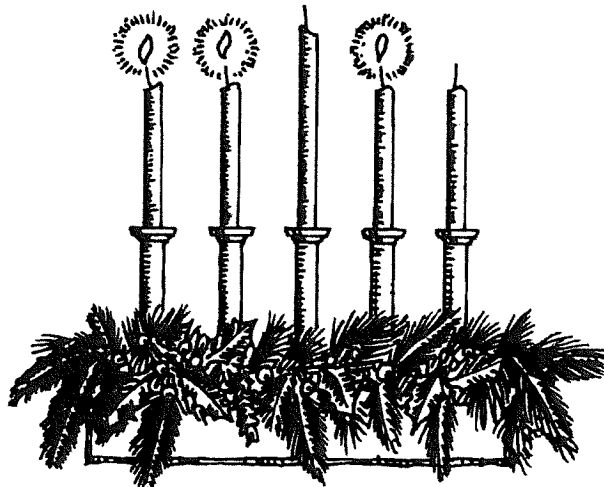


# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — E L C A



*Third Sunday*  
OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 10th, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

"The Little Church with a Big Heart"

Presiding Minister: Pastor David Raben

Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

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Special Music: Family Choir

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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 third 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.**

*(Three candles are lit.)*

**HYMN:** "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

**HYMN #240 verse 3**

## **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:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" **HYMN #254**  
(music in Hymnal will be different than we are singing...words correct)

**GREETING**

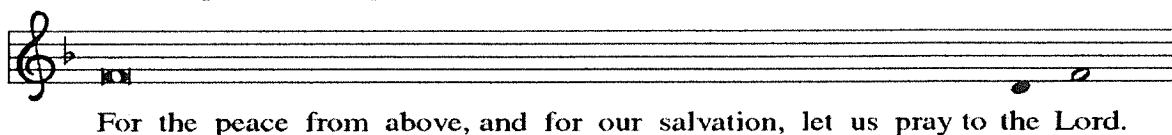
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

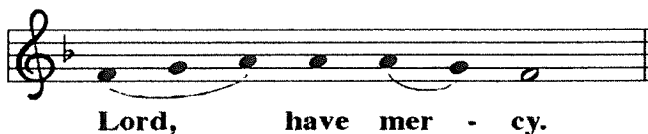
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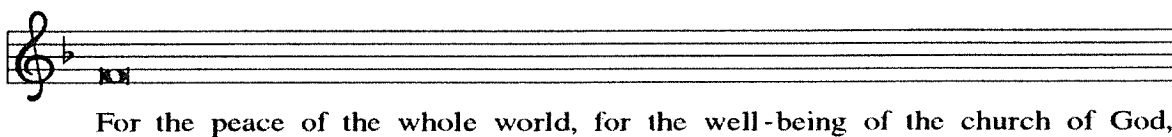
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



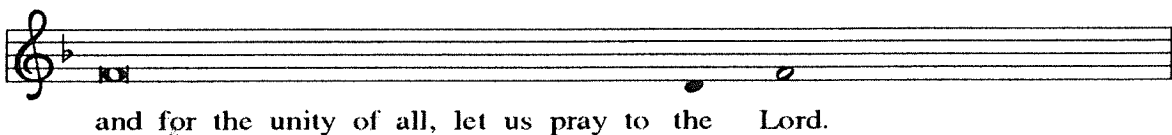
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



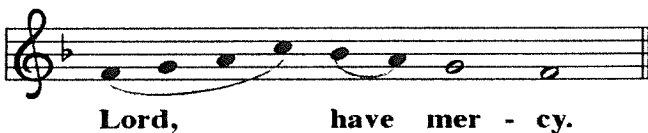
Lord, have mer - cy.



