



Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!



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*A new teaching—with authority! Mark 1:27
And he cured many who were sick with various diseases,
and cast out many demons; Mark 1:34*

*January 7, 2024
8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*

Worship Leader: Pastor Chris Sesvold

Worship Accompanist: Melissa Graff

Order of Worship
(ELW—Evangelical Lutheran Worship—red hymnal)

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship
Thanksgiving for Baptism
Gathering Song
Greeting
Prayer of the Day

“God Whose Almighty Word”

ELW 673

Gracious God, we gather at the feet of Jesus to listen eagerly to what he has to teach us. Open our minds and hearts to his words of radical welcome and make us ready to follow when he calls. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

Children’s Time
Reading
Gospel Acclamation
Gospel
Sermon

Psalm 103:1-5

Pew Bible pg. 542

“Celtic Alleluia” refrain

ELW 174

Mark 1:21-39

Pew Bible pg. 910

Hymn of the Day
Apostles’ Creed

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

ELW 614

ELW page 105

Prayers of Intercession

God our teacher and healer, **c: In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Laying of Hands
Blessing

Peace

Offertory Music

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

ELW 685 v 1, 4

Offering Prayer

Holy God, we remember all your benefits to us—how you satisfy us with good as long as we live. In gratitude we return to you these gifts out of your abundance, that all might flourish in your name. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Lord’s Prayer

ELW page 112 (1st prayer)

Communion

Communion Hymn

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW 471

Announcements

Litany

Blessing

Sending Song

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW 798 v 1, 3, 5

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

Birthdays this week: 7 John Stasiak 9 Paula Hammes, Noah Lepsch 10 Dewey Crocker, Lonnie Oines, Edward Scholze, Jordyn Schreiber 11 Matthew Barbour 12 Robert Lee 13 Zachary Mueller

Bishop Malpica will be at both worship services next weekend. Let's offer him a warm welcome!

A Vision Board informal congregational meeting will take place between services next weekend, January 14. The board members would like to discuss our financial situation with everyone and hear your thoughts on how to proceed in 2024. Please see the *January Currents* in your email or on our website for the proposed budgets and an article about our situation.

Giving at HCLC: Our average weekly expenses are \$4427. Christmas Eve offering was \$6821. The offering for last weekend was \$2346. We appreciate all the ways you help to meet our needs and the needs of others! To give through PayPal, please use the QR code on the back page of the bulletin.

Noisy Offering: Throughout January we'll be collecting for HCLC Quilters' Ministry! The quilters will begin meeting in February. For more information contact Nancy Holley or the office. Thank you for your generous donations to ELCA Good Gifts in December! We collected \$212.34! Keep making some noise!

Thank you Melissa Graff for sharing your musical talents with us in worship today!!

Thank you

On behalf of the Raymond Lee Family thank you for your prayers, support, phone calls, hugs, food, cards, memorial gifts, and visits during this difficult time. Please keep the visits, calls, and prayers coming. The Lee Family truly appreciates the extra help from area neighbors and friends. Have a blessed 2024. -Marge & Family



We pray for Marjorie Lee and the friends and family of Raymond Lee, Jean Latham, Ed Scholze, Bob Loper, Joan Vaughn, Bridget Ferk, Thelma Severson, Lisa Herrera Evans, Katie Wier, Phoebe Kitzke, Gayle Kuespert, Beulah Sanders, Cary Heyer, Eric Erdman, Dawson Reed, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebakken, Karla Johnson, Alice Fonfara, Marie Jezova, Coats family

Welcome to Worship!

Thank you for being here today. We want you to feel at home when you are here at HCLC, so please remember:

As you participate

Bolded words on the screen are for you to speak.

Even though the pastor indicates when to stand up or sit down, that is not mandatory. We do not judge when it's done differently. Move around as you need to and please worship as *your* body demands it.

Offering

The offering is our way of showing that when we come to the table we bring ourselves as well as all we have been given by God to be blessed for service in God's world.

The offering plate is placed at the entrance of the sanctuary and may be passed around as well.

The cake pan is for our Noisy Offering. Each month we choose a cause to support.

Offerings can also be made through our website or by using this QR code. Thank you for the many ways you support HCLC and our mission.



Holy Communion

All are welcome to the table today. It is not our table, but Jesus is the host. So, in this place **all** are welcome to Jesus' table.

Pre-packaged communion kits, regular and **gluten-free**, are available for communing in your seats or bringing them with you as you come forward.

Communion in the front aisle will be baked bread and both wine and juice (the wine is red, juice is clear).

Kids

We welcome kids to participate fully in any part of the service! We have instruments to play for the last song, there will be a Children's Message and coloring page, you may pass the offering plate or noisy offering. We have activity bags as you enter church. If you think of other ways to participate, let Pastor Chris know—worship is meant to be fun and interactive, so you are especially welcome to make that happen.

An **AED is available** in case of an emergency. It is located just outside the sanctuary doors.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship each week after service.

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