

# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — E L C A



Sunday, October 15th, 2023

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday  
"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** *(please stand as you are able)*

**P** Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Steadfast and faithful God,

**C** **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**P** Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**C** **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:**

*"How Great Thou Art"*

**HYMN # 856**

**GREETING**

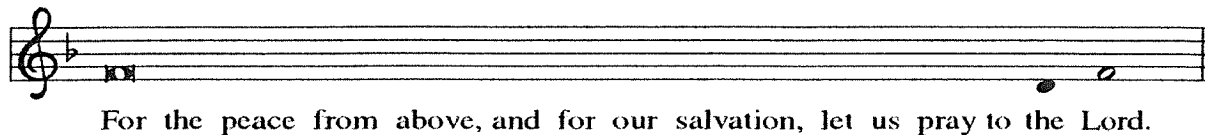
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

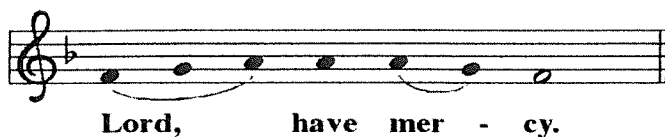
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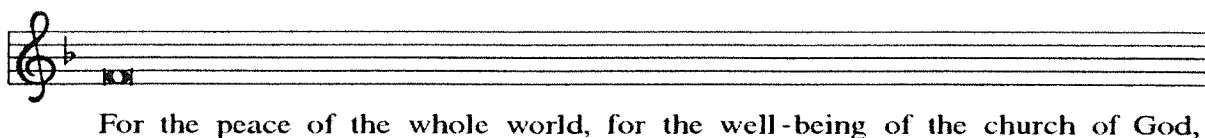
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



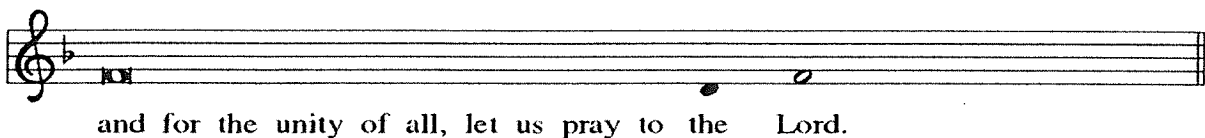
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



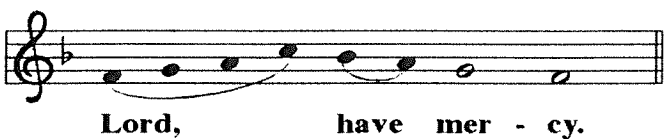
Lord, have mer - cy.



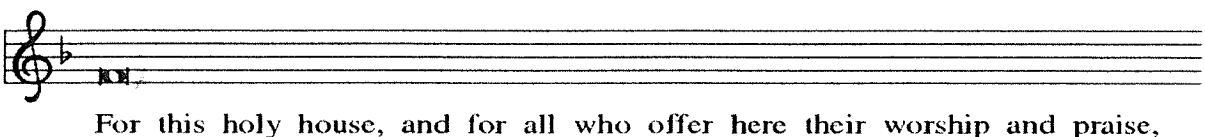
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



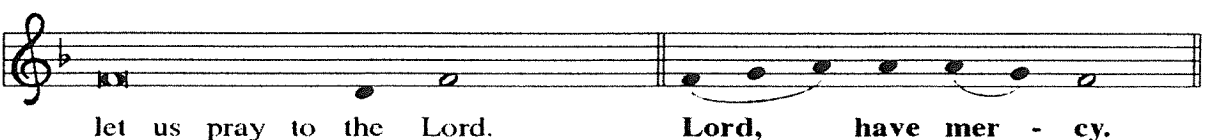
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



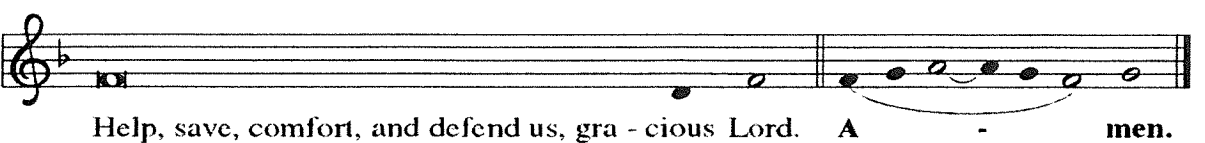
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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. Lord of the feast,

**C** **you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(you may be seated)*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

<sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

<sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

<sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**R** The word of the Lord

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

**PSALM: Psalm 23 (read together)**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

**GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14 9** (please stand as you are able)

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter

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

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord

**C** **Praise to you O Christ.**

**GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY**

Pastor David Raben

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Day by Day"*

**HYMN # 790**

**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 Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the  
church, the world, and all in need.

