

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — ELCA



Sunday, November 19th, 2023

Twenty Fifth 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

C Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One,

C **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

P Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "Borning Cry"

HYMN # 732

GREETING

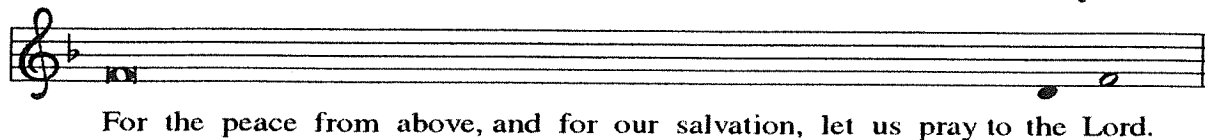
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

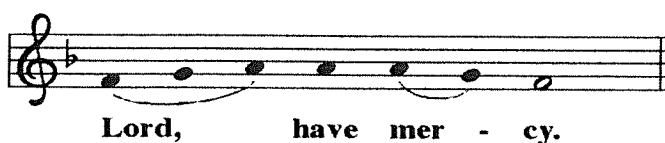
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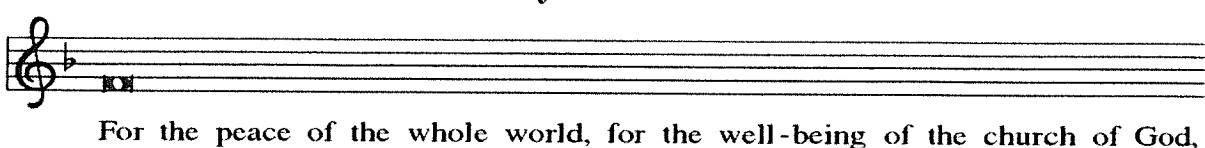
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



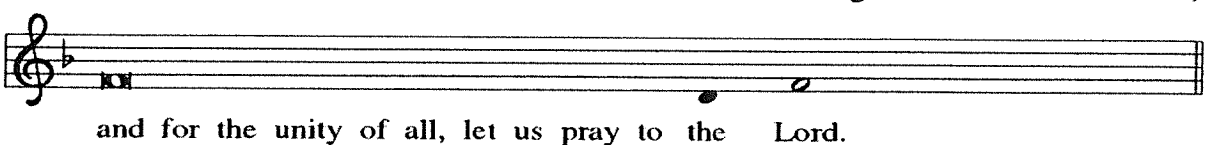
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



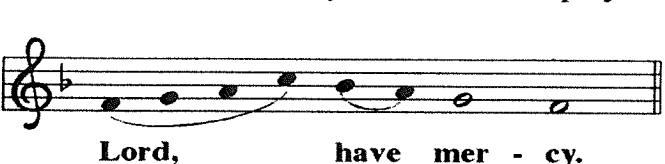
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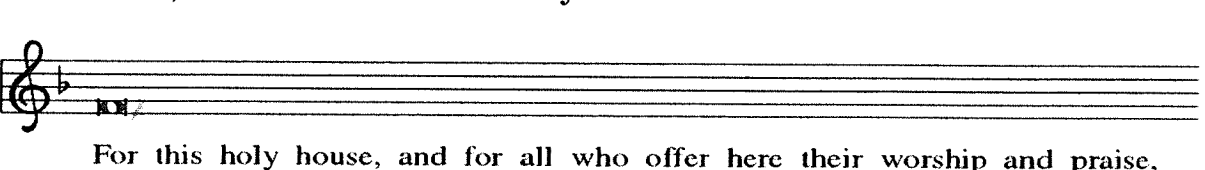
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



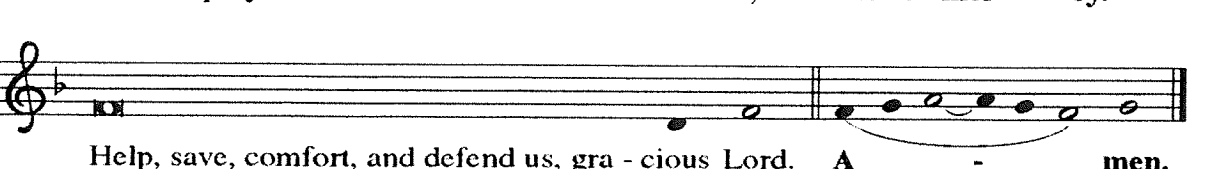
Lord, have mer - cy.



