

# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

an ELCA Congregation



## Sunday, February 5th, 2023

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

**"The Little Church with a Big Heart"**

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP at HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH.** We're glad you're here. If you are visiting with us, please sign a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. We thank you for joining us in worship and pray that our time together is a blessing to you. And.... please join us for our weekly fellowship brunch after worship. There's always plenty and you are always invited. If you are looking for a faith community, we would be pleased to have you call HVLC your "church home".

**PRELUDE AND RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME AND STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**CHILDRENS CHAT**

*(please remain seated)*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C** we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**P** Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name † of Christ our Savior.

**C** Amen.

*(please stand as you are able)*

**GATHERING HYMN:** "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"

**HYMN 863**

**GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

**KYRIE**

**HYMN 157**

Leader

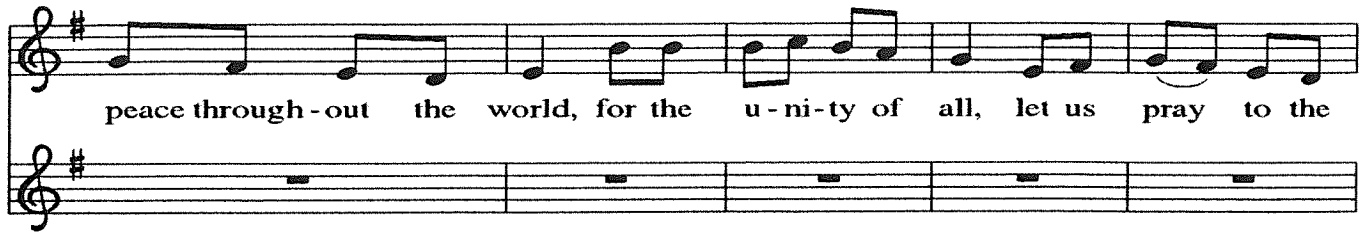
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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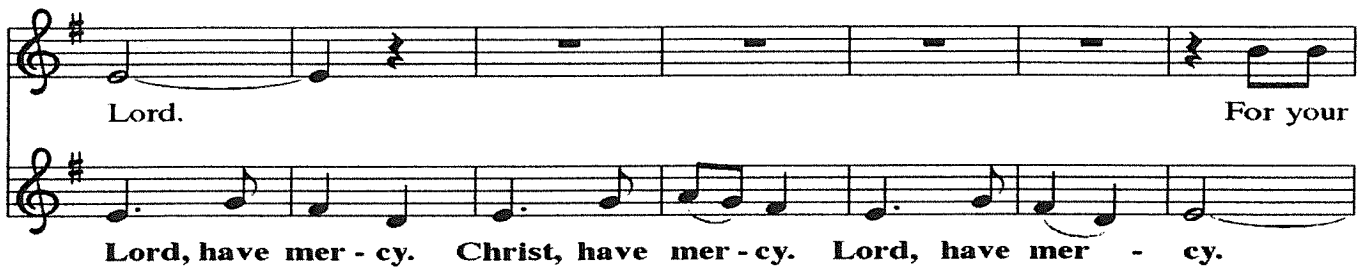
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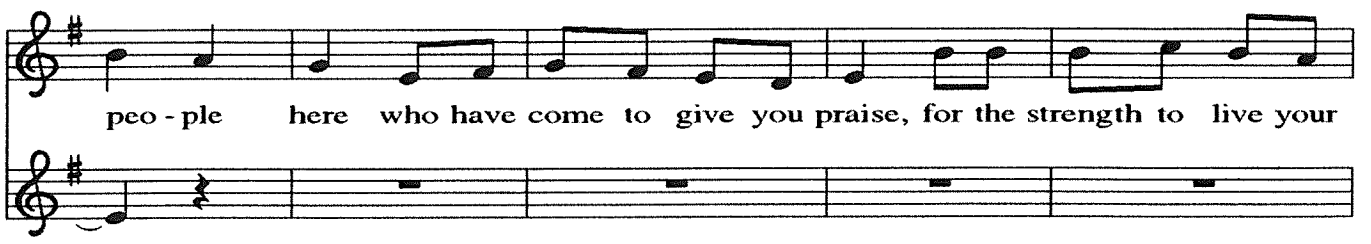
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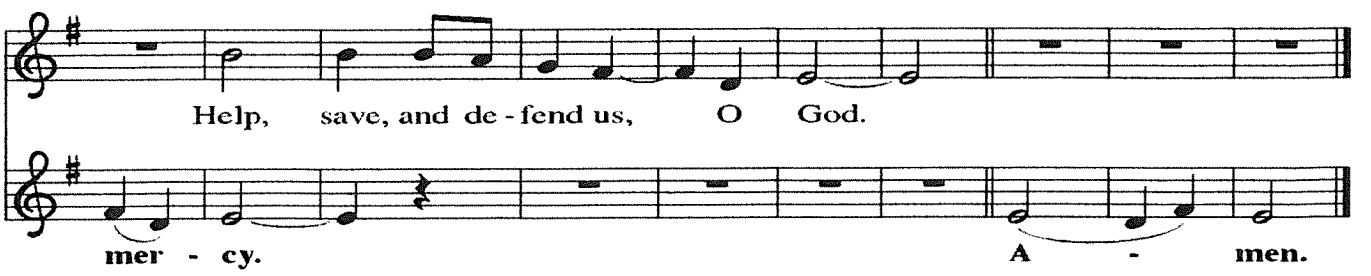
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peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



word, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have



Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.  
mer - cy. A - men.

