

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — E L C A



Sunday, July 16th, 2023
Seventh 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 *(please stand)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Eternal God our creator,

C **in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud
thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and
our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus
Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to
us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners;
and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins.

C **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN:

"Gather Us In"


WOV # 718

GREETING

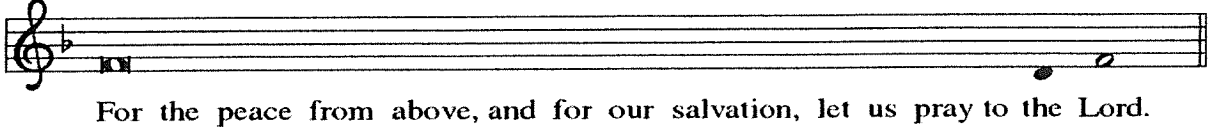
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

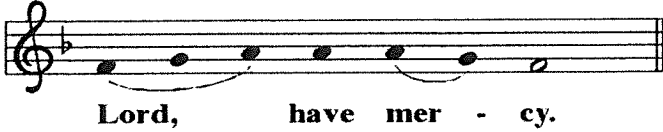
KYRIE (sung setting #3 pp 138-139)



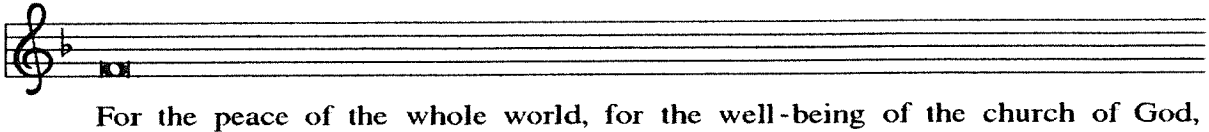
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



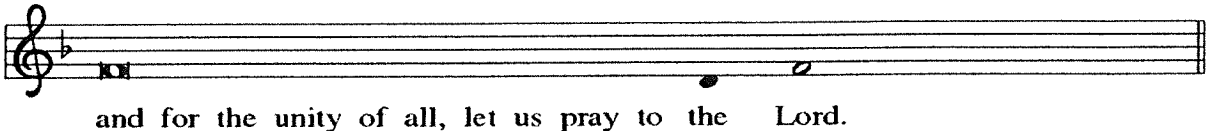
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



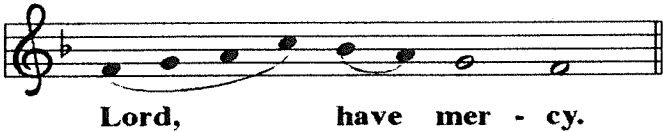
Lord, have mer - cy.



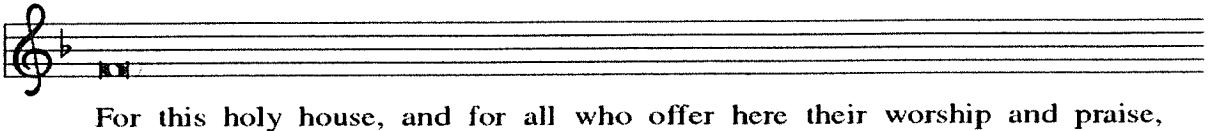
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



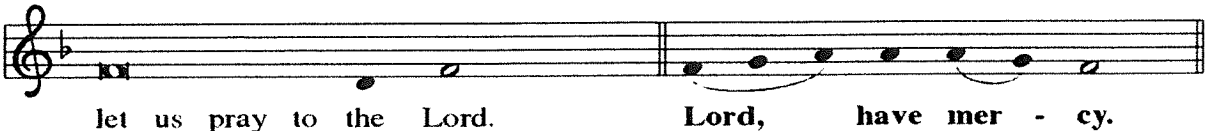
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



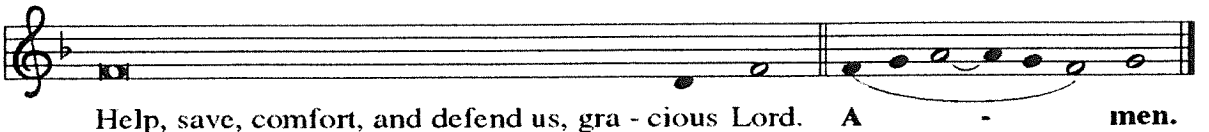
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 (setting #3 pp 140-141)

