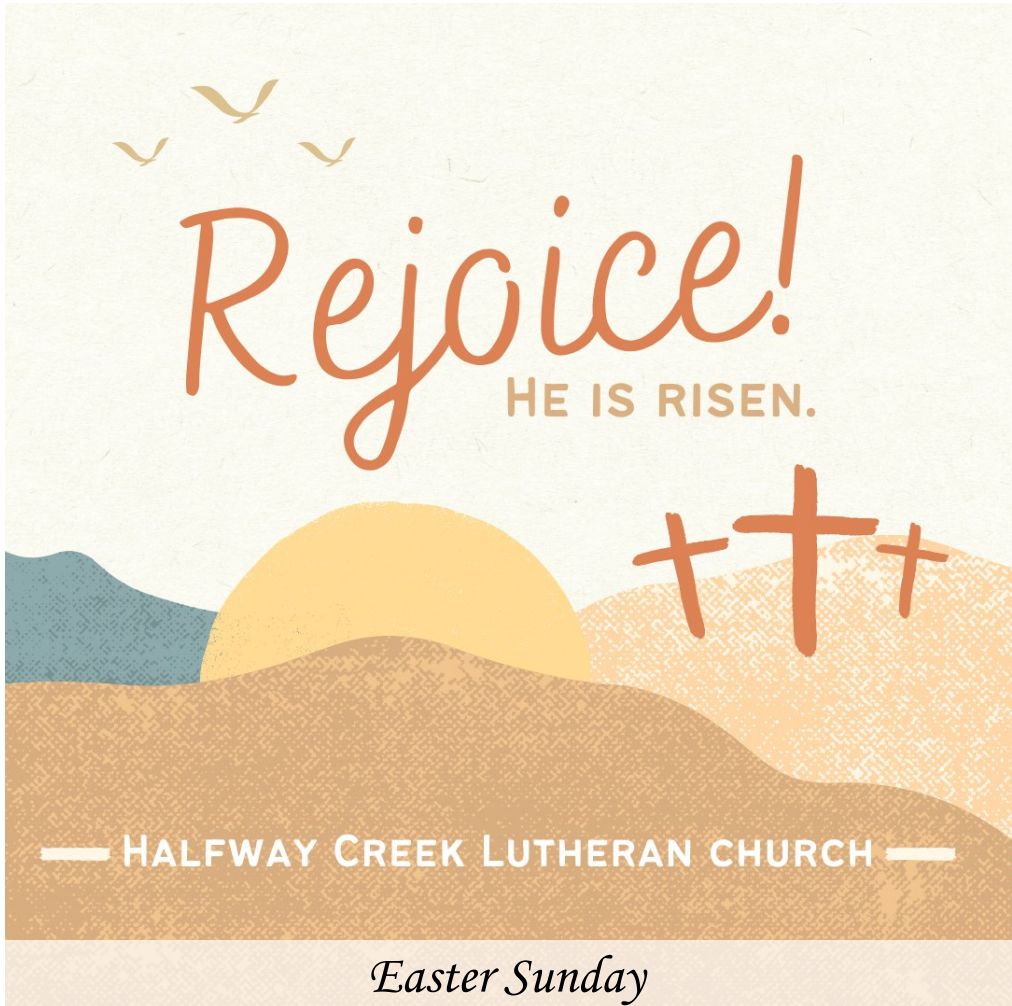




Halfway Creek
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!



Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Patti Happel

Worship Accompanist: Lynn Wegner

Order of Worship

(ELW—Evangelical Lutheran Worship—red hymnal; WOV –With One Voice—blue hymnal)

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering

c: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Easter Call to Worship

Friends, the tomb is empty! The stone has been rolled away!

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

For three days he lay in that cold and lonely cave.

But God's love cannot be contained by anything, not even death!

Thanks be to God, who gives us victory throughout our Risen Lord.

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Where, O death, is your victory? **Where, O death, is your sting?**

Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed!**

Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

Gathering Song

"In Christ Alone"

see insert

Greeting

c: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Anthem and Message

Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Gospel Acclamation

"Halle, halle, hallelujah"

ELW 172

Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

see insert

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Peace

Offertory Anthem	<i>"Hallelujah"</i>	
Offertory Hymn	<i>"Thine is the Glory"</i>	ELW 376

Offering Prayer	c: Amen.
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Prayer at the Table

And so we gather at the table. We come from many places, differing in age, differing in race, differing in orientation, politics and even religion.

**As we come together around the table
we discover that our differences are not something we tolerate
but that our differences are indeed a blessing,
the more difference we bring, the more fully we experience
the presence of the sacred in our midst.**

So come, children of God, just as you are. Wherever you are on this journey of life, you are welcome here, here in this place, here in this community, here at this table. Come, children of God, come and remember with us. Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer	ELW pg. 112
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Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn	<i>"Blessing, Honor, and Glory"</i>	ELW 433
	<i>"The Revelation Song"</i>	see insert

Post Communion Blessing	c: Amen.
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Prayer after Communion	c: Amen.
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Blessing	c: Amen.
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Sending Song	<i>"I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"</i>	WOV 673
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Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Easter Blessings to you and those you hold most dear!

