



## *Welcome to Worship!*

*17th Sunday after Pentecost—October 5, 2025—10:00 a.m.*

*Worship Leader: Pastor Tara Shilts Accompanist: Lynn Wegner*

### Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Litany

Lord, make me a channel of disturbance.

Where there is apathy, **let me provoke;**

Where there is compliance, **let me bring questioning.**

Where there is silence, **may I be a voice.**

Where there is too much comfort and too little action, **grant disruption.**

Where there are doors closed and hearts locked, **grant the willingness to listen.**

When laws dictate and pain is overlooked...

When tradition speaks louder than need...

**Grant that I may seek rather to do justice than to talk about it;**

Disturb us, O Lord.

To be with, as well as for, **the alienated;**

To love the unlovable **as well as the lovely; Lord, make me a channel of disturbance.**

~Author Unknown

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Gathering Song

*"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*

see insert

Greeting

**c: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

**Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Children's Message

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Gospel Acclamation

*"Alleluia"*

setting 8

Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

*"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"*

ELW 512

Apostles' Creed

ELW pg 105

Prayers of Intercession

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

Peace

Offertory Song

*"Give Thanks"*

**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

*"We Walk By Faith"*

ELW 635

*"My Hope is Built On Nothing Less"*

ELW 597

Post Communion Blessing

**c: Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

**c: Amen.**

Blessing

**c: Amen.**

Sending Song

*"Lord, Bless Us with Your Blessing"*

ELW 545

Dismissal

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

Postlude

### *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.

# Announcements

**Birthdays this week:** Christopher Baxter, Jason Pralle, Archie Achterkirch, Joe Lepsch, Shawn Wegner, William Achterkirch, Kendra Bringe, Cary Heyer, Daniel Ulrich, Jimmie Ann Gates, Aizdon Stumlin

**Noisy Offering:** Throughout October we will be focusing our noisy offering on Breast Cancer awareness.

**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 meet the first three Wednesdays of each month from 6—7:30 pm.

**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.

**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.

**Caring Cards:** We are gathering on October 15th from 11 a.m.—1 p.m. to write out cards for those on our prayer list and more. All supplies are provided along with a light lunch. Won't you join us?

**Coat Drive:** We are collecting gently use and new coats for the Thrivent coat drive. Please bring them to church by October 15 and we'll deliver them!

**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!

## **Our Community Trunk or Treat is coming soon, and we need your help!**

Join us in celebrating by becoming a volunteer! We need people to:

- **Host a Trunk:** Get creative and decorate your vehicle to hand out candy.
- **Volunteer at the Event:** Help serve food and drinks, run the games, or assist with candy distribution.

All ages are welcome—come join the fun!



## 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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