

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — ELCA



Sunday, December 7th, 2025

Secon Sunday of Advent

"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

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING *

L The season of Advent continues. Four thousand years of waiting for the Messiah, commemorated by the lighting of four candles.

P **We join with a hopeful throng in the lighting of the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.**

L We are a people of hope. Last Sunday the frail light of a single candle dared to pierce through the darkness of desolation and sin.

P **Hope lives in us and will abide with us.**

L Today we will light the candle of peace.

P **This light, too, must brave great darkness.**

L In an age when people so seldom find peace within themselves, and when all the earth stands under threat of total annihilation, we light a fire called peace.

P **Peace that is not merely the absence of war and conflict, but peace that is the fullness of blessing for all – that is the peace for which we dare to hope.**

L The Christ comes to bring peace to those who have been separated from God and one another.

P **In the name of that Child born so long ago, we light the candle of peace. In following Christ's teachings we nurture our hope for peace even today.**

(Lighting of the candles of Hope and Peace.)

CHILDREN'S CHAT

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Long-expected God,

C we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

P God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ✠ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"People, Look East"

HYMN 248

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*)



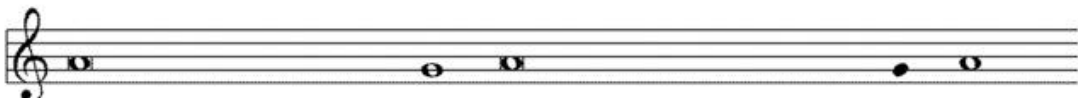
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. B Lord, have mer - cy.



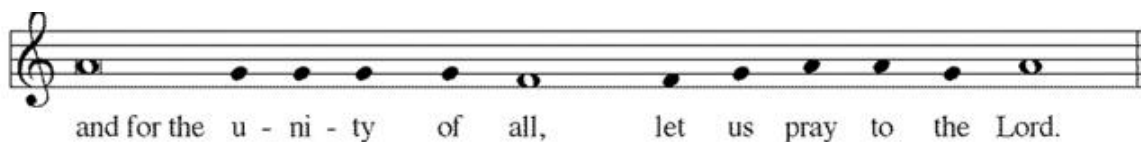
A For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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. Stir up our hearts, Lord God,
C to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
 and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

- ² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

- ⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.
⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the
nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

R The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 *(read responsively)*

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
² **that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**
³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
⁴ **Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**
⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
⁶ **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**
⁷ In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
¹⁸ **Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;
you alone do wondrous deeds!**
¹⁹ And blessed be your glorious name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors ⁹ and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰ and again he says,
 “Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;
¹¹ and again,
 “Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,
 and let all the peoples praise him”;
¹² and again Isaiah says,
 “The root of Jesse shall come,
 the one who rises to rule the gentiles;
 in him the gentiles shall hope.”
¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that
you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 3:1-12

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter

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

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

 “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

 ‘Prepare the way of the Lord;

make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹ and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P The Gospel of the Lord C **Praise to you O Christ.**

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Rock of Ages*” 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 In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS **P** God of grace **C** hear our prayer
Sharon (Albert), **Linda** (Anderson), **Tom & Alice** (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue** (Aune), **John** (B), **Elaine** (Caelwaerts), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Erin** (Culbertson), **Tom** (D), **Dan** (Fenrich), **Pat** (Fenrich), **Alan** (G), **Joan** (Goessel), **Barbara** (Hughes/Dean), **Dawn** (Jeanquart), **Charlotte** (K), **Cindy** (Knapp), **Keith** (Knapp), **Judy** (Krahn), **Myriah** (Krueger), **Amie** (M), **Kenny** (Meyer), **Beth** (Pachniak), **Monika** (Perry), **David** (Plummer), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Kathy** (S), **Todd** (S), **Delores** (Schuyler), **Deb** (Ulrich), **Irene** (Thorson), **Mary** (Zirbel), **Betty, Bill, Brixanna & Marley, Carole & Russ, Chelsa, Jay, Jeff, 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 healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

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:

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.

