



Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!
8th Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 2025—9:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Patti Happel, SAM
Worship Accompanist: Lynn Wegner

ONE'S LIFE
Does not consist
IN THE ABUNDANCE
OF POSSESSIONS.

Luke 12:15



Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Merciful God, we live in a society that focuses on gathering things. We collect, store, gather items, gadgets, even people. We focus our energies on our collections providing adequate room for them and yet we bar the door to the needs of others, of those who have little or nothing, of those for whom life has been a constant struggle. We are sorry for the ways in which we have failed you. Forgive us. Turn us around to look at the ways in which our wealth, both of substance and spirit, can be used for healing and hope. Enable us to be in ministry to those in need and to care for this world. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Gathering Song

“Sanctuary”

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

Greeting

c: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Gospel Acclamation

“Open Your Ears O Faithful People”

ELW 519

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Take My Gifts”

see insert

Apostles' Creed

ELW pg 105

Prayers of Intercession

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

Peace

Offertory Song

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

ELW 680

Offering Prayer

c: Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

ELW pg 112

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn

“We Come Now to Your Table Lord”

see insert

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

ELW 515

Post Communion Blessing

c: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

c: Amen.

Blessing

c: Amen.

Sending Song

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

ELW 583

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **c: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Announcements

Birthdays this week: Simon Nedoba, Christine Sherry, Thelma Severson, Rhonda Tremain-Yeiter, Pat Martin, Andy Mueller, Amy Noel, David Anderson, Jenna Happel

Noisy Offering: The July noisy offering will support Halfway Creek Cemetery. Last Sunday's noisy offering was \$58.84 for a grand total of \$436.55! Thank you!! Throughout August we'll be collecting for God's work. Our hands. Let's keep making some noise!

Sound Equipment Fundraiser is underway. Please support the worship team and Halfway Creek Lutheran Church as we raise money for a new sound board and microphones! Your donations may be placed in the musical note pinata in the gathering space or you can drop them off in the office! Your contributions and prayers are so appreciated. So far, we've received \$1275 in donations and \$340 from Memorials (Harvey Miller) for a total of \$1615. Thank you!

Save the Date

God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

Join the Holmen Area ELCA churches for God's work. Our hands. on Sunday, September 7 at 10:30 a.m. We'll have coffee and donuts to start the day followed by worship with Pastor Kathryn Thompson of LuMin Campus Ministry preaching. We'll participate in a service project and have a light lunch! Plan to bring a chair or blanket

to sit on. Let's fill the lawn! Also, if anyone would like to help serve coffee and donuts, please let Bette or Patti know. Thank you!

In Our Prayers:

We pray for friends and family of those who have recently passed: Harvey Miller, Charles Severson, Ray Cook, Madilyn Vang.

We pray for Cathy Braund, Diane Jostad, Betty Bender, Stacey Fredricks, Robin Ruhbusch, Mike & Pat Martin, Laurie Noelke, Megan Sacia Ulrich, Perry Voshage, Owen Gilbertson, Marjorie Lee, Jean Latham, Bob Loper, Joan Vaughn, Bridget Ferk, Thelma Severson, Katie Wier, Phoebe & Bill Kitzke, Gayle Kuespert, Beulah Sanders, Cary Heyer, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebaken, Karla Johnson, 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 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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Music Lyrics

Take My Gifts

Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter,
gave me life and set me free.

Now because your love has touched me,
I have love to give away,
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply!

Take the fruit that I have gathered
from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion,
juice that makes the wine of God,

Spiced with humor, laced with laughter--
flavor of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure,
taste and zest beyond belief.

Take whatever I can offer--
gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen,
talents of the hand and mind,

Things made beautiful for others
in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me.

We Come Now to Your Table

We come now to your table, Lord,
you are the Living Bread.
We come now to your table, Lord,
let ev'ry soul be fed.
You are the Living Bread,
let ev'ry soul be fed:
and now may ev'ry soul be fed
with Living Bread.

HCLC Youth and friends grades 6-12 are invited to
the Youth Night Out on August 8th!

Permission Slips may be found on our website or on the table in the gathering space.

Confirmation & High School

YOUTH NIGHT OUT

**Friday, August 8, 2025
6 to 9 p.m.**

Halfway Creek Lutheran Church

**Bring a friend if you like and join us for outdoor games,
water games (bring a change of clothes and towel), and
indoor activities, and food!**

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