

# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — E L C A



Sunday, December 25th, 2022

First Sunday of Christmas  
"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. 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**

*(please stand as you are able)*

### **GATHERING HYMN**

*"Joy to the World"*

**HYMN #267 vs. 1&2**

### **DIALOGUE**

- P Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.  
C **By day and night he shines for all to see.**  
P Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty  
C **that the world may see the justice and richness of God.**  
P God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,  
C **so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.**  
P Jesus is the light of the world.  
C **Jesus is the light of our lives.**  
P Sing to God a new song!  
C **A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
P Let us pray. Gracious God of heaven and earth,  
you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—  
a beam of light that shines through Jesus.  
Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation.  
Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life.  
Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world  
and in our hearts.  
C **Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

LESSONS AND CAROLS

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

CAROL                    *"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"*                    HYMN #257 vs. 1

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 1:18b-21, Luke 1:26-35

CAROL                    *"As the Dark Awaits the Dawn"*                    HYMN #261 vs.1&4

THIRD LESSON: Luke 2:1-7

CAROL                    *"Away in a Manger"*                    HYMN # 277 vs. 1

FOURTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-12

CAROL                    *"Go Tell it on the Mountain"*                    HYMN #290 vs. 1-2

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 2:13-14

CAROL                    *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*                    HYMN #289 vs. 1&3

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:15-20

CAROL                    *"Still, Still, Still"*

Still, still, still. He sleeps this night so chill.  
The virgin's tender arms enfolding, Warm and safe the Christ child holding.  
Still, still, still, He sleeps this night so chill.

Sleep, sleep, sleep. He lies in slumber deep,  
While angel hosts from heav'n come winging, Sweetest songs of joy are singing,  
Sleep, sleep, sleep, He lies in slumber deep.

SEVENTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11

**NICENE CREED**

P Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*(please be seated)*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *(please stand)*      *"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 Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come

among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

### **RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

**P** It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

**C** **Your Word, Jesus, is truth.**

**P** In his light, draw all to the manger

**C** **to gather in wonder with the shepherds.**

**P** In his light, draw all to the manger

**C** **to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.**

**P** In his light, draw all to the manger

**C** **to sing for joy with the angels.**

**P** In the brightness of his life

**C** **cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.**

**P** In the brightness of his life

**C** **heal the sick and comfort lonely, especially:**

**Hannah (Albert), Rusty (Allen), Lindsay (A), Tom (Angermeier), Devin (Bartos), Karen & Del (Brewer), Sharon (Burr), Eugene (Clark), Danielle (Davis), Carol (Dennis), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Ellen (Groenwoldt), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), Bonnie (Kohn), Shari (Krueger), Ellie (Krull), Don (Lauscher), Linda (M), Larry (Mallien), Joe (May), Francine (Meyer), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Matthew (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeier), Deanna, Laci, Lexi (S), Hans (Sawitzki), Eric (Thorson), Kari (Uetz), Jim (Vogel), Nick (Vogel), Jeannine, and Joe.**

**P** It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

**C** **In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life. 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 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

C Praise God, all creatures here below!

P You are the shepherds telling the story.

C We tell it in the streets and across the land.

P You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

C We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.

P You are the angels announcing peace.

C We live with joy and go now in peace.

P May our Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

*(please stand as you are able)*

**SENDING HYMN**      *“Joy to the World”*

**HYMN #267 vs. 3&4**

### **THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTHG**

P Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

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

### **POSTLUDE**

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# The Poinsettias that bless our worship have been given by:

**Bill & Sue Aune**

*In memory of Lawrence & Lorraine Aune*

*In memory of Roy & Lila Luukkonen*

**Evelyn Breider/Joanne Adlon**

*In memory of John H. Breider*

*In memory of Barbara Foster*

**Mary Bosben & families**

*In memory of sister Dorothy Twiton*

**Hans Feld**

*In memory of Soni Feld*

*In memory of Rusty Feld*

**Emery & Pam Freiberg**

*In thanksgiving for our family*

**Roy Jilburg**

*In memory of Joanna Jilburg*

*In memory of Anna Lisa Jilburg*

**Russ & Ellen Klister**

*In honor of Rose & Ray Klister*

*In honor of Marlene & Pete Larson*

**Don & Ardy Lauscher**

*In thanksgiving for our family*

**Pete & Marlene Larson**

*In memory of Eleanor & Emanuel Mueller*

*In memory of Sophie & Thomas Larson*

**John & Carolyn Melland**

*In memory of all family who have passed*

**Arne & Peggy Odegaard**

*In memory of Ruth & Arne Odegaard*

*In memory of Catherine, Cleo, & Linda Funk*

**Jan Shusta**

*In memory of Dave Borchardt*

**Jim & Marla Vogel**

*In thanksgiving for family & continued healing*



Serving in worship today (December 25th)

Readers: Joanne Adlon & Jim Hanstad

Ushers:

Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Serving in worship next week (Jan 1st)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Reader: Marie Weber

Ushers: Pete & Marlene Larson

Communion Assist: John Melland

Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Readings for next Sunday (January 1st, 2023)

Jeremiah 31:7-14 Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock

Psalms 147:12-20 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)

Ephesians 1:3-14 The will of God made known in Christ

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 God with us: the incarnation of the Word

**Stewardship Opportunities  
December 25th—Jan 1st**

Today there will be no fellowship meal. Next Sunday the folks whose last names begins with L-Z will provide the meal. *Visitors and members alike are welcome to share in our fellowship meals. Come on down.... And get to know your neighbors and friends.*

*The new devotional booklets for Jan –March 2023 are now available from the usher table at each entrance to the sanctuary.*

**Week at a Glance Dec 25—Jan 1**

**Friday 9-Noon**

Office hours for Lana

*Attendance last week: Sunday 12/18—40,  
Christmas Eve—*

**Birthdays for December**

Dec 6th	Sandy Swagel
Dec 7th	Daylia Sund
Dec 11th	Jeff Gutschow
Dec 12th	Emily Hanson
	David Grunwald
Dec 13th	Bill Nusbaum
Dec 15th	Jeff Espe
Dec 16th	Lyle Berndt
	Becca Larson
Dec 18th	Bob Larson
Dec 20th	Colleen Melland
Dec 21st	Dave Freier
Dec 22nd	Bill Albert
Dec 27th	Rick Hannemann
Dec 31st	William Markham

**Anniversaries for December**

Dec 3rd MarJean & Jerry Gutschow

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