



Welcome to Worship and our 170th Anniversary!

October 11, 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)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and sustains us through generations of faithfulness. **Amen.**

Gracious God, **we confess that we have turned away from you and from our neighbor. For one hundred and seventy years, you have called this congregation to be a beacon of your light, yet we have sometimes hidden that light. We have allowed divisions to fracture our unity. We have been slow to welcome the stranger and quick to protect our own comfort. We have often prioritized our traditions over your call to love actively in a changing world. Forgive us, O God, for things done and left undone. Heal the wounds of our past, renew our hearts in the present, and guide our steps into the future you have prepared for us. Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

All Are Welcome

Refrain

All are welcome friend and stranger
At the banquet of the Savior
All are welcome all are welcome here

Verse 1

From the woman who comes crying
Leaving tears at Jesus' feet
To the man who knows the right way
But cannot see *Refrain*

Verse 2

From the ones who feel forgotten
Those who sense their place is gone
To the ones who live in hunger
Here you belong *Refrain*

Verse 3

Go into the streets and cities
To the farms and families
Tell about the splendid table
God's mercy *Refrain*

GREETING

c: And also with you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

GUEST SPEAKER

Hannah Scholze

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God Our Help in Ages Past

ELW 632

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Hear us, O God. **c: Your mercy is great.**

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Building* Samantha Daily

OFFERING HYMN *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS	<i>How Beautiful</i>	<i>PowerPoint</i>
	<i>Borning Cry</i>	ELW 732
	<i>Now We Offer</i>	WOV 761

POST COMMUNION BLESSING **c: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION **c: Amen.**

BLESSING **c: Amen (after each prayer)**

SENDING SONG: *Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand*
Refrain

Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. | He's the solid rock of my life. | He's the solid rock of my life. | He's the solid rock of my life.

1- There's no other place I can hide | till the storm that rages subsides. | My voice cries to God from the flood, | and I'm saved because of his blood. *Refrain*

2 - It is not the work of my hands | that has washed away all my sins. | I'm redeemed, and all of my days, | Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise. *Refrain*

3 - When my days on this earth are done, | and I stand at God's holy throne, | my heart will not have any fear; | in Christ's righteousness I am here. *Refrain*

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

POSTLUDE

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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Announcements

Thank you, Hannah Scholze, for sharing your knowledge and passion about the history of Halfway Creek Lutheran Church as we celebrate our 170th anniversary.

Birthdays this week: Jimmie Ann Gates, Aiztdon Stumlin, Ezekiel Finnell, Sue Kolbo, Micah Hill

The October Noisy offering will go towards the **St. Clare Health Mission**. Last weekend we collected \$29.59. Keep making some noise!

Sunday School families we'll meet again on Sunday, October 18th at 9 AM. All kids pre-K through 5th grade are welcome to attend. Invite your friends, too!

Confirmation classes will continue Wednesday, October 14th at 6 PM. There is still time to register. Forms are at church and on our website under the confirmation tab. All students, grades 6 and up, who have not been confirmed are invited to register!

Scrap & Craft Event October 16 & 17 – Shari and Jodi are hosting a crafting event at HCLC on Friday October 16 and 17 from 9 AM – 9 PM each day. The cost is \$30. Bring your own crafts to work on. You can come and go as you please. RSVP to Shari no later than October 14th! Thank you.

SAVE the DATE: Our blood drive is Friday, November 20 from 930 AM – 2 PM.

Our Prayers

We pray for friends and family of those who have recently passed: 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, Penny Achterkirch, 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



Collection

We are collecting new or gently used items for Salvation Army, WINN, and the Warming Center.

Jackets	Boots
Sweatshirts	Shoes
Sweatpants	New Underwear
Socks	Hand Warmers
Gloves	
Jeans	

**Please place items in tote
and we'll deliver them!
Thank you!**

As part of our ongoing fall and winter Outreach, we are collecting clothing items for local non-profit organizations.

As you clean out your closets or shop in the coming weeks, please consider picking up or donating the items needed.

We have a donation tote on the lower level as you enter church. You can place any times there, and we'll distribute them.

Thank you for always supporting our outreach ministries with your prayers and generosity!

HCLC Annual Trunk or Treat is Saturday, October 24 from 1-3 PM. We are looking for volunteers to help that day, and we'll need people who want to join the fun by

decorating their vehicle trunks and handing out candy. This event always has a great turnout with 100-150 kids stopping by to trick or treat!

Sign up today in the gathering space and spread the word!

