# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH -ELCA



# Sunday, December 1st, 2024

First Sunday in Advent "The Little Church with a Big Heart"

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In case of a pastoral emergency contact Pastor Mary Lou Plummer on her cell phone at (715)451-9992 Email hainesvillepastor@hainesvillelc.com 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

#### FAMILY ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (Elliott Brown)

- R Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.
- C You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near.
- R Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.
- C Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation.
- R Blessed be God forever.
- C Amen.

Light the first candle.

**HYMN** "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

**HYMN # 242** 

# CHILDREN'S CHAT

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\oplus$  one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P God of mercy,
- We confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.
- P God of might,
- C we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.
- P God in our midst,
- C we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth

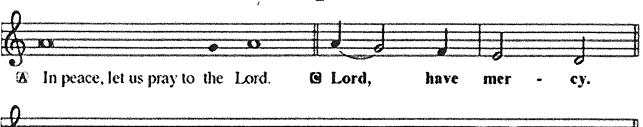
in us.

- P A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through + Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.
- C Amen.

#### **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 pp 147-148)



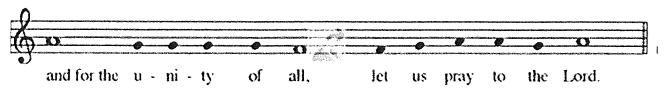


30 For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

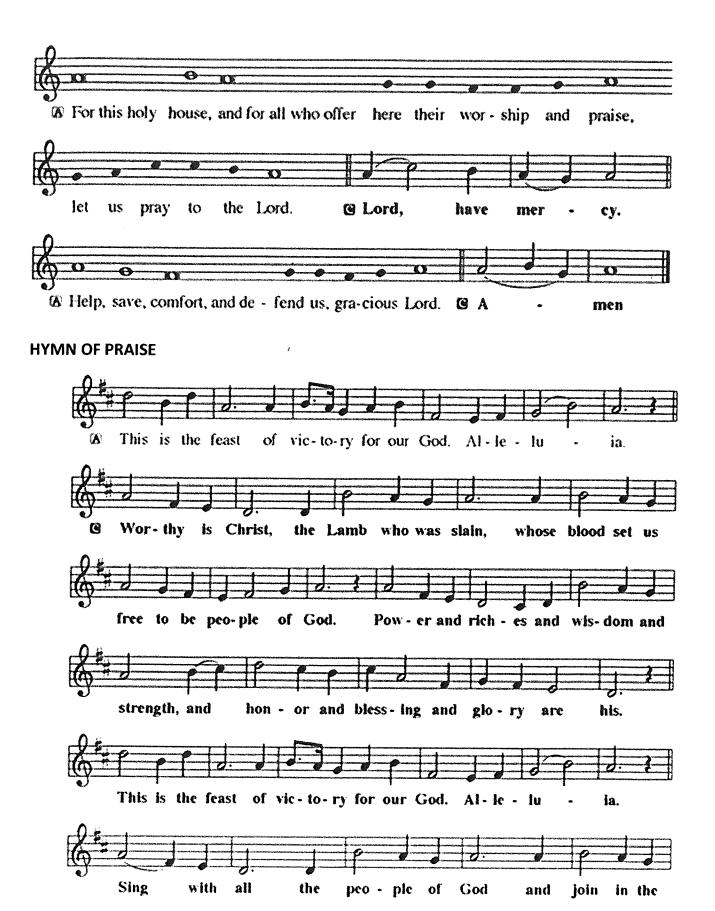


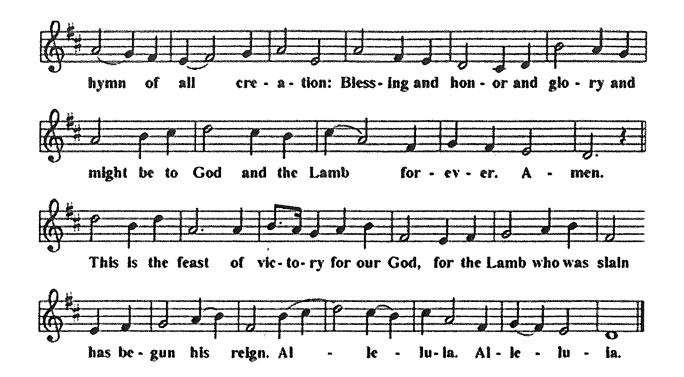


To the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,









#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
- C By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

R The word of the Lord C Thanks be to God

**PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10** (read responsively)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

## <sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,

for they are from everlasting.

<sup>7</sup>Remember 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.

<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

#### **GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36**

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

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

## C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they

sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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** 

"I Wish You Jesus"

**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.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS P Lord, in your mercy C receive our prayer
Heather (Anschutz), Bill & Sue (Aune), Danielle (D), Carol (Dennis), Scott
(Fittshur), Angie (H), Bridgette (Jones), Charlotte (K), Keith (Knapp), Rachel
(Kriska), Joel (L), Melba (Lundeen), Amie (M), David (Plummer), Jim (R), Sandy
(T), Irene (Thorson), Betty, Bruce, and Pastor Laura.

