable volunteering for worship duties. Based on the feedback we receive, we will compile a monthly worship volunteer schedule. Please place this card in the offering plate.

Acolyte

Communion Assistant

Greeter

PowerPoint

Usher

Camera/AV tech

Reader

Other: Youth Activities Coordinator