

# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH - E L C A



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Fifteenth 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**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**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.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**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:**            *"We All Are One in Mission"*

**WOV #755**

**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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O Lord God,

C **enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S CHAT AND NOISY OFFERING FOR HUNGER RELIEF

**PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40** (read responsively)

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

<sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

<sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

<sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20** (*please stand as you are able*)

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on

earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

### GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

### 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)*  
*(you may be seated)*

### OFFERING

OFFERTORY *“Create in Me”* ELW #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 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

**RESPONSE TO PRAYERS** P *Merciful God*

**C Receive our prayer**

**Rusty (Allen), Tom (Angermeier), John (B), Devin (Bartos), Joe (Bartos), Lyle (Berndt), Karen & Del (Brewer), Eugene (Clark), Mike & Rina (Clumpner), Robert (Connrey), Danielle (Davis), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), Donna (Kaat), Cindy (Knapp), Shari (Krueger), Ellie (Krull), Joe (May), Fran (McCarthy), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Matthew (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeier), Lexi & Laci (S), Eric (Thorson), Charlotte, Erik, and Joe.**

**C Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(please stand as you are able)*

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 OF THE HANDS

P As we live in community with God and one another

**C May our hands be instruments of peace and love.**

P For those who are in need of warmth and food

**C May our hands prepare quilts, blankets, and bread.**

P When a stranger is in our midst

**C May our hands extend a welcome.**

P For the teaching and instruction of all people

**C May our hands be in the Word of God.**

P When injustice is in the world and in our communities

**C May our hands write letters and peacefully join others in solidarity with the poor and the oppressed.**

P In times of sorrow, sickness, and great suffering

**C May our hands be embrace the broken and offer prayers.**

P For those who are in need of physical structures

- C** May our hands build homes, schools and wells.  
**P** God, may we be reminded whatever the need, large or small, you are at work in our hands. Bless these hands that we may serve generously, lovingly, and faithfully.  
**C** Amen.

#### TABLE BLESSING

- P** Let us pray together the table blessing.  
**C** Come Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these thy gifts to us be blessed. Amen.

**SENDING HYMN**      *"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"*      **WOV #723**

#### SENDING FORTH

- P** Go in peace. Go and serve.  
**C** Thanks be to God.... **AND WE WILL !!**

*Following the outdoor worship service, we invite you to participate in God's Work, Our Hands Sunday as a community of faith. We will be joining our brothers and sisters from ELCA congregations across the country and abroad participating in service projects. We will be having outdoor worship from 9:30 am until approximately 10:00am with service projects to follow. Outside, there will be an opportunity to either work as part of the County Highway M clean-up crew, scraping paint, priming paint, or grounds clean-up crew around the church building. Indoors, we will be making tie blankets for Door County Social Services and packing quilts and school kits for LWR.*

**We will be gathering again at 11 AM in the fellowship hall for the fellowship meal.**

#### POSTLUDE

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**NEXT WEEK** Ice cream social and bake sale following worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Please sign up if you are planning to bring something. It makes planning easier. Thank you.

A Bible Study (Be Like Jesus, Live Like Jesus) lead by Pastor Mary Lou Plummers is being offered beginning this Tuesday, September 12th at 9:30 AM. This study will be held the second Tuesday of every month for 11months. If daytime is not good for you and you would like to have it another time, please see Pastor Mary Lou.

## What is Be Like Jesus - Live Like Jesus?



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.

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### 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 \$42,500 has been donated which is about \$27,000 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.

## Stewardship Opportunities Sept 10-17

Today the fellowship meal is being provided by the folks whose last name begins A-K. Next week there will be an Ice Cream Social and Bake Sale following worship.

## Week at a Glance Sept 10-17

### Tuesday 9:30 AM

Bible Study— Be Like Jesus, Live Like Jesus

### Wednesday 8 AM

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

### Friday 9 AM—Noon

Office hours for Lana

### Saturday 9:30 AM

Family Choir Rehearsal

Sept 7th	Jon Klister
Sept 10th	George Sincock Liam Schultz
Sept 11th	Julia Jacobson
Sept 12th	Arne Odegaard
Sept 15th	Taylor Brunette
Sept 16th	Carolyn Melland
Sept 18th	John Borkovetz Charley Carey
Sept 19th	LuAnn Ferron Klapatch
Sept 22nd	Matt Dixner Young
Sept 24th	Tim Hanson
Sept 27th	Jason Freier
Sept 29th	Lana Ferry Jerry Langer Alice Rocque-Angermeier

Attendance last week: 50

## Birthdays in September

Sept 5th Heidi Gutschow  
Edward Sawyer

## Anniversaries in September

Sept 5th Bob & Deb Larson  
Sept 15th Sam Sund & Heather Haese  
Sept 22nd Don & Ardy Lauscher  
Sept 30th Jerry & Lori Langer (Flick)

## Serving in worship today (September 10th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

Ushers: Bill & Sue Nusbaum

Reader: April Mascorro

Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

## Serving in worship next week (September 17th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Judy Deckert

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Ushers: Ellen Klister & Marie Weber

Reader: Jim Hanstad

Communion Assist: Gordy Hughes

Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

## Readings for next week (September 17th)

### Genesis 50:15-21

*Joseph reconciles with his brothers*

### Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)

### Romans 14:1-12

*Accepting diversity in the community of faith*

### Matthew 18:21-35

*A parable of forgiveness in the community of faith*