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Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 22, 2023
Welcome to Worship

Worship Leader: Pastor Chris Sesvold Worship Accompaniment: Lynn Wegner

You are invited to speak the bold text. Places most appropriate to stand are marked *

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 1:1-3

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on God's law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

*GATHERING SONG

Gather Us In

ELW 532 V 1 & 4

*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

Loving God, in Jesus you proclaim a blessing for those in deprivation, a promise of your transforming love. Make us instruments of your justice, that all might have life abundantly. Amen.

Sunday, January 22, 2023—9:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Blessed Be the Name

ELW 797 v 1

*READING

Matthew 5:1-20

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Lead Me Lord

*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.**

Receive our prayers and hold all for whom we pray in your loving arms, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*PEACE

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

*OFFERTORY MUSIC

I am Thanking Jesus

TFF 286

*OFFERING PRAYER

You have planted us by streams of water, O God, that we might bear good fruit. We offer now these gifts that they would be that good fruit, given for the sake of your children throughout the world, in the name of Jesus Christ, our savior. Amen.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER—Led by the Sunday School Students

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

We are blessed when we hunger and thirst for things to be made right. Christ offers us his own body and blood to nourish us for our service to God and neighbor. You are welcome at this table.

COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Blest Are They

ELW 728

*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

Build Us Up Lord

ELW 670

*DISMISSAL

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

*POSTLUDE

Halfway Creek Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 5 at 10:00 a.m.
Please plan to attend this important meeting!

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: \$2533; 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 \$46.14.

Mail it Monday! - The card basket has been replenished! Please take some cards, write a note and connect with friends, family, church members you haven't seen for a while!

Revelation Study—Join us for a study of Revelation after worship in the sanctuary this Sunday. Save the dates for upcoming sessions: February 12 & 26, March 5. Pastor Chris will lead the study and discussion.

Bible Journaling—Thanks for attending Bible Journaling last weekend. What great discussions we had! We need to change our next gathering to January 29 after worship. We'll be journaling from: Matthew 6:7-21. [25-34]. All are welcome.

Rescheduled

Brunch with Pastor Ben Morris—Due to prior obligations we've rescheduled brunch with Pastor Ben for Sunday, February 19. This is a potluck brunch—please sign-up in the Gathering Space!

Sunday, January 22, 2023—9:00 a.m.

Birthdays this Week— 22 Ryland Tuquero 23 Kathie Severson 25 Chance Brandau, JJ Ouellette 26 Erica Nichols, Matt Rink, Camden Thiele 27 Bryistol Pralle 28 Corey Hendrickson

Upcoming Events

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. 24

9:00 a.m. North Conference Pastors' Meeting at HCLC

Wednesday, Jan. 25

5:45 p.m. Confirmation at Journey

Friday, Jan. 27

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, Jan. 29

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Bible Journaling—Gathering Space

In profound grief and hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we announce the death of Katherine Stasiak who passed into eternal life January 15, 2023. Her funeral was held at Halfway Creek Lutheran Church on Saturday.

Rest eternal grant Kathy, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.

Gracious God, Surround the family of Kathy with your love, and grant them your peace, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come. Thanks be to you, O God, for you give us the victory through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



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, church members 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



Sunday, January 22, 2023—9:00 a.m.

Super Bowl Pizza Fundraiser

Order your FRESHLY MADE 14 inch take and bake pizza today!
Pick up will be Wednesday, February 8th (at Journey Lutheran) or
after Worship on Sunday, February 12th (at HCLC).

How many?

_____ 14" Cheese Pizza \$10

_____ 14" Pepperoni Pizza \$10

_____ 14" Sausage & Pepperoni Pizza \$10

_____ 14" Deluxe Pizza \$12
(sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms, onion and green peppers)

_____ Total Paid (cash, check)

Name & Church Home _____

Phone _____

Thank you for supporting the Super Bowl Pizza Fundraiser!