



Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

W6016 COUNTY RD. W
HOLMEN, WI 54636

March 26, 2023—Fifth Sunday of Lent
Welcome to Worship

Worship Leader: Pastor Chris Sesvold Accompaniment: Lynn Wegner

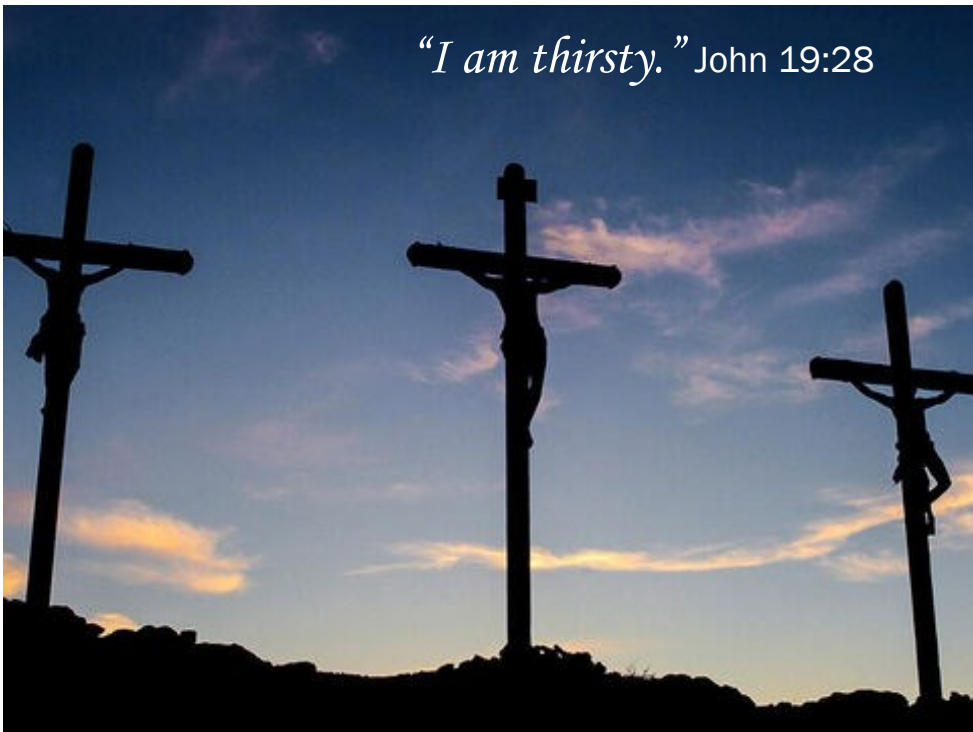


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You are invited to speak the bold text. Places most appropriate to stand are marked *

PRELUDE

Sunday, March 26, 2023—9:00 a.m.

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

All Who Are Thirsty

ACS 981

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

Let us pray,

Lord, be for us the source of Living Water. May our hearts thirst after nothing as much as they thirst after you. And may we, as your followers, extend water, both physical and spiritual, to all who are thirsty. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Listen God Is Calling

ELW 513 v 1

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

GOSPEL

John 19:28-29

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

PSALM 69

Save me, O God,
for the waters have come up to my neck.
I sink in deep mire,
where there is no foothold;
I have come into deep waters,
and the flood sweeps over me.
I am weary with my crying;
my throat is parched.
My eyes grow dim
with waiting for my God.
More in number than the hairs of my head
are those who hate me without cause;
many are those who would destroy me,
my enemies who accuse me falsely.
What I did not steal,
must I now restore? ...
You know the insults I receive
and my shame and dishonor;
my foes are all known to you.
Insults have broken my heart,
so that I am in despair.
I looked for pity, but there was none;
and for comforters, but I found none.
They gave me poison for food,
and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wonderful Merciful Savior

*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.**

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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, **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

Christ Be Our Light

ELW 715 v 3

*OFFERING PRAYER

God of justice, so many are hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, and imprisoned. Give us hearts to respond generously to the needs of others, and make us aware that in so doing, we are caring for you. We offer these gifts to your work of justice and equity in the world. Accept them, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ. 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.

COMMUNION MILESTONE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray,
Generous God, thank you for our friends who celebrating their Holy Communion Milestone today and who join us at your table: Jordyn Schreiber, Cailyn Schreiber, John Fredrickson, Adalyn Ruhbusch, Brystol Pralle. As you have claimed them in Holy Baptism, feed them with your love and give them a continuing hunger to live lives of love, forgiveness, and justice. In the name of Jesus, who is always with us. **Amen.**

Let us celebrate with these siblings in Christ at their communion milestone:
Welcome to the Lord's table. We thank God for you. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal, until we feast forever at God's heavenly banquet.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Eat This Bread

ELW 472

***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**

Just As I Am

***DISMISSAL**

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

***POSTLUDE**



We pray for ... Joan Vaughn, Bridget Ferkl, 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

Announcements

Giving at HCLC—Thank you for your generosity! Last week's offering \$4220.10; our average weekly expenses are \$3912.

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our website where
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category of giving:
General Fund,
Debt Reduction,
Missions and Noisy
Offering!



Noisy Offering—March Noisy offering will go to the Food Cupboard at Holmen Lutheran Church. Our collection total so far: \$104.02. Thank you for also filling our food basket at HCLC. Please continue to bring in items for the Food Cupboard such as Manwich, Baked Beans, Cookie Mixes, Spaghetti Sauce, Jam/Jelly, Soups (no tomato or cream).

Birthdays this Week— 26 Katrina Bringe 27 Ivy Severson 29 Nollan Gander, Nic Hill, Ruth Scholze 30 John Daily, Stella Pederson 31 Daniel Brudahl, Reid Stumlin April 1 Nicole Barbour

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!

Bible Study—Thursday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m. OR 6:00 p.m.—We are jstarting 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

First Communion—Congratulations and welcome to the Lord's Table at your First Communion today: Jordyn Schreiber, Cailyn Schreiber, John Fredrickson, Adalyn Ruhbusch, Brystol Pralle

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!



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
5:00 p.m. Union Mills 4H
- 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
- 13 **6:00 p.m.** Vision Board meeting

April *(continued)*

- 16 **9:00 a.m.** Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 23 **9:00 a.m.** Worship
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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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