



*Welcome to Worship!*

*Easter Sunday*

*April 5, 2026 — 10:00 a.m.*

*Worship Leader: Patti Happel, SAM*

*Accompanist: Lynn Wegner*



## Order of Worship

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

Prelude

“Christus Victor” (Amen)

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering

**c: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Easter Call to Worship

The tomb is empty! The stone has been rolled away!

**Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!**

For three days he lay in that cold and lonely cave.

**But God’s love cannot be contained by anything, not even death!**

Thanks be to God, who gives us victory throughout our Risen Lord.

**Death has been swallowed up in victory!**

Where, O death, is your victory? **Where, O death, is your sting?**

Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed!**

Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

Gathering Song "In Christ Alone" next page  
Greeting **c: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Message

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Gospel Acclamation

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

ELW 172

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Peace

**c: And also with you.**

Offertory Special Music

Offertory Hymn

"Thine Is the Glory" v. 1

ELW 376

Offering Prayer

**c: Amen.**

Prayer at the Table

**c: As we come together around the table we discover that our differences are not something we tolerate but that our differences are indeed a blessing, the more difference we bring, the more fully we experience the presence of the sacred in our midst.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

ELW p 112

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymns

"The Revelation Song"

page 4

"Now We Remain"

ELW 500

"Blessing, Honor, and Glory"

ELW 433

Post Communion Blessing

**c: Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

**c: Amen.**

Blessing

**c: Amen.**

Sending Song

"I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"

WOV 673

Dismissal *Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!*

Postlude

**Music Lyrics for Easter Sunday**  
**In Christ Alone**

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This cornerstone this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My comforter my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save

Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sins curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Chorus 1

On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

Chorus 2

On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till he returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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## ***Christ the Lord Is Risen Today***

Christ the Lord is risen today.  
Ah, Alleluia!  
All on earth with angels say.  
Ah, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high.  
Ah, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens and earth,  
reply: Ah, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King.  
Ah, Alleluia!  
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?  
Ah, Alleluia!  
Dying once, He all doth save, Ah,  
Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Ah,  
Alleluia!

*Interlude sung by Worship Team*

Love's redeeming work is done.  
Ah, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won.  
Ah, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise. Ah,  
Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise.  
Ah, Alleluia!

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## ***The Revelation Song***

Worthy is the, Lamb Who was slain,  
Holy, holy is He  
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat (repeat stanza)

### ***Chorus***

Holy, holy, holy,  
is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing  
praise to the King of kings  
You are my everything  
and I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color,  
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor, strength and  
glory and power be  
To You, the only wise King ***Chorus***

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,  
at the mention of Your Name  
Jesus, Your Name is power,  
breath and living water  
Such a marvelous mystery ***Chorus***

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## Announcements

**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!*

**Birthdays this week:** Rhonda Britton, Doug Gordon, Cassie Tremain-Tolvstad, Melody Bartnik, Jeff Moss

Our **April Noisy Offering** will support our gardeners who will be planting next month!

We'll have an Easter Egg Hunt after worship!! Send the kids out to collect some eggs!

Sign up today for our **Versiti Blood Drive** on April 10<sup>th</sup>! More information is in the gathering space.

### April Outreach & Youth Fundraising Highlights

April is a bustling month for our community! We have a variety of ways to get involved, share some kindness, and support our youth. Please stop by the **Gathering Space** for full details on all the following activities:

#### Outreach Ministry News

- **Card Writing:** Join us this month as we gather to write notes of encouragement and connection. Contact the office to RSVP as we will be meeting off campus.
- **Freshmen Care Packages:** We are preparing special care packages to support our college freshmen—let's let them know we're thinking of them! If you'd like to contribute, we have a list of suggested items in the gathering space. Please bring items to church by April 12.
- **Cookies for LuMin:** We are aiming to supply **400+ homemade cookies** for the "Free Cookies on Campus" event. Your baking talents make a huge difference! Please sign up in the gathering space.

#### Youth Fundraisers

Support our youth by participating in these upcoming food sales:

- **Falls Meat Sale:** Stock up and support a great cause. All orders are due by **April 24th**. See sign up on the table in the gathering space.
- **Chicken Q:** Mark your calendars for **May 7th!**
  - **Tickets:** \$12 per meal.
  - Tickets are available for purchase now in the Gathering Space.

**Thank you for your continued generosity and participation in these vital ministries!**

**Sunday School** will have their last class next weekend, April 12<sup>th</sup>!

**Confirmation** grades 6-8 will meet April 8 and 15. Only 8<sup>th</sup> graders will meet April 22 and 29 to work on faith statements. Confirmation Sunday is May 3<sup>rd</sup>!

### **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* 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, Bill Kitzke, Gayle Kuespert, Cary Heyer, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebaken, Karla Johnson, Coats family

### **Thank you!**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Easter at Halfway Creek! A special thanks to our worship team, Lynn for her musical leadership, and Patti our worship leader. We also appreciate the many hands working behind the scenes, including our staff, altar guild, and all our volunteers. It is your collective spirit that makes our congregation so special. Happy Easter! Alleluia!

Thank you to those who purchased Easter flowers in memory of, in honor of, or in celebration of loved ones and/or friends. The memories you share bloomed gloriously at worship today! Thank you to Sunshine Floral for delivering such beauty.

# EASTER *Flowers*



**Easter Flowers Presented by:**

**In Loving Memory of:**

Ruth & Ed Scholze .....	Sherman & Nita Witte, Eugene & Janet Scholze, Roland Scholze, Karen Scholze
Patti Happel .....	family & friends
Ryan & Whitney Happel & family .....	Kimmy, those we are missing
Cory & Kalee Hanson & family .....	Ron Hanson
Marjorie Lee & family .....	Raymond O. Lee
Carol Bringe & family .....	Russell Bringe
The Anderson Family and The Romskog Family ....	Lyle and Leona Anderson, Irvin and Joyce Romskog
Kathi Hagel .....	Ray Clark, Phoebe Kitzke
Stacey Fredricks .....	my mom, Bev Stockwell
Stumlin, Payne and Pralle Families .....	Tom Pralle, grandparents and great-grandparents
Jane Amundson .....	Loved Ones
Kari Washburn & Travis Neumann, Sara Washburn, Mary Sobkowiak .....	Darrell Washburn, Al Sobkowiak, Kermit & Raven Neumann

**Presented by:**

**In Honor of:**

Ron & Kathy Christensen .....	our grandchildren
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**Presented by:**

**In Celebration of:**

Kathi Hagel .....	my family & friends
Patti Happel .....	our wonderful congregation at Halfway Creek
Kermit & Susan Jostad .....	our Grandchildren: Nathan, Mathew, Kylee, Kortnee & Kaden Jostad
Kari Washburn & Travis Neumann, Sara Washburn, Mary Sobkowiak .....	Abby & John Fredrickson, Lilly, Lynzi, & Lexy Neumann

## 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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