

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA

Sunday, March 6th, 2022 at 9:30 AM First Sunday of Lent

Presiding Minister: Pastor Asher O’Callaghan

PRELUDE

Peggy Odegaard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S CHAT (*students and teachers leave after children’s chat*)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Holy One,

we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43.18-21

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

²**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,
¹⁰**no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot
against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them,
because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 12.1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel: Matthew 6.25-34

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.’

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Asher O’Callaghan

SPECIAL MUSIC

Peggy Odegaard

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 GOD’S PEOPLE

*The response to prayer will be “Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**”*

Rusty (Allen), Lindsay (A), Tom (Angermeier), Shirley (Brandt), Karen & Del (Brewer), Eugene (Clark), Danielle (Davis), Linda (Freier), Ruth (Grainger), Vicki (Hannemann), Anna Lisa (Jilburg),

Ellie (Krull), **Judy** (Larson), **Larry** (Mallien), **Natalie** (Markham), **Joe** (May), **Francine** (Meyer), **Bob and Mary** (Nickel), **Ken** (Overland), **Jodi** (P), **Matthew** (Roque), **Alice** (Roque-Angermeier), **Troy, Deanna, Lexi, & Laci** (Schiesser), **Eric** (Thorson), **Kari** (Uetz), **Aubrey** (W), **Bobette** (Watson), and **Jeanine**.

OFFERING PRAYER

As we are not yet physically passing the offering plate during worship, we do want to recognize and give thanks to God for your offerings that support the work of the church, whether you give electronically through Simply Giving, mail in your offerings, or leave your offerings in the collection plates when you come to worship. Let us rejoice and be glad for God's abundance, that we may joyfully share the resources that God has entrusted us with to put to use to participate in God's work and serve the needs of our neighbors. Thanks be to God!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

You will receive your communion elements from the ushers when you enter the sanctuary. At the direction of the Pastor, please be ready to open your Communion packet to: 1) The wafer on the top; after which we will together share in remembrance of Christ's broken body, and 2) the juice portion after which we will as a community share God's Cup. You can dispose of the empty containers in the provided waste paper baskets as you leave the sanctuary at the end of the service. Gluten free options are available from the ushers as well.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God..... and we will.

POSTLUDE

Peggy Odegaard

Announcements for week of March 6th – 13th

- **TODAY:** Sunday school students will meet following the children's chat and confirmation students will meet in the gathering room after the service until 11:30 AM.
- **WEDNESDAY AT 8 AM:** Men's Breakfast and Bible Study group meets at the church to discuss the gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday.