

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — E L C A



Sunday, November 12th, 2023

Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday
"The Little Church with a Big Heart"

Presiding Minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer
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Special Music: Family Choir

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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 FOR HUNGER RELIEF

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

C **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One,

C **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

P Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN:

"God Is Here"

HYMN # 526

GREETING

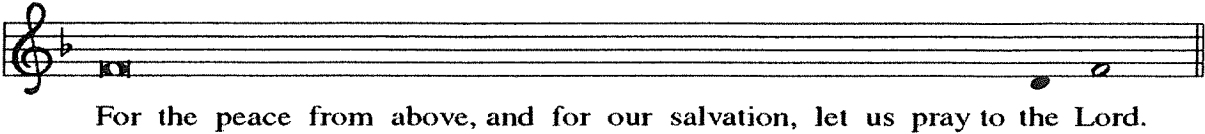
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

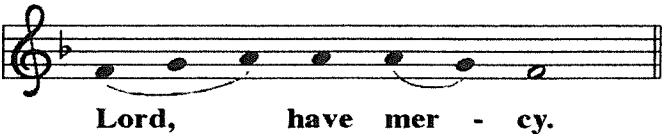
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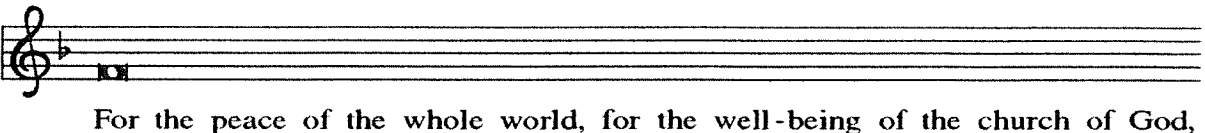
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



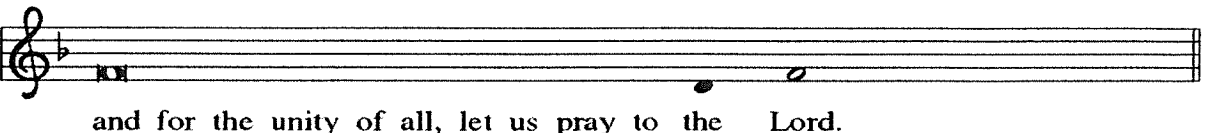
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



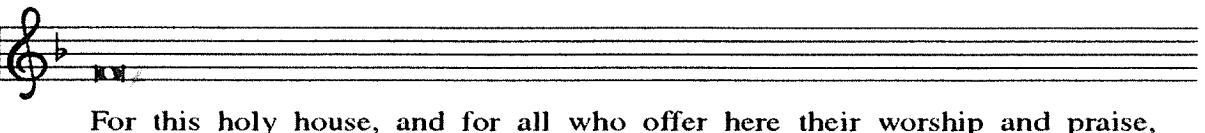
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



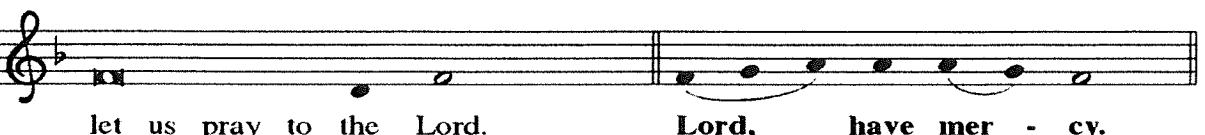
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



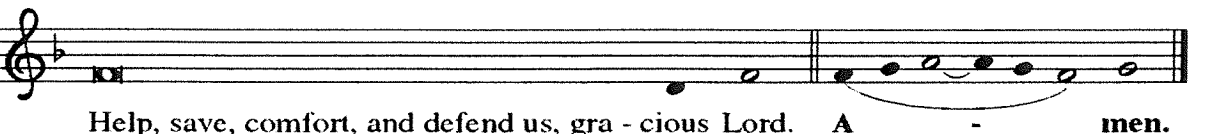
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God of justice and love,

C **you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

R The word of the Lord

C

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 70 (read responsively)

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me

turn back because of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**

let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Family Choir

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)*
(you may be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"

