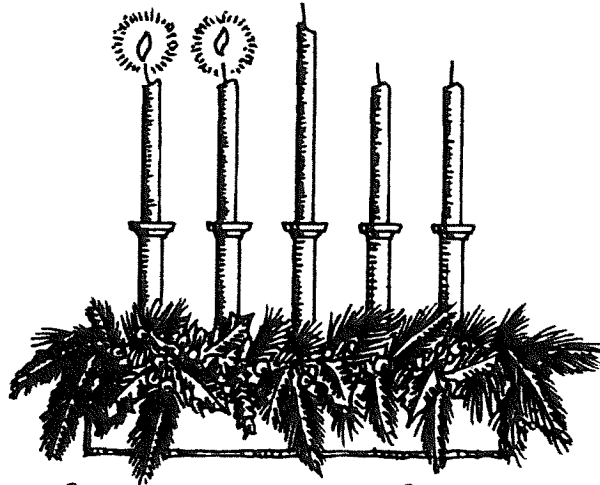


HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — E L C A



Second Sunday
OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 3rd, 2023

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"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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

R The second advent candle is traditionally called the Shepherd Candle. The shepherds sat on a quiet hilltop watching their sheep by night. They were common people like you and me. The angels announce the good news of Jesus' birth to them in the midst of their work. They respond with wonder, curiosity and faith as they seek the savior whom the angles proclaimed. The shepherds are the faithful people of God who seek their savior in the baby Jesus.

R Gracious Lord,

C **let us receive the message of your coming with joy and wonder. Make us curious to find out all that we can about you. Help us to discover the places I the midst of our daily lives where you meet us with your gospel. Lead us to tell others all that we have heard and seen, as it has been told to us. Amen.**

Light two candles.

HYMN: "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

HYMN #240 verse 2

CHILDREN'S CHAT AND NOISY OFFERING FOR HUNGER RELIEF

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

C **Amen.**

P God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Everlasting God,

C **you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.**

P Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests

upon us all.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "Hark, the Glad Sound"

HYMN #239

GREETING

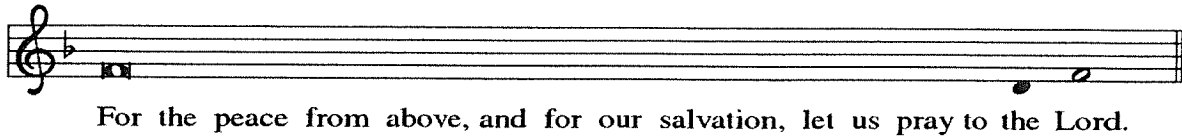
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE (setting #3 pp139-140)



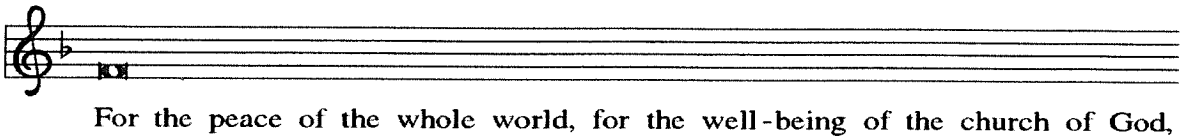
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



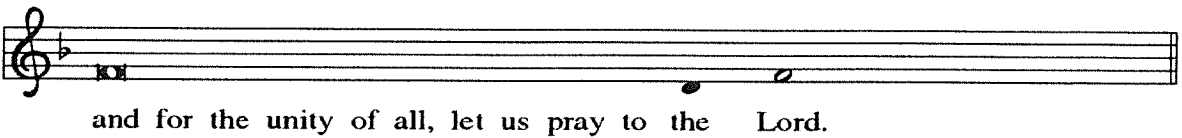
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



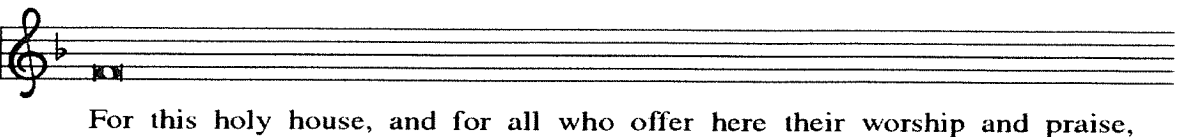
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



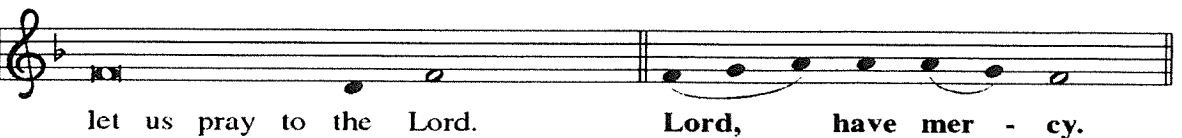
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



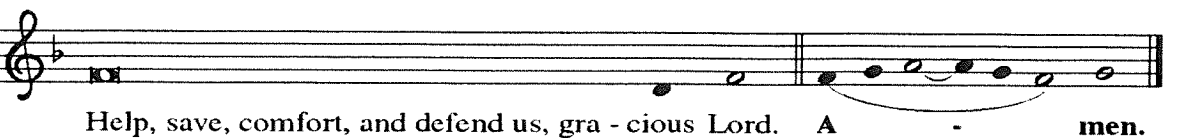
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

C Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; 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 40:1-11

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

R The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (read responsively)

¹You have been gracious to your land, O LORD; you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

²**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.**
⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
 for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn
 their hearts to you.
⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,**
that your glory may dwell in our land.
¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,**
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.
¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD**
and shall prepare for God a pathway.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

⁸Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ^{15a}and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter

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

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

P The Gospel of the Lord C Praise to you O Christ.
(please be seated)

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor David Raben

HYMN OF THE DAY *“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness ”* **HYMN #251**

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS

P *Merciful God*

C Recieve our prayer

Bill (Albert), **Rusty** (Allen), **Tom** (Angermeier), **John** (B), **Devin** (Bartos), **Lyle** (Berndt), **Mary** (Bosben), **Karen & Del** (Brewer), **Elaine & Jim** (C), **Eugene** (Clark), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Robert** (Connrey), **Danielle** (Davis), **Pat** (Fenrich), **Emery** (Freiberg), **Ruth** (Grainger), **Mathilde & Richard** (Hannemann), **Cindy** (Knapp), **Shari** (Krueger), **Ellie** (Krull), **Joe** (May), **Ken** (Overland), **Jodi** (P), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Alice** (Rocque-Angermeier), **Lexi & Laci** (S), **Lori** (Snyder), **Eric** (Thorson), **Charlotte, Erik, Joe, and the family of Sandy Pierre.**

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)*
(you may be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards" (please stand)

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 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.

THE COMMUNION LITURGY *(sung — setting # 3 pp144)*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them 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 offer 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:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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 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

P There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Here Is Bread"

HYMN # 483

"One Bread, One Body"

HYMN # 496

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 BLESSING *(after the distribution has been completed - please stand)*

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit ✠ remain upon 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 gifts to us be blessed. Amen.

SENDING HYMN *"There's a Voice in the Wilderness"*

HYMN #255

SENDING FORTH

P Go in peace. Keep awake.

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

POSTLUDE

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Next Sunday December 10 at 4:00 there will be an Christmas Concert here at Hainesville featuring Mama J and the Praise Hounds. The Family Choir will also be participating. A freewill offering will be taken to raise funds for the stained glass windows. Invite family, friends, and neighbors.

SHHHHHHH— it is that time of the year again when we help a deserving family have a Very Merry Christmas. This year we have two families whom we will be helping. Please get your donations in by Dec. 3. There are special marked cans throughout the church or put it in the offering plate and label it as Secret Santa. Thank you.

Serving in worship today (December 3rd)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad
Ushers: Bonnie Kohn & Roy Jilburg
Reader: Roy Jilburg
Communion Assist: Gordy Hughes
Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

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Readings for next week (December 10th)

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Righteousness and praise flourish like a garden

Psalm 126

The LORD has done great things for us. (Ps. 126:3)

Luke 1:46b-55 (alternate)

You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly. (Lk. 1:52)

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Kept in faith until the coming of Christ

John 1:6-8, 19-28

A witness to the light

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Ushers: John Breider & John Melland

*In the event of weather related closings at church—
please listen to WDOR for cancellation notices and check our Facebook page*

Stewardship Opportunities Dec 3-10

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

Week at a Glance Dec 3rd– 10th**Tuesday Noon**

Book Club

Wednesday 8 AM

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

Wednesday at Noon

Mid-week Advent Service at Bay View

Friday 9-12

Office Hours for Lana

Saturday 9:30

Family Choir Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY at 4:00 PM

Christmas Concert featuring Mama J and the Praise Hounds

Attendance last week: 49

Birthdays for December

Dec 6th	Sandy Swagel
Dec 7th	Luke Brown
	Daylia Sund
Dec 11th	Jeff Gutschow
Dec 12th	David Grunwald
	Emily Hanson
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 30th	Dony Antholt
Dec 31st	William Markham

Anniversaries for December

Dec 3rd	MarJean & Jerry Gutschow
Dec 18th	Dianne & Merle Eskildsen

Because of the increasing number of new members, during the last annual meeting the idea of wearing name tags during Sunday church services was suggested. The positive response by the congregation caused us to pursue the idea.

Name tags for church members have been created and are found down in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick yours up and keep at home or in your car when not in use. We are requesting that they be worn each Sunday during the months of November and December. Starting in January, the first Sunday of the month will be name tag Sunday. Wearing name tags during the other Sundays is optional. We ask that name tags be also worn on Sundays when new members join the church. Ushers will also be expected to wear their name tags.

Any questions you may have can be directed to Ellen Klister or Jim Vogel.

Christ in our Home is now available for January—March. Copies at the front and back of the sanctuary.

POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM

I (WE) WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE A POINSETTIA
PLANT FOR CHRISTMAS.



COST IS \$10.00 per plant.

(Please attach payment or place in envelope along with this form)
Place order in offering plate or leave in church office. Plants may
be picked up and taken home following worship on December
31st. LAST DAY TO ORDER IS SUNDAY December 10th.

Plants may be given:

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF INDIVIDUALS or

IN THANKSGIVING FOR INDIVIDUALS or

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Given by: _____

Total # of plants _____ Paid **CASH** **CHECK**

(Please check which category)

NAME(s) to be listed	In memory of	In honor of	In thanks- giving for	To God's glory