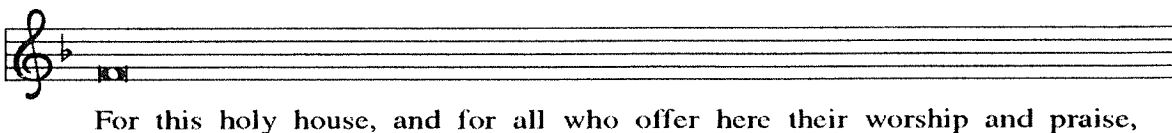
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



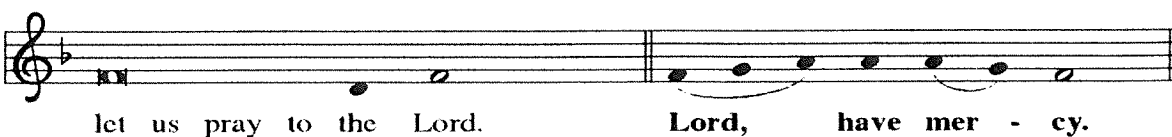
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



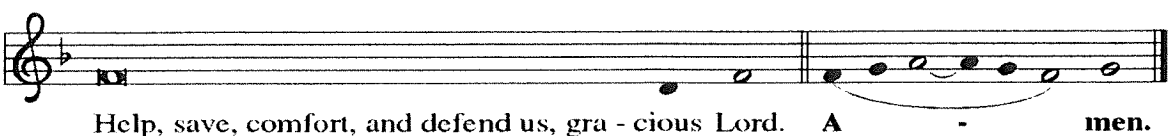
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; 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 61:1-4, 8-11**

<sup>1</sup>The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;

<sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his  
glory.

<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant  
with them.

<sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the  
peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD  
has blessed.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the  
robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride  
adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to  
spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all  
the nations.

**R** The word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God**

## **PSALM: Psalm 126 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,

then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

**Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C **Thanks be to God**

### **GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

*John's gospel describes Jesus as the "light of the world." John the Baptist is presented as a witness to Jesus, one who directs attention away from himself to Christ, the true light.*

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

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

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup>He said,

“I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,  
‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’”  
as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup>Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” <sup>26</sup>John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” <sup>28</sup>This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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**      *“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”*      **Family Choir**

**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"*

HYMN #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 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.

### 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** Receive our prayer

**Bill** (Albert), **Rusty** (Allen), **Tom** (Angermeier), **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), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Alice** (Rocque-Angermeier), **Lexi & Laci** (S), **Lori** (Snyder), **Eric** (Thorson), **Charlotte, Dave, Erik, and Joe**.

**C** Amen.

### 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**

### 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

*"The King Shall Come"*

**HYMN #260**

## SENDING FORTH

P Go in peace. Keep awake.

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

## POSTLUDE

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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.

**TODAY 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. There will also be a bake sale taking place today with the funds going to the stained glass window project. Invite family, friends, and neighbors.

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 \$55,000 has been donated which is about \$14,000 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.

Today is the last day to order your poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.

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Next Sunday the Children's Christmas Program will be held during regular morning worship. Come and support our youth as they tell the story about our Savior's birth.

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

Mid week Advent service will be held here at Hainesville Lutheran at noon on Wednesday this week. A light lunch is planned for following the service. Plan on being here to hear about Prepare.

Serving in worship today (December 10th)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben  
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad  
Reader: Jim Hanstad  
Ushers: John Breider & John Melland  
Special Music: Family Choir  
Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Communion Assist: Joanne Adlon  
Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Readings for next week (December 17th)

**2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**  
*The LORD's promise to David*  
**Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26**  
*Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)*  
**Romans 16:25-27**  
*The mystery of God revealed in Jesus Christ*  
**Luke 1:26-38**  
*The angel appears to Mary*

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**Looking Ahead to 2024 (Corrected from Newsletter)**

- Last day for 2023 donations is December 31.
  - Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers to serve on the Church Council. Please consider being part of this important group. They are looking for
    - Vice President (3 year term)
    - Secretary (3 year term)
    - Auditor (2 year term)
    - Nominating Committee [3] (1 year each)
    - Synod Delegates [2] (1 year each)
- See Bill Albert, Deb Grunwald or John Breider

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

### Stewardship Opportunities Dec 10-17

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

### Week at a Glance Dec 10-17

#### TODAY at 4:00 PM

Christmas Concert featuring Mama J and the Praise Hounds

#### Tuesday 9:30 AM

Be Like Jesus, Live Like Jesus Bible Study

#### Wednesday 8 AM

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

#### Wednesday at Noon

Mid-week Advent service at Hainesville

#### Friday 9-12

Office hours for Lana

### 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

Attendance last week: 43

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.

**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 31<sup>st</sup>. LAST DAY TO ORDER IS SUNDAY December 10<sup>th</sup>.

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)**

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