



Welcome to Worship!

August 2, 2026 —9:00 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)

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

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" ELW 461

Greeting

c: And also with you.

Kyrie

setting 8

Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

setting 8

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"We Come to the Hungry Feast" ELW 479

Apostles' Creed

Prayers Of Intercession

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Peace

c: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

"All Who Are Thirsty"

(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

c: Amen

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Communion Songs

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

ELW 484

"Come to the Water of Life"

1

All who are thirsty for mercy,
all who are thirsty for love;
all who are thirsty for love, for mercy,
come:
come to the Water of life.

3

All who are thirsty for beauty,
all who are thirsty for truth;
all who are thirsty for truth, for beauty, come:
come to the Water of life.

2

All who are thirsty for healing,
all who are thirsty for touch;
all who are thirsty for touch, for
healing, come:
come to the Water of life.

4

All who are thirsty for justice,
all who are thirsty for peace;
all who are thirsty for peace, for justice,
come:
come to the Water of life.

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Post Communion Blessing

c: Amen

Prayer After Communion

c: Amen

Blessing

c: Amen

Sending Song

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW 674

Dismissal

c: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Announcements

Birthdays this week: Tyson Gates, Simon Nedoba, Christine Sherry, Thelma Severson, Rhonda Tremain-Yeiter, Pat Martin, Andy Mueller, Amy Noel

Our **August Noisy Offering** supports **God's work. Our hands.** In July we collected \$258.33 for our outreach with Children's Palace! Thank you!

God's work. Our hands. a day of service! We will be gathering on Sunday, September 13 at Halfway Creek Bandshell at 10:30 AM for worship followed by a service project and lunch (bring your lawn chair). This year we'll collect items for WINN (What I Need Now). This program is spearheaded by Sue Graf and supports the un-housed in the La Crosse area. If you can donate any of the listed items please bring them to worship that day or to HCLC by September 10. Needed: Men's short and long sleeve t-shirts (Size Large), Individual drink mix packets for bottled water, Bar Soap, Shampoo, Bus tokens (Can be purchased in packs of 40 from MTU), \$10 Kwik Trip gift card, \$15 McDonald's gift card. Thank you for supporting this service project!

ELCA Youth Gathering – June 28-July 2, 2027, our youth will be **meeting, Sunday August 9 at 1015 AM at Holmen Lutheran Youth Room** to gather more information about this upcoming event! Parents are asked to join in for this first meeting. We'll plan meetings with our HCLC group this fall along with organizing fundraisers! Please take a moment to fill out the interest form that was emailed to you. Youth 8th -12th grade during the 2026-27 school year are invited to attend!

Join us for an exciting dynamic FREE VBS with leaders from Sugar Creek Bible Camp August 9-11! Day Camp (Grades K-5): Sunday, August 9 & Monday, August 10 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at Holmen Lutheran Church. Family Celebration (All Ages): Tuesday, August 11 from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Includes a community dinner, a lesson, and a fun visit to the Holmen Police and Fire Departments! Register Online: Sign up your camper today using the Google Form here: (copy and paste to your browser) <https://forms.gle/ou46z5YzbnZSTkwP7>

In Our Prayers:

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

We pray for Anne Romskog, Alice Jackson, Heather Boardman, Wayne Atchley, Alice Fonfara, Ron Christensen, Bill Baxter, Jackson Ammerman (grandson of Les and Susan Kolbo), 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

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.



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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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