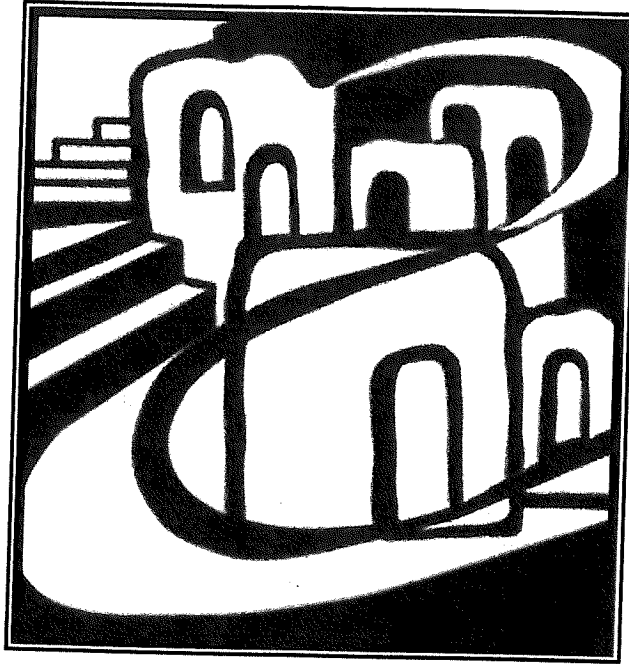


HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA



Sunday, May 7th, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

"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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C Amen.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and Supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

P Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C Amen.

(please stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN "Lord I Lift Your Name On High"

Verse

Lord I lift Your name on high

Lord I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus

**You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high**

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 *(spoken)*

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God ,

C **Your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** *(you may be seated)*

CHILDREN'S CHAT

FIRST READING: ACTS 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

R The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (read responsively)

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

²**Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵**My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"
⁸and

"A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 14:1-14 (*please stand as you are able*)

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not

believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

“Shout To The Lord”

Verse

**My Jesus my Savior
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You**

Chorus

**Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You**

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 INTERCESSION

P United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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), Carol (Dennis), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), Cindy (Knapp), Shari (Krueger), Ellie (Krull), Larry (Mallien), Joe (May), Fran (McCarthy), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Matthew (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeier), Lexi & Laci (S), Eric (Thorson), Kari (Uetz), Nick (Vogel), and Joe.

C **Amen**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Please share the peace of Christ with those around you at this time.
(you may be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand as you are able)*

- P Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.
- C Amen.

THE COMMUNION LITURGY *(spoken)*

- 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.

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**

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 HYMNS *“Breathe”*

Verse

**This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me**

Chorus

**And I I'm desperate for You
And I I'm lost without You**

“There Is One Gospel”

Verse 1

**There is one Gospel on which I stand
For all eternity
It is my story my Father's plan
The Son has rescued me
Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace
My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

Verse 2

**There is one Gospel to which I cling
All else I count as loss
For there where justice and mercy meet
He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring
No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

Verse 3

There is one Gospel where hope is found

The empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Savior down
He lives and I am free
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes
My life is His and His hope is mine
For he has promised I too will rise
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Verse 4

And in this Gospel the church is one
We do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on
To lead us safely home
And when in glory still I will sing
Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Savior the King of life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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 Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you
send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of
heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus'
resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the
same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.
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 *"Soon And Very Soon"*

Verse 1

Soon and very soon

We are going to see the King

Soon and very soon

We are going to see the King

Soon and very soon

We are going to see the King

Chorus

Hallelujah hallelujah

We're going to see the King

Verse 2

No more crying there

We are going to see the King

No more crying there

We are going to see the King

No more crying there

We are going to see the King (chorus)

Verse 3

No more dying there

We are going to see the King

No more dying there

We are going to see the King

No more dying there

We are going to see the King (chorus)

SENDING FORTH

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.

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

POSTLUDE

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Stewardship Opportunities May 7th—14th

Everyone is welcome to join us for the fellowship meal downstairs following the worship service. Hosting the meal are the folks whose last names begin with L-Z. Next week the host families are those whose last names begin with A-K.

Week at a Glance May 7th—14th

Wednesday 8 AM

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

Friday 9-Noon

Office hours for Lana

Saturday 9:30 AM

Family Choir rehearsal

Attendance last week: 42

Birthdays in May

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| May 6th | Joshua Degrave Kurt DeGrave |
| May 10th | Karin Heldmann Delaney Wilke |
| May 11th | Jessica Jacobson |
| May 16th | Barbro Wilson |
| May 19th | Roy Jilburg |
| May 25th | Jim Monahan |
| May 31st | John Melland |

Wedding Anniversaries in May

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| May 15th | George Sincock & Jane Roalkvan-Sincock |
| May 20th | Carolyn & John Melland Tiffany & Nick Schultz |
| May 23rd | Jill & Kurt Degrave |

Looking ahead for the summer events sponsored by the Women of the ELCA
MAY 17th-Salad Luncheon - Noon-1-
\$12.00

JUNE 2nd - Fish Boil - 5-6:30PM - \$18.00
reservations are due May 26th

JULY 15th - Goods & Goodies - 9:00AM-
1:00PM; bake sale, lunch, craft sale

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

From Carolyn concerning the July Goods & Goodies sale:

To anyone wishing to donate items for the yard sale...Please leave donations by the memorial wall no later than July 8th. DO NOT LEAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING

- * Clothing of any kind
- * Microwave ovens
- * Computers/Peripherals
- * TV sets/Monitors
- * Refrigerators
- * Freezers
- * Organs
- * Air conditioners
- * Mattresses

**All other items are very much appreciated and we thank you. If you have any larger items or questions please call Carolyn Melland at
920-743-4470
920-495-2871**

Serving in worship today (May 7th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

Reader: Gloria LaPlante

Ushers: Gloria & Gene LaPlante

Communion Assist: George Sincock

Music: Mama J and the Praise Hounds

Serving in worship next week (May 14th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Reader: Jim Hanstad

Ushers: Ellen & Russ Klister

Special Music: Family Choir

Luke, Gordy & Jim

Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Readings and Psalm

Acts 17:22-31 *Paul's message to the Athenians*

Psalm 66:8-20 Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (*Ps. 66:8*)

1 Peter 3:13-22 *The days of Noah, a sign of baptism*

John 14:15-21 *Christ our advocate*

We are looking for donations for Feed My People. There is a basket in the basement by the television to place them in. They will be brought to them. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Please bring your Tadych's Marketplace and Pick'n Save receipts to church. There are baskets for them on the table in the basement. These are turned back into the stores and money is given back to the church from Tadych's Marketplace and to Habitat for Humanity from Pick'n Save.

We are planning a new member Sunday in June. Are you looking for a church home? We would like you to join our family.