

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — ELCA



Sunday, September 21st, 2025

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 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 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” HYMN 742

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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

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

P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. God among us,
C we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another.
**Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom
and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶ buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals

and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”
⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

PSALM: Psalm 113 (*read responsively*)

- ¹ Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.
² **Let the name of the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**
³ From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.
⁴ **The LORD is high above all nations;
God’s glory above the heavens.**
⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,
⁶ **but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**
⁷ The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,
⁸ **enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**
⁹ The LORD makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

- ¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time.⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and
an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in
faith and truth.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13 *(please stand as you are able)*

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

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

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

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you

have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵ So he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of others, but God knows your hearts, for what is prized by humans is an abomination in the sight of God.

P The Gospel of the Lord C **Praise to you O Christ.**

(please be seated)

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*” **HYMN 674**

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.

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), **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 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*” *(please stand)* **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 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.

THE COMMUNION LITURGY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

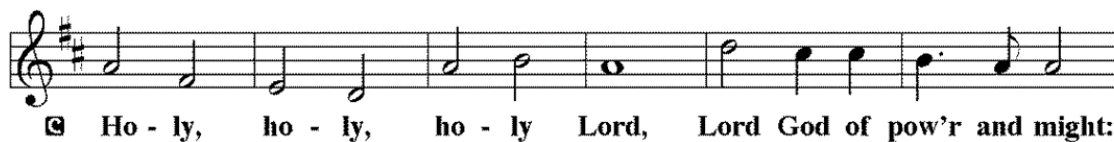
P Lift up your hearts.

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 offer 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	<i>"Let Us Break Bread Together"</i>	HYMN 471
	<i>"Here Is Bread"</i>	HYMN 483
	<i>"One Bread, One Body"</i>	HYMN 496

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 Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C **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 *“Let All Things Now Living”* **HYMN 881**

SENDING FORTH

P Go in peace. Spread the Good News.

C Thanks be to God!!!

POSTLUDE

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Oct 5th Becca Anderson and Bob Pachniak would like to invite you to their commitment ceremony directly following worship. Please sign up in the fellowship area for a side dish to bring.

Aug 2025							
					TOTAL		
	Aug	Budget	Variance		YTD	Budget	Variance
Offerings	8,236	7,083	1,153		70,030	56,664	13,366
Total Income	12,166	8,375	3,791		353,432	67,000	286,432
Total Expenses	15,550	8,375	7,175		67,809	67,000	809

Serving in worship today (Sept 21st)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou
Plummer

Reader: Cheryl Larson

Ushers: Dean & Cheryl Larson

Communion Assist: Joanne Adlon

Keyboard: Janet Anderson

Serving in worship next week (Sept 28th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou
Plummer

Reader: Joanne Adlon

Ushers: Joanne Adlon & John
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Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Readings for next week (September 28th)

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

*Warnings to those who are comfortable
or wealthy*

Psalms 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

*Eager to be rich or eager to pursue
richness of God's justice?*

Luke 16:19-31

*Story of poor Lazarus and the wealthy
man*

Stewardship Opportunities Sept 21-28

Today the fellowship meal is being
provided by the folks whose name
begins L-Z. Next week the fellowship
meal will be provided by the folks
whose last name begins A-K.

Week at a glance Sept 21-28

Tuesday Quilting at 9:00

Wednesday Men's Bible Study at 8
Thursday Lunch Bunch at 11:30 at
White Birch Inn

Friday 9-12

Office hours for Lana

Attendance last week: 57

Birthdays in September

Sept 5th Heidi Gutschow
Edward Sawyer

Sept 7th Jon Klister

Sept 10th George Sincok
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

Jerry Langer

Sept 30th 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)