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Easter worship at Halfway Creek Lutheran Church! We especially want to thank the dedicated worship team for sharing their musical gifts and time, and our delightful Sunday School students for their performance at the 10 AM service. Our sincere appreciation extends to Lynn for her musical direction and preparation of the liturgy. We also recognize and thank the many hands working behind the scenes – from our office staff to Patti, Rich, Bette, the altar guild, sextons and all the Worship and Fellowship volunteers. It is the collective talent and spirit of individuals like these, along with the entire congregation, that makes Halfway Creek the special place of worship it is.

Happy Easter! Alleluia!

Announcements

Birthdays this week: Kathi Hagel, Chantel Temp, Gabriel Hansen, Allison Oines, Ethan Oines, Calvin Smith, Savanna Britton, Philip Johnson, Joanne Mihm, Randy Tuquero, Dawn Bandoli

Noisy Offering: Throughout April we'll be collecting money for HCLC outreach programs! Let's keep making some noise!

Sunday School: Thank you to all the kids who sang for us today! Thank you families, students and teachers for a great year. If you would like to help with Sunday School in the fall, please contact Patti at pastor@halfwaycreek.org.

Confirmation: All grades 6-8 will meet Wednesday, April 23 and 30 at 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Sunday is May 4th at 10 AM!

Outreach Opportunity: Life Planning Seminar in collaboration with Fredrickson Funeral Homes. All are welcome to attend this short seminar to learn about the benefits of funeral pre-planning and enjoy a catered meal on Tuesday, May 6 from 5:00–6:30 p.m. at HCLC.

Please RSVP to Margaret at 608-397-8672. Invite your friends and family, too.

Our Halfway Creek Versiti Blood Drive is scheduled for Friday, May 16 from 9 am–2 pm. Please sign-up online (link in E-news), on the clipboard in the gathering space or contact Shari in the office. A light meal of BBQ sandwiches, chips, cookie and water will be provided. All blood that Versiti collects stays in the Coulee Region!

Easter Flowers

<u>Presented by:</u>	<u>In Loving Memory of:</u>
Ruth & Ed Scholze	Sherman & Nita Witte, Eugene & Janet Scholze, Roland Scholze, Karen Scholze
Patti Happel.....	Ron Hanson, Suzy Fonfara
Marjorie Lee & family	Raymond O. Lee
Carol Bringe & family	Russell Bringe
David & Karla Anderson	Parents: Eldred and Marie Anderson, Gilmer and Inez Stetzer
Beulah Sanders	Charles Sanders, Carolyn Sanders, Mark Sanders, Karen Sanders and Harvey and Ann Schultz

<u>Presented by:</u>	<u>In Honor of:</u>
Rich & Bette Pedretti	Jessica & Ayla; Alex, Christy, Miles, Kenny, Ida, Leon

<u>Presented by:</u>	<u>In Celebration of:</u>
Kathi Hagel	Family & friends
Patti Happel	our Halfway Creek family

Thank you to Sunshine Floral for the beautiful spring flowers! Thank you to everyone who presented flowers in memory of, in honor of, or in celebration of loved ones and/or friends.

Gathering Song

In Christ Alone

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My comforter my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save

Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sins curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Chorus 1

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

Chorus 2

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till he returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Hymn of the Day

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today.
Ah, Alleluia!
All on earth with angels say.
Ah, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high.
Ah, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens and earth,
reply: Ah, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King.
Ah, Alleluia!
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Ah, Alleluia!
Dying once, He all doth save, Ah, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Ah, Alleluia!

Interlude sung by Worship Team

Love's redeeming work is done.

Ah, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won.

Ah, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise. Ah, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise.

Ah, Alleluia!

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Communion

The Revelation Song

Worthy is the, Lamb Who was slain,

Holy, holy is He

Sing a new song, to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat (repeat stanza)

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy,

is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing

praise to the King of kings

You are my everything

and I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color,

flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder

Blessing and honor, strength and glory and
power be

To You, the only wise King

Chorus

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
at the mention of Your Name

Jesus, Your Name is power,

breath and living water

Such a marvelous mystery

Chorus

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In Our Prayers:

We pray for friends and family of those who
have passed: Dewey Crocker, Ray Cook,
Charles Severson, Madilyn Vang, Jeff Rose,
Ron Hanson, Rod Sutherland, Curt Nedoba,
Judy Campbell, Mike Nedoba, Raymond Lee,
Marie Jezova

We pray for Mike and Pat Martin, Laurie
Noelke, Brooklynn Cook, Megan Sacia
Ulrich, Perry Voshage, Owen Gilbertson,
Adisyn Rhyme, Kannon Happel, Marjorie
Lee, Jean Latham, 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
Dokkebaken, Karla Johnson, Alice Fonfara,
the 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 passed around during the offering song.

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 when communion is offered. 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! You may pass the offering plate or noisy offering, and we have activity bags as you enter church.

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. Guests and members please take a moment to fill out the Welcome Card in the pew. We want to know how we can best minister to you.

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