

Welcome to Worship!

HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH
Confirmation Sunday



Congratulations

BLAKE ANDERSON

JORDAN ANDERSON

ASPEN BALOW

ABIGAIL FREDRICKSON

ALEASHA PAYNE

DOMINIC ROSENOW

MAY 4, 2025 AT 10:00 AM

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

Call to Worship

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

This is the day that God has made. **We will rejoice and be glad!**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

We share in the story of God's mighty acts of salvation, and we receive new birth through water and the Spirit. These are the gifts of God, offered freely to all.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

As water is poured into font.

We thank you for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried, sharing in Christ's death. By it we share also in Christ's resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit as your children.

Hymn

"Sanctuary"

see insert

Greeting

c: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Gospel Acclamation

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

ELW 172

Gospel

John 21:1-19

Faith Statements

Hymn of the Day

"I'm Going on a Journey"

ELW 446

Affirmation of Baptism & Presentation

Profession of Faith

c: I renounce them

Apostles' Creed

Affirmation by the Assembly

c: We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

Rite of Confirmation and Blessings

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayers of Intercession

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

Peace

Offertory Song

"We Are An Offering"

ELW 692

Offering Prayer	c: Amen.	
Words of Institution		
Lord's Prayer		ELW pg. 112
Invitation to Communion		
Communion Hymn	<i>"We Believe"</i> <i>"Here is Bread"</i>	see insert ELW 483
Post Communion Blessing	c: Amen.	
Prayer after Communion	c: Amen.	
Blessing	c: Amen.	
Sending Song	<i>"This Little Light of Mine"</i>	ELW 677
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

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 Dokkebaken, Karla Johnson, Alice Fonfara, the Coats family.

Save the Date

For the Beauty
of the Earth

La Crosse Area Synod
Assembly 2025 - Climate Edition



**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 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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Announcements

Birthdays this week: Laura Arnold, Nancy Holley, Paul Anderson, Megan Jostad-Myhre, Rhetta Ulrich, Samantha Bartnik, Lauren Bringe

Noisy Offering: In April we collected \$307.17 for HCLC outreach programs! In May, your offerings will support Holmen's Hope Summer Lunch Program. Let's keep making some noise!

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!

Rummage Sale Holmen Lutheran: How can you support Lutheran World Relief while you spring clean your home and garage? Holmen Lutheran Church's May 10th Rummage Sale! Drop off your donations at Holmen Lutheran Sunday 5/4 (afternoon) - Friday 5/9 business hours (and Tuesday/Thursday until 7pm). Contact Sally Safranski 608-399-5383 or email sally.safranski@gmail.com. if you cannot deliver the items and we'll pick up your goodies. Also, shop on Saturday, 8-noon! Proceeds support LWR Quilts and Baby Care Kits.



HALFWAY CREEK
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**SUMMER
WORSHIP**

— SCHEDULE —

June 1 through August 31

| Sundays at 9:00 AM |

www.halfwaycreek.org

Lyrics for Worship—May 4, 2025

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for You. **Repeat**

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We Believe

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe, we believe

In this broken generation
When all is dark, You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe, we believe

Chorus:

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life

We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's comin' back again, we
believe

So, let our faith be more than
anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and
temptations
We believe, we believe! **Chorus**

Let the lost be found and the dead
be raised!
In the here and now, let love invade!
Let the church live loud our God we'll say
We believe, we believe!

And the gates of hell will not prevail!
For the power of God, has torn the veil!
Now we know Your love will never fail!
We believe, we believe! **Chorus**
And He's comin' back,
He's comin' back again!
He's comin' back again!
We believe!
We believe

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