



Welcome to Worship!

16th Sunday after Pentecost—September 28, 2025—10:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: 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, 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

"The Power of Your Love"

Verse 1

Lord I come to You,
let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace that I found in You

Verse 2

Lord unveil my eyes,
let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me

Lord I've come to know
the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
by the pow'r of Your love

Lord renew my mind
as Your will unfolds in my life
In living ev'ry day by the pow'r of Your love

Chorus

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Hold me close, let Your love surround me
Bring me near, draw me to Your side
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You,
Your Spirit leads me on
In the pow'r of Your love

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Greeting	c: And also with you.	
Prayer of the Day		
O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.		
First Reading	Amos 6:1a, 4-7	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>“Celtic Alleluia”</i>	ELW 174
Gospel	Luke 16:19-31	
Sermon		
Hymn of the Day	<i>“When the Poor Ones”</i>	ELW 725
Apostles’ Creed		ELW pg 105
Prayers of Intercession	God of grace, receive our prayer.	
Peace		
Offertory Song	<i>“Give Thanks”</i>	

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son. (repeat)	And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich,” because of what the Lord has done for us. (repeat) Give thanks!
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Offering Prayer	c: Amen.	
Words of Institution		
Lord’s Prayer		ELW pg 112
Invitation to Communion		
Communion Hymn	<i>“Where Your Treasure Is”</i>	
Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be. All that you possess will never set you free. Seek the things that last; come and learn from me. Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be		
	<i>“We Come to the Hungry Feast”</i>	ELW 479
Post Communion Blessing	c: Amen.	
Prayer after Communion	c: Amen.	
Blessing	c: Amen.	
Sending Song	<i>“Canticle of the Turning”</i>	ELW 723
Dismissal	<i>Go in peace. Do not lose heart.</i>	
	c: Thanks be to God.	
Postlude		

Announcements

Birthdays this week: Aaron Balow, Jason Ruhbusch, Jessica Cook, Josh Kinsman, Maverick Ruhbusch, Nash Ulrich, Julia Yahnke, Steven Johnson, Leanne Erdman, Ronald Johnson

Noisy Offering: 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. Last weekend we collected \$70.78 for a total of \$135.78 so far! Let's keep making some noise!

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 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. Check out the list in the gathering space! Please drop off items by 10/7.

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.

Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 25 from 1—3 p.m. We need **trunks and volunteers** (games and servers). Please find the sign-up on the table in the gathering space.



HCLC Celebration: Please RSVP for our Celebration on October 26th following worship. We'll have a short program and a catered meal. **We are looking for volunteers to make desserts.** Please sign up in the gathering space. Thank you!

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 Jackson Ammerman (grandson of Les and Susan Kolbo), 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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