



Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!

April 26, 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

Call to Worship

Shout with joy to the Lord! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy! Know that the Lord is God!

He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

Gathering Song

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ELW 807

Greeting

c: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Blessing of the Bikes and Wheeled Things

We give you thanks for warm weather and time to play in your delightful creation.

You are with us on our way to work, to the pool, around the neighborhood, and across town.

We give you thanks for wheels that are fast and helmets that protect.

You are with us in the whoosh of the wind and the pop of the wheel.

We give you thanks for friends and companions as we ride.

You are with us in our laughter, in our races, and in our friendships.

Prayer	c: Amen	
First Reading	Acts 2:42-47	
Gospel Acclamation	“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”	ELW 172
Gospel	John 10:1-10	
Sermon		
Hymn of the Day	“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”	ELW 789
Apostles’ Creed		
Prayers of Intercession	Merciful God, receive our prayer.	
Peace	c: And also with you.	
Offering Song	“For the Wholeness of the Earth”	
1	We lift this prayer for the wholeness of the earth. (x3)	
	Can you feel it rising in you?	
2	We turn our lives to the wholeness of the earth. (x3)	
	Can you feel it spinning in you?	
3	Give thanks to God for the wholeness of the earth. (x3)	
	Can you feel it rising in you?	
Offering Prayer	c: Amen.	
Words of Institution		
Lord’s Prayer		ELW p 112
Invitation to Communion		
Communion Hymns	“Shepherd Me, O God”	ELW 780
	“The Lord’s My Shepherd”	ELW 778
Post Communion Blessing	c: Amen.	
Prayer after Communion	c: Amen.	
Blessing	c: Amen.	
Sending Song	“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”	ELW 774
Dismissal	Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!	
	c: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!	
Postlude		

Announcements

Birthdays this week: Rebecca Hauser, Ryan Olson, Cartyr Stumlin, Audrey Bringe, Lars Oines

Our **April Noisy Offering** supports HCLC Gardeners. So far, we've collected \$252.55! Thank you for your support!

Youth Fundraisers: Support our youth by participating in our **Chicken Q** on **May 7th!**

- **Tickets:** \$12 per meal (price increases at event)
- Tickets are available for purchase through Today!

If you would like to volunteer at the Chicken Q or provide baked goods, please sign up in the gathering space. Thank you for your continued generosity and participation in this vital ministry!

Confirmation 8th graders will meet April 29 to practice faith statements. Confirmation is Sunday May 3rd! Please keep Graham, Alexa and Reid in your prayers.

Senior Recognition Sunday is May 17 at 10 AM worship! All HCLC high school or college graduates will be celebrated with prayers during worship and a reception to follow! Join us as we celebrate these hard-working students and their accomplishments.

Summer Worship begins May 31 at a new time: 9 AM. Join us this summer for an earlier worship time leaving you with more summertime hours to enjoy your activities, friends and family! Blessings!

In Our Prayers:

We pray for friends and family of those who have recently passed: Paula Hammes, Laurie Gillespie, Phoebe Kitzke, Glenn Schmidt, Bob Cottrell, Amanda Anderson, Beulah Sanders, Harvey Miller

We pray for Alice Fonfara, Ron Christensen, Bill Baxter, Jackson Ammerman (grandson of Les and Susan Kolbo), Gayle "Susie" Johnson, Diane Jostad, Betty Bender, Stacey Fredricks, Robin Ruhbusch, Laurie Noelke, Megan Sacia Ulrich, Marjorie Lee, Jean Latham, Thema Severson, Katie Wier, Bill Kitzke, Gayle Kuespert, Cary Heyer, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebakken, 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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