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. Righteous God,

C **our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(you may be seated)

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm."

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

R The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 (read responsively)

¹Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**

³You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;
⁵you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
⁶in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.
⁷For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.
⁸Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
[⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we
are gone.
¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?]
¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

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

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor David Raben

HYMN OF THE DAY

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

HYMN # 614

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 Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS **P** *Hear us, O God* **C** **Your mercy is great**
Bill (Albert), Rusty (Allen), Tom (Angermeier), John (B), Devin (Bartos), Lyle (Berndt), Mary (Bosben), Karen & Del (Brewer), Elaine & Jim (C), Eugene (Clark), Mike & Rina (Clumpner), Robert (Connrey), Danielle (Davis), Pat (Fenrich), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), 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 all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

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 There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

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

"On Eagles Wings"

HYMN # 787

SENDING FORTH

P Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

POSTLUDE

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TODAY a community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Tanum Forest at 5:00 PM. See the flyers in the fellowship area.

December 10 at 4:00 there will be an Advent Concert here at Hainesville featuring Mama J and the Praise Hounds. A freewill offering will be taken to raise funds for the stained glass windows. Invite family, friends, and neighbors.

Because of the increasing number of new members, during the last annual meeting the idea of wearing name tags during Sunday church services was suggested. The positive response by the congregation caused us to pursue the idea.

Name tags for church members have been created and are found down in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick yours up and keep at home or in your car when not in use. We are requesting that they be worn each Sunday during the months of November and December. Starting in January, the first Sunday of the month will be name tag Sunday. Wearing name tags during the other Sundays is optional. We ask that name tags be also worn on Sundays when new members join the church. Ushers will also be expected to wear their name tags.

Any questions you may have can be directed to Ellen Klister or Jim Vogel.

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 \$46,000 has been donated which is about \$23,000 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.

SHHHHHHHH— it is that time of the year again when we help a deserving family have a Very Merry Christmas. This year we have two families whom we will be helping. Please get your donations in by Dec. 3. There are special marked cans throughout the church or put it in the offering plate and label it as Secret Santa. Thank you.

Stewardship Opportunities Nov 19-26

Today the fellowship meal will be provided by the folks with the last names beginning with the letters A-K. Next week the folks whose last name begins L-Z will provide the meal.

Week at a Glance November 19th-26th

Tuesday 9 AM—Noon

Office hours for Lana

Tuesday Noon

WELCA-Thank offerings collected

Wednesday 8 AM

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

Birthdays in November

Nov 6th	Brenda Clark
	Kirsten Dixner Young
	Hannah Grohman
Nov 10th	Rachel Hanson
Nov 18th	Kayla Wilke
Nov 20th	Pat Malley
Nov 21st	Greg Jacobson
Nov 26th	Nancy Keyser

Wedding Anniversaries in November

Nov 4th	Kim & Greg Jacobson
Nov 10th	Alice & Tom Angermeier
Nov 27th	Ellen & Russ Klister

Attendance last week: 58

Serving in worship today (November 19th)

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

Serving in worship next week (November 26th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer
 Reader: Bonnie Kohn
 Ushers: Bonnie Kohn & Roy Jilburg
 Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Readings for next week (November 26th)

Isaiah 64:1-9
Prayer that God would come with power and compassion
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
 Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. (Ps. 80:7)
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gifts of grace sustain those who wait for the end
Mark 13:24-37
The sudden coming of the Son of Man

Singer, songwriter, vocalists and violinist, Jean Watson, will be performing Sunday, November 26 (2:00) at Friends Community Church, Sturgeon Bay. All are invited!