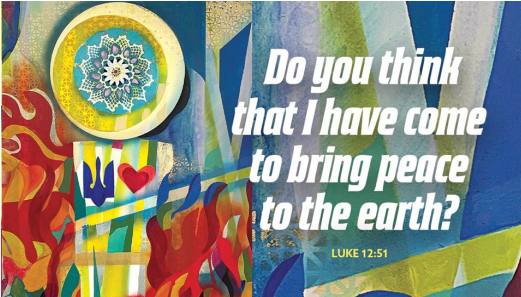




Welcome to Worship!



*10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025—9:00 a.m.*

*Worship Leader: Jason Knipe, Patti Happel, SAM
Accompanist: Lynn Wegner*

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

"Here I Am to Worship"

see insert

Greeting

c: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Gospel Acclamation

"Thy Word"

see insert

Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

Sermon

Hymn of the Day	<i>"Send Down the Fire of Your Justice"</i>	see insert
Apostles' Creed		ELW pg 105
Prayers of Intercession	Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.	
Peace		
Offertory Song	<i>"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"</i>	ELW 680
Offering Prayer	c: Amen.	
Words of Institution		
Lord's Prayer		ELW pg 112
Invitation to Communion		
Communion Hymn	<i>"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"</i>	WOV 770
Post Communion Blessing	c: Amen.	
Prayer after Communion	c: Amen.	
Blessing	c: Amen.	
Sending Song	<i>"Blessed Be the Name"</i>	ELW 797
Dismissal	Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. c: Thanks be to God.	
Postlude		

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.

Announcements

Birthdays this week: David Gates, Jennifer Stasiak, Rori Tolvstad, Sally Johnson, Dana Casberg, Jane Halverson, Kayla Severson

Noisy Offering: August noisy offer will go toward God's work. Our hands. Last week you gave \$26.27 for a total so far of \$65.63! Let's keep making some noise!

Sound Equipment Fundraiser is still going. If you'd like to support the worship team and Halfway Creek Lutheran Church for the purchase of a new sound board and microphones, please place your donations in the musical note pinata in the gathering space or drop them off in the office! Your contributions and prayers are so appreciated. To date, between memorials in memory of Harvey Miller & fundraising donations we have \$1640 of our first phase need of \$3,390. Thank you!

HCLC Outreach and Service project: As part of our mission through outreach, we are collecting items to assemble Lutheran World Relief (LWR) personal care kits. We'd like to collect enough items for 50 kits that will be delivered to the LWR Ingathering at Good Shepherd on October 11th! From there, the kits will be distributed where most needed. LWR personal care kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

Through generous donations, we have collected several of the items we need. However, we still need:

- 50 new, darker colored bath towels (20"x 40" or 52" x 27") and
- 100 bars of soap in their original packaging.

If you'd like to donate, please drop off items at church **no later than September 14**. All are invited to help assemble the kits after worship on *Sunday, September 21st!* Instructions and materials will be provided. Thank you for helping us Reach Out and Share Christ with All through this service project!

Cookies on Campus: This fall we have signed up to provide 300-350 cookies on September 17th. If you'd like to bake cookies and help this LuMin Campus Ministry outreach, please sign up in the gathering space. Thank you!

God's work. Our hands. Information

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September 7, 2025

Join the Holmen Area ELCA churches for God's work. Our hands. on Sunday, September 7 at 10:30 a.m. at Halfway Creek Bandshell. We'll have coffee and donuts to start the day followed by worship with the message from Pastor Kathryn Thompson of LuMin Campus Ministry. 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!

If you enjoy singing, please check out this:

God's Work, Our Hands: Singers invited!

Please join us for a combined choir gathering for God's Work, Our Hands.

Rehearsal: Tuesday September 2, 6:30-7:00 pm at Journey Lutheran Church

Present Anthem: Sunday September 7, Halfway Creek Park (we will meet 30 minutes before the worship service.).

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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