



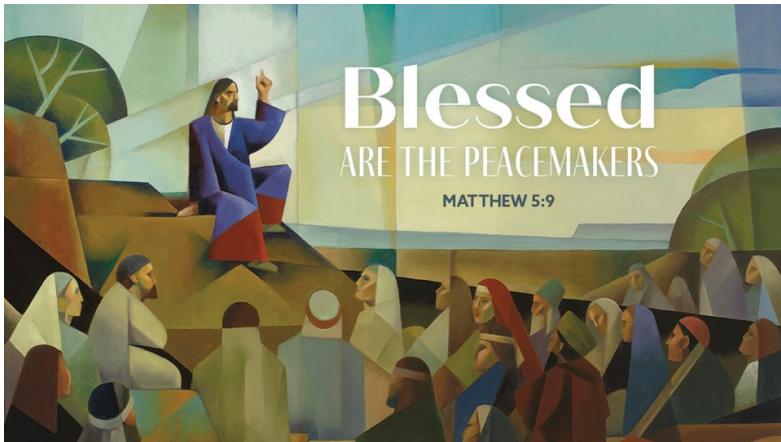
Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!

February 1, 2026 — 10:00 a.m.

Worship Leaders: Patti Happel, SAM; *Accompanist:* Lynn Wegner



Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. Amen.

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Gathering Song

“As We Gather at Your Table”

ELW 522

Greeting

c: And also with you.

Kyrie

setting 8

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

setting 8

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Lead me Lord"

Lead Me, Lord

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
longing for their Lord,
for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.

Blessed are the sorrowing,
for they shall be consoled,
and the meek shall come to rule the
world.

Blessed are the merciful,
for mercy shall be theirs,
and the pure in heart shall see their God.
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness
can fill,
for I say they shall be satisfied. *Refrain*

Blest are they who through their lifetimes
sow the seeds of peace;
all will call them children of the Lord.
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy
life,
for in heaven, great is your reward. *Refrain*

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Refrain

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,
by the light of truth
to seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way; be my truth;
be my life, my Lord,
and lead me, Lord, today.

Apostles' Creed

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Prayers of Intercession

c: And also with you. see insert

Peace

"I Am Thanking Jesus"

I am thanking Jesus, I am thanking Jesus, I am thanking Jesus from my heart. (repeat)

Offering Prayer	c: Amen.	
Words of Institution		ELW p 112
Lord's Prayer		
Invitation to Communion		
Communion Hymn	"When the Poor Ones" "Blest Are They" "Let Us Break Bread Together"	ELW 725 ELW 728 ELW 471
Post Communion Blessing	c: Amen.	
Prayer after Communion	c: Amen.	
Blessing	c: Amen.	
Sending Song	"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"	ELW 538
Dismissal	Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. Thanks be to God.	
Postlude		

Announcements

Birthdays this week: Alexa Shisler, Le Roy Holley, Lee Thoma

Our February Noisy Offering supports LuMin Campus Ministry. We are excited to welcome LuMin's Pastor Kathryn Thompson to the pulpit next weekend! We are also pleased to announce that our January collection for the Warming Center totaled \$227.73. Thank you for your continued generosity.

It's Pizza Time! Our Super Bowl Pizza Fundraiser is officially underway! You can grab an order form in the Gathering Space – **today is our last day to order**. You'll have two chances to pick up your fresh pizzas: Wednesday, Feb 4th at Journey Lutheran (6:00–6:45 PM) or Sunday, Feb 8th right here at HCLC. A huge thank you for helping us raise money for our youth!

In Our Prayers:

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

We pray for Ron Christensen, Bill Baxter, 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, Coats family

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.



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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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