

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Seventh 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 AND NOISY OFFERING

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

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Verse 1

**Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?**

Chorus

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

Verse 2

**On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. Chorus**

Verse 3

**Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown. Chorus**

Verse 4

**Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Chorus**

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

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.

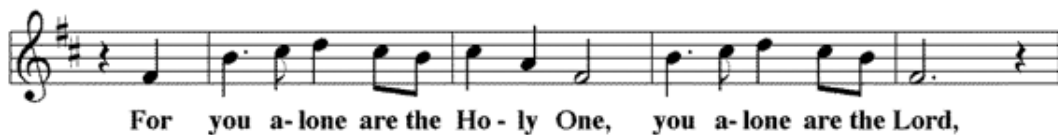
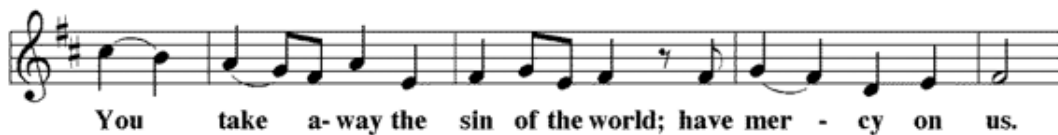
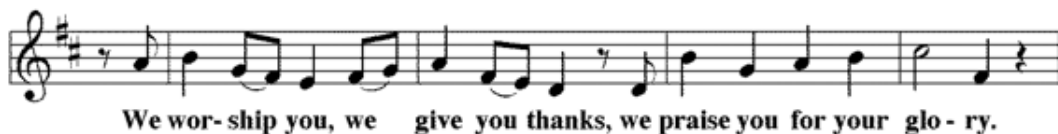
C **Lord, have mercy.**

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. Almighty God,

C we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your

Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

R The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 *(read responsively)*

¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

² **To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

³ Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell
there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the**

holiness of your temple.

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶ **You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**

⁷ You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your
marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the

mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot,⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow."⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up.⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up

quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!”

¹⁸ “Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ.

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor David Raben

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Be Thou My Vision”

Verse 1

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

Verse 2

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tow’r,**

Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Verse 3

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

Verse 4

**Light of my soul, after victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Son!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still by my vision, O Ruler of all.**

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.**

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 *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*

HYMN 686

C **We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we
have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS **P** God of grace **C** hear our prayer
Sharon (Albert), **Linda** (Anderson), **Tom** (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue** (Aune), **Cindy** (B), **John** (B), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Dan** (Fenrich), **Pam** (Freiberg), **Alan** (G), **Dawn** (Jeanquart), **Charlotte** (K), **Patricia** (Kehl), **Cindy** (Knapp), **Keith** (Knapp), **Myriah** (Krueger), **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**, **Sophia**, and the family of **Barbara Hughes/Dean**.

C Amen.

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 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 *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

Verse 1

**Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

Verse 2

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav’n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**

Verse 3

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!**

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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This week is the Goods & Goodies Sale. Note that the tent set up is Friday at 9AM. Set up for the day of the sale begins at 6:30. Many hands make the work light. Please help as you are able. Sign up sheets are in the fellowship area.

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There is a lot of work that is going on here at church. There are many people involved in this. Please thank them as you see them. Flower beds ~ Sam Sund. New sign ~ Gene LaPlante. New steps ~ George Sincock. And as always the church grass and grounds mowed by John Melland and Don Heldmann.

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Next week we will have a guest speaker, Patty Tebon, she is a Door County native who has been doing mission work in Swaziland, Africa. This should be interesting and fun to hear. Plan on attending.

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Serving in worship today (July 12<sup>th</sup>)  
Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben  
Reader: Cheryl Larson  
Ushers: Dean & Cheryl Larson  
Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Keyboard: Janet Anderson

Serving in worship next week (July 19<sup>th</sup>)  
Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer  
Reader: Jim Vogel  
Ushers: Jim & Marla Vogel  
Communion Assist: Lori Langer-Flick

Readings for next week (July 19<sup>th</sup>)  
[Isaiah 44:6-8](#) *There is no other God than the LORD*

[Psalm 86:11-17](#)  
[Romans 8:12-25](#)

*The revealing of the children of God*  
[Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43](#)  
*The parable of the weeds*

#### **Stewardship Opportunities July 12-19**

Today the fellowship meal 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 July 12-19**

**Tuesday Book Study “Grace” 9:30**

**Please read chapters 2 & 3**

**Wednesday Men’s Bible Study 8:00**

**Thursday Grief Support Group 6:00**

**Friday Set-up for Sale 9:00**

**Friday 9-12**

Office hours for Lana

**Saturday Goods & Goodies Sale 9-1**

*Attendance last week: 37*