



## *Welcome to Worship!*

*July 12, 2026 —9:00 a.m.*

*Worship Leader: Pastor Tara Shilts Accompanist: Melissa Graff*

### 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, source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth. 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

“God of the Fertile Fields”

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| <p>1 God of the fertile fields,<br/>shaper of earth that yields our daily<br/>bread:<br/>forth from your bounteous hand<br/>come gifts your love has planned,<br/>that all in ev'ry land<br/>be clothed and fed.</p> <p>2 We would be stewards true,<br/>holding in trust from you all that<br/>you give;<br/>help us in love to share,<br/>teach us like you to care<br/>for people ev'rywhere,<br/>that all may live.</p> | <p>3 As grows the hidden seed<br/>to fruit that serves our need, so your<br/>reign grows.<br/>Let all our toil be used,<br/>no gift of yours abused,<br/>no humble task refused<br/>your love bestows.</p> <p>4 God of the countryside,<br/>dear to the Christ who died to make us<br/>one:<br/>we pledge our lives anew<br/>in faithful love to you.<br/>Guide all we say and do.<br/>Your will be done.</p> |
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Greeting	<b>c: And also with you.</b>	
Prayer of the Day	<b>Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.</b>	
First Reading	Isaiah 55:10-13	
Gospel Acclamation	“Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil”	ELW 512
Gospel	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	
Sermon		
Hymn of the Day	“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”	ELW 680
Apostles’ Creed		
Prayers Of Intercession	God of grace, <b>hear our prayer.</b>	
Peace	<b>c: And also with you.</b>	
Offertory Hymn	“We Are an Offering”	ELW 692
Offering Prayer	<b>c: Amen</b>	
Words of Institution		
Lord’s Prayer		
Invitation to Communion		
Communion Songs	“For the Fruit of All Creation”	ELW 679
	“As Rain from the Clouds”	ELW 508
Post Communion Blessing	<b>c: Amen</b>	
Prayer After Communion	<b>c: Amen</b>	
Blessing	<b>c: Amen</b>	
Sending Song	“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”	ELW 547
Dismissal	<b>c: Thanks be to God.</b>	
Postlude		

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## 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 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 Dokkebakken, Karla Johnson, Coats family

## Announcements

**Birthdays this week:** David Chase, Jerin Rink, Mike Bramwell, Joel Oines, Carolyn Bjerke, Gracie Holley, Roger Humm.

Our **July Noisy Offering** supports our outreach with Children's Palace "**A Birthday Party for a Friend We Don't Know**". Last weekend we collected \$53.24!

Thank you to Kim Gorka from the Children's Palace for inviting us to participate in this wonderful outreach activity. If you would like to purchase birthday gifts (for an infant, toddler, preschooler, school age child or teen), party supplies or money for a birthday experience, please have items or money to church by July 31. We'll deliver items to the Children's Palace for distribution throughout the area. *(More info in our [July Currents](#))*

**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).

**Mowing Fund:** Thank you for all the generous donations to our Mowing Fund! Mike and the team are officially all set for the season. Your support of their hard work and dedication to keeping our property looking beautiful is deeply appreciated.

**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>

# 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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