

# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA



Sunday, September 24th, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday

"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 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:**            *"This Is My Father's World"*

**HYMN # 824**

**GREETING**

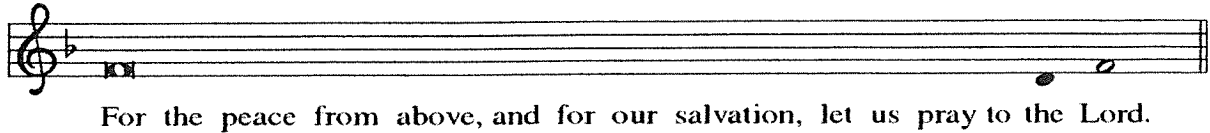
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

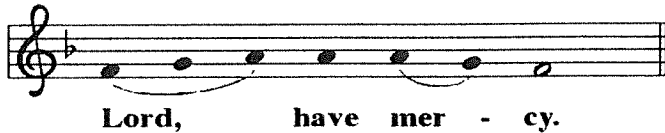
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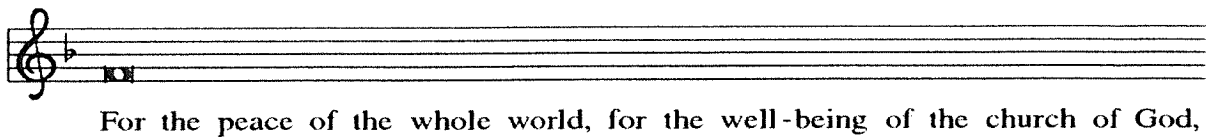
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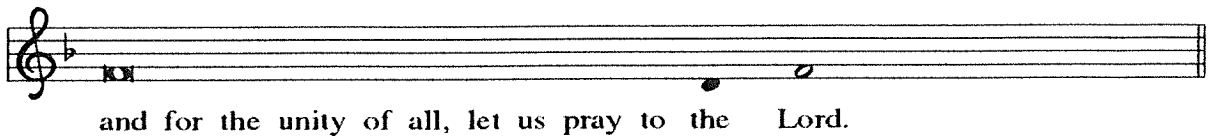
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



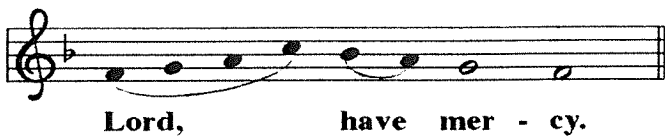
Lord, have mer - cy.



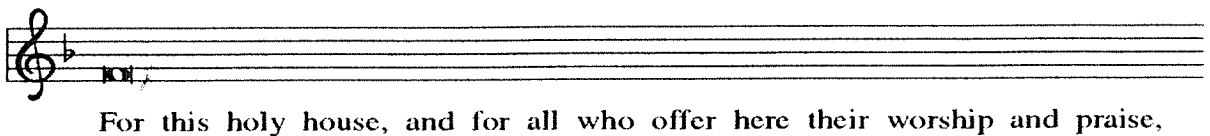
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



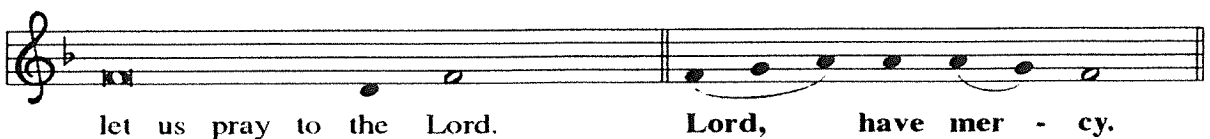
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



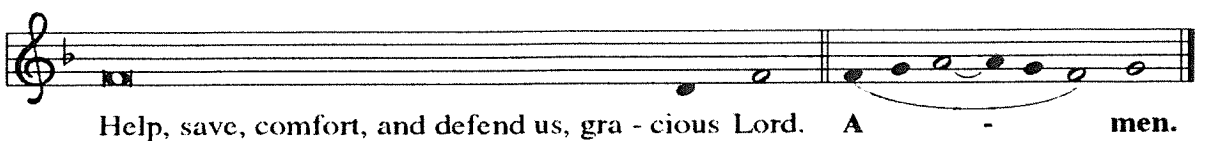
Lord, have mer - cy.



