



Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!
7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025—9:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Pastor Carol Garman

Worship Accompanist: Lynn Wegner



Lord,
teach us to pray

LUKE 11:1

Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

Gathering Song	<i>"Spirit, Open My Heart"</i>	see insert
Greeting	c: And also with you.	

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading	Genesis 18:20-32	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Listen Now for the Gospel"</i>	see insert
Gospel	Luke 11:1-13	
Sermon		
Hymn of the Day	<i>"Seek Ye First"</i>	WOV 783
Apostles' Creed		ELW pg 105
Prayers of Intercession	God of grace, hear our prayer.	
Peace		
Offertory Song	<i>"For the Wholeness of the Earth "</i>	

1. We lift this prayer for the wholeness of the earth. (x3)
Can you feel it rising in you?
2. We turn our lives to the wholeness of the earth. (x3)
Can you feel it spinning in you?
3. Give thanks to God for the wholeness of the earth. (x3)
Can you feel it rising in you?

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Offering Prayer	c: Amen.	
Words of Institution		
Lord's Prayer		ELW pg 112
Invitation to Communion		
Communion Hymn	<i>"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"</i>	ELW 742
Post Communion Blessing	c: Amen.	
Prayer after Communion	c: Amen.	
Blessing	c: Amen.	
Sending Song	<i>"Go My Children with Thy Blessing"</i>	ELW 543
Dismissal	Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. c: Thanks be to God.	
Postlude		

Announcements

Birthdays this week: Erin Hale, Lane Hansen, Robyn Shisler, Kendall Yahnke, Tyson Gates

Noisy Offering: The July noisy offering will support Halfway Creek Cemetery. Last weekend you donated \$122.30 for a total of \$377.71 so far! 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. Thank you!

Welcome Home Brooklyn Cook! Brooklyn made it home from deployment. "Thank you for the last several months for added prayers from the congregation for her, it really does mean a lot to me." - Jess

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 passed: Harvey Miller, 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 Diane Jostad, Betty Bender, Stacey Fredricks, Robin Ruhbusch, Mike and Pat Martin, Laurie Noelke, Megan Sacia Ulrich, Perry Voshage, Owen Gilbertson, 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, 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

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

Refrain

Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.
Refrain

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you. *Refrain*

May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of friend and neighbor.
As I live from day to day,
love will be my finest labor. *Refrain*

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“Listen Now for the Gospel”

Refrain

(Listen now for the gospel!!) Alleluia!
(It is God's word that changes us!)
Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, melt and break
our hearts of stone,
until we give our lives to God,
and God alone. *Refrain*

Come, Holy Spirit,
root in us God's living word,
that we may show the faithfulness
of Christ our Lord. *Refrain*

Come, Holy Spirit, bind the broken,
find the lost,
confirm in us the fire and love of
Pentecost. *Refrain*

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

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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