Halfway Creek
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship – All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026, 10:00 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)**

OPENING PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS DAY
In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,
we come to be your people, O God.
Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers, **we come to be your people, O God.**
Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,
we come to be your people, O God.
Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours and
we come to be your people, O God.

May we truly become your people today. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG	*For All the Saints v. 1-4*	ELW 422
GREETING	**c: And also with you.**	

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior

and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HOLY BAPTISM

People of God, do you promise to support them and pray for them in their new life in Christ? **We do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

BAPTISM

After each baptism please respond:
You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Let us welcome the newly baptized. **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

FIRST READING	Revelation 7:9-17	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*	ELW 172
GOSPEL	Matthew 5:1-12	
SERMON		
HYMN OF THE DAY	*Lead Me, Lord*	

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,
for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,
and the meek shall come to rule the world.

Refrain
Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,
by the light of truth
to seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way; be my truth;
be my life, my Lord,
and lead me, Lord, today.

2. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,
and the pure in heart shall see their God.
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,
for I say they shall be satisfied.

3. Blest are they who through their lifetimes
sow the seeds of peace;
all will call them children of the Lord.
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,
for in heaven, great is your reward.

THANKSGIVING FOR SAINTS OF THE CONGREGATION

Let us pray, **God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants, who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God.**

For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who in life and death have witnessed to your truth, we praise you, O God. **Amen.**

Bob Cottrell, Glenn Schmidt, Amanda Lee Anderson, Paula Hammes, Jeanne Bornitz, Laurie Gillespie, Susie Johnson, Ken Pfaff, Larry Anderson, Penny Achterkirch.

Now let us give thanks for the newly baptized, those saints who have just begun their pilgrimage with us. **Gracious God, we thank you for the new life you give through Holy Baptism. Bless those who have, just this year, begun their new life in Christ.**

Baker Grey Burnikel, Ron Lebakken, Nelson Holley

Holy God, we honor them, and all our new siblings in faith and members of our family. **Continue to sustain these and all the baptized with the gift of your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

CANDLE LIGHTING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. **c: And also with you.**

OFFERING HYMN *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (repeat)
Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

OFFERING PRAYER **c: Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS	*I'm Going on a Journey*	ELW 446
	Welcome Table	words below
	Blessing, Honor and Glory	ELW 433

Welcome Table

1 *I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,*
I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
I'm goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
some of these days.

2 *I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,*
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
I'm goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
some of these days.

3 *I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,*
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
I'm goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
some of these days.

Text: African American spiritual

POST COMMUNION BLESSING **c: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION **c: Amen.**

BLESSING **c: Amen**

SENDING SONG: *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In*

1 Oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.
2 Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the Lord in glory comes.

3 Oh, when the new world is revealed,
oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the new world is revealed.

4 Oh, when they gather round the throne,
oh, when they gather round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they gather round the throne.

5 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

Text: African American spiritual

DISMISSAL **c: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays this week: Leslie Kolbo, Sue Bramwell, Noel Jandt, Jean Latham, Brian Rosenow

The November Noisy Offering will support Holmen's Hope Weekend Backpack Program. We'll also be collecting food items for the backpacks – the list is in the gathering space. The October Noisy offering supported the St. Clare Health Mission. Last weekend we collected $44.04 for a total of $262.47! Thank you! Keep making some noise!

Sign up today: Our blood drive is Friday, November 20 from 930 AM – 2 PM. You can sign up in the gathering space or online (link in our weekly E-News).

As part of our ongoing fall and winter Outreach, we are collecting clothing items for local non-profit organizations. We have a donation tote on the lower level as you enter church. You can place items there, and we'll distribute them. Thank you for always supporting our outreach ministries with your prayers and generosity!

As we celebrate All Saints Day, we remember those who have passed in the last year: Bob Cottrell, Glenn Schmidt, Amanda Lee Anderson, Paula Hammes, Jeanne Bornitz, Laurie Gillespie, Susie Johnson, Ken Pfaff, Larry Anderson, Penny Achterkirch. We also pray for those who were baptized in the faith: Baker Grey Burnikel, Ron Lebakken, Nelson Holley.

Dear Lord, May the memory of the faithful departed be a source of solace, and may the fellowship of the living saints be a source of strength, until we all, at last, stand together in your glorious presence. Amen.

Our Prayers

We pray for friends and family of those who have recently passed*:* Penny Achterkirch, Larry Anderson, Lorraine Shisler, Robin Ruhbusch, Mitchell Berg, Betty Bender, Kenneth Pfaff, Susie Johnson, Carol Nedoba, Paula Hammes, Laurie Gillespie, Phoebe Kitzke, Glenn Schmidt, Bob Cottrell

We pray for Les Kolbo, Kay Schroeder, Anne Romskog, Alice Jackson, Heather Boardman, Alice Fonfara, Ron Christensen, Bill Baxter, Diane Jostad, Stacey Fredricks, 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, Massman 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.

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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