

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA



Sunday, March 12th, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

"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

CHILDREN'S CHAT AND NOISY OFFERING FOR HUNGER RELIEF

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please remain seated)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

P Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ☩ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C **Amen.**

(please stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN "This Little Light of Mine" Mama J and the Praise Hounds

Vs 1. **This little light of mine...**

Vs 2. **Everywhere I go...**

Vs 3. **Jesus gave it to me...**

Vs 4. **This little light of mine...**

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Merciful God,
the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin.
Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with
the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(please be seated)

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

P The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 95 *(read responsively)*

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

⁸**"Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

⁹There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

¹⁰**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, ‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’**

¹¹Indeed I swore in my anger, ‘They shall never come to my rest.’ ”

SECOND READING: : Romans 5:1-11

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P Word of God, Word of Life C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42 (*please remain seated as this is a longer Gospel*)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th chapter

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

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the

gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Jim Hanstad

(please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY "There is One Gospel"

Verse 1

**There is one Gospel on which I stand
For all eternity
It is my story my Father's plan
The Son has rescued me
Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace
My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light**

Verse 2

**There is one Gospel to which I cling
All else I count as loss
For there where justice and mercy meet
He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring
No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

Verse 3

**There is one Gospel where hope is found
The empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Savior down
He lives and I am free
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes
My life is His and His hope is mine
For He has promised I too will rise
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

Verse 4

**And in this Gospel the church is one
We do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on
To lead us safely home
And when in glory still I will sing
Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Savior the King of life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

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 Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

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), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), Cindy (Knapp), Shari (Krueger), Ellie (Krull), Larry (Mallien), Joe (May), Francine (Meyer), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Pastor Raben, Matthew (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeier), 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.**

P Please share the peace of Christ with those around you at this time.

(you may be seated following the sharing of the peace)

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Pour out your very presence upon us through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered in to 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 Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✠ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

C Amen.

TABLE BLESSING *(based on Luther's SMALL CATECHISM)*

A Table Blessing to Begin a Meal for Families

P The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

C **All here gathered, food from the land, all is gift from your gracious hand. Feed us today; feed all those who hunger; teach us to feed one another. We ask this in the name of the one who is our bread, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(please stand as you are able)

SENDING HYMN *"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"*

Vs 1. I'm so glad

Vs 2. Satan had me bound

Vs 3. When I was in trouble

Vs 4. I'm so glad

SENDING FORTH

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.... AND WE WILL !!**

POSTLUDE

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Stewardship Opportunities

March 12th—19th

Today the fellowship meal is provided by the families whose last names begin with A-K. Next week the fellowship meal will be provided by people whose last name begins with L-Z. *Visitors and members alike are welcome to share in this meal. Come on down.... And get to know your neighbors and friends.*

Week at a Glance March 12th—19th

Wednesday 8 AM

Men's Bible study & breakfast

Wednesday at 1:00 or 6:00 at Tanum-Forest

Lenten Worship

Friday 9 AM— noon

Office hours for Lana

Birthdays for March

Mar 9th	Richard Hannemann
Mar 11th	John Breider Oliver Wilke
Mar 14th	Kim Jacobson
Mar 18th	Deb Grunwald
Mar 26th	Lori Lauscher
Mar 28th	Reese Sund
Mar 29th	Barbara Dunlap

Anniversaries for March

March 20th John & Laura Borkovetz

Attendance last week: 39

Serving in worship today March 12th (Third Sunday of Lent)

Worship Leader: Jim Hanstad
Ushers: Russ Klister & John Melland
Reader: Lana Ferry
Music: Mama J and the Praise Hounds

Serving in worship next week March 19th (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad
Reader: Roy Jilburg
Ushers: Ellen & Russ Klister
Communion Assistant: Ellen Klister
Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Readings for next week: March 19th

1 Samuel 16:1-13 David is chosen and anointed

Psalms 23 You anoint my head with oil. (Ps. 23:5)

Ephesians 5:8-14 Awake from sleep, live as children of light

John 9:1-41 Baptismal image: the man born blind

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 18

Spaghetti Dinner for NEW Sober Living
(see below)

March 26

Mama J and the Praise Hounds

Midweek Lenten Services

At Tanum-Forest at 1:00 and 6:00 each Wednesday

There will be a spaghetti dinner on March 18th from 4-6PM. It is being put on by NEW Sober Living and held at Bay View. The purpose of the dinner is community outreach. A free will offering will be taken to cover costs of this new program in our area.

We will be having another New Member Sunday the end of April. If you are looking for a church home we would love to have you join our family. Please let someone know your wishes.

We are collecting food for those less fortunate than us. There is a basket in the basement by the television. Feel free to leave your donation there and we will see that it gets to the correct place.

We are collecting receipts from Tadych's Marketplace Foods and Pick'n Save. They are redeemed and the monies from Tadych's goes to the WELCA and the monies from Pick'n Save goes to Feed My People. There is a basket for each in the basement.

If you see that there is a problem with the candles on the altar, please see Gordy about taking care of it. They are touchy and need special care. Thank you.

In case of inclement weather: listen to WDOR 93.9 radio or WBAY channel 2 for cancellation of Sunday morning worship service or check the church Facebook page