



Welcome to Worship!

April 2, 2026 — 6:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday

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Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Come and remember the love of Jesus, gathered at table with his friends.

We come to receive from Christ the bread of life, the cup of blessing;

Come, receive the tender service Christ offers each of us;

We come to receive the challenge of the new commandment:

“Love one another.”

Come and contemplate the many temptations of a world that would entice us, like Judas,

to betray the trust of a suffering God.

We come to travel with Jesus the way of the Cross, so that our Easter “alleluia” will take on new meaning.

Let us worship together and reflect upon the life of Christ, that we might remember what discipleship may cost, and what it may reap.

Confession and Forgiveness

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as

ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Gathering Song
Greeting

“Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love” ELW 708
c: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

Gospel Acclamation

“A New Commandment”

WOV 664

**A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall people know you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another;
by this shall people know you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.**

Last Supper

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” ELW 659

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

c: Amen

Peace

Offering Hymn

“By Our Love”

Verse 1

**Brothers, let us come together
Walking in the Spirit, there's much to be done...
We will come reaching, out from our comforts
And they will know us by our love...**

Chorus

**The time is now
Come Church arise...
Love with His hands
See with His eyes...
Bind it around you,
Let it never leave you,
And they will know us by our love...**

Verse 2

**Sisters, we were made for kindness
We can pierce the darkness as He shines through us...
We will come reaching, with a song of healing...
And they will know us by our love! (Chorus)**

**Children, You are hope for justice,
Stand firm in the Truth now, set your hearts above
You will be reaching, long after we're gone,
And they will know you by your love! (Chorus)**

Offering Prayer

God, you give us all we have. In gratitude we return these offerings to you, for the sake of our neighbors and the world. Bless them for your holy purposes, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

ELW pg. 112

Invitation to Communion

Communion

Communion Hymn

"Here Is Bread"

ELW 483

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

ELW 494

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 88 Anthem

Depart in Silence

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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