



## *Welcome to Worship!*

*July 5, 2026 —9:00 a.m.*

*Worship Leader: Rev. Emily Ronsberg 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, source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth. Amen.*

*God of all mercy, we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation.*

**Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Gathering Song

“Give Me Jesus”

ELW 770

Greeting

**c: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

**You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

Gospel Acclamation

“Open Your Ears O Faithful People” ELW 519

Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Come to Me All Pilgrims Thirsty” ELW 777

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers Of Intercession

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Peace

**c: And also with you.**

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	“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	ELW 742
	“Day by Day”	ELW 790
Post Communion Blessing	<b>c: Amen</b>	
Prayer After Communion	<b>c: Amen</b>	
Blessing	<b>c: Amen</b>	
Sending Song	“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”	ELW 633
Dismissal	<b>c: Thanks be to God.</b>	
Postlude		

## In Our Prayers:

We pray for friends and family of Susie Johnson, who passed away on Monday, June 29. Her visitation and funeral will be at Halfway Creek this week. Final details may be found on the Fredrickson Funeral Home website. *Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and light perpetual shine upon her.*

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), 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 last week:** David Gates, Braxtyn Jensen-Pralle, Jeanne Atchley, Ryan Happel. Belated Happy Birthday to you all!!

**Birthdays this week:** Ron Christensen, Brianna Cook, Daryl Holley, Ann Stasiak, Deandra Kolbo, Bette Pedretti, Nola Anderson, Heather Dokkebakken, Jacob Wegner

Our **June Noisy Offering** supports Area Food Pantries. Last weekend we collected \$17.22 for a monthly total of \$172.32 so far! Keep making some noise.

**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).

**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 Children's Palace for distribution throughout the area. *(More info in our July Currents)*

**Fellowship Fund:** A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Fellowship Fund! These donations directly support our weekly coffee and fellowship time, keeping our community connected and caffeinated. If you would like to contribute, please mark your check or envelope with "Fellowship Fund" and place it in the offering. Thank you for helping make our time together so special!

**Synod Night at the Loggers Game!** Join fellow Lutheran neighbors for a night of baseball, food, and fellowship at the La Crosse Area Synod Fun Night on **Sunday, July 12, at 5:05 PM** (gates open at 4:00 PM). We'll be gathering at Copeland Park's Toppers Terrace to watch the La Crosse Loggers take on the Waterloo Bucks. Tickets are \$29 for adults and \$16 for ages 4–12 (free for ages 3 and under), which includes exclusive terrace seating, classic ballpark food, unlimited soft drinks, and three beverages for adults over 21. Register online today to secure your spot: <https://lacrosseareasynd.org/upcoming-events/synod-fun-night-loggers-2026>. Don't forget to wear your church gear!

**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!

# 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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