



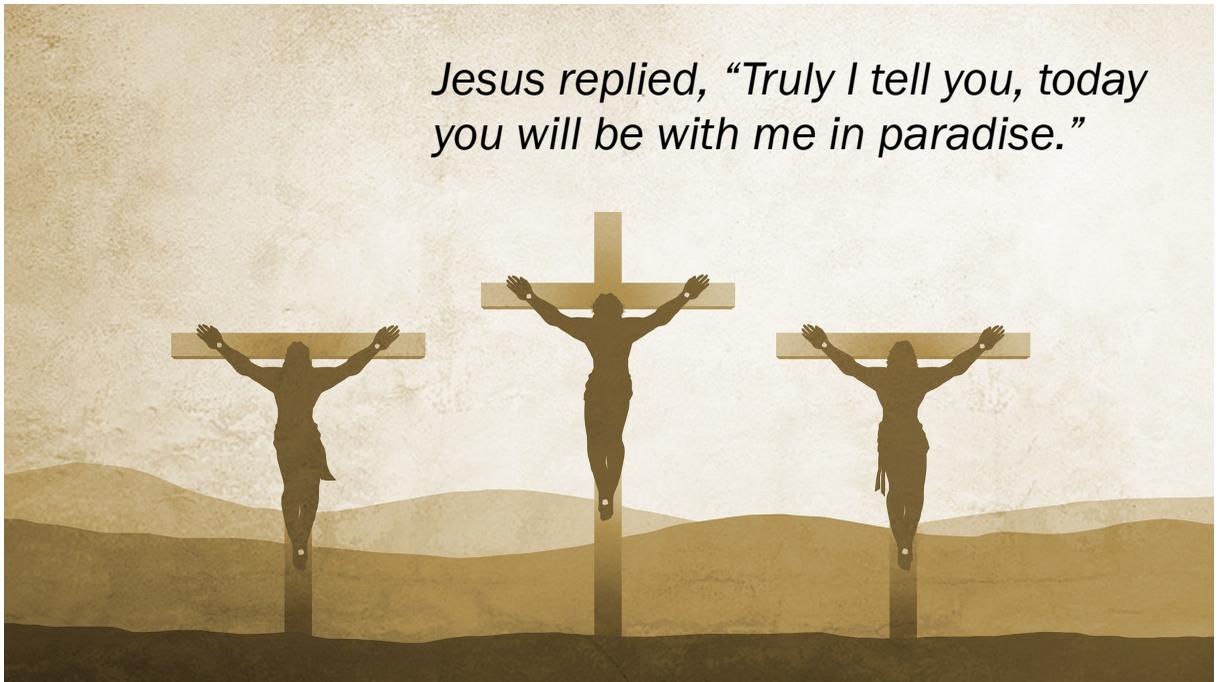
# Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

W6016 COUNTY RD. W  
HOLMEN, WI 54636

*March 5, 2023—Second Sunday of Lent*  
*Welcome to Worship*

*Worship Leader: Pastor Chris Sesvold    Accompaniment: Melissa Graff*



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

PRELUDE

**Sunday, March 5, 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.**

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

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 TIME

*Pharaoh, Pharaoh!*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God Come Down on Earth vs. 1

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

GOSPEL

Luke 23:32, 39-43

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has

done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Remember Me

ELW 616

\*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

*We Are An Offering*

ELW 692

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**Sovereign God, you have prepared a rich banquet for all your people, and fed us with your generous love. Accept now these gifts we return to you, that they might be used to welcome all the world into your abundant care. In Jesus name we pray. 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, taste and see that God is good.

COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN

*Here Is Bread*

ELW 483

\*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

*Tree of Life And Awesome Mystery  
v 1-3 and Lent 2*

ELW 334

\*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. 5**

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

Milestone 4 celebration

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

#### **Tuesday, Mar. 7**

9:00 a.m. Quilters

#### **Wednesday, Mar. 8**

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

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

#### **Thursday, Mar. 9**

1:30 p.m. Card Making

6:00 p.m. Vision Board

#### **Sunday, Mar. 12**

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

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

## *Announcements*

Giving at HCLC—Thank you for your generosity! Last week's offering \$2497; our average weekly expenses are \$3912.

Noisy Offering—March Noisy offering will go to the Food Cupboard at Holmen Lutheran Church. In February we donated: \$138.96 to the Warming Shelter—La Crosse.

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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!

**5 Sunday, March 5, 2023—9:00 a.m.**

Mail it Monday! - We'll be making cards on Thursday, March 9, 2023.

Revelation Study— after worship today and March 12. Pastor Chris will lead the study and discussion.

