# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH —ELCA



# Sunday, August 10th, 2025

Nineth 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

# RINGING OF THE BELL WELCOME AND STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES CHILDREN'S CHAT AND NOISY OFFERING

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. P
- C Amen.
- Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. P Silence is kept for reflection.
- Merciful God,
- you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and C follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.
- P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
- C Amen.

#### **GATHERING HYMN** "Take My Life, That I May Be" **HYMN 583**

#### **GREETING**

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

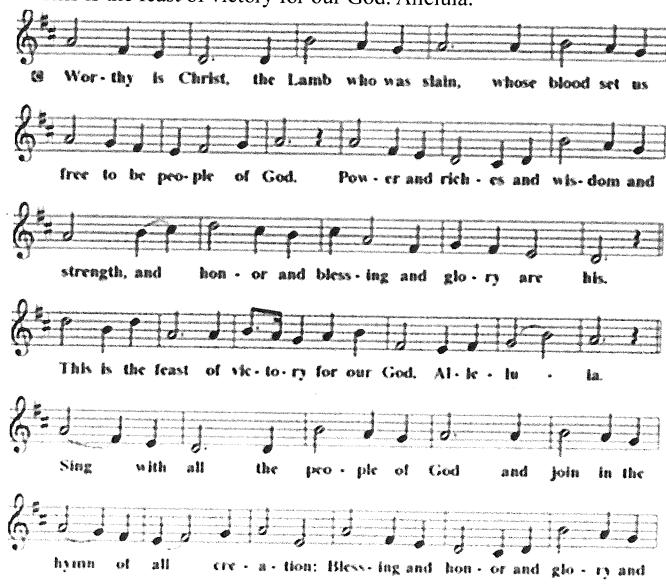
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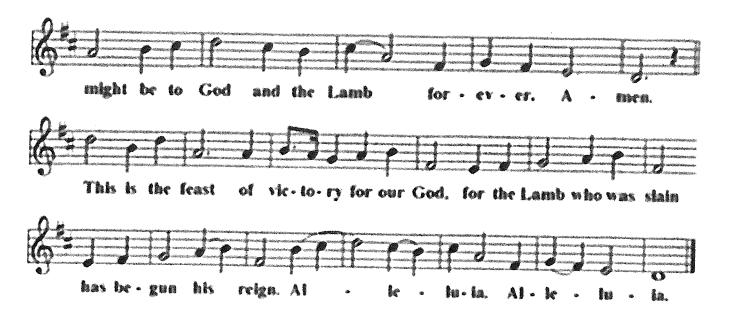
- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.

- 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 pp149-150)

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





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God,

C you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

R The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22 (read responsively)

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.

<sup>14</sup> God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

15 God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

<sup>16</sup> A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

17 The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.

<sup>18</sup> Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.

Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

<sup>21</sup> Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.

Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

#### SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven

and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

#### GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40 (please stand as you are able)

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P The Gospel of the Lord (please be seated)

C Praise to you O Christ.

**GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY** 

Pastor Judy Deckert

#### HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus Take All of Me (Just as I Am)"

#### Verse 1

Just as I am without one plea But that They blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee O Lamb of God I come, I come

#### Verse 2

Just as I am though toss'd about With all my conflict all my doubt Fightings and fears within without O Lamb of God I come, I come

#### Chorus

Jesus take all of me I run to You I run to You I lay ev'rything at Your feet Let my lift be Yours

#### Verse 3

Just as I am Thou wilt receive Wilt welcome pardon cleanse relieve Because Thy promises I believe O Lamb of God I come, I come

#### Verse 4

Just as I am Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down Now to be Thine yes Thine alone O Lamb of God I come, I come

#### **Ending**

Let my life be Yours Let my life be Yours

# 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 In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS P God of grace C hear our prayer Tom & Alice (Angermeier), Bill & Sue (Aune), John (B), Elaine (Caelwaerts), Mike & Rina (Clumpner), Erin (Culbertson), Joan

(Goessel), Barbara (Hughes/Dean), Barth (Jeanquart), Dawn (Jeanquart), Charlotte (K), Rachel (Kriska), Amie (M), David (Plummer), George (Poh), Matthew (Rocque), Martin (Ruedinger), Mike (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.

