HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Twenty-First 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, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C Amen.

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ✢ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *"Blessed Assurance"* **HYMN 638**

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

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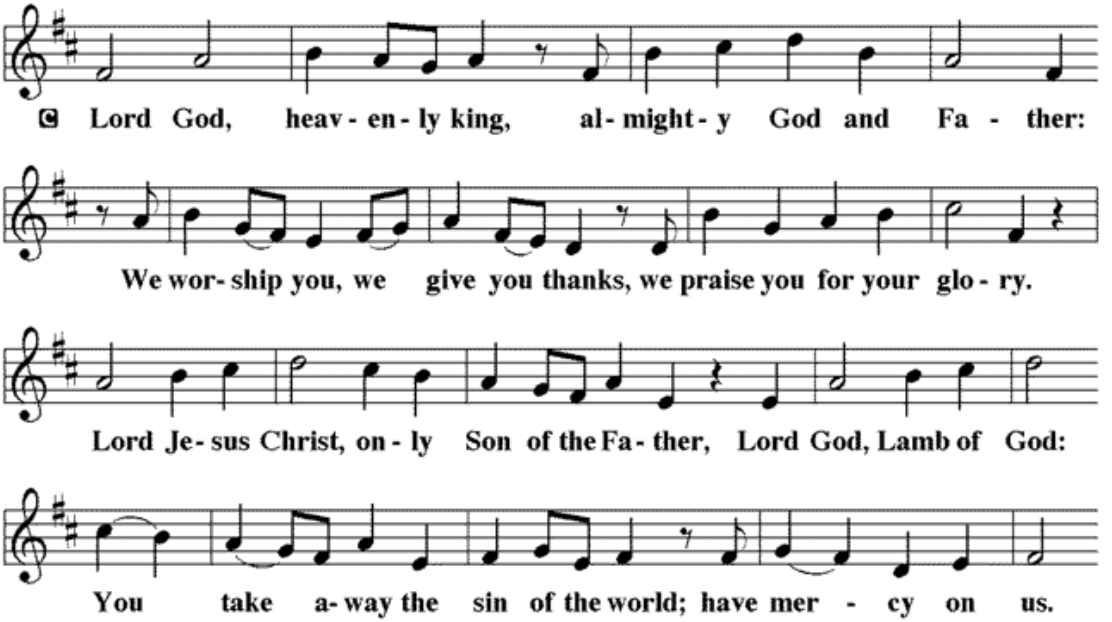
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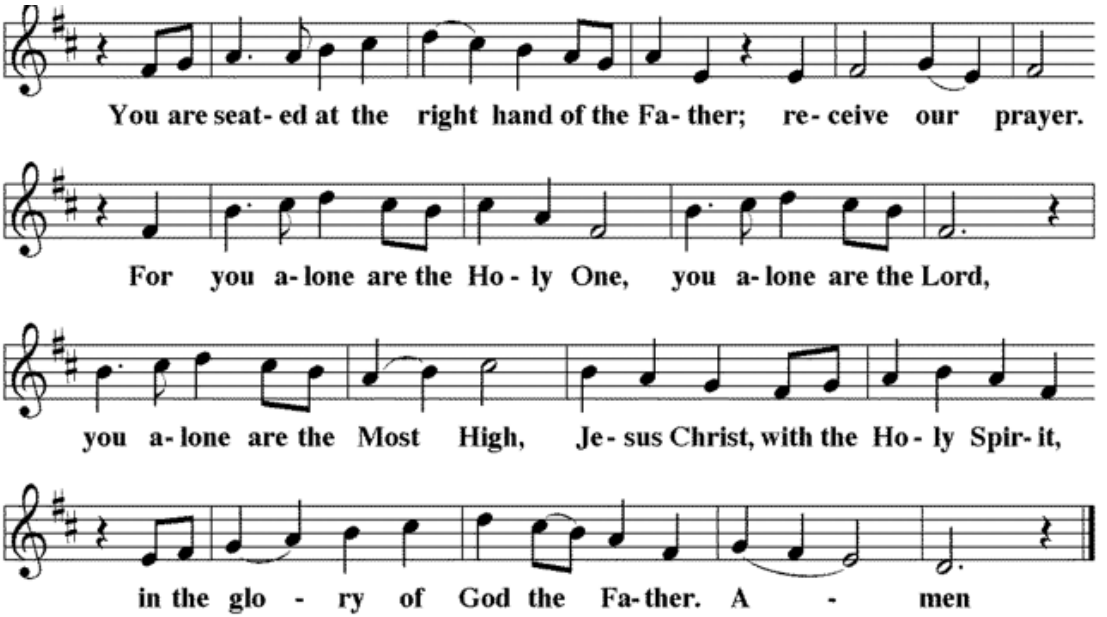
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