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Lord God,  
**C** with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*(you may be seated)*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

*Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup>“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

<sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations

of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

R      The Word of the Lord      C      **Thanks be to God**

**PSALM: Psalm 112:1-10** (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]**

*Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.*

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him” —

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [<sup>13</sup>And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

<sup>16</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.]

R      Word of God, Word of Life                      C                      **Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20** (*please stand as you are able*)

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments*

P      The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter

C      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P The Gospel of the Lord C Praise to you O Christ. *(please be seated)*

### GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

*(please stand as you are able)*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Rise Up, O Saints of God”*

HYMN #669

### APOSTLES CREED

P Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was**

**buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

### RESPONSE TO PRAYER

P

*Merciful God*

C

Receive our prayer

**Rusty (Allen), Lindsay (A), Tom (Angermeier), Devin (Bartos), Karen & Del (Brewer), Eugene (Clark), Robert (Conrey), Danielle (Davis), Carol (Dennis), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Ellen (Groewoldt), Matilde & Richard (Hannemann), Shari (Krueger), Ellie (Krull), Linda (M), Larry (Mallien), Joe (May), Francine (Meyer),**



**Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Matthew (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeier), Deanna, Laci, Lexi (S), Hans (Sawitzki), Eric (Thorson), Kari (Uetz), Nick (Vogel), Jeanine, and Joe.**

### **THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.** *(please share Christ's peace with one another)*  
*(you may be seated)*

### **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *"Let the Vineyards" (please stand)* **ELW #184**

**C** **Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

**C** **Amen.**

### **THE COMMUNION LITURGY** *(sung — setting #3 pp144)*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**P** "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your

name and join their unending hymn:

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord. Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna. in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

- P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
**C** **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**  
*(please be seated)*

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

**ELW # 470**

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** *(you may be seated)*

*We welcome all believers in Christ to share in God's Holy meal. Please come to the front the Body and Blood of Christ. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available on the stand in the center. Children who have not received their first communion instruction are invited to come forward and receive a pastoral blessing.*

### **COMMUNION BLESSING** *(after the distribution has been completed - please stand)*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C** Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## BLESSING

P May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always. Almighty God, Father,  $\text{†}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

*"This Little Light of Mine"*

**HYMN #677**

## THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

P May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the  $\text{†}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

C Amen.

P Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C **THANKS BE TO GOD.... AND WE WILL!**

## POSTLUDE

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Join us for worship on Wednesday,  
February 22 at 7 PM for Ash Wednesday  
services.

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### February 5th—12th

The fellowship meal today is Soup-er Bowl Sunday. The fellowship meal next week will be furnished by the families whose last names begin L-Z. Everyone is invited to attend the fellowship lunches. Come and visit with your neighbors and friends.

### Week at a Glance February 5th—12th

#### Tuesday Noon

Book Club

#### Wednesday 8 AM

Men's Bible study & breakfast

#### Friday 9 AM— Noon

Office hours for Lana

#### Saturday 9:30 AM

Family Choir

#### Serving in worship today (February 5th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Reader: Joanne Adlon

Ushers: Joanne & Greg Adlon

Communion Assist: Ellen Klister

Keyboard Peggy Odegaard

#### Serving in worship next week (February 12th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Attendance last week: 47

#### Birthdays in February

Feb 4th Regan Markham

Feb 5th Pete Larson

Feb 11th Isaak Aune

Feb 13th Ben Dixner Young

Feb 15th Pam Freiberg

Feb 16th Margery Reynolds

Feb 19th Jerry Gutschow

Feb 23rd Evelyn Breider

Feb 23rd Sue Larsen

#### Anniversaries in February

Feb 9th Don & Karin Heldmann

Feb 18th Mathilde & Richard Hannemann

Feb 26th Jim Hanstad & Gordy Hughes

Reader: Gloria LaPlante

Ushers: Gene & Gloria LaPlante

Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

#### Readings for next week (February 12th)

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20** Choose life

**Psalm 119:1-8** Happy are they who follow the teaching of the LORD. (Ps. 119:1)

**1 Corinthians 3:1-9** God gives the growth

**Matthew 5:21-37** The teaching of Christ: forgiveness

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