



Welcome to Worship!



WOMAN,
GREAT
IS YOUR
FAITH!

MATTHEW 15:28

August 16, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Pastor Carol Garman Accompanist: Lynn Wegner

(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
Greeting

"All Are Welcome" v 1, 4 & 5
c: And also with you.

ELW 641

Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	
Gospel Acclamation	“Celtic Alleluia”	ELW 174
Gospel	Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28	
Sermon		
Hymn of the Day	”Healer of Our Every Ill”	ELW 612
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	“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”	see insert
	“Lord Whose Love in Humble Service”	ELW 712
Post Communion Blessing	c: Amen	
Prayer After Communion	c: Amen	
Blessing	c: Amen	
Sending Song	“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”	ELW 611
Dismissal	c: Thanks be to God.	
Postlude		

Announcements

Birthdays this week: Mary Ann Hadl, David Gates, Jennifer Stasiak, Rori Tolvstad, Sally Johnson, Dana Casberg, Jane Halverson

Our **August Noisy Offering** supports **God's work. Our hands.** Last weekend we collected \$73.60 for a total of \$114.43 so far this month. *Thank you for making some noise!*

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!*

Confirmation Celebration Party! Calling all current confirmation students and high school students! Join us as we celebrate your accomplishments and kick off the upcoming year for our new confirmands. Friends are welcome!

Friday, August 21; 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM at Halfway Creek Lutheran Church. We'll have pizza and games. Please RSVP by August 19 to Rich: (608) 385-9968 or Nicole: (608) 769-3642. *Note: Please bring a signed permission form from your parents (available in the attachment or at the church).*

In Our Prayers:

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

We pray for Kay Schroeder, 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

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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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