



Welcome to Worship!

June 21, 2026 —9:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Pastor Lisa Shank Accompanist: Lynn Wegner

Order of Worship

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen. Compassionate God, we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

Gathering Song

“Holy Spirit”

Verse 1

**There's nothing worth more,
that could ever come close
No thing can compare,
You're our living hope
Your presence Lord**

**Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence Lord
Your presence Lord**

Repeat verse 1, 2 and Chorus

Verse 2

**I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of
loves
Where my heart becomes free
and my shame is undone
Your presence Lord**

**Let us become more aware of Your
presence
Let us experience the glory of Your
goodness**

Chorus

**Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the
atmosphere**

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Come flood this place and fill the
atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence Lord.**

Greeting **c: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel Acclamation "Thy Word"

Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat)

V1: When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, Still you're there right beside me.

And nothing will I fear, as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

Refrain

V2: I will not forget your love for me and yet, my heart forever is wandering. Jesus be my guide, and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.

Refrain; then end with: You're the light unto my path.

Gospel Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Will You Come and Follow Me" ELW 798

Apostles' Creed

Prayers Of Intercession God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Peace **c: And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn "All Who Are Thirsty"

[A leader sings the words in parentheses]

(All who are thirsty,) **come to the waters.** (All who are hungry,) **come here and eat.**

(All who are thirsty,) **come to the waters. There's enough for all.**

Offering Prayer

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Communion Song "Children of the Heavenly Father" ELW 781

"We are Baptized in Christ Jesus" ELW 451

Post Communion Blessing **c: Amen**

Prayer After Communion **c: Amen**

Blessing **c: Amen**

Sending Song

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

**May the God of hope go with us ev'ry day,
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to ev'ry land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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 Wayne Atchley, 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, Thelma Severson, Katie Wier, Bill Kitzke, Gayle Kuespert, Cary Heyer, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebaken, Karla Johnson, Coats family

Announcements

Birthdays this week: Benjamin Olson, Kenneth Pfaff, Jameson Happel

Our **June Noisy Offering** supports Area Food Pantries. Last weekend we collected \$82.20!

NEW Summer Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday 9 AM–3 PM; **Wednesday 9 AM–NOON.**

HCLC Versiti Blood Drive is Friday, July 31 from 930 AM – 2 PM. We'll provide a light luncheon and snacks. Please sign up in the gathering space or online (link in E-News).

It is mowing season! Mike, Rich, and Kent have been busy keeping our green space so manicured and beautiful. You can help them out by **contributing to the cost of gas** for the mowers and trimmers! Kwik Trip gas cards or cash work best. Thank you!

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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