

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELCA



Sunday, August 16th, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

"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 very welcome. 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

CHILDREN'S CHAT

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C 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.

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" **HYMN 836**

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.

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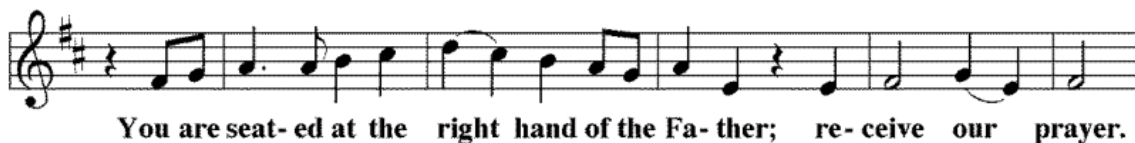
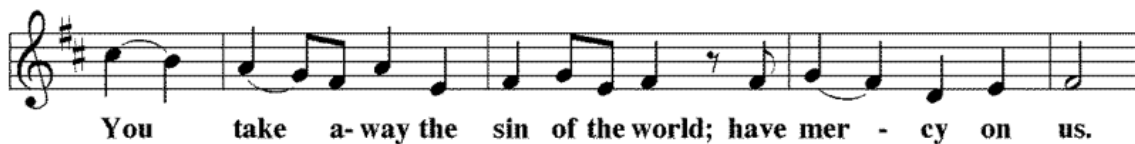
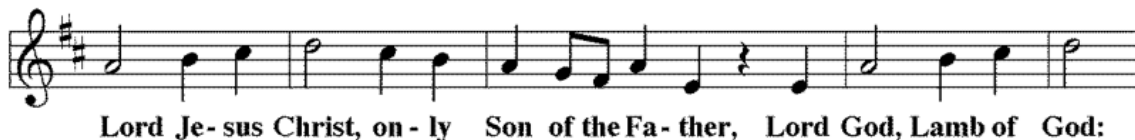
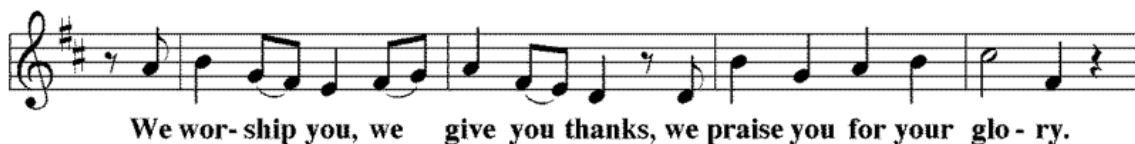
P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

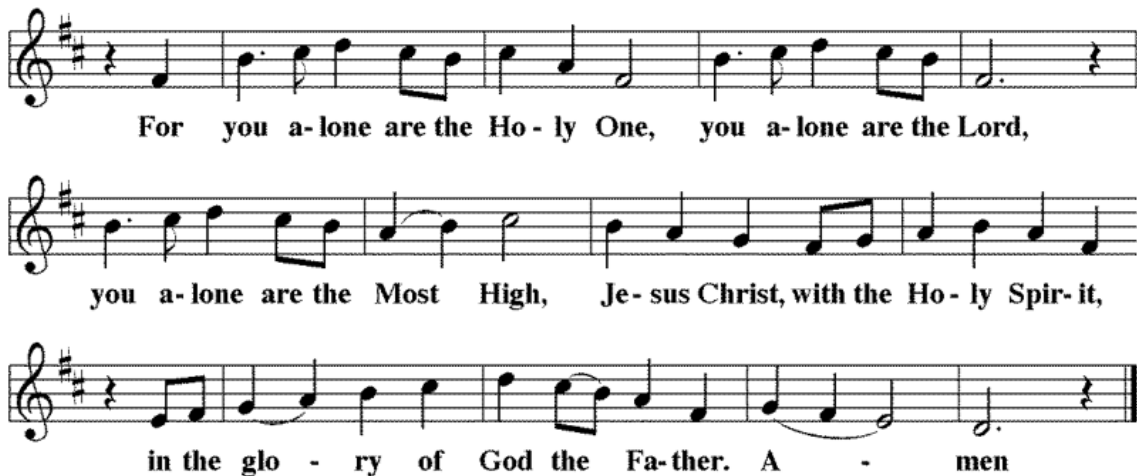
C Lord, have mercy.

- P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *(setting 4 pp 149-150)*

- P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. God of all peoples,
C 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

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
 for soon my salvation will come
 and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
 to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
 and to be his servants,
 all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
 and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain

and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

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

PSALM: Psalm 67 (*read responsively*)

- ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- ² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples
with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**
- ⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *(please stand as you are able)*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.”

¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes

into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.

¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”

²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

P The Gospel of the Lord
(please be seated)

C Praise to you O Christ.

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor David Raben

(please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” **HYMN 742**

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 With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS **P** Merciful God **C** receive our prayer
Sharon (Albert), **Linda** (Anderson), **Tom** (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue** (Aune), **Cindy** (B), **John** (B), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Elaine** (Caelwaerts), **Dan** (Fenrich), **Pam** (Freiberg), **Alan** (G), **Pastor Hankermeyer**, **Betty** (J), **Charlotte** (K), **Patricia** (Kehl), **Cindy** (Knapp), **Keith** (Knapp), **Don** (L), **Kenny** (Meyer), **Beth** (Pachniak), **Monika** (Perry), **Kristin** (Reinert), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Delores** (Schuyler), **Irene** (Thorson), **Dorothy** (Walker), **Debby** (Zahn), **Brenna**, **Brixanna**, **Marley**, **Carole**, **Russ**, **Christina**, **Gretchen**, **Katlyn**, and **Sophia**.
C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

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

OFFERING

(please stand as you are able)

OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards"

HYMN 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 Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION LITURGY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

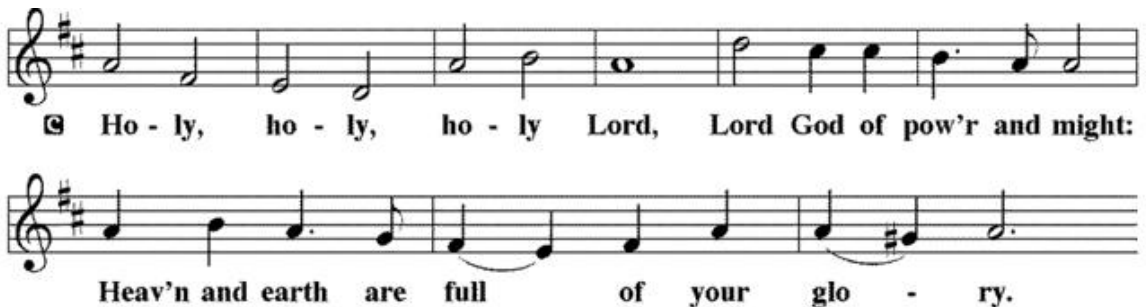
P Lift up your hearts.

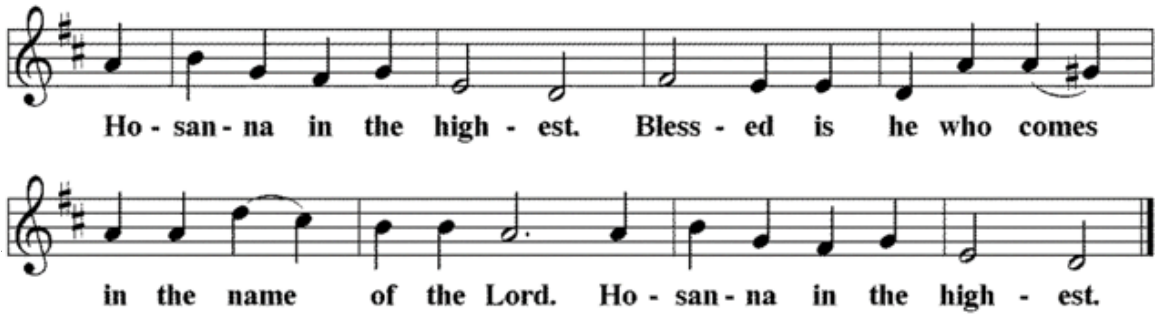
C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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 give 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:





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 Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *(you may be seated)*

We welcome all believers in Christ to share in God's Holy meal. Please come to the front and receive 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 HYMN	<i>"Let Us Break Bread Together"</i>	HYMN 471
	<i>"Here Is Bread"</i>	HYMN 483
	<i>"One Bread, One Body"</i>	HYMN 496

COMMUNION BLESSING *(please stand as you are able)*

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

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C **Amen.**

TABLE BLESSING

P Let us pray together the table blessing.