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

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

[1] Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
[2] I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;

[3] I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
[4] For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.
[5] I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
[6] so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
[7] I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

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

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] *(read responsively)*

[1] Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
[2] **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;**
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.
[3] Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
[4] **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,**
more to be feared than all gods.
[5] As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
[6] **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;**
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

[7] Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
[8] **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;**
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.
[9] Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.
[[10] **Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!**
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."
[11] Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
[12] **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,**
for you come to judge the earth.
[13] You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.]

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

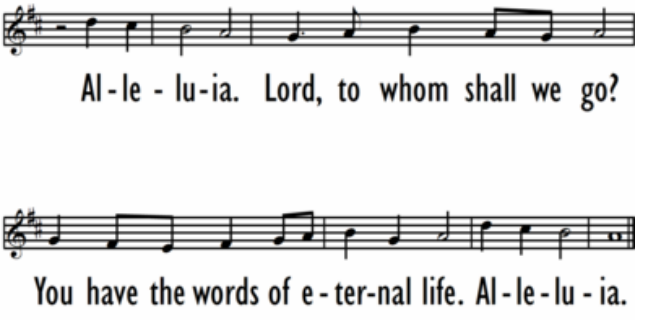
[1] Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

[2] We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly [3] remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. [4] For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, [5] because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. [6] And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, [7] so that you became an example to all

the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. [8] For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. [9] For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God [10] and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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

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



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[15] The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. [16] So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. [17] Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" [18] But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? [19] Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. [20] Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" [21] They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give

therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." [22] When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

P The Gospel of the Lord **C Praise to you O Christ.**
(please be seated)

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY Pastor Jill Connery

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Shine Jesus Shine"* **HYMN 671**

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 Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS P Hear us, O God **C Your mercy is great**

Sharon (Albert), **Linda** (Anderson), **Tom** (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue** (Aune), **Cindy** (B), **John** (B), **Elaine** (Caelwaerts), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Dan** (Fenrich), **Pam** (Freiberg), **Alan** (G), **Pastor Hankermeyer**, **Betty** (J), **Charlotte** (K), **Patricia** (Kehl), **Cindy** (Knapp), **Keith** (Knapp), **Don** (L), **Joel** (L), **Pat** (M), **Kenny** (Meyer),

Beth (Pachniak), **Monika** (Perry), **Dale** (Peterson), **Kristin** (Reinert), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Delores** (Schuyler), **Irene** (Thorson), **Arnie** (Zahn), **Brixanna, Marley, Russ, Christina, Gretchen, Joanne, Katlyn, Marissa, Sophia, and the family of Mathilde Hannemann.**

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 Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION LITURGY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**
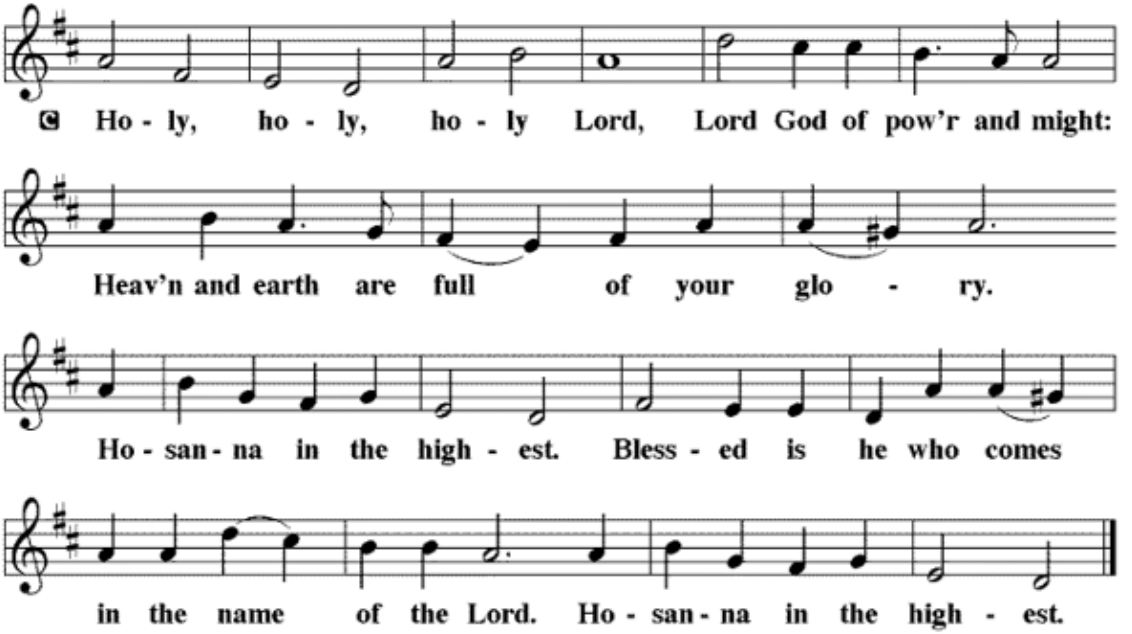
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 as you are able)*

