

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELCA



Sunday, September 6th, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, our hope, our heart, our home.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Everlasting God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,

C **we confess that we participate in systems that perpetuate oppression and injustice. We are often numb to the pain of the world around us, resistant to change that costs us something, and reluctant to love our neighbors as ourselves. We sin against your good creation, failing to be faithful stewards of the land, the sea, and all their creatures. Make your home among us once more, O God, naming us beloved and opening our hearts to do your will. Amen.**

P All you saints and sinners, this good news is for you:
God knows you, forgives you by the self-giving of ✚ Jesus Christ, and frees you to love the world as you have been loved. Creation's story will not end until mourning, crying, and pain are no more. When everything else changes, God's love is steadfast and sure. Nothing can ever separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "Give to Our God Immortal Praise!" HYMN 848

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 *(setting 4 pp 148)*



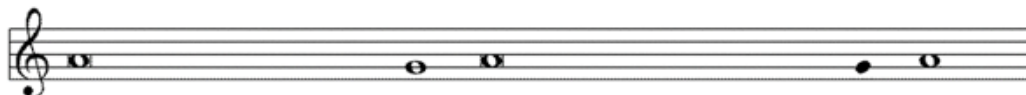
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



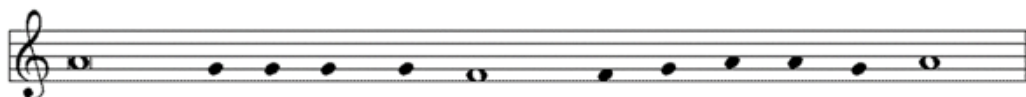
A For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



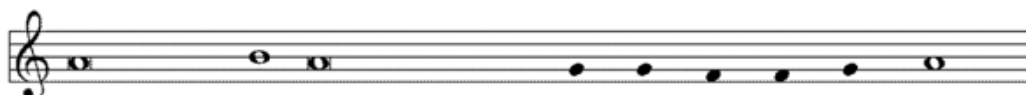
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



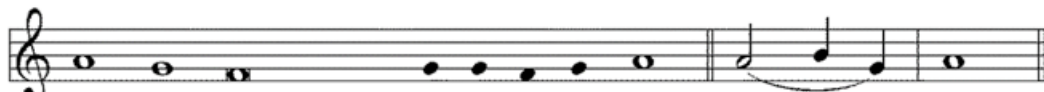
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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. A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE *(setting 4 pp 149-150)*



A Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



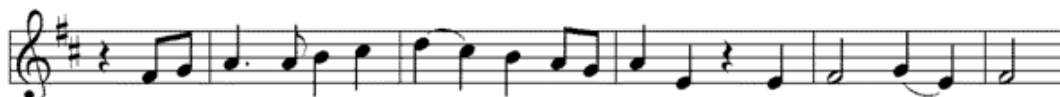
We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O Blessed Trinity,
C we worship you, the Source and Savior and Strength of all the worlds. We laud you for your wondrous creation. Breathe your blessing on us and on all that you have made, and form us by your wisdom to be caregivers of your gift of this good earth. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and unto ages of ages. Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-2:4a *(read responsively)*

R In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
C **The earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.**
R God spoke light into existence, separated the light from darkness, and called the light Day and the darkness Night.
C **There was evening and morning, the first day.**
R God created the dome of the Sky to separate the waters, followed by gathering the waters to bring forth dry land and vegetation.
C **God saw that it was good, marking the second and third days.**
R God set lights in the dome of the sky to govern the day and night and mark the seasons, and then filled the waters and skies with living creatures and birds.
C **This completed the fourth and fifth days.**
R God made the land animals and created humankind in the divine image, male and female. God saw all that was made, and it was very good.
C **There was evening and morning, the sixth day.**
R The heavens and earth were finished, and God rested on the seventh day from all the work of creation.