C **Come Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these gifts to us be blessed.
Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”*

Verse 1

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Chorus

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Verse 2

**O how sweet to walk, in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path, grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. Chorus**

Verse 3

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace, with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. Chorus**

SENDING FORTH

**P Although we may be a little church...
C ...we will carry God's big heart into the world. AMEN!**

POSTLUDE

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We are looking for people who would be willing to learn to record our worship service perhaps once a month. It is not a difficult thing to do, but very important part of our ministry because there are some who are not able to make it to worship. There will be a schedule where you will be able to choose the Sunday(s) that you are able to help with, much like ushering. As with everything else, many hands make the load less for all. Please see Dean Larson to volunteer. Thank you for stepping up.



Items needed for each school bag

- * FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide-ruled or college-ruled paper (no loose-leaf paper)
- * ONE pencil sharpener
- * ONE pair of blunt scissors
- * FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel pens)

If shopping is not your “thing” you can give your monetary donation to Marie Weber. Thank you



Did you know that there are large print bulletins each week for worship? If this would make your enjoyment and participation in the service better, please ask an usher for a copy. There are also large print copies of the words for the hymns that we are singing. The ushers have these as well.

On the table by each entrance to the sanctuary you will find several things:

1. The current Christ in Our Home
2. Brick order forms
3. The current directory
4. The current newsletter



Is getting to church on Sunday morning difficult? We are in the process of working on rides for those who would like to attend but for whatever reason aren't able to because of transportation. Please let the church office know if this is a service that would be of help to you or if you are willing to provide a ride. Know someone who would like a ride? Let the church office know please.



Stained Glass Windows Update

Refurbishing of the sanctuaries west window frames by Conrad Schmitt Studios has been tentatively set for September 20th. Once these have been chosen and the design approved, creation of the stained-glass windows will be initiated, once we have sufficient donations to cover the projected cost. I can only guess, based on the past installations, it would be somewhere between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Currently we have received \$15,000 in donations. If you wish to make a donation or pledge please contact Ellen Klister, Church Council Treasurer.

A list of suggested themes received from people so far are listed below.

1. The ascension of Christ
2. A large cross with a white sheet draped over it
3. Jesus on a donkey entering Jerusalem
4. Jesus on the shore calling the disciples to become “fishers of men”
5. The Lord’s prayer and/or the Apostle’s Creed or some other scriptures
6. The tomb with the large stone rolled back
7. Something honoring the 12 founding families of our church
8. Something honoring the working men & women that make our community strong
9. Some combination of two ideas (one for the large centerpiece & another for the two small side windows)

Anyone with other ideas should contact a member of the Stained-glass Window Committee (Jim Vogel, Jim Hanstad, Linda Monahan, or George Sincok)

Serving in worship today (August 16th)
Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben

Reader: Jan Shusta
Ushers: Lori Flick & Rilynn

Brunette

Communion Assist: Joanne Adlon

Keyboard: Janet Anderson

Video Tech:

Serving in worship next week (Aug 23rd)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou

Plummer

Reader: Lana Ferry

Ushers:

Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Video Tech:

Readings for next week (August 23rd)

[Isaiah 51:1-6](#)

*The enduring foundation of God's
salvation*

[Psalm 138](#)

[Romans 12:1-8](#)

One body in Christ, with gifts that differ

[Matthew 16:13-20](#)

The profession of Peter's faith

Stewardship Opportunities Aug 16-23

Today the fellowship meal today is being provided by the folks who's last name begins A-K. Next week the fellowship meal will be provided by the folks whose last name begins L-Z.

Week at a glance August 16-23

Monday Church Council at 5:30

Tuesday WELCA at Noon

**Wednesday Men's Bible Study at 8 at
Tanum Forest**

**Thursday Grief Support Group at
6:00**

Friday 9-12

Office hours for Lana

Attendance last week: 54

Birthdays in August

August 4th Jean Hovik

August 5th Elliott Brown

Riley Sawyer

August 13th Michelle Brunette

Erik Jilburg

Nick Schultz

August 16th Kyler Borkovetz

Wyatt Wilke

August 18th Merle Eskildsen

August 19th Irene Thorson

August 22nd Dan Kostichka

August 29th Sue Aune

August 30th Lori Flick-Langer

Wedding Anniversaries in August

August 7th Michelle & Brian

Brunette

August 18th Gloria & Gene LaPlante

August 19th Deb & Dave Grunwald

August 22nd Barb & Richard Dunlap

August 23rd Sue & Bill Nusbaum

August 27th Kirsten & Matt Dixner

Young

There is lots of work going on here at Hainesville on our outdoor property. If

you see Gene LaPlante, George Sincock, John Melland, Don Heldmann, or Sam Sund please thank them for all their hard work. Would you like to help? Talk to one of them and they will find a task for you to do. Thank you to all who put in many hours of work here at Hainesville.