

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELCA



Sunday, September 20th, 2026

Seventeenth 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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C **Amen.**

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"On Bended Knee"

Verse 1

On bended knee I come

With a humble heart I come

Bowing down before Your holy throne

**Lifting holy hands to You
As I pledge my love anew
I worship You in spirit
I worship You in truth
Make my life a holy praise unto You**

Verse 2

**On bended knee we come
With a humble heart we come
Bowing down before Your holy throne
Lifting holy hands to You
As we pledge our love anew
We worship You in spirit
We worship you in truth
Make our lives a holy praise unto You (2x)**

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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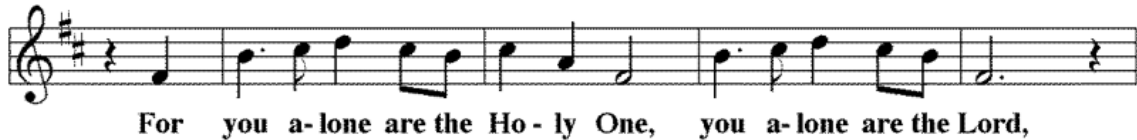
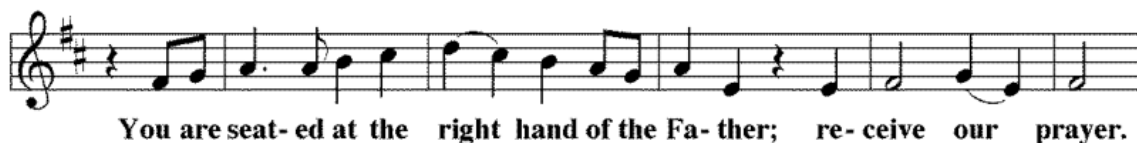
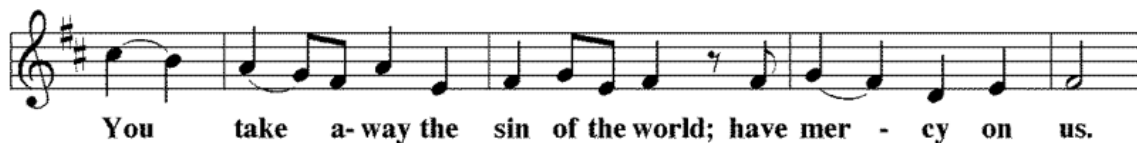
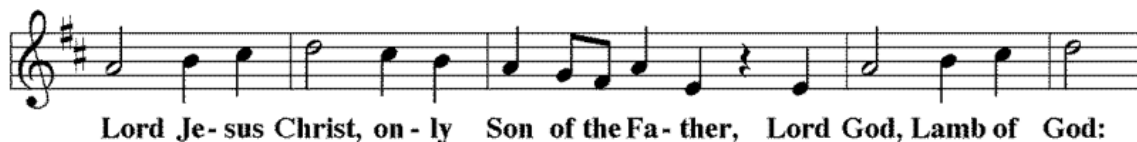
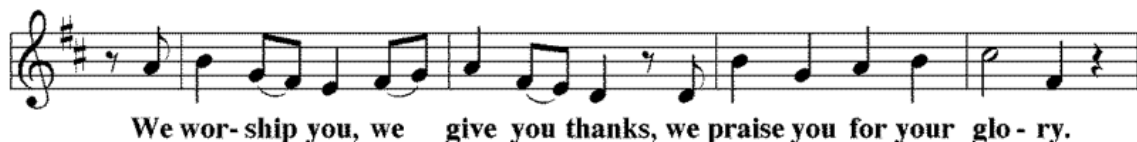
P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have 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.

C **Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10—4:11

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more

than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

R The word of the Lord C **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8 (*read responsively*)

¹ I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

² **Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.

⁴ **One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

⁶ **They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**

⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

⁸ **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know

that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When

evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius.¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius.¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P The Gospel of the Lord
(please be seated)

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor David Raben

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

HYMN 413

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 Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS **P** Hear us, O God **C** Your mercy is great
Sharon (Albert), **Linda** (Anderson), **Tom** (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue**
(Aune), **Cindy** (B), **John** (B), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Elaine**
(Caelwaerts), **Dan** (Fenrich), **Pam** (Freiberg), **Alan** (G), **Pastor**
Hankermeyer, **Betty** (J), **Charlotte** (K), **Patricia** (Kehl), **Cindy**
(Knapp), **Keith** (Knapp), **Don** (L), **Kenny** (Meyer), **Beth** (Pachniak),
Monika (Perry), **Kristin** (Reinert), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Delores**
(Schuyler), **Irene** (Thorson), **Debby & Arnie** (Zahn), **Brenna**,
Brixanna, **Marley**, **Carole**, **Russ**, **Christina**, **Gretchen**, **Joanne**,
Katlyn, **Sophia**, and the family of **Dorothy Walker**.

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)*

OFFERING

(please stand as you are able)

OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards"

HYMN 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 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.