#### RESPONSE TO PRAYERS

P *God of grace*

C Hear our prayer

Rusty (Allen), Tom (Angermeier), John (B), Devin (Bartos), Lyle (Berndt), Karen  
& Del (Brewer), Eugene (Clark), Mike & Rina (Clumpner), Robert (Connrey),  
Danielle (Davis), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Mathilde & Richard  
(Hannemann), Jim (Hanstad), Donna (Kaat), Cindy (Knapp), Shari (Krueger), Ellie  
(Krull), Joe (May), Fran (McCarthy), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Sandy (Pierre),  
Matthew (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeier), Lexi & Laci (S), Lori (Snyder),  
Eric (Thorson), Charlotte, Erik, and Joe.

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)*  
*(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 God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, 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, 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 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

P Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*“Here Is Bread”*

**HYMN # 483**

*“One Bread, One Body”*

**HYMN # 496**

**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 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 Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus’ name we pray.

C Amen.

**BLESSING**

P The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

**TABLE BLESSING**

P Let us pray together the table blessing.

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

**SENDING HYMN**

*“Lead On, O King Eternal!”*

**HYMN # 805**

## SENDING FORTH

**P** Go in peace. God is at work in you.

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

## POSTLUDE

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<b>Stewardship Opportunities Oct 15-22</b>	Oct 5th	Linda Kohn
	Oct 8th	Emery Freiberg
		Jill DeGrave
	Oct 9th	Clint Hanson
		Wyatt Hanson
	Oct 10th	Brock Aune

Today there is a Chili Luncheon following worship. Next week the folks whose last name begins A-K will provide the meal.

### Week at a Glance October 15th-22nd

**Monday 6PM**

Church council meets

**Tuesday Noon**

WELCA

**Wednesday 8 AM**

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

**Friday 9 AM—Noon**

Office hours for Lana

Oct 12th	Bill Aune
Oct 17th	Joanne Adlon
Oct 21st	Eugene Clark
Oct 21st	Richard Dunlap
Oct 25th	Gloria LaPlante
Oct 31st	Paul Klapatch

*Attendance last week: 48*

### Birthdays in October

Oct 2nd Heather Haese

Oct 4th Debra Larson

### Wedding Anniversaries in October

Oct 2nd Tim & Rachel Hanson

Oct 5th Riley & Meggie Sawyer

Oct 10th Pete & Marlene Larson

Oct 16th Bill & Sue Aune

Oct 21st Jeff & Val Espe

Oct 23rd Kraig & Amy Aune

We are planning a new member Sunday very soon. Do you or someone you know want to join our faith family? Please let someone know and we will get you the information necessary. We would be honored to have you part of our church family.

Serving in worship today (October 15th)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben  
Reader: Gloria LaPlante  
Ushers: Gene, Gloria, & Carrie LaPlante  
Communion Assist: Gene LaPlante  
Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Serving in worship next week (October 22nd)

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

Readings for next week (October 22nd)

**Isaiah 45:1-7**  
*An earthly ruler as the instrument of God's will*  
**Psalms 96:1-9 [10-13]**  
*Ascribe to the LORD honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)*  
**1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**  
*Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica*  
**Matthew 22:15-22**  
*A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God*

Do you have a favorite hymn? Want to sing something different in church?  
Please jot your requests on a piece of paper and put it on the office desk. Your requests will be worked in as soon as possible. Thank you for your contribution.

From the Stained Glass Window Committee

Currently a fundraising drive is underway to raise funds to purchase and install stained glass windows on the north side of the sanctuary. Money for this project does not come from the church budget but is through donations. All donations are confidential. So far about \$45,800 has been donated which is about \$25,000 short of what is needed. If you wish to contribute to this fund please indicate on your contribution that it is to go for the windows. Please contact Linda Monahan, Bill Albert, Jim Vogel, Evelyn Breider, or any Council member with any questions.

2024 offering envelopes are now available and ready for pick-up. Please pick yours up in the table in the fellowship area. Thank you