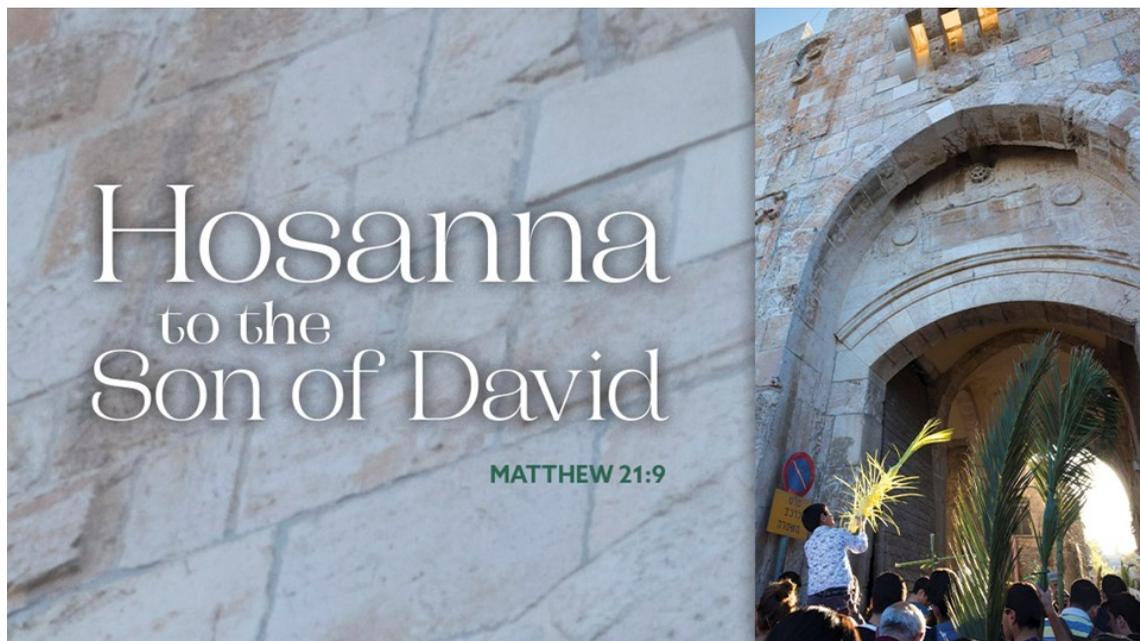




*Welcome to Worship!*

*March 29, 2026 —10:00 a.m.*

*Worship Leader: Pastor Wayne Van Kauwenbergh Accompanist: Lynn Wegner*



## Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Processional

Matthew 21:1-11

Processional Song

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

ELW 344

Greeting **c: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

**Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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

Matthew 27:11-54

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Were You There” v 1-3

ELW 353

Apostles’ Creed

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

“Were You there” v 4-5

ELW 353

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

see insert

“There in God’s Garden”

ELW 342

Post Communion Blessing

**c: Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

**c: Amen.**

Blessing

**c: Amen.**

Sending Song

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

see insert

Dismissal

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

Postlude

*Save-the-date: Our First Aid and AED Refresher has been rescheduled for after worship on April 12<sup>th</sup>! Hope to see you there!*

## Announcements

**Birthdays this week:** Nichols Hill, Ruth Scholze, John Daily, Daniel Brudahl, Reid Stumlin, Gregory Temp, Rachael Hauser, Trinity Horstman

Our **March Noisy Offering** supports HCLC Outreach. So far this month we have collected \$105.04 for a total of \$358.94! Thank you for making some noise.

As we journey through the heart of the Lenten season, we invite you to gather for reflection, worship, and celebration. **Maundy Thursday & Good Friday:** Services will be held at 6:30 PM. On **Easter Sunday** we'll celebrate the Resurrection at 10:00 AM. We'll have an Easter Egg Hunt after worship!!

Sign up today for our **Versiti Blood Drive** on April 10<sup>th</sup>! Find more information in the gathering space or in your weekly E-News! Thanks in advance for supporting this life giving, lifesaving outreach activity!

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 12<sup>th</sup>**! Shopping lists are in the gathering space.

Cookies on Campus: Halfway Creek will be supplying 400+ cookies for La Crosse area college students through LuMin Campus Ministry. Please sign up in the gathering space and have cookies at church by April 12<sup>th</sup>! Cookies should be in a non-returnable container. Thank you!

### In Our Prayers:

We pray for friends and family of those who have recently passed: Laurie Gillespie, 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, 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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**Communion Lyrics**  
**“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

*Worship Team interlude*

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

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**Sending Song Lyrics**  
**“What Wondrous Love Is This”**

What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul,

for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down,  
sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down  
beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul,  
for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb  
Who is the great “I Am,”  
While millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing God's love for me;  
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on

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