



Welcome to Worship!



*14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025—10:00 a.m.*

*Worship Leaders: Pastor Tara Shilts
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, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Gathering Song

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

ELW 789

Greeting

c: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing of the Backpacks

c: Amen

First Reading

Exodus 32:7-14

Gospel Acclamation

"Celtic Alleluia"

ELW 174

Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

see insert

Apostles' Creed

ELW pg 105

Prayers of Intercession	God of grace, receive our prayer.	
Peace	<i>"Song of Peace: Shake Another Hand"</i>	see insert
Offertory Song	<i>"Create in Me a Clean Heart"</i>	see insert
Offering Prayer	c: Amen.	
Words of Institution		
Lord's Prayer		ELW pg 112
Invitation to Communion		
Communion Hymn	<i>"That Priceless Grace"</i>	ELW 591
	<i>"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"</i>	ELW 733
Post Communion Blessing	c: Amen.	
Prayer after Communion	c: Amen.	
Blessing	c: Amen.	
Sending Song	<i>"Send Me, Jesus"</i>	ELW 549
Dismissal	<i>Go in peace. Do not lose heart. c: Thanks be to God.</i>	
Postlude		

Announcements

Birthdays this week: Darlene Feltes, Buelah Sanders, Shelly Thompson, Kaden Casberg, Diane Jostad, Emily Jostad, Alyssa Shisler, Dawn Rink

Noisy Offering: Our August noisy offering total was \$208.02 for God's work. Our hands. Thank you! This month we are focusing on Suicide Prevention and raising awareness of this and other mental health issues. We plan on donating our Noisy Offering to two different organizations: #WillPProject and the La Crosse Area Suicide Prevention Initiative. More information about these organization may be found in the September Currents. Let's keep making some noise!

HCLC Outreach and Service project: All are invited to help assemble LWR personal care kits after worship on Sunday, September 21st! Instructions and materials will be provided. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the kits.

Sunday School: will meet on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Thank you to the Education team and teachers that are helping with the program this year!

Confirmation will have a Student/Parent meeting on Wednesday, September 24 at 6 PM. Class will begin October 1st from 6-7:30 p.m. We will meet the first three Wednesdays of each month!

Outreach ministry request: Our young adults recently completed "My Favorite Things" forms, and we'd love to gather some of those items and send them a care package in October. Please consider contributing an item from the list to help with this effort. We'll also have a

container for cash donations, which will go toward buying any remaining gifts. This is a great way to invest in our young adults who are the future of our church!

These are the items we are looking for: Gift cards: Culvers; Chik fil A; Jersey Mike's; Qdoba
Candy: 100 grand bar; Twix; Nerd gummy clusters; Milk chocolate bars; Starburst minis.
Snacks: Goldfish; Cheez its; Microwave popcorn; Pretzels, Baked Cheetos; Oatmeal Crème Pies, Ritz cracker chips!!

Scrap & Crop Event: Shari & Jodi are hosting a scrapbooking and crafting event at HCLC on October 3 & 4. The cost is \$30. For more information see our Weekly E-News or contact Shari. RSVP needed by Sep. 28.

Save the Date & Sign-up for Trunk or Treat in the Gathering Space



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 Sacia 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.

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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