HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, October 25th, 2026

Reformation Sunday

"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, 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.
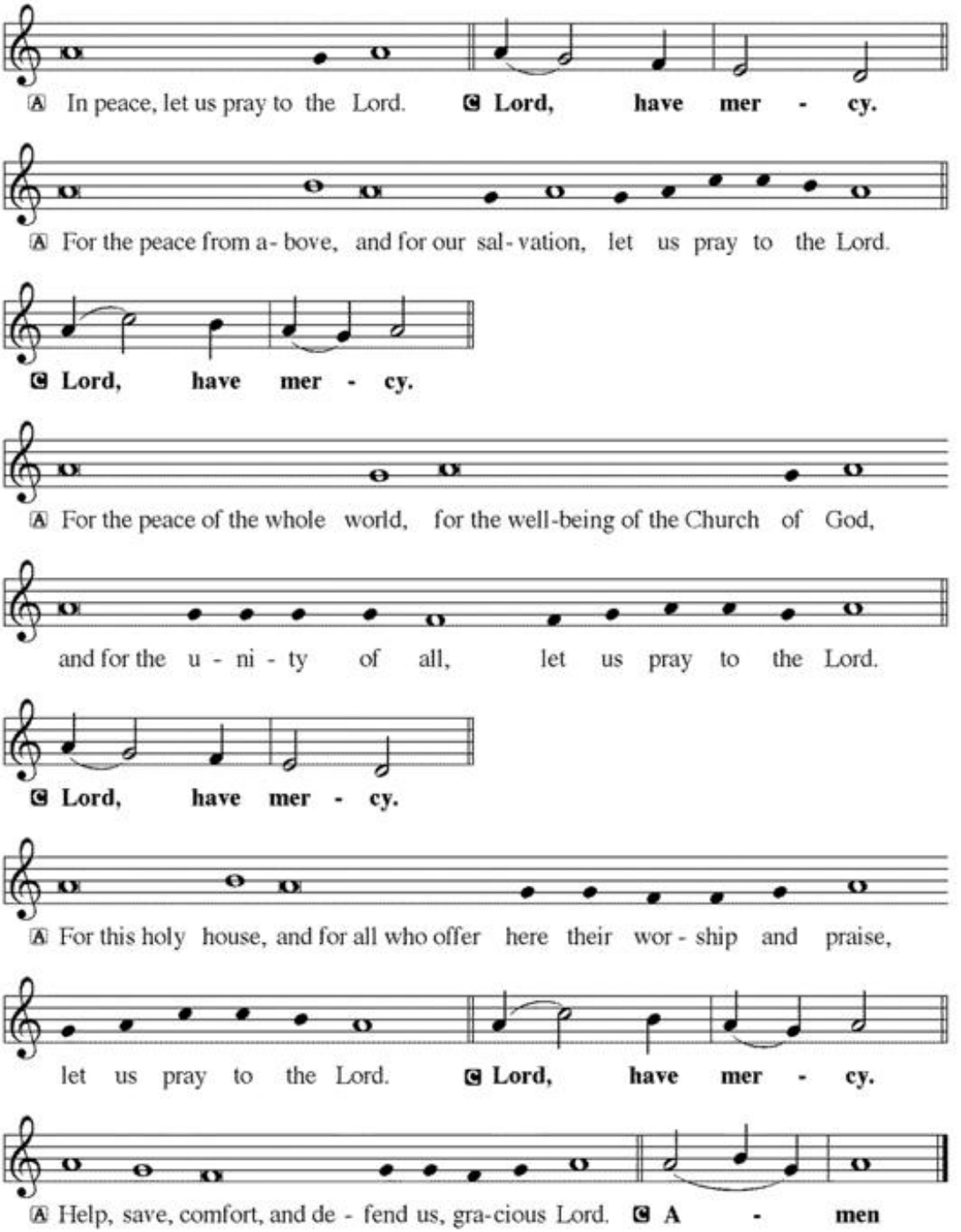
GATHERING HYMN *"As We Gather at Your Table"* **HYMN 522**

