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HOLMEN, WI 54636

February 26, 2023—First Sunday of Lent
Welcome to Worship

Worship Leader: Pastor Chris Sesvold Accompaniment: Laurie Noelke

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin,

Refrain: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

AFTER RECEIVING ASHES

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation **that we may show forth your glory in the world.** By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior, **bring us with all your saints into the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

*GATHERING SONG

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW 742

*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, you have forgiven us far more and more often than we deserve. Make us equally forgiving to all those in our lives, that we may live together in harmony, in Jesus name. Amen.

*READING

Romans 5:6-8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God Come Down on Earth

ELW 510 vs.1

*GOSPEL

Luke 23:26, 33-34a

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

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

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

God Is Forgiveness

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*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.**

We lift these prayers to you, Gracious God, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, our savior. **Amen.**

*PEACE

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

*OFFERTORY MUSIC

Create In Me A Clean Heart

ELW 188

*OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, we cannot possibly repay the debt we owe to you for all that you have given us. We return now what we can for the life of your church, that all might be richly blessed through these gifts. Accept them for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*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

Come and share in the feast, in remembrance of the one whose unending love makes all things new. All is prepared.

COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

ELW 608

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

God, the giver of love, ☩ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

Amazing Grace

ELW 779

*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.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Feb. 26

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School—Milestone 4 in Fellowship Hall downstairs

10:00 a.m. Bible Journaling

Monday, Feb. 27

Last day for Currents Articles

Tuesday, Feb. 21

9:00 a.m. Quilters

Wednesday, Feb. 22

5:45 p.m. Lenten Services/Dinner Church
Confirmation students will participate at Dinner Church and wrap up with a meeting afterwards.

Sunday, March 5

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Milestone 4 celebration during worship and afterwards!

10:00 a.m. Revelation Study

Announcements

Giving at HCLC—Thank you for your generosity! Last week's offering: \$2776; our average weekly expenses are \$3912.

Noisy Offering—February Noisy offering will go to the Warming Shelter-Catholic Charities. Last week's collection: \$38.55. Thank you!!

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category of giving:
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Offering!



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Quilters—Join us on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Heritage Hall!

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

Bible Journaling— Let's meet after worship today. All are welcome.

Revelation Study— resumes March 5. Pastor Chris will lead the study and discussion.

Birthdays this Week— 27 Bambi Daily 28 Josie Happel (29 Samantha, Sara Oseseek)
March—2 Graham Kinsman 3 John Fredrickson, Kynzie Severson, Lynn Wegner 4 Wendy McCoy 5 Mike Nedoba

Thank you for staying for brunch
last week with Pastor Ben!
Thanks to all who brought food—it
was amazing! To support LuMin
Campus Ministries go to laxcg.org
and find the giving tab. Thank
you!

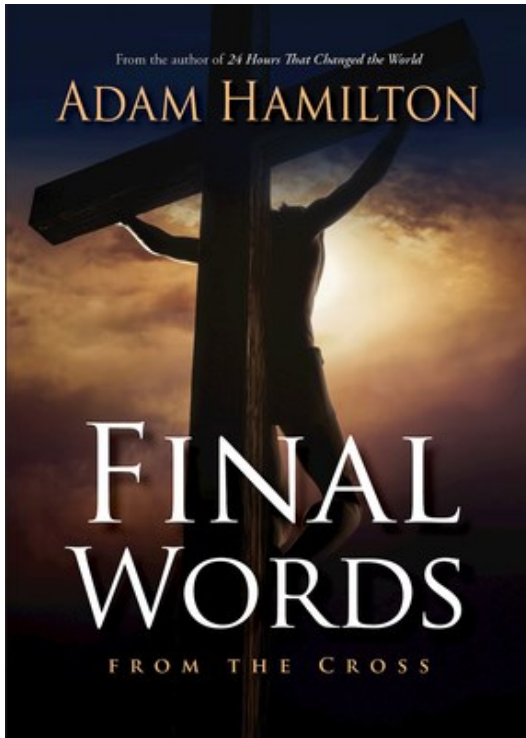


*We pray for ... Joan Vaughn, Bridget Ferk, Pat Krause,
Thelma Severson, Lisa Herrera Evans, Katie Wier, Phoebe
Kitzke, Ayla Humphrey, Gayle Kuespert, Mark Sanders,
Beulah Sanders, Cary Heyer, Eric Erdman, Dawson
Reed, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebakken, Karla Johnson,
Alice Fonfara, Zach Mossman, Marie Jezova, Coats family*

Lent 2023

Wednesdays in Lent:

Join us at worship on Wednesdays during Lent as we follow Adam Hamilton's book and video series: Final Words from the Cross in a Dinner Church setting!



When: Wednesdays during Lent
March 1-March 29, 2022.

Time: 5:45 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

New to Wednesday Lenten Services: Dinner! That's right we will be gathering at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays for Worship with our Lenten series and dinner provided by a different HCLC ministry group each week! Worship and dinner happen together, so come right away and stay for this "Dinner Church" experience!

Thanks to the Vision Board, Quilters' Group, Befrienders, Bible Study Group, and Confirmation families for providing meals!

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GOD, FORGIVE THEM, FOR THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY

WHO HAVE YOU FORGIVEN ME? I AM THIRSTY. IT IS FINISHED. GOD, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.



ARE DOING. TELL YOU, TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE. HERE IS YOUR SON. HE

DO NOT KNOW

KNOW

WHAT THEY ARE DOING