



Welcome to Worship!

Reformation Sunday—October 26 2025—10:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Pastor Wayne Van Kauwenbergh; Patti Happel, SAM

Accompanist: Lynn Wegner

Order of Worship

(ELW—Evangelical Lutheran Worship—red hymnal; WOV –With One Voice—blue hymnal)

Instrumental Prelude

Prelude

"The Building"

Samantha Bartnik

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Pastor: Sing aloud with gladness:

C: God is gathering the people!

P: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

C: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

P: Those who are weeping, God will console;

C: Those who get lost find a clear path home.

P: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

P: Ever-calling God,

C: We give thanks that you have gathered us into your church and graced us with your faithful presence.

We ponder our history, ancient and still developing, and marvel at the many expressions of your church.

Grant us the vision to be a part of a new reformation for the Church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world.

Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus' vision and dream that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen

Gathering Song

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our Helper He amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe,
Does seek to work us woe,
His wrath and pow’r are great
and armed with bitter hate:
on earth is not his equal.

If we in our own strength confide,
our striving will be losing;
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God’s own choosing.

You ask who that may be:
Christ Jesus, it is he,
the Lord of hosts His name.
from age to age the same
And He will win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed:
His truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for Him,
His rage we can endure
we know his doom is sure
God’s word shall overthrow him.

That Word above all earthly pow’rs,
is evermore abiding.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours,
through Jesus with us siding.

Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
The body they may kill,
God’s truth is with us still.
His kingdom is forever!

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Greeting

c: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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

Romans 3:19-28

Gospel Acclamation

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah “

ELW 172

Gospel

John 8:31-36

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

ELW 729

Apostles’ Creed

ELW pg 105

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Peace
Offering Anthem
Offertory Song

“Bless This House”
“Give Thanks”

Celebration Choir

**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
Words of Institution
Lord’s Prayer
Invitation to Communion
Communion Hymn

c: Amen.

ELW pg 112

“How Beautiful”
“Let Us Take Bread Together”
“One Bread, One Body”

insert
ELW 471
ELW 496

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer after Communion
Prayer after Communion

c: Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Retirement of a Debt

Patti Happel, SAM

Response after prayer **c: Amen**

At this time, members of the congregation are invited to come forward, tear off a piece of the mortgage, and then return to their seats.

Blessing
Sending Song

c: Amen.
“Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand”

insert

Dismissal
Meal Prayer

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **c: Thanks be to God.**
“Be Present at Our Table, Lord”

**Be present at our table, Lord
Be here and ev’rywhere adored
These mercies bless and grant that we
May feast in paradise with Thee.**

Postlude

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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Announcements

Birthdays this week: Lori Anderson, Nicole Stumlin, Mark Witte. November: Les Kolbo, Sue Bramwell, Noel Jandt, Jean Latham

Noisy Offering: Throughout October we will be focusing our noisy offering on Breast Cancer awareness. Last week-end we collected \$50.52 for a total of \$153.38 so far. Keep making some noise!

Save the date for our HCLC Blood Drive! Monday, November 17. A link to sign-up is in Friday's E-News!

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated next weekend.

With our deepest sympathy we announce the death of Beulah Sanders. Her funeral will be at Halfway Creek on Wednesday, October 29 at 11 AM. There will be a visitation beginning at 10 AM.

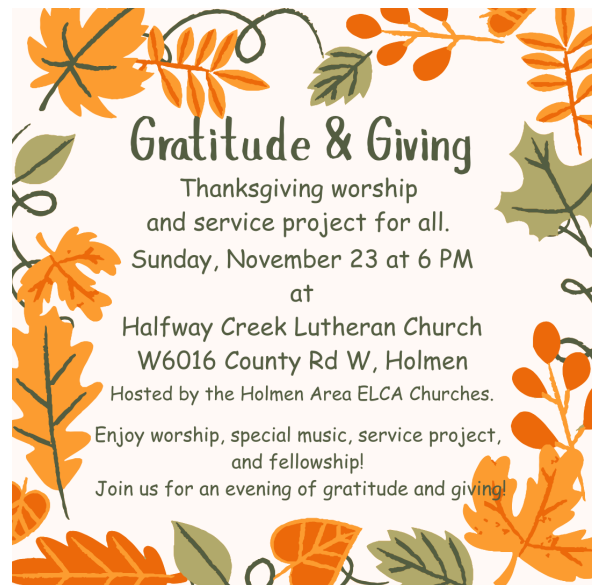
Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her. Amen.

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, frosting and sprinkles for the giving portion. You can pick up a tag with a list of items needed after worship starting next weekend.

How Beautiful

How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread
and the children of earth
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads
and the hill to the cross

How beautiful, how beautiful
How beautiful is the body of Christ

How beautiful the heart that bled
That took all my sin and bore it instead
How beautiful the tender eyes
That chose to forgive and never despise

How beautiful, how beautiful
How beautiful is the body of Christ

And as He laid down His life
We offer this sacrifice
That we will live just as he died
Willing to pay the price
Willing to pay the price

How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news
and the love of the King
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the children of
earth

How beautiful, how beautiful
How beautiful is the body of Christ.
How beautiful.

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Refrain

Here on Jesus Christ I will stand.
He's the solid rock of my life.
He's the solid rock of my life.
He's the solid rock of my life.

1 There's no other place I can hide
till the storm that rages subsides.
My voice cries to God from the flood,
and I'm saved because of his blood.
Refrain

2 It is not the work of my hands
that has washed away all my sins.
I'm redeemed, and all of my days,
Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise.
Refrain

3 When my days on this earth are done,
and I stand at God's holy throne,
my heart will not have any fear;
in Christ's righteousness I am here.
Refrain