THE COMMUNION LITURGY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

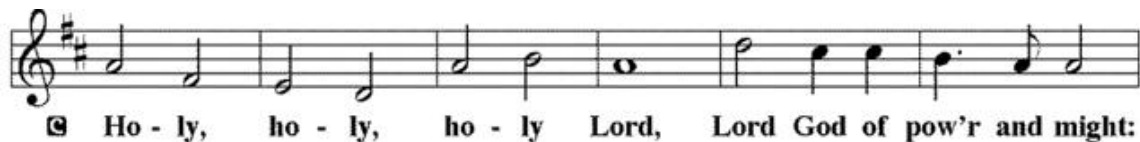
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up 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 give 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:



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 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**

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 HYMN	<i>"Let Us Break Bread Together"</i>	HYMN 471
	<i>"Here Is Bread"</i>	HYMN 483
	<i>"One Bread, One Body"</i>	HYMN 496

COMMUNION BLESSING *(please stand as you are able)*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we,

through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C 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 *“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

” HYMN 857

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 Wednesday is the Chicken Salad Croissant Luncheon. If you do not have your ticket yet, please see Joanne today. We will be setting up for the event the day before. Please bring your desserts the day before if possible. We thank everyone for their help and cooperation.

We are looking for people who would be willing to learn to record our worship service perhaps once a month. It is not a difficult thing to do, but very important part of our ministry because there are some who are not able to make it to worship. There will be a schedule where you will be able to choose the Sunday(s) that you are able to help with, much like ushering. As with everything else, many hands make the load less for all. Please see Dean Larson to volunteer. Thank you for stepping up.



Did you know that there are large print bulletins each week for worship? If this would make your enjoyment and participation in the service better, please ask an usher for a copy. There are also large print copies of the words for the hymns that we are singing. The ushers have these as well.

On the table by each entrance to the sanctuary you will find several things:

1. The current Christ in Our Home
2. Brick order forms
3. The current directory (pictorial as well)
4. The current newsletter



Is getting to church on Sunday morning difficult? We are in the process of working on rides for those who would like to attend but for whatever reason aren't able to because of transportation. Please let the church office know if this is a service that would be of help to you or if you are willing to provide a ride. Know someone who would like a ride? Let the church office know please.



New to Hainesville. We are starting a lending library. We have been gifted 2 copies of Tallak!, 3 CD's from Janet Anderson, and 1 CD from Peggy Odegard. These will be on the mantle in the Gathering Room. Please sign

your name when you borrow something and the date. Please also indicate the date when it is returned. Thank you for your cooperation.

The new pictorial directory is now available. We are asking that you limit it to one per household. This was done with the intention of helping to put a face to a name to those that we see here on Sunday mornings. Hope this helps.



There is lots of work going on here at Hainesville on our outdoor property. If you see Gene LaPlante, George Sincock, John Melland, Don Heldmann, or Sam Sund please thank them for all their hard work. Would you like to help? Talk to one of them and they will find a task for you to do. Thank you to all who put in many hours of work here at Hainesville.

Serving in worship today (Sept 20th)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben

Reader: Cheryl Lason

Ushers: Dean & Cheryl Larson

Communion Assist: Lori Langer-Flick

Keyboard: Janet Anderson

Video Tech: Dean Larson

Serving in worship next week (Sept 27th)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben

Reader: Mary Ann Leary

Ushers: Russ & Ellen Klister

Keyboard: Janet Anderson

Readings for next week (Sept 27th)

[Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32](#)

The fairness of God's way

[Psalms 25:1-9](#)

[Philippians 2:1-13](#)

Christ humbled to the point of death on a cross

[Matthew 21:23-32](#)

A parable of doing God's will

Stewardship Opportunities Sept 20-27

Today the fellowship meal today is being provided by the folks who's last name begins A-K. Next week the fellowship meal will be provided by the folks whose last name begins L-Z.

Week at a glance Sept 20-27

Monday Church Council at 5:30

Tuesday WELCA at Noon

Wednesday Men's Bible Study at 8 at Tanum Forest

Wednesday Chicken Salad Croissant Luncheon at noon

Thursday Lunch Bunch at White Birch Inn at 11:30

Friday 9-11

Office hours for Lana

Attendance last week: 54

Birthdays in September

Sept 5 th	Heidi Gutschow Edward Sawyer
Sept 7 th	Jon Klister
Sept 10 th	George Sincok Liam Schultz
Sept 11 th	Julia Jacobson
Sept 12 th	Arne Odegaard
Sept 15 th	Taylor Brunette
Sept 16 th	Carolyn Melland
Sept 18 th	John Borkovetz

	Charley Carey Bransen Sawyer Matt Dixner Young
Sept 22 nd	Tim Hanson
Sept 24 th	Alice Angermeier Lana Ferry
Sept 29 th	Jerry Langer Sue Peterson
Sept 30 th	

Anniversaries in September

Sept 5 th	Bob & Deb Larson
Sept 15 th	Sam Sund & Heather Haese
Sept 16 th	Dan & Cathy Lindal
Sept 22 nd	Don & Ardy Lauscher
Sept 30 th	Jerry & Lori Langer (Flick)

Please let Marla Vogel know by Tuesday if you are planning on going to the Lunch Bunch so arrangements can be made. Thank you.



Church envelopes for 2027 are now available downstairs. Any questions, please see Ellen Klister.