C So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it because God rested from creation. Amen

PSALM: Psalm 148

- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
 praise God in the heights.
- ² Praise the LORD, all you angels;
 sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.
- ³ Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
 sing praise, all you shining stars.
- ⁴ Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
 and you waters above the heavens.
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
 who commanded, and they were created,
- ⁶ who made them stand fast forever and ever,
 giving them a law that shall not pass away.
- ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
 you sea monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸ fire and hail, snow and fog,
 tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
- ⁹ mountains and all hills,
 fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ wild beasts and all cattle,
 creeping things and flying birds;
- ¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹² young men and maidens,
 old and young together.
- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
 whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
 the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Acts 17:22a, 24-28

^{22a} Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *(please stand as you are able)*



Al-le - lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter

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

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in

heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord
(please be seated)

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

HYMN OF THE DAY “*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*” Family Choir
(please stand as you are able)

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 We join with Christians far and near to worship God the Creator, praying for the earth and for all in need, responding to each petition with the words “Your mercy is great.”

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS C **Your mercy is great**
Sharon (Albert), Linda (Anderson), Tom (Angermeier), Bill & Sue (Aune), Cindy (B), John (B), Elaine (Caelwarts), Mike & Rina (Clumpner), Dan (Fenrich), Pam (Freiberg), Alan (G), Pastor Hankermeyer, Betty (J), Charlotte (K), Patricia (Kehl), Cindy

(Knapp), **Keith** (Knapp), **Don** (L), **Kenny** (Meyer), **Beth** (Pachniak), **Monika** (Perry), **Kristin** (Reinert), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Delores** (Schuyler), **Irene** (Thorson), **Dorothy** (Walker), **Debby & Arnie** (Zahn), **Brenna**, **Brixanna**, **Marley**, **Carole**, **Russ**, **Christina**, **Gretchen**, **Joanne**, **Katlyn**, **Marissa**, and **Sophia**.

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)*

OFFERING

(please stand as you are able)

OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards"

HYMN 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

P O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

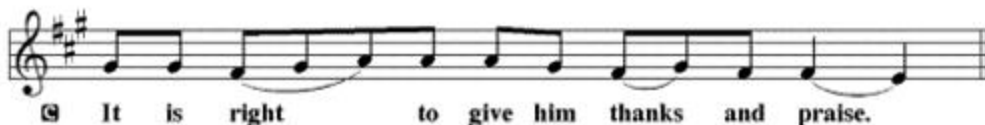
THE COMMUNION LITURGY



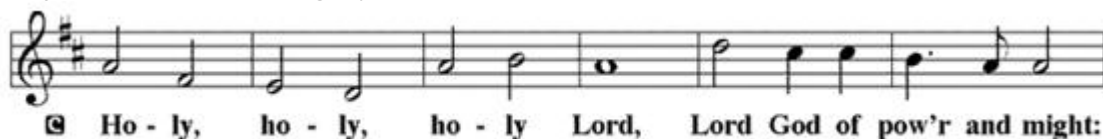
The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff contains the lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The notation includes treble clefs, key signatures, and various note values and rests.

② The Lord be with you. ② And al - so with you.

② Lift up your hearts. ② We lift them to the Lord.



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give 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

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 Gathered into 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**

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
	"Here Is Bread"	HYMN 483
	"One Bread, One Body"	HYMN 496

COMMUNION BLESSING *(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 Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and 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 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” HYMN 834

SENDING FORTH

P Although we may be a little church...

C ...we will carry God's big heart into the world. AMEN!

POSTLUDE

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Serving in worship today (Sept 6th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou

Plummer

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Reader: Roy Jilburg

Ushers: Russ & Ellen Klister

Communion Assist: Lana Ferry

Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Reader: Jim Vogel

Ushers: Jim & Marla Vogel

Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Serving in worship next week (Sept 13th)

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Readings for next week (Sept 13th)

[Genesis 50:15-21](#)

Joseph reconciles with his brothers

[Psalms 103:1-7 | 8-13](#)

[Romans 14:1-12](#)

Accepting diversity in the community of faith

[Matthew 18:21-35](#)

A parable of forgiveness in the community of faith