



Welcome to Worship!

July 26, 2026 —9:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rev. Anna Gordon 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

"Gather Us In"

ELW 532

Greeting

c: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

Gospel Acclamation

"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

ELW 519

Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"The Reign of God, Like Farmer's Field"

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Apostles' Creed

Prayers Of Intercession

God of grace, **hear 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	"We Eat the Bread of Teaching"	ELW 518
	"Neither Death nor Life"	ELW 622
Post Communion Blessing	c: Amen	
Prayer After Communion	c: Amen	
Blessing	c: Amen	
Sending Song	"God of Grace and God of Glory"	ELW 705
Dismissal	c: Thanks be to God.	
Postlude		

The Reign of God, like Farmer's Field

- 1 The reign of God, like farmer's field,
bears weeds along with wheat;
the good and bad are intertwined
till harvest is complete.
- 2 The reign of God is like a pearl
on barren land concealed.
If once you find that precious pearl,
go out and buy that field.
- 3 Though hidden now, the reign of God
may, yet unnoticed, grow;
from deep within it rises up,
like yeast in swelling dough.

- 4 Like mustard tree, the reign of God
from tiny seed will spread,
till birds of ev'ry feather come
to nest, and there be fed.
- 5 The reign of God is come in Christ;
the reign of God is near.
Ablaze among us, kindling hearts,
the reign of God is here!

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Announcements

Birthdays this week: Erin Hale, Lane Hansen, Robyn Shisler, Kendall Yahnke

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 \$28.64 for a total of \$199.09 for July so far! Keep making some noise!

Outreach with Children's Palace "A Birthday Party for a Friend We Don't Know".

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). We have 12 people signed up and need at least 4 more to exceed our goal!

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 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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