



# Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

W6016 COUNTY RD. W  
HOLMEN, WI 54636

*March 19, 2023—Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
*Welcome to Worship*

*Worship Leader: Pastor Chris Sesvold    Accompaniment: Lynn Wegner*



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**Sunday, March 19, 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. Amen.**

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

*Lord Whose Love in Humble Service*

ELW 712

## 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

**Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Listen God Is Calling*

ELW 513 v 1

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

## GOSPEL

Mark 15:29-36a

Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!” In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.” And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

*You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

\*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

Hear us, O God, **C: Your mercy is great.**

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

*We Are An Offering*

ELW 692

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**3 Sunday, March 19, 2023—9:00 a.m.**

**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.**

\*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

*Lamb of God*

*ELW 336*

\*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

*What Grace Is Mine*

\*DISMISSAL

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

## 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 \$2441; our average weekly expenses are \$3912.

Noisy Offering—March Noisy offering will go to the Food Cupboard at Holmen Lutheran Church. Our collection total so far: \$47.05. A shopping cart of donations was delivered to Holmen Lutheran this past week. They were so appreciative as the cupboard has been fairly empty! Thank you for supporting this ministry!!

Quilters—Join us for our last session, Tuesday, March 21 at 9:00 a.m. in the Heritage Hall!

Bible Journaling—join us after worship today!

**Birthdays this Week— 20 Jesse Oines 22 Marc Jandt 23 Kathy Christensen, Jeremy Cook,  
Connor Lee 24 Linda Pralle 26 Katrina Bringe**

Easter Flowers— Order forms are due today! Thank you!

Bakers Needed—We're looking for bakers to make cookies for Pastor Ben and LuMin Campus Ministry. HCLC has signed up to make 500 cookies for this ministry for Pastor Ben to hand out to college students on April 26. All cookies need to be packaged in non-returnable containers and brought to the office by April 23. We'll be taking the cookies to LuMin on Tuesday, April 25. Thank you for supporting Pastor Ben and the LuMin Campus Ministry!!

Agape Feast—On April 6 at 6 p.m. we'll be partnering with Journey Lutheran Church for the Agape Feast on Maundy Thursday of Holy Week. We are looking for volunteers to donate food, prepare food, take on reading parts and non-reading parts during the Last Supper portrayal. In addition, we need to know who will be attending. Please RSVP and sign-up to help on the sheet in the Gathering Space or email/call the office. Thank you!

**5 Sunday, March 19, 2023—9:00 a.m.**

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

Ways to Give— Thank you for your generous support of HCLC. Thank you to all who responded to the Envelope Survey as well. If you have not completed your survey, find one in the Gathering Space and drop it off in the office!

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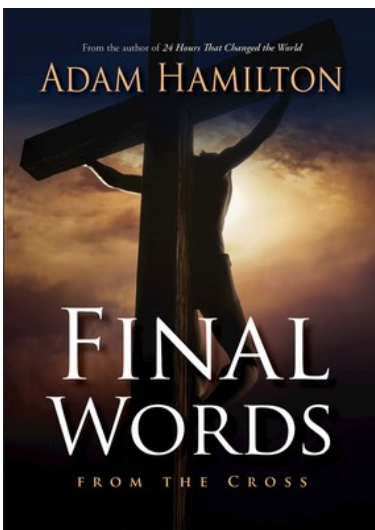


*We pray for ... Joan Vaughn, Bridget Ferk, Pat Krause, Thelma Severson, Lisa Herrera Evans, Katie Wier, Phoebe Kitzke, Ayla Humphrey, Gayle Kuespert, Mark Sanders, Beulah Sanders, Cary Heyer, Eric Erdman, Dawson Reed, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebakken, Karla Johnson, Alice Fonfara, Zach Mossman, Marie Jezova,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

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## *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!*

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*Monthly Bible Study is adding another Time!!*

## **Bible Study**

Thursday, April 20

9:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

We are just 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](mailto:assistant@halfwaycreek.org)

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



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

DO NOT FORGET

**Forsaken**

DO NOT FORGET



# Spring at HCLC

Mark your calendar for upcoming events, activities and special worship occasions.

## March

- 26     **9:00 a.m.** Worship—  
Communion Milestone Celebration  
**9:45 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:00 a.m.** Revelation Study
- 29     **5:45 p.m.** Dinner Church
- 31     Office Closed

## April

- 2     **9:00 a.m.** Palm Sunday Worship  
**9:45 a.m.** Sunday School
- 6     **6:00 p.m.** Agape Feast/Maundy  
Thursday at Journey Lutheran
- 7     **Noon**—Crosswalk meet at Halfway  
Creek Bandshell  
**1:00 p.m.** Community worship at  
Holmen Lutheran  
**7:00 p.m.** Good Friday Service at  
HCLC
- 9     **9:00 a.m.** Easter Service  
**10:30 a.m.** Easter Service
- 10     Office Closed
- 16     **9:00 a.m.** Worship  
**9:45 a.m.** Sunday School

## April *(continued)*

- 23     **9:00 a.m.** Worship  
**9:45 a.m.** Sunday School  
Milestone Lesson 6
- 30     **9:00 a.m.** Worship &  
Confirmation Faith Statements  
**9:45 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:00 a.m.** treat served in honor of  
confirmands  
**11:00 a.m.** Worship—  
Rite of Confirmation &  
Faith Statements

## May

- 7     **9:00 a.m.** Worship—  
Celebration of Milestone 6  
**9:45 a.m.** Last Day of Sunday School
- 14     **9:00 a.m.** Worship—  
Senior Recognition Sunday  
Mother's Day

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