Birthdays this Week— 5 Michael Nedoba 6 Timothy Severson 11 Robert Nelson, Sydney Page

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

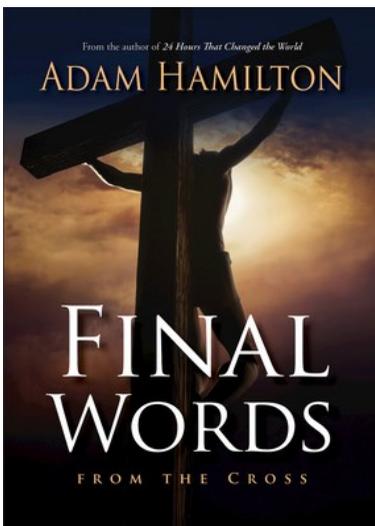


*We pray for . . . Joan Vaughn, Bridget Ferk, Pat Krause, Thelma Severson, Lisa Herrera Evans, Katie Wier, Phoebe Kitzke, Ayla Humphrey, Gayle Kuespert, Mark Sanders, Beulah Sanders, Cary Heyer, Eric Erdman, Dawson Reed, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebakken, Karla Johnson, Alice Fonfara, Zach Mossman, Marie Jezova, 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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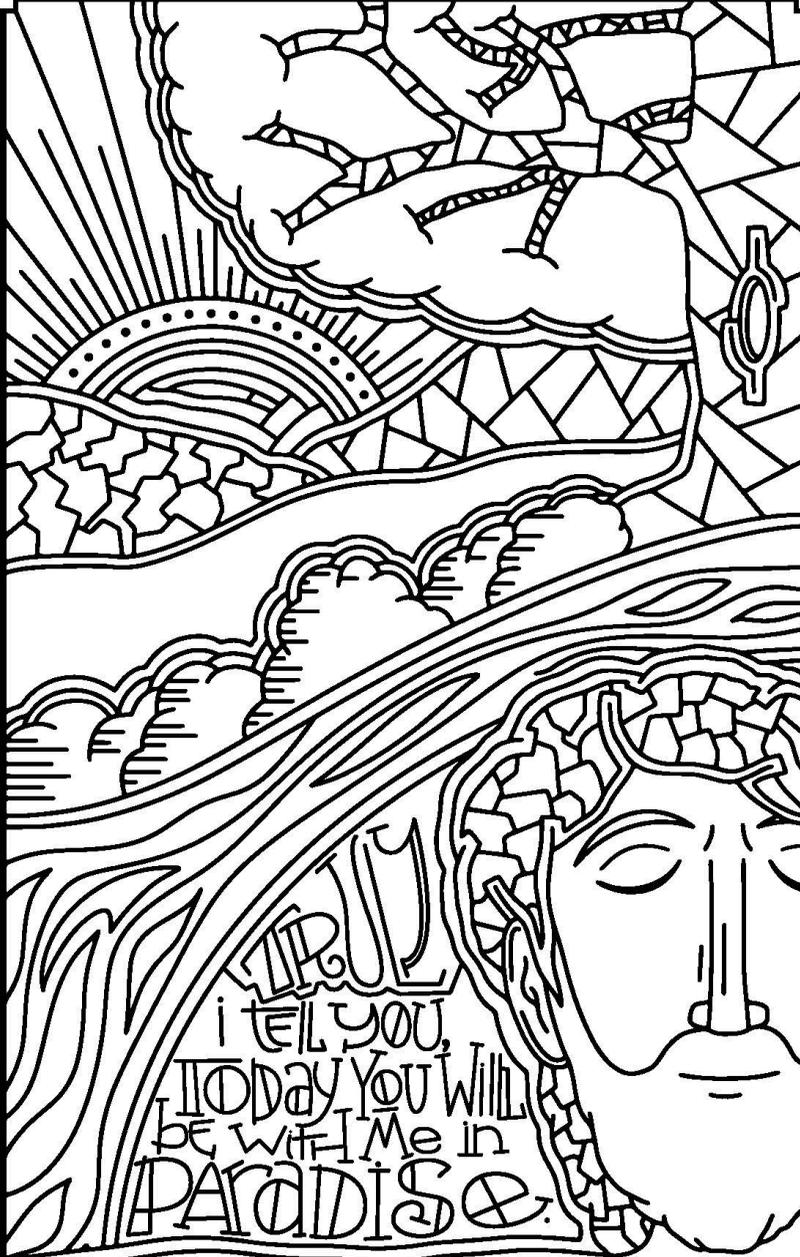
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GOD, FORGIVE THEM, FOR THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY

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



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

MY GOD MY GOD

**TRUTH**

IS YOUR MOTHER