



Welcome to Worship!



*My sheep
hear my
voice*

JOHN 10:27

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Pastor Jim Arends

Worship Accompanist: Melissa Graff

Order of Worship

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

Prelude
Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

*In the name of ~~✠~~ the One, who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.***

*Baptized into you, O Living One, **c: make us one as you are one.***

Gathering Song

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

ELW 778

Greeting

c: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Gospel Acclamation

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

ELW 172

Gospel

John 10:22-30

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

ELW 789

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

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

Peace

Offertory Hymn

"We Are An Offering"

ELW 692

Offering Prayer

c: Amen.

Prayer at the Table

*And so we gather at the table.... **C: 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.***

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

ELW pg. 112

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn

"Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees"

ELW 471

Post Communion Blessing

c: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

c: Amen.

Blessing

c: Amen.

Sending Song

"Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

ELW 631

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

Announcements

Birthdays this week: Mary Severson, Jenny Lee, Paul Eide, Kermit Jostad, Bill Achterkirch, Roger Casberg, Nicole Plomedahl

Our Halfway Creek Versiti Blood Drive is scheduled for Friday, May 16 from 930 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!

Happy Mother's Day:

Dear God, we thank you for the gift of mothers, in all their forms and roles. We pray for strength, peace, and joy for every mother as they navigate the joys and challenges of motherhood. May they feel your love and grace as they nurture and guide their children. We also pray for those who wish to be mothers, and for those who are grieving the loss of a mother. Amen.

In Our Prayers:

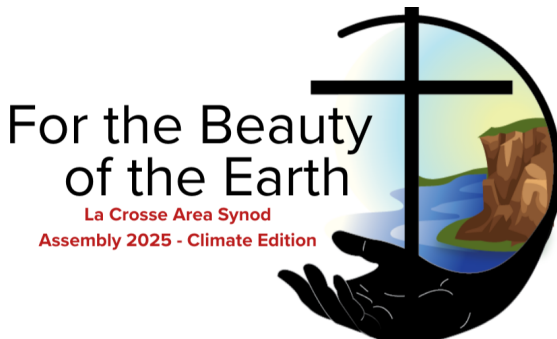
We pray for friends and family of those who have passed: Dewey Crocker, Ray Cook, Charles Severson, Madilyn Vang, Jeff Rose, Ron Hanson, Rod Sutherland, Curt Nedoba, Judy Campbell, Mike Nedoba, Raymond Lee, Marie Jezova

We pray for Robin Ruhbusch, 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 Dokkebakken, Karla Johnson, Alice Fonfara, the Coats family.

Summer Worship Time: **From June 1 through August 31 we'll worship on Sundays at 9 AM.**

Noisy Offering : In May, your offerings will support Holmen's Hope Summer Lunch Program. Last week we collected \$77.45! Let's keep making some noise!

Save the Date—Synod Assembly



**June 6-7 @ Westby Coon Prairie
Lutheran Church
June 8, 10 AM @ Riverside Park,
La Crosse**

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 forward with you. The ushers will have them in a basket.

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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