

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

an ELCA Congregation



Sunday, February 12th, 2023

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
"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

CHILDREN'S CHAT AND NOISY OFFERING FOR HUNGER RELIEF

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One, source of our renewal,

C **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

(please stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN:

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

HYMN # 671

GREETING

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

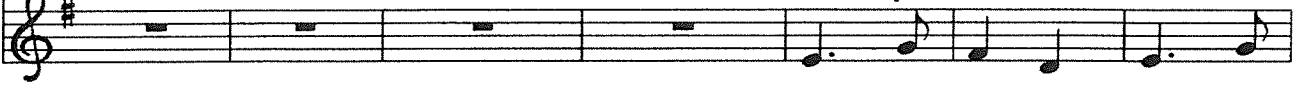
C And also with you.

Leader

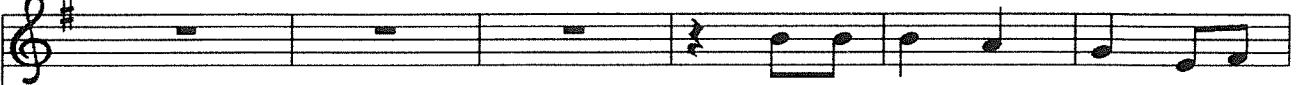


In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

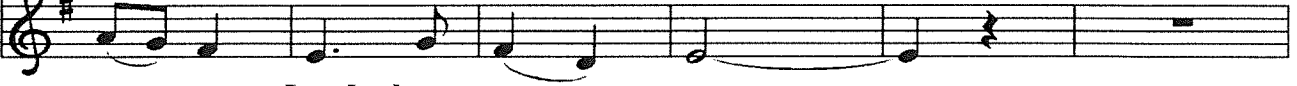
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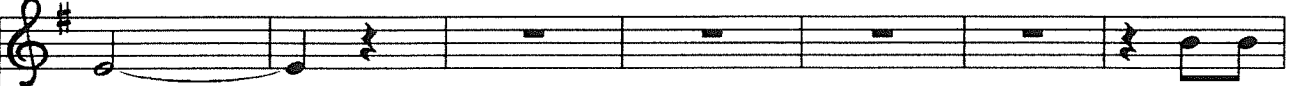
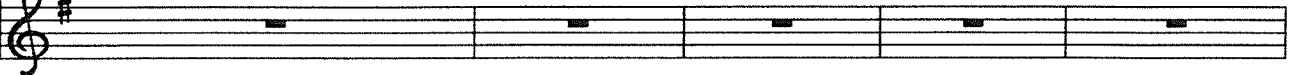
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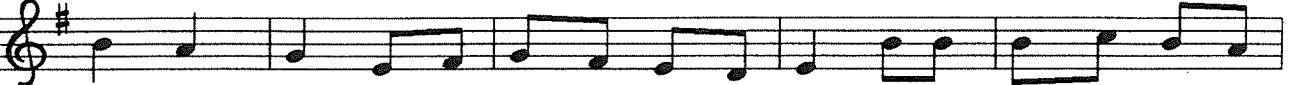


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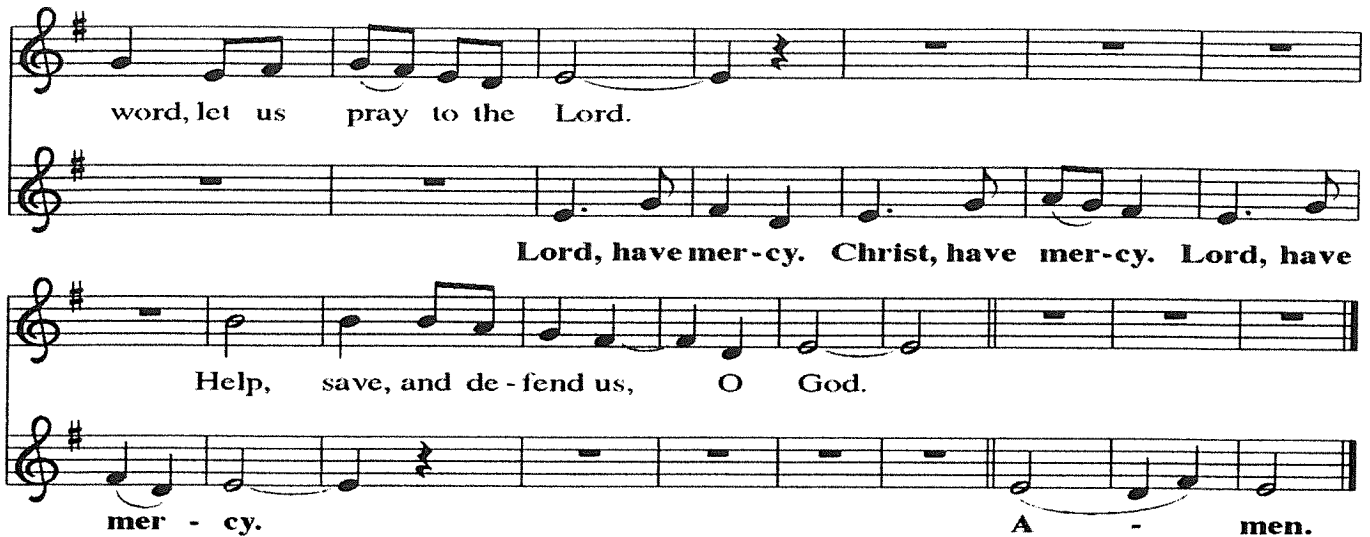


Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise to You O God of Mercy"

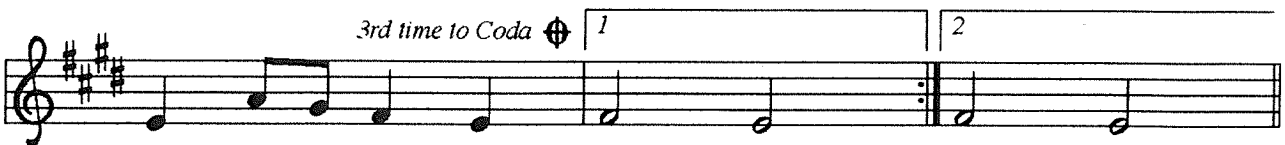
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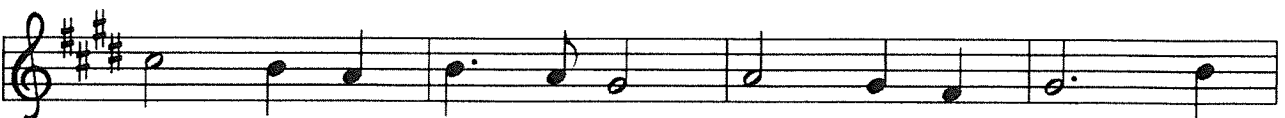
1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
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Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us. to stanza 3

♩ Coda

ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God,
C the strength of all who hope in you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(please be seated)

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

R The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 119:1-8 (*read responsively*)

- ¹Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD!
²Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,
³who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.
⁴You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.
⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!
⁶Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.
⁷I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.
⁸I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-26 (*please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel*)

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you O Christ.** *(please be seated)*

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

(please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Praise to the Lord”

Family Choir

INSTALLATION OF LEADERS IN THE CONGREGATION

The following persons, have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership on the Church Council, are asked to come forward: **Joanne Adlon – Council President, Sue Nusbaum—Council Secretary, and Gene LaPlante—Properties Trustee.**

It is our privilege to recognize and support those who are engaged in the work of this congregation, and we give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that this sister and brother will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

The presiding minister continues.

You have been elected to a position of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church. You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world. You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified. You are to be an example of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the office to which you have been elected?

Response: **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

The assembly stands. Those being installed face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support Joanne and your elected and appointed leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C We will, and we ask God to help us.

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

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 *(please stand as you are able)* **"Create in Me"** HYMN #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with 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 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.**

(PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

RESPONSE TO PRAYER P *Merciful God* C **Receive our prayer**
Rusty (Allen), Lindsay (A), Tom (Angermeier), Devin (Bartos), Karen & Del (Brewer), Eugene (Clark), Robert (Conrey), Danielle (Davis), Carol (Dennis), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Ellen (Groewoldt), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), Cindy (Knapp), Shari (Krueger), Ellie (Krull), Linda (M), Larry (Mallien), Joe (May), Francine (Meyer), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Matthew (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeier), Deanna, Lacy, Lexi (S), Hans (Sawitzki), Eric (Thorson), Kari (Uetz), Nick (Vogel), Jeanine, and Joe.

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

SENDING HYMN

“Christ Be Our Light”

HYMN #715

THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

P May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

C Amen.

P Go in peace. Let your light shine.

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

POSTLUDE

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Education: Heather Haese

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Worship: Gordy Hughes

Property: Gene LaPlante, John Melland

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

February 12th—19th

The fellowship meal today is being provided by the families whose last names begin L-Z. The fellowship meal on Feb 19th will be furnished by the family of Edward Lee Sawyer who will be baptized next week. Everyone is invited to attend the fellowship lunches. Come and visit with your neighbors and friends.

Week at a Glance February 12th—19th

Wednesday 8 AM

Men's Bible study & breakfast

Friday 9 AM— Noon

Office hours for Lana

Birthdays in February

Feb 4th	Regan Markham
Feb 5th	Pete Larson
Feb 11th	Isaak Aune
Feb 13th	Ben Young
Feb 15th	Pam Freiberg
Feb 16th	Margery Reynolds
Feb 19th	Jerry Gutschow
Feb 23rd	Evelyn Breider Sue Larsen

Anniversaries in February

Feb 9th	Don & Karin Heldmann
Feb 18th	Mathilde & Richard Hannemann
Feb 26th	Jim Hanstad & Gordy Hughes

Attendance last week: 52

There is a basket in the basement by the television for donations of food for those less fortunate. Please bring what you are able and they will be taken into Sturgeon Bay to be given locally.

We will be receiving new members again in April or May. If you are interested in joining our family here at Hainesville just let someone know and we will help you out.

Serving in worship today (February 12th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Ushers: Gene & Gloria LaPlante

Reader: Gloria LaPlante

Special Music: Family Choir

Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

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Readings for next week (February 19th)

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Choose life

Psalm 119:1-8 Happy are they who follow the teaching of the LORD. (Ps. 119:1)

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 God gives the growth

Matthew 5:21-37 The teaching of Christ: forgiveness

Serving in worship next week (February 19th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Jill Connery

Ushers: Jim & Marla Vogel

Communion Assistant: Joanne Adlon

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 19

Baptism of Edward Lee

FEBRUARY 22

Ash Wednesday Services at 7PM

MARCH 12

Mama J and the Praise Hounds

MARCH 26

Mama J and the Praise Hounds

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

At Tanum Forest at 1:00 and 6:00 each Wednesday