

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — E L C A



Sunday, October 1st, 2023
Eighteenth 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand)*

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.

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: *"Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"* **HYMN # 848**

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 *(spoken #3 pp139-140)*

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.**

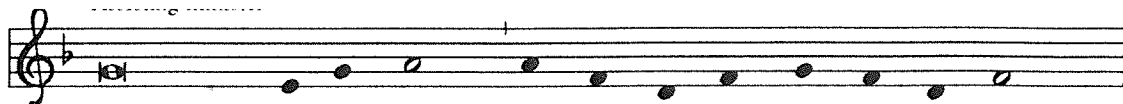
P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious, Lord.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE



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 **O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(you may be seated)

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel?

³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

R The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9 (read responsively)

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

- ⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**
- ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**
- ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness,
O LORD.
- ⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- ⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

- ¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
- ⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
- ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32 *(please stand as you are able)*

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter

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

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Jill Connery

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *“Let the Vineyards” (please stand)*

ELW #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 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.

THE COMMUNION LITURGY *(spoken — 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,

TABLE BLESSING

P Let us pray together the table blessing.

C Come Lord Jesus, be our guest and may these gifts to us be blessed. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

HYMN # 545

SENDING FORTH

P Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

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

POSTLUDE

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Serving in worship today (October 1st)

Presiding minister: Pastor Jill Connery

Reader: Roy Jilberg

Ushers: Bonnie Kohn & Roy Jilberg

Communion Assist: Joanne Adlon

Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Reader: April Mascorro

Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Serving in worship next week (October 8th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Ushers: Dave & Deb Grunwald

Readings for next week (October 8th)

Isaiah 5:1-7

The song of the vineyard

Psalm 80:7-15

Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine. (Ps. 80:14, 15)

Philippians 3:4b-14

Nothing surpasses the value of knowing Christ

Matthew 21:33-46

The parable of the vineyard owner's son

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.

We will be welcoming new members to our church family in the coming weeks. If you would like to join us please let one of the ushers or Lana know. We would love to have you join our family.

Offering envelopes for 2024 are available in the fellowship area. Please take yours home with you.

Ushers are still needed for October. Please see Russ or sign up in the fellowship area by the drinking fountain. Note that we will also need readers and ushers for November. Thank you for your help.

Stewardship Opportunities Oct 1-8

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

Week at a Glance October 1st—8th

Tuesday Noon

Book Club

Wednesday 8 AM

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

Friday 9 AM—Noon

Office hours for Lana

Oct 10th

Brock Aune

Gordy Hughes

Oct 12th

Bill Aune

Oct 17th

Joanne Adlon

Oct 21st

Eugene Clark

Oct 21st

Richard Dunlap

Oct 25th

Gloria LaPlante

Oct 31st

Paul Klapatch

Wedding Anniversaries in October

Oct 2nd

Tim & Rachel Hanson

Oct 5th

Riley & Meggie Sawyer

Oct 10th

Pete & Marlene Larson

Oct 16th

Bill & Sue Aune

Oct 21st

Jeff & Val Espe

Oct 23rd

Kraig & Amy Aune

Attendance last week: 44

Birthdays in October

Oct 2nd

Heather Haese

Oct 4th

Debra Larson

Oct 5th

Linda Kohn

Oct 8th

Emery Freiberg

Jill DeGrave

Oct 9th

Clint Hanson

Wyatt Hanson

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.