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. Almighty and eternal God,  
**C** 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

<sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>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 God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>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."

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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)

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

<sup>2</sup>Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

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

<sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.**

<sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

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

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

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

### **SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30**

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>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, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>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, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>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: 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.*

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

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he

went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> 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?' <sup>7</sup> They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup> 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.' <sup>9</sup> When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup> Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup> 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.' <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?' <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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**      *"I Love to Tell the Story"*  
*(please stand as you are able)*

**HYMN # 661**

## **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

*"Create in Me"*

ELW #186

C **Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

### 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 Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

**RESPONSE TO PRAYERS** P *Merciful God* C **Receive our prayer**

**Rusty (Allen), Tom (Angermeier), John (B), Devin (Bartos), Lyle (Berndt), Karen & Del (Brewer), Eugene (Clark), Mike & Rina (Clumpner), Robert (Connrey), Danielle (Davis), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), 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 thy gifts to us be blessed. Amen.

**SENDING HYMN**      *“Lead Me, Guide Me”*

**Hymn # 768**

### **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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### **INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Join us for a brief informational meeting immediately following the postlude to hear about an exciting opportunity recently given us through the Nordic Church Project. This meeting will be only 10 minutes long and will provide an overview of our role in the project. It will also be a time for you to ask questions and provide comments on the project. We appreciate your time and interest.

Sunday, October 15 we are planning a chili luncheon. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship area by the water fountain. Please sign up for what you would like to bring to aid in the planning. Thank you.

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See Russ or sign up for reading and ushering or both for October by the water fountain.

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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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Serving in worship today (September 24th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer  
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad  
Ushers: Joanne Adlon & Marie Weber  
Reader: Marie Weber  
Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Serving in worship next week (October 1st)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer  
Reader: Roy Jillberg  
Ushers: Bonnie Kohn & Roy Jillberg  
Communion Assist: Joanne Adlon  
Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Readings for next week (October 1st)

**Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

*The fairness of God's way*

**Psalm 25:1-9**

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love. (Ps. 25:6)

**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*

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 \$45,800 has been donated which is about \$25,000 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.

Aug 2023						
				TOTAL		
	Aug	Budget	Variance	YTD	Budget	Variance
Offerings	3,896	6,107	(2,211)	52,438	48,856	3,582
Total Income	7,461	7,568	(107)	72,705	60,544	12,161
Total Expenses	7,578	7,568	10	61,764	60,544	1,220

Windows Fund \$45,780

This Wednesday, September 27, at JAKs Place (1623 Rhode Island Street, Sturgeon Bay) there will be a presentation on NAMI. This is sponsored by the League of Women Voters and is on mental health in our community. There is a flyer in the fellowship area by the drinking fountain. This is an important issue in our county, state, country, and world. Check it out!!

**Stewardship Opportunities Sept 27-Oct 1**

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.

**Week at a Glance Sept 27th-Oct 1st****Tuesday 9 AM**

Quilting for missions

**Wednesday 8 AM**

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

Sept 27th

Jason Freier

Sept 29th

Lana Ferry

Jerry Langer

Alice Rocque-Angermeier

**Anniversaries in September**

Sept 5th

Bob & Deb Larson

Sept 15th

Sam Sund & Heather Haese

Sept 22nd

Don & Ardy Lauscher

Sept 30th

Jerry & Lori Langer (Flick)

*Attendance last week: 47*

**Birthdays in September**

Sept 5th

Heidi Gutschow

Edward Sawyer

Sept 7th

Jon Klister

Sept 10th

George Sincock

Liam Schultz

Sept 11th

Julia Jacobson

Sept 12th

Arne Odegaard

Sept 15th

Taylor Brunette

Sept 16th

Carolyn Melland

Sept 18th

John Borkovetz

Charley Carey

Sept 19th

LuAnn Ferron Klapatch

Sept 22nd

Matt Dixner Young

Sept 24th

Tim Hanson

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