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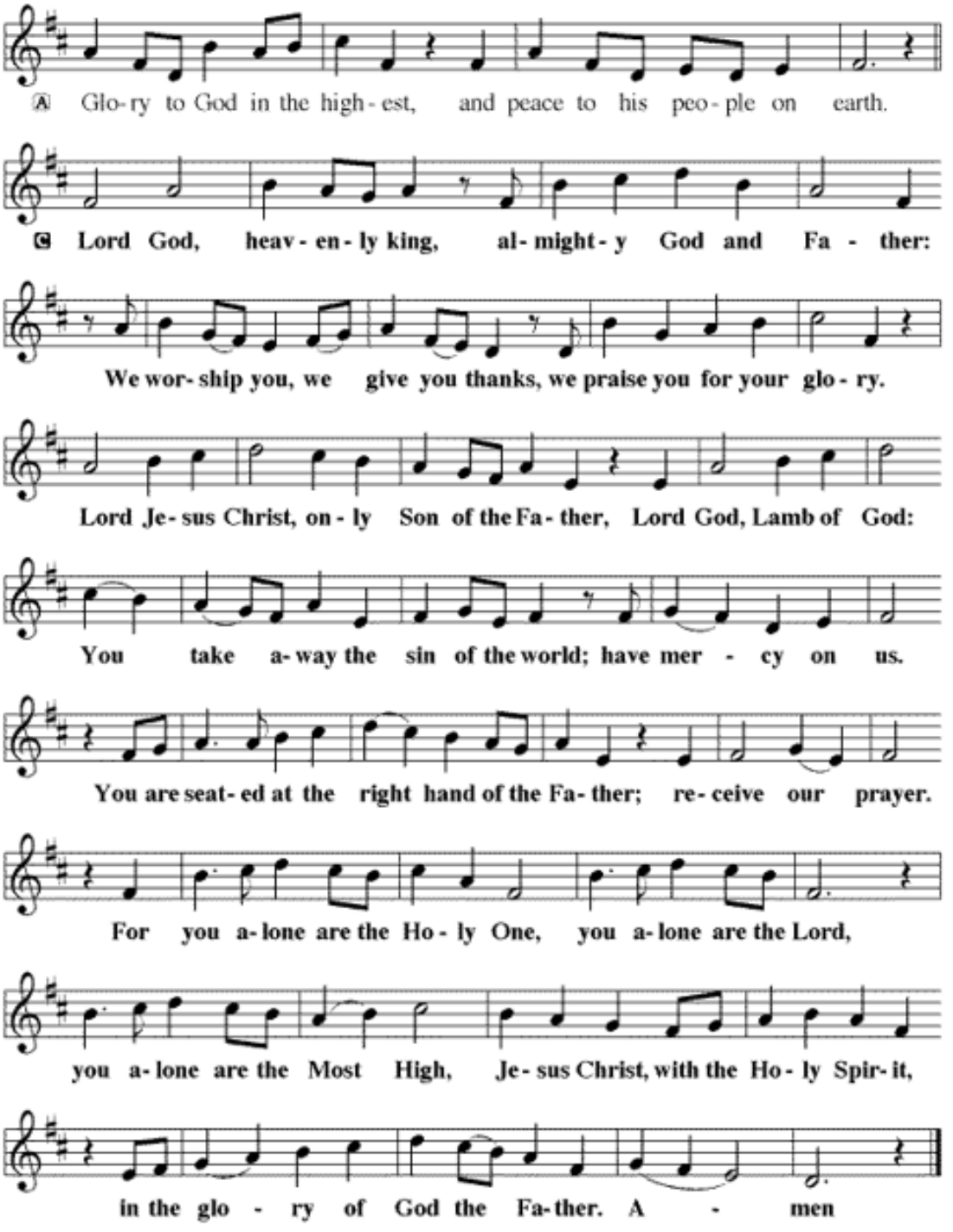
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE *(setting 4 pp 147-148)*



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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord,

C we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2 "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

15 "You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.

