

# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — ELCA



Sunday, December 28th, 2025

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. 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**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

**C** Amen.

**P** Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Reconciling God,

**C** we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.

**P** God's grace upon grace flows over you. ✚ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

**C** Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN** "Angles We Have Heard on High" **HYMN 289**

## 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

**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.

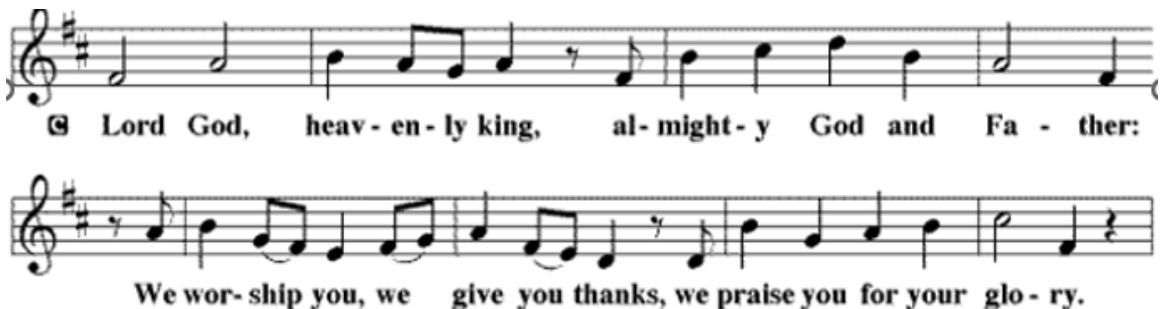
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**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.




Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:

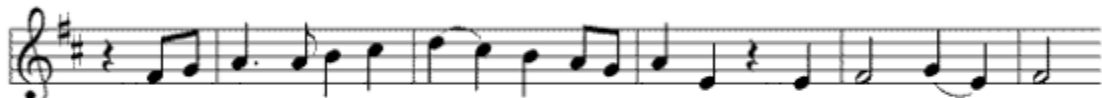
We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.




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. O Lord God,  
**C** you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, 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: Isaiah 63:7-9

<sup>7</sup> I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,  
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,  
because of all that the LORD has done for us  
and the great favor to the house of Israel  
that he has shown them according to his mercy,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

<sup>8</sup> For he said, “Surely they are my people,  
children who will not act deceitfully,”  
and he became their savior  
<sup>9</sup> in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel  
but his presence that saved them;  
in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

R The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

## PSALM: Psalm 148 *(read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise God in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise the LORD, all you angels;  
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they were created,

<sup>6</sup> **who made them stand fast forever and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God’s will;**

<sup>9</sup> mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup> **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**  
<sup>11</sup> **sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;**  
<sup>12</sup> **young men and maidens, old and young together.**  
<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup> **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all  
faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:10-18**

<sup>10</sup> It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup> saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

<sup>13</sup> And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

<sup>14</sup> Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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 2:13-23

*In a dream, Joseph is warned to flee to Egypt to protect the infant Jesus from the jealousy of Herod*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter

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

<sup>13</sup> Now after [the magi] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

<sup>16</sup> When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. <sup>17</sup> Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

<sup>18</sup> “A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

<sup>19</sup> When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup> “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go

to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead."

<sup>21</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene."

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**    *"Angles, from the Realms of Glory"*    **HYMN 275**

**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**    *“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**    Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice in you and look signs of your kingdom come.

**C**    **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**P**    Empowered by the news of Christ’s birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

**RESPONSE TO PRAYERS**    **P** Hear us, O God    **C** **Your mercy is great**  
**Sharon** (Albert), **Linda** (Anderson), **Tom & Alice** (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue** (Aune), **Cindy** (B), **John** (B), **Elaine** (Caelwaerts), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Erin** (Culbertson), **Dianne** (D), **Tom** (D), **Dan** (Fenrich), **Pat** (Fenrich), **Alan** (G), **Barbara** (Hughes/Dean), **Dawn** (Jeanquart), **Charlotte** (K), **Patricia** (Kehl), **Cindy** (Knapp), **Keith** (Knapp), **Myriah** (Krueger), **Kenny** (Meyer), **Beth** (Pachniak), **Monika** (Perry), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Kathy** (S), **Todd** (S), **Delores** (Schuyler), **Irene** (Thorson), **Deb** (Ulrich), **Mary** (Zirbel), **Betty, Bill, Brixanna & Marley, Carole & Russ, Jay, Laurie, and the family of Evelyn Breider.**

**C**    **Amen.**

## 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**

## **BLESSING**

**P** May God who comes among us, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share 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**      *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”*      **HYMN 290**

## **SENDING FORTH**

**P** Go in peace. Keep awake.

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

## **POSTLUDE**

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### Serving in worship today (Dec 28<sup>th</sup>)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou

Plummer

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Reader: Roy Jilburg

Ushers: Jim & Marla Vogel

Keyboard: Janet Anderson

### Serving in worship next week (Jan 4<sup>th</sup>)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou

Plummer

Reader: Cheryl Larson

Ushers: Dean & Cheryl Larson

Communion Assist:

Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Readings for next week (Jan 4<sup>th</sup>)

[Jeremiah 31:7-14](#)

*Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

[Psalm 147:12-20](#)

[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*

If you paid for a poinsettia plant please take it home after worship this morning.

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The Annual Meeting of Hainesville Lutheran Church will be held on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00. This will also be our Souper Sunday with many wonderful soups to try. Reports for the Annual Report are due to the office next Sunday, January 4. This is because they need to be out to the congregation by January 18.

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A Celebration of Life for Evelyn Breider will be here on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

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The un-decorating of the church will take place on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. Please consider helping with this big job.

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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. **NEW** 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
4. The current newsletter
5. The Wired Word for that week. These copies will be on the table each week for you to read and contemplate.

**Stewardship Opportunities Dec 28-**

**Jan 4**

Today the fellowship meal is being provided by the folks whose 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 Dec 28-Jan 4**

**Tuesday Quilting at 9:00**

**Friday 9-12**

Office hours for Lana

**Saturday Family Choir at 9:00**

**Birthdays in January**

Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ed Stawikowski
Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Becky Brown
Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	Elsie Wagner
Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Packniak
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Vicki Hannemann
	Roberta Roalkvan
Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mathilde Hannemann
Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	Becca Anderson
	Nolan Schultz
Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sharon Albert
Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Petersen
Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	Greg Adlon
	Marla Vogel

*Attendance last week: 47*

*Attendance Christmas Eve: 62*

**Wedding Anniversaries in January**

None on record