



Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!

March 22, 2026 — 10:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Ron Christensen, Patti Happel Accompanist: Lynn Wegner

Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Song of Confession

Naked/Broken (by Steve Eulberg, Owl Mountain Music)

**When my mask is stripped away
And my smile falls to the ground
You can see into my heart,
All my hiding has been found.**

**Have mercy on me, God
And cleanse me from my sin
From the guilt that all can see
And what's hiding deep within. *Refrain***

Refrain

**Tell me how can I be loved,
If then this is what God sees?
Feeling naked incomplete
Makes me fall down on my knees.**

**Create in me, O God
A clean, unbroken heart.
Let your Holy Spirit guide me
In a brand new start.**

**I can only be myself
Standing stripped before your gaze,
And the fear of who I am
Makes me turn my eyes away.**

Final refrain
**So then this is how God loves!
O Lord, open my mouth
And I joyfully will sing
Your praises North and South!**

Refrain

Forgiveness

c: Amen.

Greeting

c: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Presentation of Baker Grey Burnikel

Apostles' Creed

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Response to prayer: **We thank you for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried, sharing in Christ's death. By it we share also in Christ's resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit as your children.**

Baptism

c: **Amen**

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized. **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Gospel Acclamation

"Our Eyes Are Turned"

**Our eyes are turned to the Lord Jesus Christ,
Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Savior.**

Gospel

John 11:1-45

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Jesus Is a Rock In a Weary Land"

ELW 333

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Peace

c: And also with you.

Offering Song

"Now Is the Time of Grace"

**Now is the time of grace, now is the day of salvation.
Turn now, and seek God's face, now behold God's invitation.**

Offering Prayer	c: Amen.	
Words of Institution		
Lord's Prayer		ELW p 112
Invitation to Communion		
Communion Hymns	"I Am the Bread of Life"	ELW 485
	"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"	ELW 773
Post Communion Blessing	c: Amen.	
Prayer after Communion	c: Amen.	
Blessing	c: Amen.	
Sending Song	"Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"	

Refrain

**Here on Jesus Christ I will stand.
 He's the solid rock of my life.
 He's the solid rock of my life.
 He's the solid rock of my life.**

- 1 There's no other place I can hide
 till the storm that rages subsides.
 My voice cries to God from the flood,
 and I'm saved because of his blood. *Refrain***

- 2 It is not the work of my hands
 that has washed away all my sins.
 I'm redeemed, and all of my days,
 Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise. *Refrain***

- 3 When my days on this earth are done,
 and I stand at God's holy throne,
 my heart will not have any fear;
 in Christ's righteousness I am here. *Refrain***

Dismissal Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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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Announcements

Birthdays this week: Marc Jandt, Kathy Christensen, Jeremy Cook, Connor Lee, Linda Pralle, Ivy Severson

Our **March Noisy Offering** supports HCLC Outreach. So far this month we have collected \$253.90! Thank you for making some noise.

Our Lenten worship series, **Teach Us to Pray**, continues Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Lenten Meal will begin at 5:45 PM.

Holy Week: **Maundy Thursday & Good Friday:** services will be held at 6:30 PM. On **Easter Sunday** we'll celebrate the Resurrection at 10:00 AM, with Patti Happel presiding.

Sign up today for our **Versiti Blood Drive** on April 10th!

Other outreach news: We are assembling **care package for our college freshmen** in April. Please consider donating these items: Easter Candy, Pretzels, Trail Mix, Goldfish crackers, Cheez Its, protein bars, gum, gift cards (Starbucks, Target, Kwik Trip, Culvers) or cash by **April 12th**! Shopping lists are in the gathering space.

Cookies on Campus: Halfway Creek will be supplying 400+ cookies for La Crosse are college students through LuMin Campus Ministry. Please sign up in the gathering space! Thank you!

Congratulations Burnikel family on the baptism of Baker Grey! *Thank God for the gift of baptism, which affirms our faith, washes us clean with God's love and forgiveness, welcomes us to the vast community of siblings in Christ and grants us a new life of service and sharing the gospel wherever we go.*

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 Dokkebakken, Karla Johnson, Coats family

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