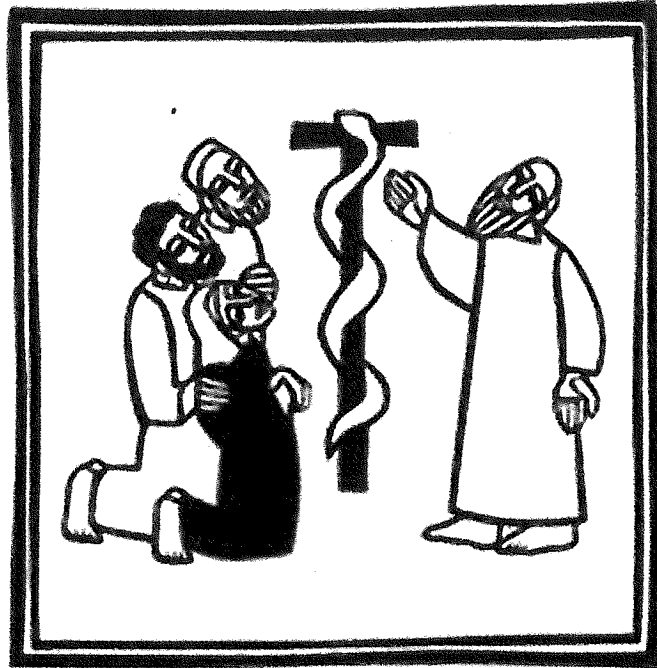


HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA



Sunday, March 10th, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

"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 LOCAL HUNGER RELIEF

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C Amen.

P Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

P Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

HYMN # 335

GREETING

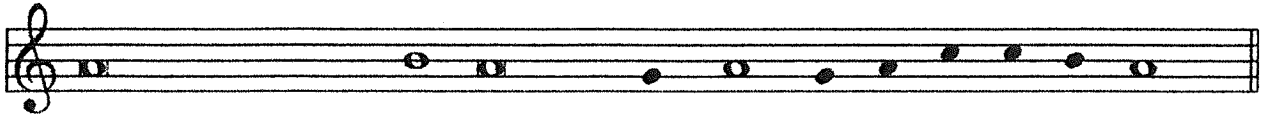
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE (setting #4 pp147-148)



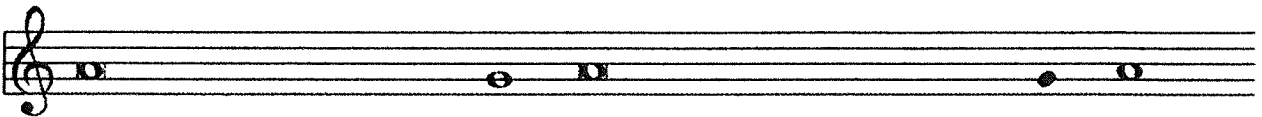
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



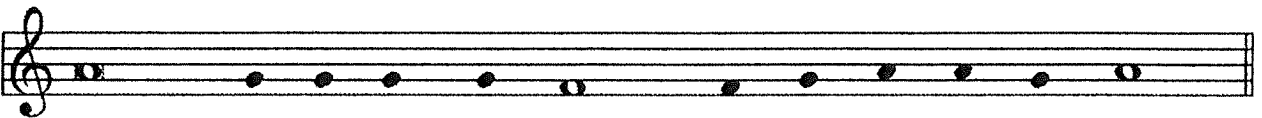
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



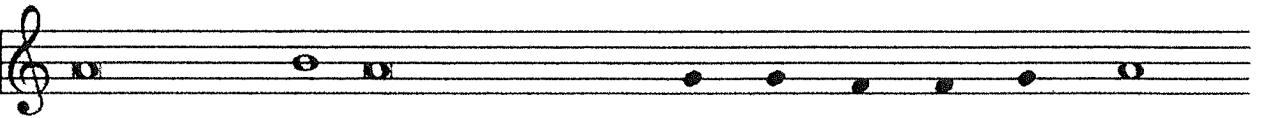
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



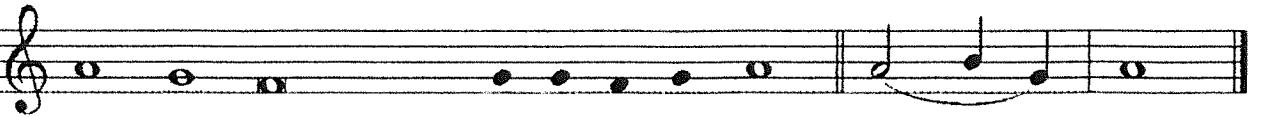
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God,

C rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

R The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (read responsively)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim**

that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

³gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷**Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.**

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD**

and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love**

and your wonderful works for all people.