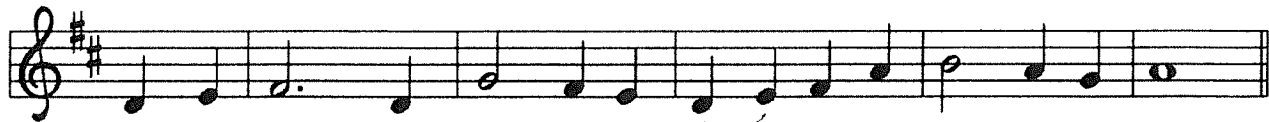


Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

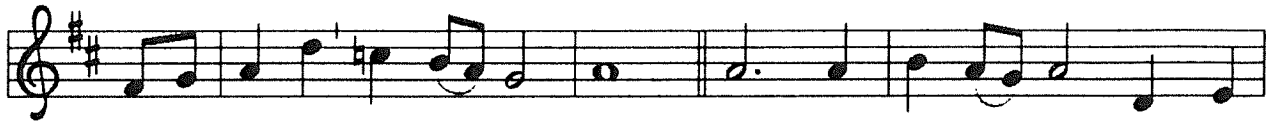


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



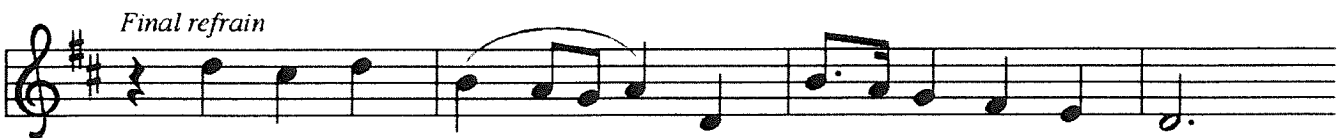
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God,

C **we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(you may be seated)

CHILDREN'S CHAT

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

R The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

²**To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

³Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!**

They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**

⁷You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous**

signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with
joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter

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

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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 (*please stand*) "*Blessed Assurance*"

WOV # 699

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Merle, Dianne, Becky, Luke, Elliott, Hannah, and Donovan who are one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

P They have chosen to become a part of this congregation. We begin this celebration with the profession of what we believe in the words of the Apostle's creed. Will the congregation please stand.

APOSTLES CREED

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

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

P In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

P Brothers and Sisters in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place? *If so, respond with "I do, and I ask God to Help and guide me." Those being welcomed respond.*

New Members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

ALL: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

WELCOME

P Let us welcome our new members to this community of faith.

ALL We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

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)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

RESPONSE TO PRAYER P *Hear us, O God*

C **Your mercy is great**

Rusty (Allen), Tom (Angermeier), 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), Cindy (Knapp), Shari (Krueger), Ellie (Krull), Joe (May), Fran (McCarthy), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Matthew (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeier), Lexi & Laci (S), Isaac (T), Eric (Thorson), Charlotte, and Joe.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

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

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 Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 We who are many are on body, for we all partake of the one bread Come. Be filled with light and life. .

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| COMMUNION HYMNS | <i>“One Bread, One Body”</i> | WOV # 710 |
| | <i>“As The Grains of Wheat”</i> | WOV # 705 |

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 We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

BLESSING

- P May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.

TABLE BLESSING *(based on Luther's SMALL CATECHISM)*

A Table Blessing to Begin a Meal for Families

- P The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.
- C **All here gathered, food from the land, all is gift from your gracious hand. Feed us today; feed all those who hunger; teach us to feed one another. We ask this in the name of the one who is our bread, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"* WOV# 780

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 (July 16th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad
Ushers: Marla & Jim Vogel
Reader: Jim Vogel
Communion Assist: Ellen Klister
Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Serving in worship next week (July 23rd)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben
Ushers: Ellen & Russ Klister
Reader: Marie Weber
Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Big Thank You!

What a great event on Saturday . We hope you had an opportunity to come and enjoy the good food, the good times with neighbors and friends, and even go home with a bargain or two.

Many people helped in so many ways to make this a successful day. People who cooked and prepared food for the meal and the bake sale; organizers for the crafts and the yard sale area; and those who involved in setting up. And we especially thank those that helped in the clean-up... its always a big job. Thank you to all for a big job well done. A special thank you to Carolyn for the many hours put in pricing the items.

This morning we welcome new members to our congregation. Please greet them and get to know them. They are Hannah and Donovan Antholt, Luke, Becky, and Elliott Brown, and Merle and Dianne Eskildsen. They are all going to make a great addition to our Hainesville Church family.

Stewardship Opportunities July 16th-23rd

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

Week at a Glance July 16th-23rd

Monday 6 PM

Church Council meets

Tuesday noon WELCA

Wednesday 8 AM

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

Friday 9-Noon

Office hours for Lana

Attendance last week: 53

Birthdays in July

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| July 1st | Derek Hannemann Don Lauscher |
| July 2nd | Kaden Borkovetz Laura Borkovetz |
| July 3rd | Shanna Schmitz Joey Wilke |
| July 4th | Meggie Lumaye-Sawyer |
| July 6th | Kraig Aune |
| July 8th | Linda Monahan |
| July 9th | Don Heldmann |
| July 10th | Ellen Klister |
| July 16th | Dean Larson |
| July 17th | Adam Gutschow Ceres Sawitzki |

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| July 19th | Ardi Lauscher |
| July 21st | Gary Hannemann |
| July 22nd | Samuel Sund |
| July 24th | Carrie LaPlante |
| July 27th | Leslie Petersen Jim Vogel |
| July 31st | Cheryl Larson |

Wedding Anniversaries in July

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| July 8th | Jim & Linda Monahan |
| July 16th | Arne & Peggy Odegaard Dean & Cheryl Larson |
| July 29th | Paul & LuAnn Klapatch |

Looking ahead for the summer events sponsored by the Women of the ELCA

AUGUST 23rd - Croissant Luncheon - Noon-1:00PM - \$15.00 per ticket

Readings for next week (July 23)

Isaiah 44:6-8

There is no other God than the LORD

Psalm 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)

Romans 8:12-25

The revealing of the children of God

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The parable of the weeds