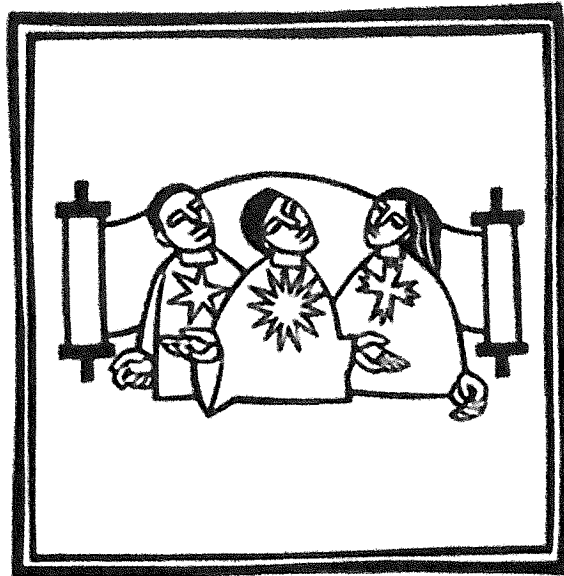


# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — E L C A



Sunday, October 29th, 2023  
Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost Sunday  
"The Little Church with a Big Heart"

Presiding Minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer  
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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 FOR HUNGER RELIEF**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**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: "Holy Spirit, Rain Down"**

*Refrain*

Holy Spirit rain down rain down

O Comforter and Friend

How we need Your touch again

Holy Spirit rain down rain down

Let Your power fall let Your voice be heard  
Come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word  
Holy Spirit rain down

*Verse*

No eye has seen no ear has heard  
No mind can know what God has in store  
So open up heaven open it wide  
Over Your church and over our lives

### **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. O Lord God,

**C** **you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

<sup>2</sup>Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

**R** The word of the Lord

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

**PSALM: Psalm 1** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with  
leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain,  
<sup>2</sup>but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as  
you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of  
great opposition. <sup>3</sup>For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or  
trickery, <sup>4</sup>but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message  
of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our  
hearts. <sup>5</sup>As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery  
or with a pretext for greed; <sup>6</sup>nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or  
from others, <sup>7</sup>though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were  
gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. <sup>8</sup>So deeply do we  
care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but  
also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

**GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46** (*please stand as you are able*)

*Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two com-  
mandments and by demonstrating the Messiah must be more than the son of David.*

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

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

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup>He said to him, “ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

<sup>41</sup>Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup>“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup>He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup>‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’?”

<sup>45</sup>If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” <sup>46</sup>No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P      The Gospel of the Lord      C      Praise to you O Christ.  
(please be seated)

## GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### *“Wade in the Water”*

#### Refrain

Wade in the water  
Wade in the water, children.  
Wade in the water  
God's agonna trouble the water.

#### Verse 1

See that host all dressed in white  
God's agonna trouble the water  
It looks like the children of the Israelites  
God's agonna trouble the water

#### Verse 2

See that band all dressed in red,  
God's agonna trouble the water

Looks like the band that Moses led  
God's gonna trouble the water

Verse 3

Look over yonder, what do I see?  
God's gonna trouble the water  
The Holy Ghost a-coming on me.  
God's gonna trouble the water

Verse 4

If you don't believe I've been redeemed,  
God's gonna trouble the water.  
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream.  
God's gonna trouble the water

**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.**

**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** *"Open Our Eyes, Lord"*

Open our eyes Lord

We want to see Jesus  
To reach out and touch Him  
And say that we love Him  
Open our ears Lord  
And help us to listen  
Open our eyes Lord  
We want to see Jesus

### 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.

### 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), Pat (Fenrich), 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 LORD'S PRAYER** *(please stand as you are able)*

**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 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 let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen.

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

### Verse 1

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,

Singing glory, Hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

### Verse 2

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me

Singing glory, Hallelujah! Jesus lifted me

### Verse 3

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.

Singing glory, Hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

## 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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Serving in worship today (October 29th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer  
Ushers: Becky & Elliott Brown  
Reader: Jan Shusta  
Music: Mama J and the Praise Hounds

Serving in worship next week (November 5th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Linda Reichstadter  
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad  
Reader: April Mascorro  
Ushers: Ellen Klister & April Mascorro  
Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Readings for next week (November 5th)

**Micah 3:5-12**

*Judgment upon corrupt rulers*

**Psalm 43**

Send out your light and truth, that they may lead me. (Ps. 43:3)

**1 Thessalonians 2:9-13**

*The apostle's teaching accepted as God's word*

**Matthew 23:1-12**

*All who humble themselves will be exalted*

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The Be Like Jesus - Live Like Jesus adult small-group series was inspired, through prayer, to be a simple step on a pathway to building a relationship with Jesus and with others. In doing so, we may become an influencer in our families and communities for a more loving, peaceful world. This is being lead by Pastor Mary Lou Plummer the second Tuesday of each month. You can join the group at any time.

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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.

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Are you or someone you know looking for a church home? We will be welcoming new members to our church family very soon. Please let someone know of your interest.

**Stewardship Opportunities Oct 29-Nov 5**

Today the fellowship meal is being provided by the folks whose last name begins L-Z. Next week the folks whose last name begins A-K will provide the meal.

Oct 21st	Eugene Clark
Oct 21st	Richard Dunlap
Oct 25th	Gloria LaPlante
Oct 31st	Paul Klapatch

**Week at a Glance Oct 29th-Nov 5th****Tuesday 9 AM**

Quilting for missions

**Wednesday 8 AM**

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

**Friday 9-Noon**

Office hours for Lana

**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

*Attendance last week: 45***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

**Birthdays in October**

Oct 2nd	Heather Haese
Oct 4th	Debra Larson
Oct 5th	Linda Kohn
Oct 8th	Emery Freiberg
	Jill DeGrave
Oct 9th	Clint Hanson
	Wyatt Hanson
Oct 10th	Brock Aune
	Gordy Hughes
Oct 12th	Bill Aune
Oct 17th	Joanne Adlon

**Wedding Anniversaries in November**

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

Offering envelopes are available for 2024. Please pick yours up. They are on the table in the fellowship area. Thank you