

# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

an ELCA Congregation



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

"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 always invited. 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**

**FAMILY ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING** *Daylia Sund and family*

**HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" **HYMN #257, verse 1**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**R** At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming.  
O Emmanuel,

**C** **Surprise us by your coming.**

**R** We gather together to let God's good news reorient our lives.  
O Emmanuel,

**C** **Surprise us by your coming.**

**R** We wait for the day when all the world will see the sign that God is with us.  
O Emmanuel,

**C** **Surprise us by your coming.**

**R** We are shocked by how God comes close, even at this very moment.  
O Emmanuel,

**C** **Surprise us by your coming.**

**R** Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of these candles,  
whose flames bring warmth to winter and fill this place with the glow of hope.

**C** **Amen.**

*Light all four candles.*

**HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" **HYMN #257, verse 5**

**O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *(please remain seated)*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us come before the living God in confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

**C** we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

**P** Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, † Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** Amen.

**GREETING** *(please stand as you are able)*

**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**

**HYMN #157**

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for  
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.  
mer - cy. A - men.

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

**C** With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*(you may be seated)*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16

*An Israelite and Aramean military coalition presented a serious threat to King Ahaz of Judah. In response, Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The prophet gives the sign that is the only source of true safety: Immanuel, God is with us!*

<sup>10</sup>The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

**R** The word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God

## PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup>**O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>17</sup>**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

<sup>19</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7**

*Most of the Christians in Rome do not know Paul. In this letter's opening he introduces himself as an apostle divinely appointed to spread God's gospel. The gospel's content is the promised coming of Christ, and Paul's mission is to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations, including his Roman audience.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup>the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup>including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

**GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25** *(please stand as you are able)*

*Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means "God saves."*

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

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

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."<sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife,<sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

P The Gospel of the Lord C Praise to you O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## Confirmation Class

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Go Tell It on the Mountain"*

HYMN #290

*(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**

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

## RESPONSE TO PRAYER

P

*God, in your mercy*

C

**Hear our prayer**

**Hannah (Albert), Rusty (Allen), Lindsay (A), Tom (Angermeier), Devin (Bartos), Karen & Del (Brewer), Sharon (Burr), Eugene (Clark), Danielle (Davis), Carol (Dennis), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Ellen (Groewoldt), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), Shari (Krueger), Ellie (Krull), Don (Lauscher), Linda (M), Larry (Mallien), Joe (May), Francine (Meyer), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Matthew (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeier), Deanna, Laci, Lexi, (S), Eric (Thorson), Kari (Uetz), Jim (Vogel), Nick (Vogel), Jeanine, and Joe.**



## THE PEACE

A 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 *"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

A Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light.

C **Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION LITURGY (*Sung*)

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. 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 Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
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 Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast of salvation.

## 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 when you 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 HYMN

*"Here Is Bread"*

**HYMN #483**

## 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 Let us pray. God for whom we wait, You come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts,

and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**SENDING HYMN**

*“What Child is This”*

**HYMN #296**

**THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

**P** May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice. May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom. May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance. The blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Go in peace. Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Christ.

**C** **THANKS BE TO GOD.... AND WE WILL!**

**POSTLUDE**

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Please join us for worship this Saturday, December 24th at 4 PM for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service!

Also, join us for our Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday, December 25th at 9:30 AM.

## Stewardship Opportunities

### Dec 18th—25th

Today the fellowship meal is being provided by people whose last name begins with A-K. Next Sunday there will be no meal due to Christmas day. January 1st the folks whose last names begins with L-Z will provide the meal. *Visitors and members alike are welcome to share in our fellowship meals. Come on down.... And get to know your neighbors and friends.*

There is a wonderful Christmas Cookie and baked good sale today after the service.

Let us help you with your holiday baking.

*The new devotional booklets for Jan –March 2023 are now available from the usher table at each entrance to the sanctuary.*

### Week at a Glance Dec 18nd—25th

Friday 9 AM—noon

Office hours for Lana

Saturday 4 PM *Christmas Eve*

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### Birthdays for December

Dec 6th Sandy Swagel

Dec 7th Daylia Sund

Dec 11th	Jeff Gutschow
Dec 12th	Emily Hanson
	David Grunwald
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 31st	William Markham

### Anniversaries for December

Dec 3rd MarJean & Jerry Gutschow

**THANK YOU** to Heather Haese for organizing our Children's Message today. Thank you to Ben Dixen Young, Daylia Sund, Reese Sund, and Delaney Wilke for their message today.

REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT ARE DUE THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY 2023

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



Let us help you with your holiday baking. There will be a Christmas cookie/candy sale after church today. Thank you for participating either as a baker or as a purchaser (or both).