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**

"Blessed Assurance"

**HYMN 638** 

#### SENDING FORTH

P Go in peace. Spread the Good News.

C Thanks be to God!!!

#### **POSTLUDE**

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Serving in worship today (August 10th)

Presiding minister: Judy Deckert

Reader:

Roy Jilburg

Ushers:

Roy Jilburg, Kathy Schmitz, &

Rilynn Brunette

Keyboard:

Janet Anderson & The Praise

Hounds

Serving in worship next week (August 17th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

Liturgist: Reader:

Jim Hanstad

Jim Vogel

Ushers:

Jim & Marla Vogel Communion Assist: Ellen Klister

Music Tech: Gordy Hughes

Readings for next week (August 17th)

Jeremiah 23:23-29

God's word is like fire, like a hammer that

breaks rocks

Psalm 82

Arise, O God, and rule the earth. (Ps. 82:8)

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

The faith of the Hebrew people, a great cloud

of witnesses

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus brings fire on earth and has a baptism

with which to be baptized

On the table by the elevator and on the table in the narthex are the following:

- 1. Christ in Our Home
- 2. The Lutheran Message
- 3. Brick order forms
- 4. Current directory
- 5. Current Newsletter
- 6. The Wired Word for Bible Study this Tuesday

Please take them as needed. They will be replenished weekly.

# Have you taken the time to notice how nice our property looks?

We have amazing members who keep our property inside and out looking great.

- Our new cleaning crew not only keeps the bugs out of the windows but keeps the inside spotless. Our bathrooms will be painted this fall/winter.
- A shout out to the 'behind the scenes' women who keep our kitchen in order. This requires constant organization.
- Our grounds are groomed. When driving by, it always looks great.
- The outside-lower window frames that have been slowly rotting, have been replaced and caulked. Treated wood was used. They will be ready for staining in a year or two.
- Watch for our next project. The steeple shingles will be sanded and repainted. Replacing them where needed. This is the project we approved last October at a special Congregational meeting. It will be fun to watch this one in progress.
- Our ditches have been dredged preventing floods. This is an ongoing project.
- Dead or dying trees have been removed.

Kudos to all of you for donating your time and dollars to make these happen.

We have the best members/friends!!!

### **Stewardship Opportunities Aug 10-17**

Today the fellowship meal is our 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 meal.

#### Week at a Glance Aug 10-17

Tuesday "The Wired Word" Bible Study at 9:30 Tuesday Synod Golf Outing at Iola

Wednesday Men's Bible Study at 8 Friday 9-12

Office hours for Lana

Attendance last week: 54

**Birthdays in August** 

August 4th Jean Hovik August 5th Elliott Brown

Riley Sawyer

August 13th Michelle Brunette

Erik Jilburg Nick Schultz

August 16th Kyler Borkovetz

Wyatt Wilke

August 18th
August 19th
August 22nd

Merle Eskildsen
Irene Thorson
Dan Kostichka

August 29th Sue Aune

August 30th Lori Flick-Langer

Wedding Anniversaries in August

August 7th
August 18th
August 19th
August 22nd
August 23rd

Michelle & Brian Brunette
Gloria & Gene LaPlante
Deb & Dave Grunwald
Barb & Richard Dunlap
Sue & Bill Nusbaum

August 27th Kirsten & Matt Dixner Young

In May, Hainesville received \$273,130 from the Trust of Janet Louise Scherer. It was suggested in this last council meeting to set aside 10% of these funds for a "Good Samaritan Fund", of which all council members present were in favor of. We have already donated \$1000 towards the Ecumenical Partnership on Housing here in Sturgeon Bay. If you have a non profit near and dear to your heart OR if you know of someone in need, please reach out to a council member.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday is September 7th. We need to order shirts in advance. Cost is \$12.50 per shirt. Sizes run from Youth S to 5XL. There is a size for everyone. Please let Lana know what size you want by **TODAY** to insure delivery by the event. Make checks payable to the church with a notation of shirts on it. Thank you.