#### C 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

"Let the Vineyards" (please stand)

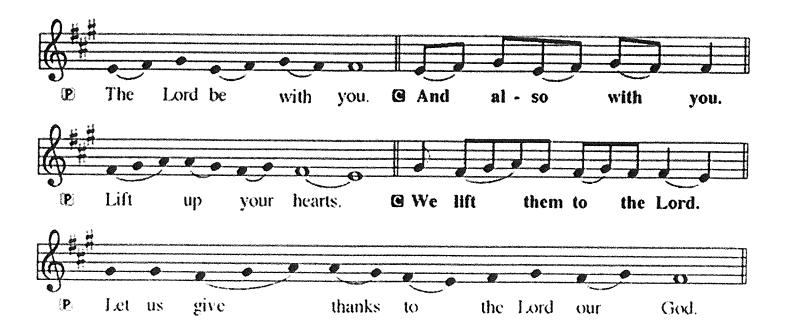
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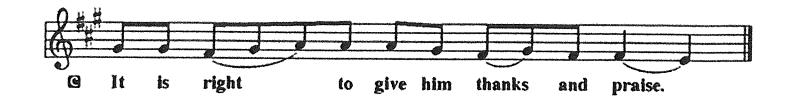
C Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

- P Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### THE COMMUNION LITURGY





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:



#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

- 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 Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

# **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 HYMN** 

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

**HYMN # 471** 

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

**HYMN # 479** 

"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

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.

C Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

P God all mighty, God most merciful  $\oplus$  bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

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** 

"Hark, the Glad Sound!"

**HYMN # 239** 

#### **SENDING FORTH**

P Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emffanuel.

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

#### **POSTLUDE**

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We are once again doing out Secret Santa Project. We have chosen a local family who we want to bring some extra cheer to this Christmas Season. Please leave your contribution in one of the cans labeled for Secret Santa in the church or put it in the offering plate with a note on it so that it goes the correct place. We have made a difference in the lives of many in the community in the past and want to do the same again this year.

Now is the time to order poinsettia for Christmas. You may choose to receive a plant or not. Each plant is \$10.00. If you choose to give money and not take a plant home just say 0 plants. All plants should be taken home following worship on December 29th. This is a great way to make our sanctuary more festive for the celebration of the birth of our Lord.

# Serving in worship today (December 1st)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben

Liturgist:

Jim Hanstad

Reader:

Joanne Adlon

Ushers:

John Breider & John Melland

Communion Assist: Gene LaPlante Keyboard:

Peggy Odegaard

Special Music: Family Choir

# Serving in worship next week (December 8th)

Presiding Minister: Pastor David Raben

Liturgist:

Jim Hanstad

Reader:

Jim Vogel

**Ushers:** 

Jim & Marla Vogel

Keyboard:

Peggy Odegaard

# Readings for next week: December 8th

Malachi 3:1-4

My messenger is a refiner and purifier

Luke 1:68-79

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from

on high shall break upon us. (Lk. 1:78)

Philippians 1:3-11

A harvest of righteousness on the day of Jesus Christ

Luke 3:1-6

Prepare the way of the Lord

Stewardship Opportunities Dec 1-8	Dec 7th	Luke Brown
Today the fellowship meal is being		Daylia Sund
provided by the folks whose last	Dec 11th	Jeff Gutschow
name begins A-K. Next week the fel-	Dec 12th	David Grunwald
lowship meal will be provided by the		<b>Emily Hanson</b>
folks whose last name begins L-Z.	Dec 13th	Bill Nusbaum
	Dec 15th	Jeff Espe
Week at a Glance Dec 1-8	Dec 16th	Lyle Berndt
Tuesday Book Club Noon		Becca Larson
Wednesday 8 AM	Dec 18th	Bob Larson
Men's breakfast and Bible Study	Dec 20th	Colleen Melland
Wednesday Noon	Dec 21st	Dave Freier
Midweek Advent Service at Bay View	Dec 22nd	Bill Albert
Friday 9-12	Dec 27th	Rick Hannemann
Office hours for Lana	Dec 30th	Dony Antholt
Saturday 9 AM	Dec 31st	William Markham
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# **Wedding Anniversaries in December**

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Attendance last week: 64	Dec 3rd	MarJean & Jerry Gutschow		
	Dec 18th	Dianne & Merle Eskildsen		

# **Birthdays in December**

Dec 6th Sandy Swagel

We are looking for someone to help with teaching Sunday School. This will begin January 4th. Please prayerfully consider this service to our young people. Please see Joanne with any questions.

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday Dec. 7th at 9AM. Please come and help make our church festive for the Christmas Season.

Midweek Advent Services begin this week. We are doing this in partnership with Bay View and Tanum Forest. Services will be as follows:

Dec 4 at Bay View at noon

Dec 11 at Hainesville at noon

Dec 18 at Tanum Forest at noon

A light lunch will follow each service.

## **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 29th. LAST DAY TO ORDER IS SUNDAY December 8th. Plants may be given:

# IN MEMORY/HONOR OF INDIVIDUALS OF IN THANKSGIVING FOR INDIVIDUALS OF TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Given by:			
Total # of plants	Paid	CASH	СНЕСК
(Please check which category	<b>()</b>		

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