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# Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

W6016 COUNTY RD. W  
HOLMEN, WI 54636

October 2, 2022  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Welcome to Worship

Saving God, with awesome power, you led your people through the sea and rescued them from those who would harm them. Continue to lead us through our challenges, that we might sing your praises on the other side. Amen.

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

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

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

\*GATHERING SONG

*When Israel Was in Egypt's Land*

WOV 670

\*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.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

God you promise to take care of us.

**Even when we question or are uncertain, you are there**

God you are our deliverer

**We worship you God, who promises to save us.**

Hear the saving promise we have in Baptism:

Through the waters God welcomes you home with open arms, and forgives you all your sin, for the sake of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, live in the promise of God's love, freely given. **Amen.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Thy Word*

READING

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him; he took six hundred elite chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone so that we can serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today, for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall

never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

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

SERMON

REFLECT & CONNECT

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Saving God, with awesome power, you led your people through the sea and rescued them from those who would harm them. Continue to lead us through our challenges, that we might sing your praises on the other side. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Be Not Afraid*

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.**

**3 Sunday, October 2**

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**

God, as we get ready to feast on your holy meal, we bring not only what have, but our very selves before you...

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**God, you have given us all that we have, even our very lives. Accept now these gifts we return to you with gratitude, for the work of your church.**

Trusting in your grace and mercy, we lift our prayers to you, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

\*PEACE

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

OFFERING

*We bring forward the offering plate as a symbol of all the ways we offer what we have for God's mission.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

*Holy, Holy*

*ELW Setting 8 page 190*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*God's love has brought us into the life God has promised. Now we join with all God's children at this table, in remembrance of him who is God's promise fulfilled.  
Come and be fed.*

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

*Let us give thanks to God.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

\*LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In this meal Jesus is here, and he shows us his love by feeding us. Come and eat.

\*COMMUNION

This is the body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

This is the blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION MUSIC

*I Received the Living God*

*ELW 477*

\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, through this meal you have fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, that all may come to know your love. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

\*SENDING SONG

*It Is Well*

\*DISMISSAL Go in peace. Reach Out and Share Christ with All. **Thanks be to God!**

\*POSTLUDE



**5 Sunday, October 2**

# Announcements

## COVID-19 Protocols Updated

We'll continue to post the COVID-19 risk levels for our area each week. We'll also continue to provide masks and hand sanitizer. We ask that you make a personal, informed decision about whether or not to mask. We **no longer** require masks at indoor worship or activities!

## Confirmation

Confirmation classes will meet this Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. at Journey Lutheran. New confirmation students are welcome... ask a friend to join you and bring them to class! Parents and congregation members can sign up to bring a meal for the confirmation students and leaders each week. Look for Sign-up Genius links in the weekly E-news email.

## 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.



Weekly Average Expenses: \$3912.00; Last week's offering: \$2441.00

Financial challenge: \$17,424; Amount received so far: \$5920

## Noisy Offering

The September noisy offering total was \$111.53 in support of the Sunday School and Youth education programs. October noisy offering will go towards Disaster Relief for Hurricane victims.

Mail it Monday! - Check out the replenished card basket!! Next card class: October 11 at 2 pm.

Interesting in making cards that evening, too? Contact Shari to RSVP!

In response to our mission to "Reach Out, Share Christ With ALL", we are encouraging everyone to send mail. 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

Birthdays this Week—2 Steven Johnson 3 Leanne Erdman 4 Ronald Johnson 5 Christopher Baxter 6 Jason Pralle 7 Rich Berger 8 Archie Achterkirch, Susan Daily, Joe Lepsch, Shawn Wegner

*In our prayers...*



We pray for Lisa Herrera Evans, Stan Schwier, Katie Wier, Phoebe Kitzke, Ayla Humphrey, Gayle Kuespert, Mark Sanders, Beulah Sanders, Cary Heyer, Eric Erdman, Dawson Reed, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebaken, Karla Johnson, Alice Fonfara, Zach Mossman, Marie Zezova, Coats Family

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH'S  
166<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16  
9 AM WORSHIP



WITH SPECIAL MUSIC ANTHEMS BY  
OUR WORSHIP TEAM and  
SPECIAL GUEST, CHANSE MORTENSEN,  
HOLMEN HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR DIRECTOR

REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING THE SERVICE



7 Sunday, October 2

## Halfway Creek Lutheran Church

**Worship:** Sunday 9:00 a.m. at HCLC *(unless noted otherwise)*

**Sunday School:** 9:45 a.m. **Fellowship:** Sunday 9:45 a.m.

### Upcoming Schedule and Events

#### OCTOBER

**2**

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Worship

**5**

9:00 a.m. Gardeners—clean up day

5:54 p.m. Confirmation at Journey

**9**

**Pastor Appreciation Day**

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Fellowship

**11**

2:00 p.m. Card making

### Fall Worship Schedule

We are adding a second service to the first Sunday of the month from October—December. If we like this option, we may continue it into the next year.

Worship Schedule this fall:

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. additional service on **October 2, November 6 and December 4**

### Response to Our Financial Challenge UPDATE

The Vision Board and Finance Team met in August and presented a financial challenge to the congregation. A letter was mailed out detailing our spending and borrowing from the dedicated fund. Our goal is to replace the money borrowed from the dedicated fund and pay current bills totaling \$17,424. Since the challenge started, we have received \$4,920! We are still in need of \$12,504. We appreciate any amount you give to help us recoup our costs and continue to support the mission of Halfway Creek Lutheran Church. God bless you!