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LUTHERAN CHURCH

W6016 COUNTY RD. W
HOLMEN, WI 54636

November 27, 2022
Welcome to Worship

First Sunday of Advent



Hope

Worship Leader: Pastor Chris Sesvold *Worship Accompaniment: Laurie Noelke*

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

Sunday, November 27 9:00

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*GATHERING SONG

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

ELW 247

*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

God of grace and mercy, with Habakkuk we cry out to you in despair at the evil in the world. As we begin our waiting for your promised savior, keep us awake and give us hope that all will be made right in you. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

He Came Down

ELW 253

READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 3:[3b-6], 17-19

Reader 1:

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

Reader 2:

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Reader 3:

Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and

there is no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Long O God

ELW 698

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 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

We call on our God, **O come, o come Immanuel.**

In faith, hope, and love, we lift our prayers to you, in the name of your promised savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING PRAYER

God we rejoice in you no matter our circumstances. With generous hearts we offer what we can for the life of the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

OFFERING SONG

God of the Fertile Fields

ACS 1063

3 Sunday, November 27 9:00

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Let us give thanks, **Thanks be to God!**

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

What Feast of Love

ELW 487

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

Let us pray. O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with so many gifts—a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of our labors, the quilts we have made, to you.

We dedicate these quilts to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each item is sent, making it more than just a piece of material, a collection of items—making each piece we have created an expression of love.

There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life—how you can use something as small as a quilt, a layette, a health kit to radiate your love from us to the world.

May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them.

Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours.

Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.

*BLESSING

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Reach Out and Share Christ with All.

Thanks be to God!

*POSTLUDE

Thank you Laurie Noelke for sharing your musical talents with us this morning!

Announcements

Giving at HCLC—Thank you for your generosity! Weekly update will be posted next week.

Noisy Offering—November noisy offering be donated to ELCA World Hunger.

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— 27 Steve Lee 29 Zach Gordon, Coleton Lee 30 Gavin Bramwell, Rylan Hendrickson, Jill Noel, Chesney Plomedahl December: 1 Justin Happel 2 Maddy Ar-
endt, Karsen Nelson 3 Matthew Payne

Bible Journaling Class—Our next Bible Journaling class is after worship today. Bring your Bible 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

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


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

December 18 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Christmas Day: No in-person service

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

A silhouette of a nativity scene set against a dark blue, starry night sky. The scene is framed by a white outline of a stable. Inside, a woman is kneeling on the left, and a man with a staff is on the right. A baby lies in a manger between them. A bright star is visible in the sky above the stable.

**Christmas Program
Sunday, December 11
at 10:00 a.m.**

On Sunday, December 11, the Worship Team and Sunday school will present a special Christmas Program during worship.

Please note that the worship service will be at 10:00 a.m. on this day!

All Sunday School students are invited to participate in this program. There will be costumes and singing! Following the worship service, we will celebrate Jesus' birthday with birthday cake! All are welcome!

Parents, please have students here before 9:45 a.m. on December 11, so they can get in costume and prepare. If your Sunday School student cannot attend worship that day, please let their teacher know.

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



Halfway Creek Lutheran Church
Christmas Schedule 2022

Christmas Program

Sunday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m.
with special music by the Worship Team and
Sunday School students

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

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

You may also livestream the service at
www.halfwaycreek.org

Christmas Morning

Enjoy a pre-recorded Worship Service
on our website, Facebook page,
and YouTube channel!