ELW #186

C **Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

C **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS

P *Hear us, O God*

C **Your mercy is great**

Bill (Albert), Rusty (Allen), Tom (Angermeier), John (B), Devin (Bartos), Lyle (Berndt), Karen & Del (Brewer), Eugene (Clark), Mike & Rina (Clumpner), Robert (Connrey), Danielle (Davis), Pat (Fenrich), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), Jim (Hanstad), Cindy (Knapp), Shari (Krueger), Ellie (Krull), Joe (May), Fran (McCarthy), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Sandy (Pierre), Matthew (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeier), Lexi & Laci (S), Lori (Snyder), Eric (Thorson), Charlotte, Erik, and Joe.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered in to 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 God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless 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 *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

Hymn # 547

SENDING FORTH

P Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C **Thanks be to God.... AND WE WILL !!**

POSTLUDE

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If you are a parent or grandparent who has lost a son or daughter, you are invited to a gathering in the Prince of Peace Coffee House (1756 Michigan St, Sturgeon Bay) **TODAY**, November 12th @ 4:00pm. This meeting is offered as a safe, compassionate space for parents and grandparents who have lost to death children or grandchildren. Snacks and coffee will be provided. Free. For more information, contact Devon Soukup at 920.495.4021.

There will be an Ecumenical Worship Service at Tanum Forest on Sunday, November 19th at 5:00pm. More information on a flyer in the fellowship area.

We are planning a new member Sunday in December. If you or someone you know is looking for a church home please make those wishes known.

December 10th at 4:00pm there will be an Advent Concert featuring Mama J and the Praise Hounds here at Hainesville Lutheran. A free will offering will be taken to raise funds for the stained glass windows. Plan to attend and bring friends and neighbors. Treats will be served.

Tuesday the Bible Study meets at 9:30am. The Be Like Jesus - Live Like Jesus adult small-group series was inspired, through prayer, to be a simple step on a pathway to building a relationship with Jesus and with others. In doing so, we may become an influencer in our families and communities for a more loving, peaceful world. This is being lead by Pastor Mary Lou Plummer the second Tuesday of each month. You can join the group at any time.

The nominating committee would like you to know that in 2024 the church will need to elect

- Vice President (2 year term)
- Evangelism (2 year term)
- Social Concerns (2 year term)
- Auditor (2 year term)
- Nominating committee (3) 1 year each
- Synod delegates (2) 1 year each

Please prayerfully consider taking an active role in the function and continuing life of your church. The work of the church continues even during times of transition. What will you do to make Christ known in our community?

From the Stained Glass Window Committee

Currently a fundraising drive is underway to raise funds to purchase and install stained glass windows on the north side of the sanctuary. Money for this project does not come from the church budget but is through donations. All donations are confidential. So far about \$46,00 has been donated which is about \$23,000 short of what is needed. If you wish to contribute to this fund please indicate on your contribution that it is to go for the windows. Please contact Linda Monahan, Bill Albert, Jim Vogel, Evelyn Breider, or any Council member with any questions.

Do you have a favorite hymn? Want to sing something different in church?: Please jot your requests on a piece of paper and put it on the office desk. Your requests will be worked in as soon as possible. Thank you for your contribution.

Serving in worship today (November 12th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

Ushers: Jim & Marla Vogel

Reader: Jim Vogel

Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Serving in worship next week (November 19th)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben

Reader: Gloria LaPlante

Ushers: Gene, Gloria, & Carrie LaPlante

Communion Assist: Gene LaPlante

Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Readings for next week (November 19th)

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

The day of the LORD

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (*Ps. 90:12*)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Be alert for the day of the Lord

Matthew 25:14-30

The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

Stewardship Opportunities Nov 12-Nov 19

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

Week at a Glance November 12th-19th

Tuesday 9:30 AM

Bible Study—Be Like Jesus, Live Like Jesus

Wednesday 8 AM

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

Attendance last week: 49

Birthdays in November

Nov 6th	Brenda Clark
	Kirsten Dixner Young
	Hannah Grohman
Nov 10th	Rachel Hanson
Nov 18th	Kayla Wilke
Nov 20th	Pat Malley
Nov 21st	Greg Jacobson
Nov 26th	Nancy Keyser

Wedding Anniversaries in November

Nov 4th	Kim & Greg Jacobson
Nov 10th	Alice & Tom Angermeier
Nov 27th	Ellen & Russ Klister

Poinsettias will adorn our sanctuary again this year. Order forms will be available in the coming weeks.

Singer, songwriter, vocalists and violinist, Jean Watson, will be performing Sunday, November 26 (2:00) at Friends Community Church, Sturgeon Bay. All are invited!

Offering envelopes are available for 2024. Please pick yours up. They are on the table in the fellowship area. Thank you