17 "You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

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

PSALM: Psalm 1 *(read responsively)*

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,**
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

4 **It is not so with the wicked;**

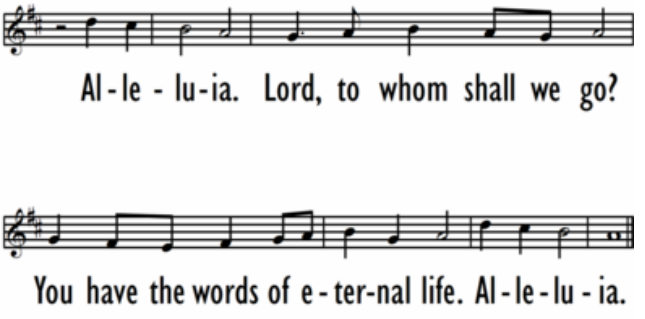
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
6 **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,**
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

1 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not
in vain, 2 but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated
at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the
gospel of God in spite of great opposition. 3 For our appeal does not spring
from deceit or impure motives or trickery, 4 but, just as we have been
approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we
speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. 5 As you
know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or
with a pretext for greed, 6 nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from
you or from others, 7 though we might have made demands as apostles of
Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her
own children. 8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share
with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you
have become very dear to us.

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

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



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46

Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments and by demonstrating the Messiah must be more than the son of David.

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

23 When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the
people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you
doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" 24 Jesus said to them,
"I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also
tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 Did the baptism of John come
from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another,
"If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe
him?' 26 But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all
regard John as a prophet." 27 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know."
And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing
these things.

28 "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said,
'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29 He answered, 'I will not,' but
later he changed his mind and went. 30 The father went to the second and
said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. 31 Which of the
two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them,
"Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the
kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you in the way of
righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the
prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your
minds and believe him."

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 "*The Church of Christ, in Every Age*" **HYMN 729**

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.

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 **"***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 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.

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, Christina, Gretchen, Joanne, Katlyn, Marissa, Russ, and Sophia.**

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 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 *"Children of the Heavenly Father"* **HYMN 781**

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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On November 8th we are having our Chili Fest. Please sign up in the fellowship area for what you would like to bring that day.

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

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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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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
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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.

	Sep 2026					
				TOTAL		
	Sep	Budget	Variance	YTD	Budget	Variance
Offerings	4,797	8,375	(3,578)	75,831	75,375	456
Total Income	5,464	10,067	(4,603)	84,514	90,603	(6,089)
Total Expenses	7,994	8,645	(651)	88,891	77,805	11,086
Special Project Expenses						
Church Windows	0			2,314		
Outdoor Sign	931			24,509		
Siding	17,500			35,000		
Outdoor Steps	0			4,705		
Landscaping	0			3,000		
Seal Coating - cracks	0			1,800		
Black Top	0			14,020		
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Serving in worship today (October 25th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad
Reader: Mary Ann Leary
Ushers: Russ & Ellen Klister
Keyboard: Heidi Hintz
Video Tech: Bob Pachniak

Serving in worship next week (Nov 1st)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad
Reader: Jim Vogel
Ushers: Jim & Marla Vogel
Communion Assist: Lori Langer (Flick)
Keyboard: Janet Anderson
Video Tech: Bob Pachniak

Readings for next week (Nov 1st)

Revelation 7:9-17
The multitudes of heaven worship the Lamb
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
We are God's children
Matthew 5:1-12
Blessed are the poor in spirit

Stewardship Opportunities Oct 25-Nov 1

Today the fellowship meal today is being provided by the church council. Next week the fellowship meal will be provided by the folks whose last name begins L-Z. Please bring salads and desserts.

Week at a glance Oct 25-Nov 1

Tuesday Quilting at 9:00
Wednesday Men's Bible Study at 8 at Tanum Forest
Friday 9-11
Office hours for Lana
Saturday Family Choir 9:30

Attendance last week: 52

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