



Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

W6016 COUNTY RD. W
HOLMEN, WI 54636

March 12, 2023—Second Sunday of Lent
Welcome to Worship

Worship Leader: Pastor Chris Sesvold Accompaniment: Lynn Wegner



He said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” John: 19 26-27

Sunday, March 12, 2023—9:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

God of grace and mercy,

We admit to you, to ourselves, and to this community that we have caused harm to others through our actions and through our failure to act. Give us the humility to accept our failings and make things right where we can. Forgive us and help us to forgive ourselves.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. In that love God forgives you all your sin, for the sake of our savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Gather Us In

ELW 532
Vs.. 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

Lord of hosts, **you fling the door wide and welcome into your reign all people, no matter what. Send us out to extend the invitation to all we meet, that all might share in your eternal feast. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Listen to the Word

ACS 974

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

GOSPEL

John 19:25-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Here Is Bread

ELW 483 v. 2 & 3

*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

ELW 186

*OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

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*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

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Around You O Lord Jesus

ELW 468

*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

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ELW 325

*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, Mar. 12

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Revelation Study
in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, Mar. 14

9:00 a.m. Quilters

Wednesday, Mar. 15

5:45 p.m. Lenten Services/Dinner Church

Confirmation students will participate at
Dinner Church and wrap up with a meeting
afterwards.

Thursday, Mar. 16

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Sunday, Mar. 19

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Communion Milestone Lesson

10:00 a.m. Bible Journaling

Announcements

Giving at HCLC—Thank you for your generosity! Last week's offering \$4456; our average weekly expenses are \$3912.

Noisy Offering—March Noisy offering will go to the Food Cupboard at Holmen Lutheran Church. Last week's collection: \$34.85

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



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

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Mail it Monday! - The card basket is full! Grab a few and mail them to friends, family, neighbors!

Bible Journaling—Let's meet March 19 after worship!

Revelation Study— after worship today. Pastor Chris will lead the study and discussion.

Birthdays this Week— 13 Gaye Johnson, Michael Martin, Garrett Pederson, Tricia Syverson 15 Braxton Lohrentz 17 Lyza Yahnke 18 James Dokkebaken, Collin Noel

Theology on Tap—Hey Guys! Join us for a beverage at Features, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.

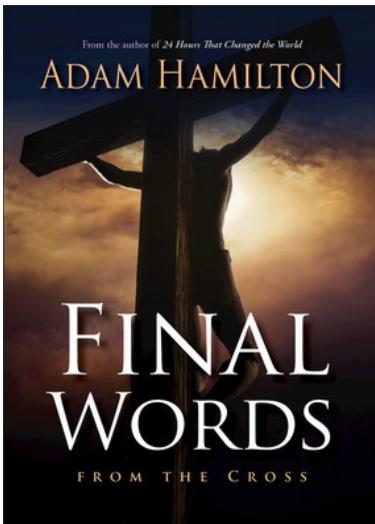
Need more info? Email Pastor Chris: pastor@halfwaycreek.org.



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 Dokkebaken, Karla Johnson, Alice Fonfara, Zach Mossman, Marie Jezova, Coats family

Lent 2023

Join us at worship on Wednesdays during Lent as we follow Adam Hamilton's book and video series: Final Words from the Cross.



When: Wednesdays during Lent through 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!

Holy Week—April 6-9, 2023

Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Agape Feast followed by Communion
at Journey Lutheran

Good Friday

Noon Crosswalk— meet at Halfway Creek bandshell
1:00 p.m. Community Worship at Holmen Lutheran
7:00 p.m. Worship at HCLC

Easter Sunday at HCLC

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

All are welcome to join us for worship!

For livestream worship visit our website, YouTube channel or Facebook page!

Monthly Bible Study is adding another Time!!

Bible Study

Thursday, March 16

9:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

This month we'll be starting a new book study: Unafraid by Adam Hamilton. Books are available for purchase. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact the office: assistant@halfwaycreek.org

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

WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME? I AM THIRSTY. IT IS FINISHED. GO, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.



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

MY GOD MY GOD

TRUTH

IS YOUR MOTHER