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# Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

W6016 COUNTY RD. W  
HOLMEN, WI 54636

*November 20, 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 20 9:00**

\*GATHERING SONG

*Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

ELW 314

\*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

Jesus reigns in heaven and on earth!

**Jesus reigns in justice and peace!**

Jesus calls us into the presence of God,

**And teaches us God's wonderful ways.**

Jesus guides us in the paths of God,

**And brings forth justice in all the world.**

We will lay down our weapons,

**And turn them into life-giving tools.**

We will no longer do violence to our neighbors,

**But will live in peace.**

Jesus reigns in heaven and on earth!

**Jesus reigns in justice and peace!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of wisdom, the prophet Isaiah foretold the time of peace, when weapons would be turned into tools for farming. Give us hope that peace is possible in our war-torn world, and the courage to work for it. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Listen Now for the Gospel*

ACS 972

READING

Isaiah 2:1-4

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;  
neither shall they learn war any more.

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

SERMON

BAPTISM REMEMBRANCE – Kindergarten

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

We remember the promise into which we were baptized, that God who redeems all flesh gives you new life in Christ and forgives you all your sins. Receive this reminder of your baptism, and rejoice in the grace and mercy of God, through Jesus Christ, our savior. **Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Day of Peace*

ELW 711

APOTLES' 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 bur-  
ied; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heav-  
en, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and  
the dead.**

3 Sunday, November 20 9:00

**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 peace, you call us to be the light of the world. We offer these gifts that, with them, you might shine the light of hope on all who are in need. Amen.**

## OFFERING SONG

*God of the Fertile Fields*

ACS 1063

## 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

*We Eat the Bread of Teaching*

ELW 518

## \*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

## \*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

*On What Has Now Been Sown*

ELW 550

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

## \*POSTLUDE

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## Happy Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of family, friends, and loved ones. Bless our gatherings in the days and weeks to come, that our homes might be places of peace and joy in a world of conflict and stress. Amen.

**5 Sunday, November 20 9:00**

# Announcements

Giving at HCLC—Weekly Average Expenses: \$3912.00; Last week's offering: \$2470

Noisy Offering—November noisy offering be donated to ELCA World Hunger. Last week: \$12.04

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!! In response to our mission to “Reach Out, Share Christ With ALL”, we are encouraging everyone to send mail. Look around while you are at church on Sunday. Who is missing? Did you normally sit next to someone before the pandemic? Why not reach out to them with a card and note letting them know they are missed? Pop the note in the mail!! Share on social media using the hashtags: #mailitmonday #halfwaycreeklutheranchurch #reachoutsharechristwithall

Birthdays this Week— 20 Shannon Given, Hadleigh Lohrentz, Connor Mihm 21 Aspen Balow, Hannah Noel-Bouchard 23 Kathy Johnson 25 Marjorie Lee

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.

Sundays during Advent & Christmas Eve Worship Times—

November 27 at 9:00 a.m.

December 4 at 9:00 a.m. AND 10:30 a.m.

**December 11 at 10:00 a.m.**—Worship Team & Sunday School Program

December 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve: 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 9:00 p.m.

Please find the Volunteer Sign-up for all of the services in your weekly E-News. Or go to [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com); search for creator: [assistant@halfwaycreek.org](mailto:assistant@halfwaycreek.org) and find all of our sign-ups!!

*We pray for ... Thelma Severson, Lisa Herrera Evans, 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*



# **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/30e0444a9aa22a3fc1-hymns>

**7 Sunday, November 20 9:00**



Poinsettia orders are due TODAY.  
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!!

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## *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.

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### **Special Events and Worship Times**

Sunday, November 20

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

**Advent Preparation Event** 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.