



## *Welcome to Worship!*

*May 10, 2026 —10:00 a.m.*

*Worship Leader: Rev. Ralph Kuespert Accompanist: Lynn Wegner*

### Order of Worship

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

Call to Worship

*Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth! Sing about the glory of his name!*

*Tell the world how glorious he is. Say to God: “How awesome are your works!”*

**Everything on earth will worship you; they will sing your praises, shouting your name in glorious songs.**

*Come and see what our God has done,  
what awesome miracles he does for his people!*

Gathering Song

“A New Commandment”

WOV 664

Greeting

**c: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

**Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

**Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

John 14:15-21

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" ELW 800

Apostles' Creed

Prayers Of Intercession

Peace

Offertory Hymn

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**c: And also with you.**

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Offering Prayer

**c: Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

"Holy, Holy"

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

Communion

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

ELW 735

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

ELW 781

Post Communion Blessing

**c: Amen**

Prayer After Communion

**c: Amen**

Blessing

**c: Amen**

Sending Song

"O Sing to the Lord"

ELW 822

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**c: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

## Announcements

**Birthdays this week:** Samantha Bartnik, Mary Severson, Jenny Lee, Paul Eide, Kermit Jostad, William Achterkirch

Our **May Noisy Offering** supports Holmen's Hope – Summer Lunch Program! Last week we collected \$88.48! Thank you for your support! As a reminder, we are also collecting food items for the summer lunch program including **creamy peanut butter, jelly, microwavable containers of mac and cheese and juice boxes/pouches**. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

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.

### **Synod Assembly – Collection**

We are collecting new packages of socks and underwear for our Synod Assembly worship service on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at Riverside Park. Please bring donations to church by May 31<sup>st</sup>. We'll get them delivered if you cannot attend the worship that morning. Please note we will not have worship at HCLC on June 7<sup>th</sup>! Thank you!

**Happy Mother's Day** - *Dear God, we thank you for the gift of mothers, in all their forms and roles. We pray for strength, peace, and joy for every mother as they navigate the joys and challenges of motherhood. May they feel your love and grace as they nurture and guide their children. We also pray for those who wish to be mothers, and for those who are grieving the loss of a mother. Amen.*

### **In Our Prayers:**

We pray for friends and family of those who have recently passed: Carol Nedoba, 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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