



Welcome to Worship!



December 7, 2025—10:00 a.m.

Worship Leader:

Patti Happel, SAM

Accompanist: Lynn Wegner

Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Response to first reader: Today, we choose to live the story of peace, believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God's creation.

Gathering Song

"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

ELW 254

Greeting

c: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and 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

Isaiah 11:1-10

Gospel Acclamation

"Let Your Steadfast Love"

setting 8

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. (repeat)

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Gospel	Matthew 3:1-12	
Sermon		
Hymn of the Day	<i>“On Jordan’s Banks, the Baptist Cry”</i>	ELW 249
Affirming Our Faith		
<i>Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom.</i>		
We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day all tears will be wiped away; the lamb will lie down with the lion, and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.		
<i>True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured and guaranteed in Christ. This is our faith. This is our hope.</i>		
Prayers of Intercession	God of grace, hear our prayer.	
Peace		
Offertory Song	<i>“Blessed is the One”</i>	
Blessed is the one who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.		
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Offering Prayer	c: Amen.	
Words of Institution		
Lord’s Prayer		ELW pg 112
Invitation to Communion		
Communion Hymn	<i>“Come Thou O Prince of Peace”</i>	ELW 247
	<i>“All Earth is Hopeful”</i>	ELW 266
	<i>“We Are Waiting for Jesus”</i>	<i>next page</i>
Post Communion Blessing	c: Amen.	
Prayer after Communion	c: Amen.	
Blessing	c: Amen.	
Sending Song	<i>“Prepare the Royal Highway”</i>	ELW 264
Dismissal	<i>Go in peace. Keep awake.</i>	
	c: Thanks be to God.	
Postlude		

Announcements

Birthdays this week: Jodi Eide, Adam Thoma, Mason Dokkebaken, Jon Halverson, Megan Sacia Ulrich, Brooklyn Cook, Rick Shisler, Katie Yahnke, Kelly Hanson

"We Are Waiting for Jesus"

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We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

Sun of justice, shine upon us;
we are trusting in your promise.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

2

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

Loving Shepherd, walk beside us;
stir our hearts, and gently guide us.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

Text: John Helgen, b. 1957

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Noisy Offering: Our December Noisy offering will be donated to ELCA Good Gifts. Keep making some noise!

ELCA Good Gifts ornaments are a great gift anytime! These ornaments represent livestock and food for those in need. Please place money in the envelope in the gathering space and feel free to take an ornament with you!

Sunday School will perform at worship on December 14th! Bring your friends and family.

Our Cookie Walk will begin after worship on Sunday, December 14. The Cookie Walk is sponsored by our Youth, raising funds for the 2027 Youth Gathering. Cookies are just \$7 a pound. We are looking for bakers—if you'd be interested in donating some homemade cookies or treats, please sign up in the gathering space! Thank you!

Music Ministry Sunday is December 21 at 10 AM. The worship team will be sharing special holiday music.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services are December 24 at 2 PM and 4 PM. Volunteers, please sign up in the gathering space.

In Our Prayers:

We pray for friends and family of those who have recently passed: Amanda Anderson, Beulah Sanders, Harvey Miller

We pray for Marjorie Lee, 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, Jean Latham, Joan Vaughn, Bridget Ferk, Thema Severson, Katie Wier, Phoebe & Bill Kitzke, Gayle Kuespert, Cary Heyer, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebaken, Karla Johnson, Coats family

Thank you to everyone who took a tag to purchase gifts for the Caring Tree. If you did not bring them back today, please drop them off at Holmen Lutheran this week. Thanks again!

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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