



Welcome to Worship!

November 16, 2025—10:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Pastor Carol Garman

Accompanist: Laurie Noelke



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	<i>“How Firm a Foundation”</i>	ELW 796
Greeting	c: And also with you.	
Prayer of the Day		
O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.		
First Reading	Malachi 4:1-2a	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>“Celtic Alleluia”</i>	ELW 174
Gospel	Luke 21:5-19	
Sermon		
Hymn of the Day	<i>“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”</i>	ELW 597
Apostles’ Creed		
Prayers of Intercession	Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.	
Peace		
Offertory Song	<i>“We Give Thee But Thine Own”</i> v 1-2	ELW 686
Offering Prayer	c: Amen.	
Words of Institution		
Lord’s Prayer		ELW pg 112
Invitation to Communion		
Communion Hymn	<i>“When Peace Like a River”</i>	ELW 785
	<i>“Around You O Lord Jesus”</i>	ELW 468
Post Communion Blessing	c: Amen.	
Prayer after Communion	c: Amen.	
Blessing of the Hunters		
May you always honor God the Creator, who set humans in dominion over all the animals. May the Lord God make you an honorable hunter who respects fellow hunters, the animals, and all creation.		
May He keep safe you and all who share the field or the forest;		
May He make all the hunters proud of their kill, generous with their meat, and thankful in all circumstances.		
	c: Amen.	
Blessing	c: Amen.	
Sending Song	<i>“Canticle of the Turning”</i>	ELW 723
Dismissal	<i>Go in peace. Share the harvest.</i>	c: Thanks be to God.
Postlude		

Announcements

Birthdays this week: Sammy Nedoba, Elisa Moss, Joe Fredrickson, Connor Mihm, Aspen Balow

Noisy Offering: Our Noisy Offering will support the STAR Center in La Crosse. Check out their website for more information about this amazing organization! Last weekend we collected \$28.83 for a total of \$110.43 so far this month. Keep making some noise!

Our HCLC Blood Drive is this Monday, November 17 from 930 AM—2 PM. A link to sign-up is in Friday's E-News or sign up in the gathering space! Walk-ins are welcome.

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.

Sunday School will continue to meet at 9 AM and will be practicing Christmas music for worship on December 14th!

Confirmation will meet the first three Wednesdays of each month at 6 PM! On Nov 19th, students will participate in a service project at English Lutheran as they help build the set for the Bethlehem Event. Please contact Nicole(608-769-3642) or Kari for more information.

Poinsettia orders are due November 23. Each plant is \$20. We'd love to have the church filled for Christmas!! We'll publish the names of those you wish to remember or celebrate in the Christmas eve bulletin. Order forms are in the gathering space.



Thank you to everyone who took a tag to purchase items for our Gratitude and Giving night.

Please bring items to church by November 23. Thank you!

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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