

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — ELCA



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Sixteenth 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 AND NOISY OFFERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful and loving God,

C **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *"The Church's One Foundation"* **HYMN 654**

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 147-148)



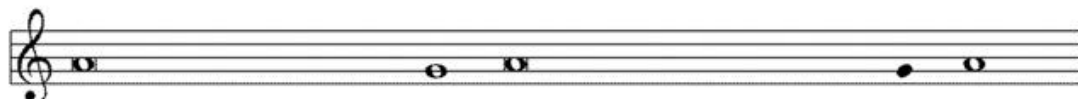
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



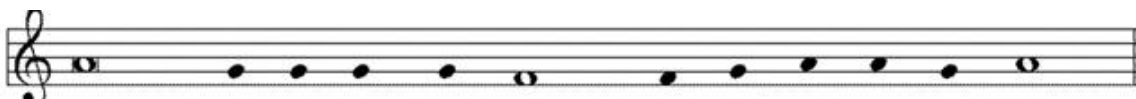
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



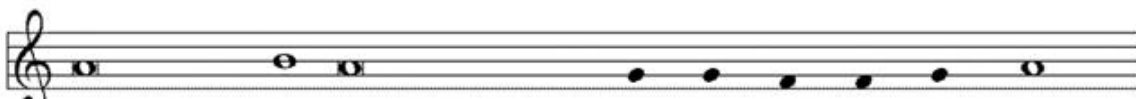
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



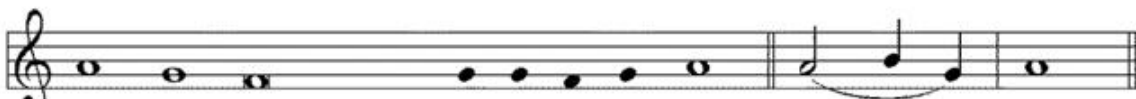
G Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God,
C **rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world.
Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes
only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,

⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,

⁶ who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

R The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 146 *(read responsively)*

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God,

who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31 *(please stand as you are able)*

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter

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

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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 *“There Is a Balm in Gilead”* **HYMN 614**

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

(please stand as you are able)

OFFERTORY *“We Give Thee but Thine Own”* **HYMN 686**

C **We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS **P** God of grace **C** receive our prayer
Linda (Anderson), **Tom & Alice** (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue** (Aune),
Evelyn (B), **John** (B), **Elaine** (Caelwaerts), **Mike & Rina**
(Clumpner), **Erin** (Culbertson), **Dan** (Fenrich), **Pat** (Fenrich), **Joan**
(Goessel), **Barbara** (Hughes/Dean), **Barth** (Jeanquart), **Dawn**
(Jeanquart), **Charlotte** (K), **Judy** (Krahn), **Myriah** (Krueger), **Amie**
(M), **David** (Plummer), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Mike** (S), **Todd** (S),
Delores (Schuyler), **Deb** (Ulrich), **Irene** (Thorson), **Betty, Carole &**
Russ, Chelsa, Jeff, and Laurie.
C Amen.

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

BLESSING

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✚ be upon you now and forever.
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 “In Christ There Is No East or West” HYMN 650

SENDING FORTH

P Go in peace. Spread the Good News.

C Thanks be to God!!!

POSTLUDE

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Serving in worship today (Sept 28th)

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Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Reader: Joanne Adlon

Ushers: Joanne Adlon & Lana

Ferry

Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

*Wicked surround the righteous; wait for
the LORD*

Psalm 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

*Guard the treasure entrusted to you:
faith and love in Christ*

Luke 17:5-10

Faith the size of a mustard seed

Serving in worship next week (Oct 5th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou

Plummer

Reader: Jan Shusta

Ushers: Joanne Adlon & Marie

Weber

Communion Assist: Ellen Klister

Keyboard: Janet Anderson

Today is the first Sunday School offering a class on the Fruits of the Spirit. This class will be led by Mary Ann Leary. We encourage all of our youth to take part in this class. It will be offered the fourth Sunday of each month.

Readings for next week (October 5th)

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Stewardship Opportunities Sept 28-Oct 5

Today the fellowship meal is being provided by the folks whose last name begins A-K. Next week the fellowship meal will be held after the commitment ceremony for Bob & Becca. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship area.

Week at a glance Sept 28-Oct 5

Tuesday Quilting at 9:00

Wednesday Men's Bible Study at 8

Friday 9-12

Office hours for Lana

Attendance last week: 51

Birthdays in September

Sept 5th	Heidi Gutschow Edward Sawyer
Sept 7th	Jon Klister
Sept 10th	George Sincock Liam Schultz
Sept 11th	Julia Jacobson
Sept 12th	Arne Odegaard
Sept 15th	Taylor Brunette
Sept 16th	Carolyn Melland
Sept 18th	John Borkovetz Charley Carey Bransen Sawyer
Sept 22nd	Matt Dixner Young
Sept 24th	Tim Hanson
Sept 29th	Alice Angermeier Lana Ferry
Sept 30th	Jerry Langer Sue Peterson

Wedding Anniversaries in September

Sept 5th	Bob & Deb Larson
Sept 15th	Sam Sund & Heather Haese
Sept 16th	Dan & Cathy Lindal
Sept 22nd	Don & Ardy Lauscher
Sept 30th	Jerry & Lori Langer (Flick)

Birthdays in October

Oct 2 nd	Heather Haese
Oct 4 th	Debra Larson
Oct 5 th	Linda Kohn
Oct 8 th	Jill Degrave Emery Freiberg
Oct 9 th	Clint Hanson Wyatt Hanson
Oct 10 th	Brock Aune Gordy Hughes
Oct 12 th	Bill Aune
Oct 17 th	Joanne Adlon
Oct 21 st	Richard Dunlap Lora Schaefer
Oct 25 th	Gloria LaPlante

Anniversaries in October

Oct 2 nd	Tim & Rachel Hanson
Oct 5 th	Riley & Meggie Sawyer
Oct 10 th	Pete & Marlene Larson
Oct 16 th	Bill & Sue Aune
Oct 21 st	Jeff & Valerie Espe
Oct 23 rd	Kraig & Amy Aune
Oct 25 th	Robert & Sue Peterson

Next Sunday, October 5th there will be a Commitment Ceremony for Becca Anderson and Bob Pachniak following the regular Sunday morning service. There will be a potluck lunch following the ceremony. Please sign up for what you would like to bring to help with planning. Becca and Bob would like to share their joy and commitment with the whole congregation.

Today we are blessing the school kits and quilts before they go on their way to LWR. This year we are sending 121 school kits and 20 quilts. These will be going to places that the Lutheran Church as a whole feels are in need. Some may go over seas or they may stay in our country. We have many to thank for making this a successful project. Peggy Odegaard for sewing the backpacks. Evelyn Breider for organizing the filling of the backpacks. Deb Grunwald and Gloria LaPlante for sewing the tops and bottoms for the quilts. All

the faithful people who come every month to put the quilts together. All who contributed to the backpacks or materials for quilts. We also thank George Sincock and Jim Monahan for taking them this Friday.

On Sunday, Oct 19th we will be having our Chili Fest. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship area for the meal for that day. Please indicate what you would like to bring.

Sunday, Oct 26th we are having Trunk or Treat as part of Youth Sunday. We are inviting children from the community to join our youth in this fun event. We are having pumpkin carving and a movie as part of this event. We ask that you decorate your “trunk” and bring treats for the youth to enjoy. The Church Council will be providing the fellowship meal this week.