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

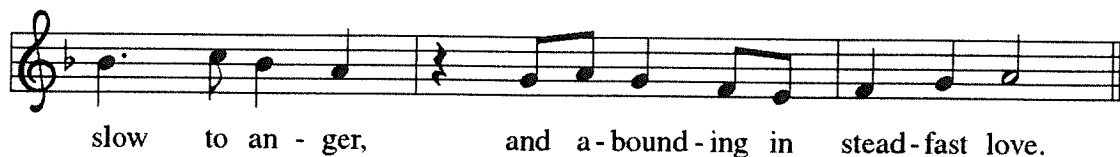
SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵out of the great love with which he loved us ⁶even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁷and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁸so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁹For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—¹⁰not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹¹For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (setting #4 pp151)



GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter

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

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Softly and Tenderly”

Family Choir

APOSTLES CREED *(please stand as you are able)*

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)*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *“Create in Me”*

HYMN #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 our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS P *Hear us O God* C **Your mercy is great**
Tom (Angermeier), Lyle (Berndt), Karen & Del (Brewer), Elaine & Jim (C), Eugene (Clark), Mike & Rina (Clumpner), Danielle (D), Garrison (Dixner), Lynn (Eskildsen), Pat (Fenrich), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Charlie (H), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), Charlotte (K), Cindy (Knapp), Ellie (Krull), Joe (May), Ken (Overland), Matthew (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeier), Lexi (S), Lori (Snyder), Eric (Thorson), Ernie (Watson), Dave, Erik, and the family of Dayton Tiegs.

C 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 God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✚ bless you and remain with you 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

"Lift High the Cross"

HYMN # 660

SENDING FORTH

P Go in peace. Spread the Good News.

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

POSTLUDE

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Serving in worship today (March 10th)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad
Ushers: Jim & Marla Vogel
Reader: Jim Vogel
Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Serving in worship next week (March 17th)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad
Reader: Roy Jilburg
Ushers: John Breider & John Melland
Communion Assist: Joanne Adlon
Keyboard: Sandi Smith

Readings for next week (March 17th)

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A new covenant written on the heart

Psalm 51:1-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God. (Ps. 51:10)

Hebrews 5:5-10

Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation

John 12:20-33

The grain of wheat dying in the earth

In the event of weather related closings at church—

please listen to WDOR for cancellation notices and check our Facebook page

Stewardship Opportunities March 10-17

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

Week at a Glance March 10-17

Tuesday at 9:30

Bible Study Be Like Jesus Live Like Jesus

Wednesday 8 AM

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

Friday 9-12

Office Hours for Lana

Birthdays for March

Mar 9th	Richard Hannemann
Mar 11th	John Breider Oliver Wilke
Mar 14th	Kim Jacobson
Mar 18th	Deb Grunwald
Mar 26th	Lori Lauscher
Mar 28th	Reese Sund
Mar 30th	Barbara Dunlap

Anniversaries for March

March 20th John & Laura Borkovetz

Attendance last week: 48

Starting with the new year we have reinstated the prayer request policy of the past. This means that your prayer request will be on the list for 3 months unless you state otherwise. You can re-request to keep them on the list or put them back on if they have come off and you would like them on again. Prayer request forms are found on the back of each pew on colorful card stock. Please fill them out and place them in the offering plate or on the desk in the office area. Thank you for your co-operation with this worthwhile ministry for those who are struggling among us.

We are becoming more aware of the problem of hunger in our own county. We are therefore beginning to make a more concerted effort to help those who are in need around us. Our noisy offering this morning and every time it is taken will be now used to help feed those here in Door County. We also have a basket in the fellowship area where nonperishable items and personal hygiene needs can be dropped off.

Do you have a favorite hymn that you would like to sing during worship? Please let the office know and we will see if we can sing it on an upcoming Sunday.

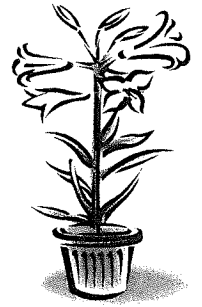
There has been a request to have some of the hats of yesteryear (Easter Bonnets) worn on Easter Sunday to make more festive our celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. Plan ahead now to make that happen.

Easter Lilies

I (WE) WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE LILIES FOR EASTER.

COST IS \$10 per Easter lily

(Please attach payment or place in envelop along with this form) Place order in offering plate or leave in church office. **ORDERS DUE BY SUNDAY MARCH 24th.** Lilies may be picked up and taken home following the Easter service on March 31st.



Plants may be given:

IN MEMORY OF INDIVIDUALS or

IN THANKSGIVING FOR INDIVIDUALS or

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Given by: _____

Total # of lilies _____

Amount given to memorials _____

NAME(s)		In memory of	In thanks-giving for	To God's glory