



Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!



November 9, 2025—10:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rev Ralph Kuespert

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

“Shall We Gather at the River”

ELW 423

Greeting

c: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Job 19:23-27a

Gospel Acclamation

“Celtic Alleluia”

ELW 174

Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

Sermon
Hymn of the Day *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"* v1-4 ELW 619
Apostles' Creed ELW pg 105
Prayers of Intercession Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
Peace
Offertory Song *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"* v 1-2 ELW 686
Offering Prayer **c: Amen.**
Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God.

Words of Institution
Lord's Prayer ELW pg 112
Invitation to Communion
Communion Hymn *"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"* ELW 469
"All Who Hunger Gather Gladly" ELW 461
Post Communion Blessing **c: Amen.**
Prayer after Communion **c: Amen.**
Blessing of the Quilts

God, our neighbors around the world are in need of hope.....
C: Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.
God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread,
C: Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.
God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope
C: Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.
God, we ask you to guide the staff and partners at Lutheran World Relief.
C: Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.
L: God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts.
C: Amen.

Sending **c: Amen.** *Written by Rev. Kimberly Knowle-Zeller*

Sending Song *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"* v 5-8 ELW 619
Dismissal *Go in peace. Share the harvest.* **c: Thanks be to God.**
Postlude

Announcements

Birthdays this week: Angela Balow, Kari Washburn, Ema Nedoba, Olivia Nedoba

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 \$81.60. Keep making some noise!

Our HCLC Blood Drive is approaching quickly! It's 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!

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 they will participate in their first service project as they help build the set for the Bethlehem Event at English Lutheran!

The November Currents 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.



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

We'll be collecting cake mixes, pans, frosting and sprinkles for the giving portion. 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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