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Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 15, 2023
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, January 15, 2023—9:00 a.m.

*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

Sustaining God, with the words of your holy scriptures, Jesus resisted all the temptations of the devil. Write your word on our hearts that we might also turn away from evil, in Jesus name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We Are Marching in the Light of God

ELW 866

*READING

Matthew 4:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'

and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

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

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

When We Are Tested

ACS 922

*APOSTLE’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.**

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God. **Amen.**

*PEACE

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

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY MUSIC

Goodness is Stronger Than Evil

ELW 721

*OFFERING PRAYER

You tend to all our needs, generous God, that we might better serve you and our

neighbors. We return now these gifts you have first given us, a sign of our trust in you. Use them for the sake of the world, in Jesus name. Amen.

*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; and 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

Jesus did not turn stones into bread, but instead gave of his own body in this sacred host we share together. Come and receive the food that truly satisfies, in remembrance of him. The table is set and all are welcome.

COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

Refiner's Fire

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

God bless you and keep you, ☩ Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God!**

*POSTLUDE

Halfway Creek Lutheran Church

Worship: Sunday 9:00 a.m. **Sunday School & Fellowship:** 9:45 a.m.

Announcements

Giving at HCLC—Thank you for your generosity! Last week's offering: \$2476; our average weekly expenses are \$3912.

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Scan the QR code
and it will take you to
our website where
you can choose the
category of giving:
General Fund,
Debt Reduction,
Missions and Noisy
Offering!



Noisy Offering—The January noisy offering will be donated to LuMin La Crosse Campus Ministry. Last week's collection \$18.55 for a total of \$38.81 so far!!

Annual Meeting February 5—Please plan to attend this important meeting after worship!

Mail it Monday! - We are making cards on January 17 at 1:30 p.m. No experience needed! Hope you'll join us!

Revelation Study—Join us for a study of Revelation after worship in the sanctuary on January 22, February 12 & 26, March 5. Pastor Chris will lead the study and discussion.

Bible Journaling—After worship today! All are welcome. Let's meet in the Gathering Space. Please bring your Bible or journal, markers & pencils, and anything else you would like to use as we journal Matthew 4:1-17.

Rescheduled

Brunch with Pastor Ben Morris—Due to prior obligations we've rescheduled brunch with Pastor Ben for Sunday, February 19.

Sunday, January 15, 2023—9:00 a.m.

Birthdays this Week— 18 Joy Jandt, Jordyn Stasiak 19 Tammy Howe 20 Donna Anderson
22 Ryland Tuquero

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Jan. 15

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Milestone 3—all
parents & students meet in the Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Bible Journaling

Monday, Jan. 16

Articles for February Currents due

Tuesday, Jan. 17

1:30 p.m. #mailitmonday Card Making—Narthex

Wednesday, Jan. 18

5:45 p.m. Confirmation at Journey Lutheran

Thursday, Jan. 19

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Sunday, Jan. 22

9:00 a.m. Worship—Milestone 3 Celebration—
Lord's Prayer

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Revelation Study—Sanctuary

Tuesday, Jan. 25

5:45 p.m. Confirmation at Journey Lutheran

Sunday, Jan. 29

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

Volunteers Welcome

Acolyte

Greeter

PowerPoint

Usher

Reader

Communion Assistants

These volunteer roles are needed
at each service. The duties for each
of these roles may be found in the
Gathering Space.

We'd love to have you volunteer!!
Please use Sign-up Genius button
on the website or E-News; call or
email the office; or find the
clipboard in the Narthex.

We appreciate you!

Thank you so much for sharing your
time and talents!



*We pray for ... Bridget Ferk, Pat Krause, 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 Dokkebakken, Karla Johnson,
Alice Fonfara, Zach Mossman, Marie Jezova, Coats family*

Super Bowl Pizza Fundraiser



*HCLC and Journey Lutheran Confirmation Students
and Leaders will be making Pizzas!!*

Order your freshly made Pizzas today
for pick-up on Wednesday, February 8 or
Super Bowl Sunday, February 12!

ORDER FORM

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