

Jesus was
transfigured
before them

MATTHEW 17:2

Welcome to Worship!

February 15, 2026 —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 & Forgiveness

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	“Gather Us In”	ELW 532
Greeting	c: And also with you.	
Prayer of the Day	c: Amen.	

First Reading	Exodus 24:12-18	
Gospel Acclamation	“Celtic Alleluia”	ELW 174
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9	
Sermon		
Hymn of the Day	“Christ Be Our Light”	ELW 715
Apostles’ Creed		
Prayers of Intercession	Merciful God, receive our prayer.	

Peace	c: And also with you.
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Offering Song	“Brightest and Best of the Stars” v4	ELW 303
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**Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
richer by far is the heart's adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

Offering Prayer	c: Amen.
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Words of Institution		
Lord’s Prayer		ELW p 112
Invitation to Communion		

Communion Hymns	“Beautiful Savior”	ELW 838
	“I Love to Tell the Story”	ELW 661

Post Communion Blessing	c: Amen.
Prayer after Communion	c: Amen.
Blessing	c: Amen.

Sending Song	“Shine, Jesus, Shine”	ELW 671
Dismissal	Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. Thanks be to God.	
Postlude		

Announcements

Birthdays this week: Savannah Horstman, Jaxson Happel, Vivianna Yahnke-Kolbo, Heidi Rosenow, Maison Payne

Our February Noisy Offering supports LuMin Campus Ministry. Thanks to your generosity, we collected \$97.50 last week for a total of \$143.54 so far! Thank you for your continued support!

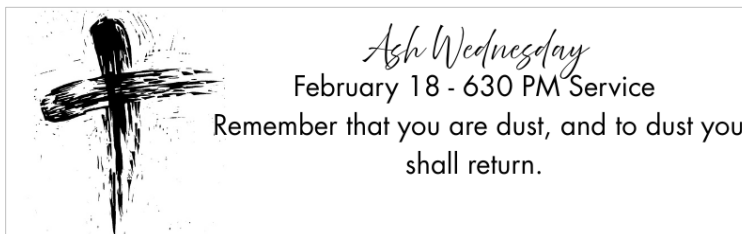
This year, our Lenten worship series, **Teach Us to Pray**, will focus on the spiritual practice of prayer. Each week, our 30-minute service will include an interactive experience exploring different forms of prayer and different ways to pray. Services will be held on Wednesdays at **6:30 PM beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18**. This series is designed to deepen your prayer life and is appropriate for all ages—**from 3 to 93!** Lenten Meals will begin **February 25 at 545 PM**. Themes and sign-ups are in the gathering space. We hope you will join us!

Looking for people who enjoy knitting and crocheting for a new ministry at Halfway Creek! Contact Patti for more information! 608-317-9525 or email: pastor@halfwaycreek.org.

In Our Prayers:

We pray for friends and family of those who have recently passed: Glenn Schmidt, 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.



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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