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Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 13, 2022
Welcome to Worship



Worship Leader: Pastor Chris Sesvold
Worship Accompaniment: Lynn Wegner

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Sunday, November 13 9:00 and 10:30

*GATHERING SONG

By Our Love

*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

With what shall we come before our God?

With a passion for justice.

With what shall we come before our God?

With a heart for kindness.

With what shall we come before our God?

With a humble desire to walk with God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW 512

READING

Micah 6:6-8

"With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Matthew 9:13

¹³"Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

SERMON

LITANY

Left side: What does God require of us?

Right side: We will build a bigger church.

L: We will hold a great celebration.

R: We will give until it hurts.

L: We will shout Bible verses in the streets.

R: We will make everyone believe what we believe.

L: We will pass judgment on those who don't.

R: And God will know that we are worthy.

L: Is that really what God wants?

R: On second thought, no.

L: God's way is much simpler,

R: Though not necessarily easier.

L: Do the hard, thankless work of justice.

R: Set aside self to do kindness to others.

L: With all humility, walk with God,

R: Remembering that we are not God.

L: If we do just these three, simple things,

R: We are following God's commandments.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Delivering God, your people, Israel, wondered what they had to sacrifice in order to be right with you. Remind us that you have made us right with you in Jesus, and that all you ask of us is a humble heart for service to you and our neighbors. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

When the Poor Ones

ELW 725

APOTLE'S 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, **C: hear our prayer.**

We lift all for whom we pray into your loving arms, O God, in the name of Jesus, our savior.
Amen.

PEACE

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

OFFERING PRAYER

God of restoration, you desire mercy, rather than sacrifice. Still, we ask that you accept these, our gifts, for use in the work of your justice throughout the world. Amen.

OFFERING SONG

Let Us Go Now To the Banquet

ELW 523 v 2, 3

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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

Christ spreads a table before you.
Gather here with all the saints.

*COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

Christ Be Our Light

ELW 715

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HUNTERS BLESSING

Dear Lord,
May all hunters be blessed with your grace. To all who wander the fields and forests, may you guide them safely back to camp. Thank you for the blessings of venison meat. Let the hunters always remember it is a gift from you. Thank you also for the hunting knowledge, fellowship and outdoor experiences you give the hunters. May they always remember these blessings from you. May their hunt be honest, their aim be straight, and may they always give thanks for creation and for the sustenance that their hunt provides. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

*BLESSING

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

Make a Difference

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

*POSTLUDE



Holmen Area ELCA Churches

invite you to

Hymns & Pies

Sunday, November 20

6:00 p.m.—6:45 p.m.

at

Halfway Creek Lutheran Church

W6016 County Hwy W

Holmen, WI

Let's share the gift of song and
delicious pies as we gather in
thanksgiving!

If you would like to bring a pie, we welcome it!

You can also sign-up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444a9aa22a3fci-hymns>

We pray for ... Thelma Severson, 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 Jezova, Coats family

Announcements

Giving at HCLC—Weekly Average Expenses: \$3912.00; Last week's offering: \$7,399

Noisy Offering—November noisy offering be donated to ELCA World Hunger. Last week: \$62.35

Response to Our Financial Challenge—Update—Our financial challenge continues! Your gracious donations of **\$7820** have allowed us to start repaying the Dedicated Funds Account. We still owe our Dedicated Funds \$8272. We are asking for you to prayerfully consider making an additional gift to help us replenish our Dedicated Funds by December 31, 2022. Thank you for your generosity! -Vision Board.

Vanco—Online Scan this QR code to find giving options on our website.



Mail it Monday! - Check out the replenished card basket!! We'll make cards again on Tuesday, November 15 at 2 pm. All are welcome. No experience needed. 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— 14 Ema Nedoba, Olivia Nedoba 16 Sammy Nedoba 17 Elisa Moss
18 Joe Fredrickson

Bible Journaling Class—Our next Bible Journaling class is Sunday, November 27 after worship. Please bring a Bible you can journal/draw in or bring a sketch book. All are welcome, even if you don't want to journal in your Bible! If you have any questions, talk to Pastor Chris or Shari.

COVID-19 protocols at HCLC - We **no longer** require masks at indoor worship or activities. Masks and sanitizer are available if you would like them. Thank you!

The Annual North Conference Deer Hunter's Service will be held at Hardies Creek Lutheran Church (N18481 County Rd. DD) on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 PM. We'll start the evening with a lunch at 7:00 PM. Following lunch, we'll have a Worship Service (Guest Speaker: Father John Spencer), and a Program featuring Kyle Lakey, who will share slides & stories about his commercial fishing adventures in Alaska. A free-will Offering will be taken for World Hunger. Invite a friend or two and join us for an evening of good food and fellowship, Worship and an interesting Program. For more information, call 608-525-4681. All are invited!

7 Sunday, November 13 9:00 and 10:30



Poinsettia orders are due next Sunday,
November 20.
Please find an order form in the Narthex,
fill out the form online (link in your E-
News), OR scan this QR code.



Thank you!!

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.

Special Events and Worship Times this November

Sunday, November 20

Christ the King worship 9:00 a.m. with **Milestone Celebration: Baptism**
during service

Advent Preparation and Jesse Tree Lesson at 10:30 a.m

Hymns and Pies hosted at HCLC at 6:00 p.m.—all three Holmen ELCA church
will gather for song and pies. Sing with us, bring a pie to share and enjoy
this time together as we continue to prepare for Advent.

Thanksgiving/eve—no service. Enjoy your family time!

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent at 9:00 a.m.; Blessing of the Quilts; Bible Journaling
to follow service.