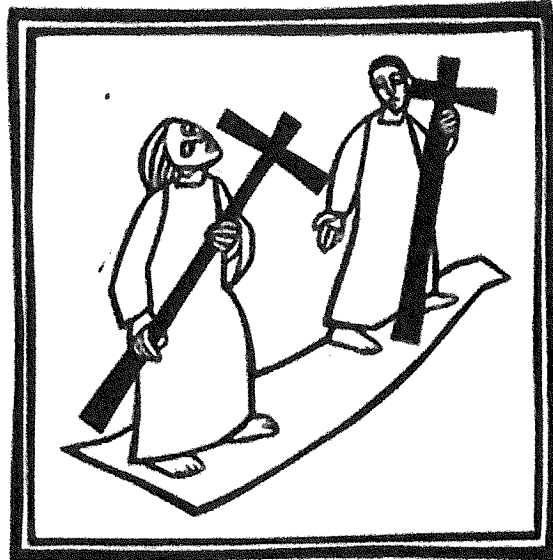


HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA



Sunday, February 25th, 2024

Second Sunday In Lent

"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

CHILDREN'S CHAT AND NOISY OFFERING FOR LOCAL HUNGER RELIEF

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

P Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN:

"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

HYMN # 399

GREETING

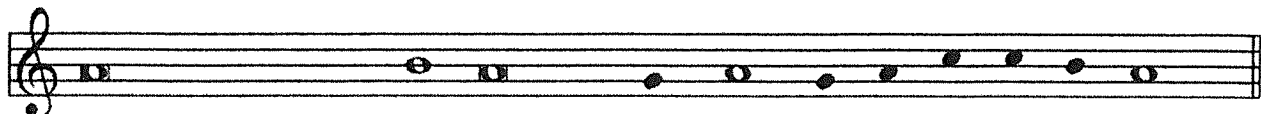
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

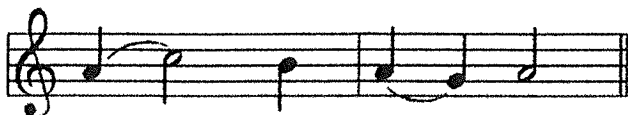
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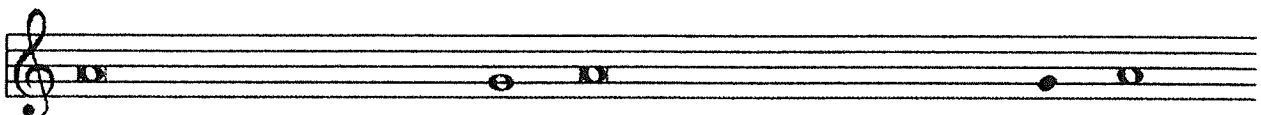
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



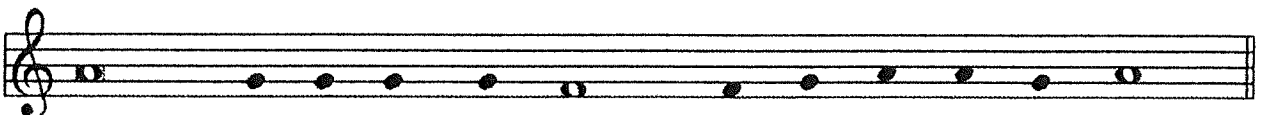
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



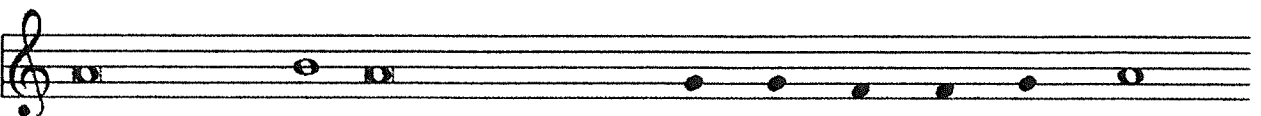
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



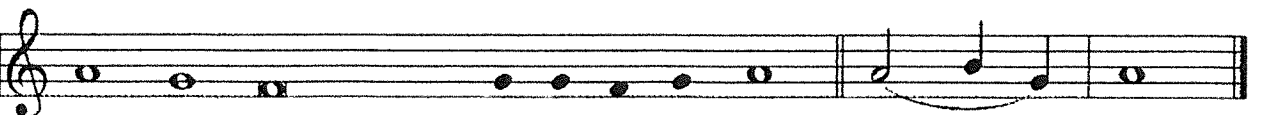
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

