

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



Confirmation Sunday

HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 3, 2026 at 10.00 AM

WORSHIP LEADER: PATTI HAPPEL WORSHIP ACCOMPANIST: LYNN WEGNER

CONGRATULATIONS

Graham Kinsman

Alexa Shisler

Reid Stumlin

Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome – Holmen's Hope

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried, sharing in Christ's death. By it we share also in Christ's resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit as your children.

Gathering Song	“I’m Going on a Journey”	ELW 446
Greeting	c: And also with you.	
Prayer of the Day		
Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.		
First Reading	1 Peter 2:2-10	
Gospel Acclamation	“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”	ELW 172
Gospel	John 14:1-14	
Faith Statements		
Hymn of the Day	“We Believe”	words on next page
Affirmation of Baptism & Presentation		
Profession of Faith	c: I renounce them.	
Apostles’ Creed (call and response)		
Affirmation by the Assembly	c: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.	
Laying of Hands & Prayer	c: Amen.	
<i>Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.</i>		
We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.		
Prayers of Intercession	Merciful God, receive our prayer.	
Peace	c: And also with you.	
Offering Hymn	“For the Wholeness of the Earth” verse 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	“Borning Cry”	ELW 732
	“Shout to the Lord”	ELW 821
	“United at the Table”	ELW 498
Post Communion Blessing	c: Amen.	
Prayer after Communion	c: Amen.	
Blessing	c: Amen.	
Sending Song	“This Little Light of Mine”	ELW 677
Dismissal	Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!	
	c: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!	
Postlude		

We Believe

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe, we believe

In this broken generation
When all is dark, You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe, we believe

Chorus:

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life

We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's comin' back again, we believe

So, let our faith be more than
anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and
temptations
We believe, we believe! **Chorus**

Let the lost be found and the dead
be raised!
In the here and now, let love invade!
Let the church live loud our God we'll say
We believe, we believe!

And the gates of hell will not prevail!
For the power of God, has torn the veil!
Now we know Your love will never fail!
We believe, we believe! **Chorus**

And He's comin' back,
He's comin' back again!
He's comin' back again!
We believe! We believe!

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Announcements

Birthdays this week: Tate Burnikel, Tina Mueller, Nancy Holley, Paul Anderson, Rhetta Ulrich

Our **May Noisy Offering** supports Holmen's Hope – Summer Lunch Program! Thank you for your support!

Support our youth by participating in our **Chicken Q** on **May 7th! Tickets are still available!**

If you ordered a **meat bundle**, please note that **pick up** is at HCLC on May 13 from 4:30 – 7:00 PM.

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.

Please join us after worship for a celebration with our newly confirmed; Graham, Alexa and Reid!

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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