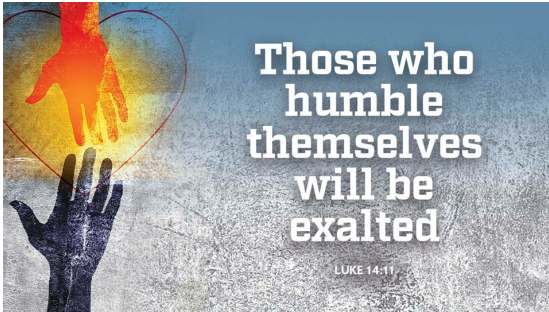




Welcome to Worship!



*12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 31 2025—9:00 a.m.*

Worship Leaders:

Ron Christensen; Patti Happel

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

"Gather Us In"

ELW 532

Greeting

c: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

ELW pg 188

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

ELW 523

Apostles' Creed		ELW pg 105
Prayers of Intercession	Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.	
Peace		
Offertory Song	<i>"We Are An Offering"</i>	ELW 692
Offering Prayer	c: Amen.	
Words of Institution		
Lord's Prayer		ELW pg 112
Invitation to Communion		
Communion Hymn	<i>"As We Gather at Thy Table"</i>	ELW 522
	<i>"Here is Bread"</i>	ELW 483
Post Communion Blessing	c: Amen.	
Prayer after Communion	c: Amen.	
Blessing	c: Amen.	
Sending Song	<i>"Welcome Table"</i>	

1

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
some of these days. (repeat)

3

I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
some of these days. (repeat)

Text: African American spiritual

2

I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
some of these days. (repeat)

Dismissal
Postlude

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

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 Gayle "Susie" Johnson, Laurie Gillespie, Cathy Braund, Diane Jostad, Betty Bender, Stacey Fredricks, Robin Ruhbusch, Mike & Pat Martin, Laurie Noelke, Megan Saccia Ulrich, Perry Voshage, Marjorie Lee, Jean Latham, 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

Fall Worship Schedule: We will begin worship at 10 a.m. starting September 14. This will also be Rally Sunday—we'll have registration forms for Sunday School and Confirmation. Sunday School will begin at 9 a.m. on September 21! Don't forget to attend God's work. Our hands. on September 7th at the bandshell in Halfway Creek Park. There will be NO worship service at HCLC that day!

Birthdays this week: Today: Marna Holley; September: Rachel Temp, Adalyn Ruhbusch, Gregory Britton, Teagan Yahnke

Noisy Offering: August noisy offer will go toward God's work. Our hands. Last weekend we collected \$48.53 for a total of \$183.50 so far this month. Let's keep making some noise!

Sound Equipment Fundraiser is on going! If you'd like to support the worship team and Halfway Creek Lutheran Church for the purchase of a new sound keyboard and wireless mics, 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.

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 need bars of soap. If you'd like to donate, please bring the soap to 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!

God's work. Our hands. Information

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 (we have copies of the music):

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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