

# Welcome to Worship!

All Sunday—November 2, 2025—10:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Ron Christensen; 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 Faithful God.

you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

**Gathering Song** 

"For All the Saints" (v 1-4)

FI W 422

Greeting

c: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading
Gospel Acclamation

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 "Celtic Alleluia"

Gospel

Luke 6:20-31

Sermon

**ELW 174** 

Thanksgiving for Saints of the Congregation

Let us pray...

God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants, who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God.

For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who in life and death have witnessed to your truth, we praise you, O God. **Amen.** 

Now let us give thanks for the newly baptized, those saints who have just begun their pilgrimage with us. Gracious God, we thank you for the new life you give through Holy Baptism. Bless those who have, just this year, begun their new life in Christ.

Holy God, we honor them, and all our new siblings in faith and members of our family. Continue to sustain these and all the baptized with the gift of your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

#### Candle Lighting

At this time, you will be invited forward to light a candle and place it in the space provided as a symbol of the other saints you remember today.

| Nicene Creed            |                                      | ELW pg 104 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Prayers of Intercession | Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great. |            |
| Peace                   |                                      |            |
| Offertory Song          | "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"     | ELW 680    |
| Offering Prayer         | c: Amen.                             |            |
| Words of Institution    |                                      |            |
| Lord's Prayer           |                                      | ELW pg 112 |
| Invitation to Communion |                                      |            |
| Communion Hymn          | "Welcome Table"                      | see insert |
|                         | "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"     | ELW 492    |
|                         | "Shall We Gather at the River"       | ELW 423    |
|                         | _                                    |            |
| Post Communion Blessing | c: Amen.                             |            |
| Prayer after Communion  | c: Amen.                             |            |
| Blessing                | c: Amen.                             |            |
| Sending Song            | "Oh When the Saints Go Marching In"  | see insert |
|                         |                                      |            |

Dismissal Go in peace. Do not lose heart. c: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

#### **Announcements**

<u>Birthdays this week</u>: Sue Bramwell, Noel Jandt, Jean Latham, Brian Rosenow, Carmon Jostad

Noisy Offering: Throughout October we collected \$222.38 for Breast Cancer awareness. During November, the noisy offering will support the STAR Center in La Crosse! Keep making some noise!

Save the date for our <u>HCLC Blood Drive!</u> Monday, November 17. A link to sign-up is in Friday's E-News or sign up in the gathering space!

As we celebrate All Saints Day, we remember those who passed this year: Duane "Dewey" Crocker, Harvey Miller, and Beulah Sanders. We also pray for those who were baptized in the faith: Tate Burnikel.

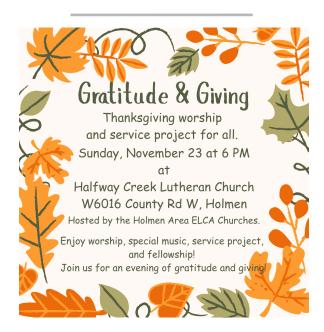
Dear Lord, May the memory of the faithful departed be a source of solace, and may the fellowship of the living saints be a source of strength, until we all, at last, stand together in your glorious presence. Amen.

The <u>November Currents</u> is now available on our website! If you would prefer a hard copy please pick one up outside the office or call 608-526-3701 to be placed on the mailing list.

#### In Our Prayers:

We pray for friends and family of those who have recently passed: Beulah Sanders, Harvey Miller, Charles Severson, Ray Cook, Madilyn Vang.

We pray for Bob Cottrell, Jackson Ammerman (grandson of Les and Susan Kolbo), Gayle "Susie" Johnson, Laurie Gillespie, Diane Jostad, Betty Bender, Stacey Fredricks, Robin Ruhbusch, Pat Martin, Laurie Noelke, Megan Sacia Ulrich, Perry Voshage, Marjorie Lee, Jean Latham, Joan Vaughn, Bridget Ferk, Thema Severson, Katie Wier, Phoebe & Bill Kitzke, Gayle Kuespert, Cary Heyer, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebaken, Karla Johnson, the Coats family.



Save the Date for Gratitude and Giving Sunday, November 23 at 6 pm.

We'll be collecting cake mixes, pans, frosting and sprinkles for the giving portion. You can pick up a tag with a list of items needed in the gathering space.

## **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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### Lead Me, Lord

1.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord, for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs. Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.

Refrain
Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,
by the light of truth
to seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way; be my truth;
be my life, my Lord,
and lead me, Lord, today.

2.
Blessed are the merciful,
for mercy shall be theirs,
and the pure in heart shall see their God.
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness
can fill,
for I say they shall be satisfied. (Refrain)

3.

Blest are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace; all will call them children of the Lord. Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life, for in heaven, great is your reward. (Refrain)

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#### **Welcome Table**

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)

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) 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

# Oh When the Saints Go Marching In

- Oh, when the saints go marching in, oh, when the saints go marching in, O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.
- Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
   oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
   O Lord, I want to be in that number when the Lord in glory comes.
- Oh, when the new world is revealed, oh, when the new world is revealed, O Lord, I want to be in that number when the new world is revealed.
- Oh, when they gather round the throne, oh, when they gather round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that number when they gather round the throne.
- Oh, when they crown him King of kings, oh, when they crown him King of kings, O Lord, I want to be in that number when they crown him King of kings.
- And on that hallelujah day,
   and on that hallelujah day,
   Lord, I want to be in that number on that hallelujah day.

Text: African American spiritual