

# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA



**Sunday, January 4th, 2026**

**Second Sunday of Christmas**

**“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**

### **CONFESION AND FORGIVENESS**

P      Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>☩</sup> one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

C      Amen.

P      Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P      Reconciling God,

C      **we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.**

P      God's grace upon grace flows over you. <sup>☩</sup> Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

C      Amen.

### **GATHERING HYMN**

*"What Child Is This"*

**HYMN 296**

## 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.

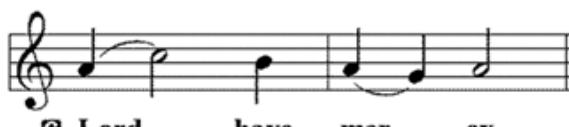
## KYRIE *(setting 4 pp 147-148)*



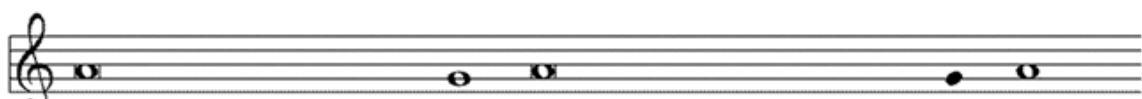
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - ey.



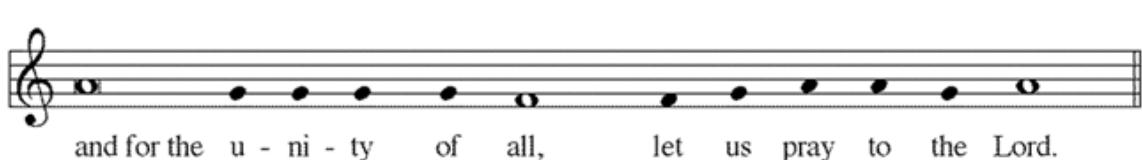
A For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.



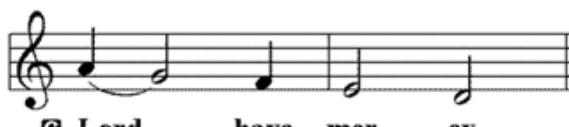
C Lord, have mer - ey.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - ey.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

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

**A** Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.

**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al- might - y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re- ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho- ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spir- it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God,  
 C **you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, 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: Jeremiah 31:7-14

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
 and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
 proclaim, give praise, and say,  
 “Save, O LORD, your people,  
 the remnant of Israel.”

<sup>8</sup> See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north  
 and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
 among them the blind and the lame,

those with child and those in labor together;  
 a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come,

and with consolations I will lead them back;  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path where they shall not stumble,  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him  
and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock.”

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD has ransomed Jacob  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup> They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup> Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy;  
I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup> I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the LORD.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20** (*read responsively*)

<sup>12</sup> Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;  
praise your God, O Zion,  
<sup>13</sup> **who has strengthened the bars of your gates**  
**and has blessed your children within you.**

<sup>14</sup> God has established peace on your borders  
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

<sup>15</sup> **God sends out a command to the earth,  
a word that runs very swiftly.**

<sup>16</sup> God gives snow like wool,  
scattering frost like ashes.

<sup>17</sup> **God scatters hail like bread crumbs.  
Who can stand against God's cold?**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD sends forth the word and melts them;  
the wind blows, and the waters flow.

<sup>19</sup> **God declares the word to Jacob,  
statutes and judgments to Israel.**

<sup>20</sup> The LORD has not done so to any other nation;  
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had

believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;  
<sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *(please stand as you are able)*  
*(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: John 1:[1-9] 10-18**

*John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter

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

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in

his name, he gave power to become children of God,<sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P The Gospel of the Lord  
(please be seated)

C Praise to you O Christ.

**GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY**

Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Count Your Blessings" Family Choir

**APOSTLES CREED** (please stand as you are able)

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 Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

**RESPONSE TO PRAYERS** P Hear us, O God C Your mercy is great  
Sharon (Albert), Linda (Anderson), Tom & Alice (Angermeier), Bill & Sue (Aune), Cindy (B), John (B), Elaine (Caelwaerts), Mike & Rina (Clumpner), Erin (Culbertson), Dianne (D), Dan (Fenrich), Pat (Fenrich), Alan (G), Barbara (Hughes/Dean), Dawn (Jeanquart), Charlotte (K), Patricia (Kehl), Cindy (Knapp), Keith (Knapp), Myriah (Krueger), Kenny (Meyer), Beth (Pachniak), Monika (Perry), Matthew (Rocque), Kathy (S), Todd (S), Delores (Schuyler), Irene (Thorson), Deb (Ulrich), Mary (Zirbel), Betty, Brixanna & Marley, Carole & Russ, Jay, Laurie, and the family of Evelyn Breider.

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*” *(please stand)* 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 God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

## THE COMMUNION LITURGY

P The Lord be with you. C And al - so 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 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.*

<b>COMMUNION HYMN</b>	<i>"Let Us Break Bread Together"</i>	<b>HYMN 471</b>
	<i>"Here Is Bread"</i>	<b>HYMN 483</b>
	<i>"One Bread, One Body"</i>	<b>HYMN 496</b>

## **COMMUNION BLESSING** (*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 Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

C **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, <sup>☩</sup> bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

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**      “*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*”    **HYMN 288**

## **SENDING FORTH**

P Glory to God in the highest!

C **And peace to God's people on earth!**

P Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

C **Thanks be to God!!!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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There is a basket in the fellowship area for receipts from Tadych's Market Place. We ask that you bring them and place the whole receipt in the basket. They are kind enough to give us a percentage back for our projects. Unfortunately, Pick'n Save no longer has this service so there is no need to bring those receipts at this time. Dianne Eskildsen has generously agreed to tally up the receipts and bring them in. If you have any questions, please ask one of the ladies in WELCA.

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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
5. The Wired Word for that week. These copies will be on the table each week for you to read and contemplate.

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The Annual Meeting of Hainesville Lutheran Church will be held on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00. This will also be our Souper Sunday with many wonderful soups to try. Reports for the Annual Report are due to the office **TODAY**, January 4. This is because they need to be out to the congregation by January 18.

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A Celebration of Life for Evelyn Breider will be here this Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Visitation begins at 9:30 with the Service to follow at 11:00. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

The un-decorating of the church will take place on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. Please consider helping with this big job.

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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. **NEW** there are also large print copies of the words for the hymns that we are singing. The ushers have these as well.

Serving in worship today (Jan 4th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer  
Reader: Cheryl Larson  
Ushers: Dean & Cheryl Larwon  
Communion Assist: Dean Larson  
Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Serving in worship next week (Jan 11th)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben  
Reader: Lana Ferry  
Ushers: Russ & Ellen Klister  
Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Readings for next week (January 11th)

[Isaiah 42:1-9](#)

*The servant of the LORD brings justice*

[Psalm 29](#)

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

*Jesus' ministry after his baptism*

[Matthew 3:13-17](#)

*Revelation of Christ as God's servant*

**Stewardship Opportunities Jan 4-11**

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

**Week at a glance Jan 4-11**

**Tuesday Book Club at 10:00**

Please note the change in time

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

**Friday 9-12**

Office hours for Lana

**Saturday at 11:00**

Celebration of life for Evelyn Breider

*Attendance last week: 28*

**Birthdays in January**

Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ed Stawikowski
Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Becy Brown
Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	Elsie Wagner
Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Packniak
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Vicki Hannemann
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Roberta Roalkvan
Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mathilde Hannemann
Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	Becca Anderson
Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	Nolan Schultz

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sharon Albert

Jan 27<sup>th</sup>

Bob Petersen

Jan 30<sup>th</sup>

Greg Adlon

Jan 30<sup>th</sup>

Marla Vogel

**Wedding Anniversaries in January**

None on record

*In the event of weather-related closings at church—*

*please listen to WDOR or Channel 2 for cancellation notices and check our*  
*Facebook page*