Halfway Creek Welcome to Worship!

Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers LUKE 10:2

4th Sunday after Pentecost July 6, 2025—9:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Patti Happel Worship Accompanist: Paula Przywojski

Order of Worship

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

Prelude Welcome & Announcements Confession and Forgiveness (response in Bold)

O God, we know that Jesus sent out his disciples without purse, luggage, or sandals. All too often, we find ourselves clinging to possessions we don't need, looking for safety by avoiding risk and bearing heavy burdens that slow us down.

Forgive us for our reluctance to travel lightly and heal us of our pain and guilt. Forgive us and heal us, O God.

Holy One, the Apostle Paul encouraged the Galatians not to grow weary, but to use every opportunity to work for the good of all.

And yet, hectic schedules, competing demands, cynicism, and doubt erode our commitment and leave us feeling burned out.

Forgive us for any hollow excuses we are tempted to make and heal us of our exhaustion. Forgive us and heal us, O God.

O God, we confess that, like the warrior Naaman, we sometimes think you only perform great complicated acts in flashy and dramatic ways.

We then fail to see how you are at work in the simple tasks and ordinary experiences of everyday life.

Forgive us for our misunderstanding and heal us of our sightlessness. **Forgive us and heal us, 0 God.**

There is no pain that God cannot heal. There is no wrong that God cannot forgive. Come, immerse yourselves in the healing waters of God's forgiveness. Come and be restored. Let God make you whole. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Gathering Song Greeting Prayer of the Day	"Give Me Jesus" c: And also with you.	ELW 770
O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.		
First Reading Isaiah 66:10-14		
Gospel Acclamation Gospel	<i>"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"</i> Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	ELW 512
Sermon Hymn of the Day Apostles' Creed	"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"	ELW 659 ELW pg 105
Prayers of Intercession	God of grace, hear our prayer.	10
Peace		
Offertory Song	"For the Wholeness of the Earth "	
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)		
3. Give thanks to God for the Can you feel it rising in you		
Can you feel it rising in you? Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957 © 2017 Bret Hesla, admin. Augsburg Fortress		
Offering Prayer	c: Amen.	
The Great Thanksgiving		
	"Holy, Holy, Holy"	ELW 473
Words of Institution		
Lord's Prayer Invitation to Communion		ELW pg 112
Communion Hymn Post Communion Blessing	"Wash O God Our Sons and Daughters" c: Amen.	ELW 445
Prayer after Communion Blessing	c: Amen. c: Amen.	

Sending Song Dismissal *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"* Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **c: Thanks be to God.** ELW 674

Postlude

Announcements

<u>Birthdays this week</u>: Ryan Beville, Ron Christensen, Brianna Cook, Daryl Holley, Ann Stasiak, DeeDee Kolbo, Bette Pedretti, Nola Anderson, Heather Dokkebaken, Jacob Wegner, David Chase, Leann Theisen

Exciting News: As of Wednesday, July 2nd, our mortgage has been paid off! Thank you to everyone who helped financially and prayerfully! What an amazing accomplishment. We are planning a celebration this fall, please stay tuned for more information!

<u>Noisy Offering</u>: The July noisy offering will support Halfway Creek Cemetery. Let's keep making some noise! In June, our total collection was \$225.40 for the Gardening Group. Thank you!!

<u>Outreach</u>: Join us for our card ministry on July 8 from 11 AM—1 PM. We'll be mailing cards to those on our prayer list and others. All supplies provided. <u>God's work. Our hands. Sunday</u> is September 7th. We are ordering t-shirts to wear that day. Check out the order form in your E-news and on the table in the gathering space. Orders are due July 13.

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!

<u>Thank you</u> to the worship team for singing at worship last weekend. You are all so very talented, and we appreciate you! We extend a warm welcome to Paula Przywojski today. Thank you for sharing your musical talents with us!

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 Diane Jostad, Betty Bender, Stacey Fredricks, Robin Ruhbusch, Mike and Pat Martin, Laurie Noelke, Brooklynn Cook, Megan Sacia Ulrich, Perry Voshage, Owen Gilbertson, 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 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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