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 *"I've Got Peace Like a River"*

Verse 1

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul

Verse 2

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

Verse 3

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

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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The 2nd Annual Luminary Walk will be held Thursday, October 22nd at 5:30. This walk begins at the YMCA and ends at Peterson Park to honor the memory of loved ones. There is a flyer in the fellowship area.

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We are looking for people who would be willing to learn to record our worship service perhaps once a month. It is not a difficult thing to do, but very important part of our ministry because there are some who are not able to make it to worship. There will be a schedule where you will be able to choose the Sunday(s) that you are able to help with, much like ushering. As with everything else, many hands make the load less for all. Please see Dean Larson to volunteer. Thank you for stepping up.

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Please let Marla Vogel know by Tuesday if you are planning on going to the Lunch Bunch so arrangements can be made. Thank you.

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Church envelopes for 2027 are now available downstairs. Any questions, please see Ellen Klister.

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Did you know that there are large print bulletins each week for worship? If this would make your enjoyment and participation in the service better, please ask an usher for a copy. There are also large print copies of the words for the hymns that we are singing. The ushers have these as well.
On the table by each entrance to the sanctuary you will find several things:

1. The current Christ in Our Home
2. Brick order forms
3. The current directory (pictorial as well)
4. The current newsletter

New to Hainesville. We are starting a lending library. We have been gifted 2 copies of Tallak!, 3 CD's from Janet Anderson, and 1 CD from Peggy Odegaard. These will be on the mantle in the Gathering Room. Please sign your name when you borrow something and the date. Please also indicate the date when it is returned. Thank you for your cooperation.

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The new pictorial directory is now available. We are asking that you limit it to one per household. This was done with the intention of helping to put a face to a name to those that we see here on Sunday mornings. Hope this helps.

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We will be having a Trunk or Treat next Sunday, October 25th. If you are in need of decorations for your trunk see Joanne Adlon.

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There are sign up sheets in the fellowship area for Chili Fest on November 8th.
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Serving in worship today (Oct 18th)
Presiding minister: Pastor Jill Connery
Reader: Christina Connery
Ushers: Cheryl Larson & Marie Weber
Communion Assist: Lana Ferry
Keyboard: Janet Anderson
Video Tech: Dean Larson

Serving in worship next week (Oct 25th)
Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer
Reader: Mary Ann Leary
Ushers: Russ & Ellen Klister
Keyboard: Heidi Hintz
Video Tech: Bob Pachniak

Readings for next week (Oct 25th)
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Holiness revealed in acts of justice
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
The apostle's tender care for the Thessalonians
Matthew 22:34-46
Two great commandments: love for God and neighbor

Stewardship Opportunities Oct 18-25
Today the fellowship meal today is being provided by the folks who's last name begins A-K. Next week the fellowship meal will be provided by the church council.

Week at a glance Oct 18-25
Monday Church Council at 5:30
Tuesday WELCA at Noon
Wednesday Men's Bible Study at 8 at Tanum Forest
Thursday Lunch Bunch at Sandbox at 11:30
Friday 9-11
Office hours for Lana

Attendance last week: 47

Birthdays in October

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

Wedding Anniversaries in October

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