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**

BLESSING

- P** May God who comes among us, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share 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

“*Royal Highway*”

HYMN 264

SENDING FORTH

P Go in peace. Keep awake.

C Thanks be to God!!!

POSTLUDE

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Serving in worship today (Dec 7th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou

Plummer

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Advent candle: Jan Shusta

Reader: Jim Vogel

Ushers: Jim & Marla Vogel

Communion Assist: Joanne Adlon

Keyboard: Janet Anderson

Serving in worship next week (Dec 14th)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Advent Candle: Lora Schaefer

Reader: Youth

Ushers: Youth

Keyboard: Janet Anderson

Readings for next week (December 14th)

[Isaiah 35:1-10](#)

*The desert blooms as God's people
return from exile*

[Psalm 146:5-10](#)

*The Lord lifts up those who are bowed
down. (Ps. 146:8)*

[Luke 1:46b-55](#) (alternate)

*My spirit rejoices in God my
Savior. (Lk. 1:47)*

[James 5:7-10](#)

Patience until the coming of the Lord

[Matthew 11:2-11](#)

The forerunner of Christ

Stewardship Opportunities 12/7-14

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

Week at a glance Dec 7-14

Tuesday “The Wired Word” 9:

Wednesday Men’s Bible Study at 8

Friday 9-12

Office hours for Lana

Dec 7 th	Daylia Sund
Dec 11 th	Jeff Gutschow
Dec 12 th	David Grunwald
	Emily Hanson
Dec 13 th	Bill Nusbaum
Dec 15 th	Jeff Espe
Dec 16 th	Becca Larson
Dec 18 th	Bob Larson
Dec 20 th	Colleen Melland
Dec 22 nd	Bill Albert
Dec 27 th	Rick Hannemann
Dec 30 th	Dony Antholt
Dec 31 st	William Markham

Attendance 11/23:38

Birthdays in December

Dec 6 th	Sandra Swagel
Dec 7 th	Luke Brown

Wedding Anniversaries in December

Dec 3 rd	MarJean & Jerry Gutschow
Dec 18 th	Dianne & Merle Eskildsen

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR SECRET SANTA AND

POINSETTIA ORDERS. Please turn these in today. If you are paying by check please make a notation in the memo as to what it is going towards.



Secret Santa time is upon us. We are collecting money for a family in need this Christmas time. There are cans at each entrance to the sanctuary and in the fellowship area. Checks are also welcome with Secret Santa in the memo line. We are asking that the donations be made today. 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. NEW there are also large print copies of the words for the hymns that we are singing. The ushers have these as well. We are seeing if this is beneficial to our worshippers. Feedback is welcome.



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.



The 2025 Advent Daily Devotions booklet is available both in hard copy and digital format. Written by Door and Kewaunee County clergy, the daily devotions are offered to shed light on God's plan of sending us a Messiah. The theme: *In Days of Old, In Various Ways...God Spoke*. Each devotion features a text from an Old Testament prophet, and a text that connects the prophetic text to the Messiah.

Hard copies of the booklets can be found on the table at each entrance to the sanctuary. A digital format of the booklet can be accessed at <https://dcadventdevos2025.blogspot.com/>. May the devotions add wisdom to our anticipation of Jesus' birth. Enjoy!

The Salvation Army is again looking for people to help with bell ringing. The bell ringing begins November 21st and ends December 24th. There is a poster in the fellowship area with more information. They ask that you please sign up with them. This is a worthy cause in our community.

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Youth Sunday and the Children's Christmas Program will be next Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to this time when the youth can share with us what they are learning about our Savior. There will also be a **bake sale** following worship.

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Articles are due to the office for the Annual Report January 4th. Each group in the life of our congregation is asked to make a report. The Annual Meeting will be held February 1st.

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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. **Note this is new.** These copies will be on the table each week for you to read and contemplate.

*In the event of weather related closings at church—  
please listen to WDOR or Channel 2 for cancellation notices and check our*

*Facebook page*