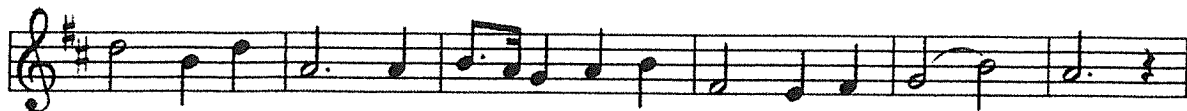


let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

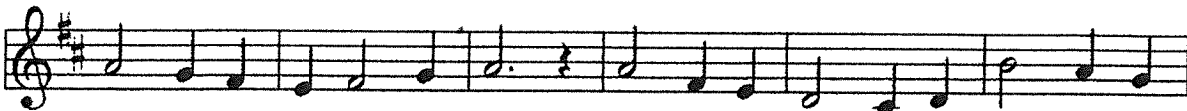
HYMN OF PRAISE



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



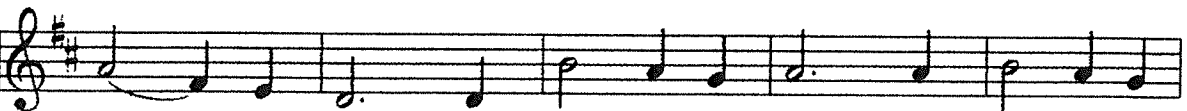
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God,

C **by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

R The word of the Lord C **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 22:23-31 (read responsively)

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,**

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

R Word of God, Word of Life C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*setting #4 pp151*)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter

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

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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 *"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"* **HYMN # 517**

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)*

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 Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS P *Hear us O God* C **Your mercy is great**
Tom (Angermeier), Lyle (Berndt), Karen & Del (Brewer), Elaine & Jim (C), Eugene (Clark), Mike & Rina (Clumpner), Danielle (D), Garrison (Dixner), Lynn (Eskildsen), Pat (Fenrich), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Charlie (H), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), Charlotte (K), Cindy (Knapp), Ellie (Krull), Joe (May), Ken (Overland), Matthew (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeier), Lexi (S), Lori (Snyder), Eric (Thorson), Dave and Erik.

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 God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✚ bless you and remain with you always.

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 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* **HYMN # 807**

SENDING FORTH

P Go in peace. Spread the Good News.

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

POSTLUDE

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Stewardship Opportunities Feb 25-Mar 3

Today the following the worship service the folks with the last name that begins L-Z will be providing the fellowship meal. Next week the folks whose last name begins with A-K will be providing the meal.

Week at a Glance Feb 25-March 3

Tuesday at 9:00

Quilting for missions

Wednesday 8 AM

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

Friday 9-12

Office Hours for Lana

Attendance last week: 43

Birthdays in February

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

Anniversaries in February

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

Thank You All!

As of February 4, your donations for the Stained Glass Windows have met our goal. Thanks to your heartfelt generosity, \$68,935 was given in just over a year's time! Window ideas from our committee, Pastor Mary Lou and others have been submitted to Conrad Schmitt Studios. We look forward to sharing those exciting plans with all of you.

With many thanks,

Linda Monahan, Bill Albert, Evelyn Breider, Jim Vogel

Starting with the new year we have reinstated the prayer request policy of the past. This means that your prayer request will be on the list for 3 months unless you state otherwise. You can re-request to keep them on the list or put them back on if they have come off and you would like them on again. Prayer request forms are found on the back of each pew on colorful card stock. Please fill them out and place them in the offering plate or on the desk in the office area. Thank you for your co-operation with this worthwhile ministry for those who are struggling among us.

Serving in worship today (February 25th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad
Ushers: Dave & Deb Grunwald
Reader: Lana Ferry
Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Serving in worship next week (February 18th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad
Reader: Pam Freiberg
Ushers: Jerry & Lori Langer
Communion Assist: George Sincock
Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Readings for next week (March 3rd)

Exodus 20:1-17

The commandments are given at Sinai

Psalm 19

The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Christ crucified, the wisdom of God

John 2:13-22

The cleansing of the temple

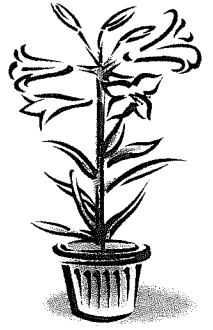
There will be a National Collegiate Day of Prayer this Thursday, February 29th. You're invited to participate and pray for those who are our future leaders. This will be held at Friends Community Church (204 W. Maple St, Sturgeon Bay) at 6:00 pm. You are invited to also submit names and prayer requests of High School Seniors and College students at <https://bit.ly/cdopdc>.

We are becoming more aware of the problem of hunger in our own county. We are therefore beginning to make a more concerted effort to help those who are in need around us. Our noisy offering this morning and every time it is taken will be now used to help feed those here in Door County. We also have a basket in the fellowship area where nonperishable items and personal hygiene needs can be dropped off.

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

Easter Lilies

I (WE) WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE LILIES FOR EASTER.



COST IS \$10 per Easter lily

(Please attach payment or place in envelop along with this form) Place order in offering plate or leave in church office. ORDERS DUE BY SUNDAY MARCH 24th. Lilies may be picked up and taken home following the Easter service on March 31st.

Plants may be given:

IN MEMORY OF INDIVIDUALS or

IN THANKSGIVING FOR INDIVIDUALS or

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Given by: _____

Total # of lilies _____

Amount given to memorials _____

NAME(s)		In memory of	In thanks-giving for	To God's glory