



Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!

March 8, 2026 —10:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Patti Happel; Bishop Felix Malpica

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

Greeting

c: Amen.

c: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

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 4:5-42

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Come to the Water of Life”

**1 All who are thirsty for mercy,
all who are thirsty for love;
all who are thirsty for love, for mercy,
come:
come to the Water of life.**

**2 All who are thirsty for healing,
all who are thirsty for touch;
all who are thirsty for touch, for
healing, come:
come to the Water of life.**

**3 All who are thirsty for beauty,
all who are thirsty for truth;
all who are thirsty for truth, for
beauty, come:
come to the Water of life.**

**4 All who are thirsty for justice,
all who are thirsty for peace;
all who are thirsty for peace, for
justice, come:
come to the Water of life.**

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Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Special Music

Offering Song

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

c: And also with you.

“Living Waters”

“Now Is the Time of Grace”

Worship Team

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

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymns

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“Just as I Am”

**Just as I am without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me,
and that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot;
To Thee, Whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, Thou will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come**

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“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

**Wonderful, merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh you rescue the souls of men**

**Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way**

**You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace**

**Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for**

**Almighty, infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne**

**You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for**

(repeat)

Prayers and Blessings
Sending Song
Dismissal
Postlude

response to all: Amen.
"I've Just Come from the Fountain" WOY 696
Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Birthdays this week: Robert Nelson, Gaye Johnson, Michael Martin, Tricia Syverson

Our **March Noisy Offering** supports HCLC Outreach. Last weekend we collected \$135.87. Thank you for your continued support!

Midweek Lenten meal (545 PM) and worship (630 PM) will continue this Wednesday.

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, with Patti Happel presiding.

We are so grateful to Bishop Malpica for sharing the message with us today. Thank you for blessing our congregation. We welcome all to stay for coffee and refreshments immediately following the service and enjoy our time in fellowship.

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

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