

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — E L C A



Sunday, July 30th, 2023
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Eternal God our creator,

C **in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

C **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN:

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

ELW #504

GREETING

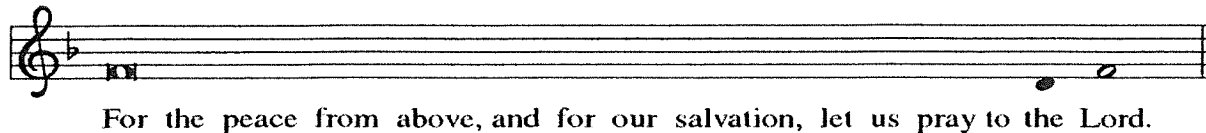
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

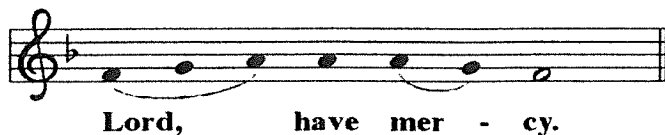
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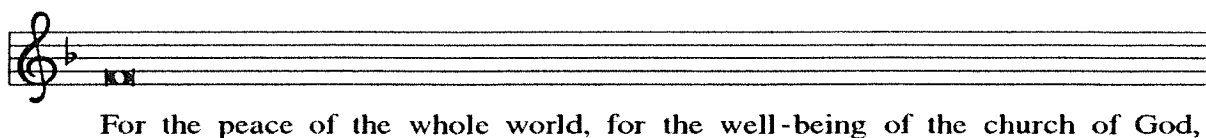
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



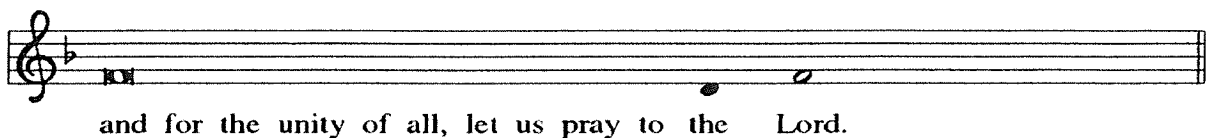
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



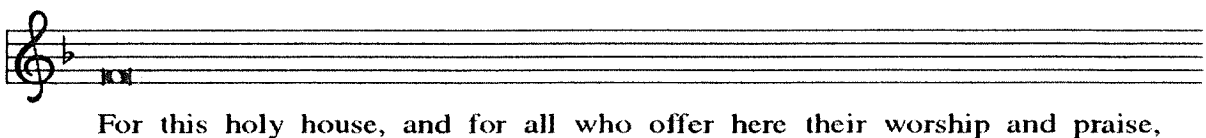
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



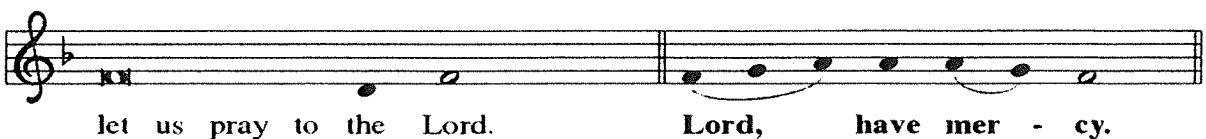
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



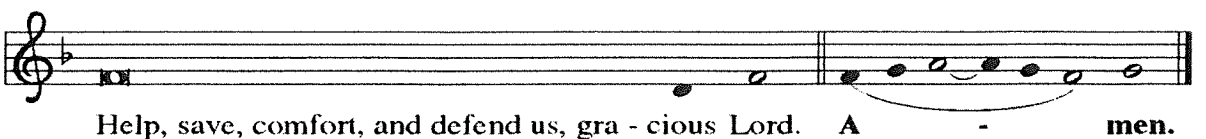
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



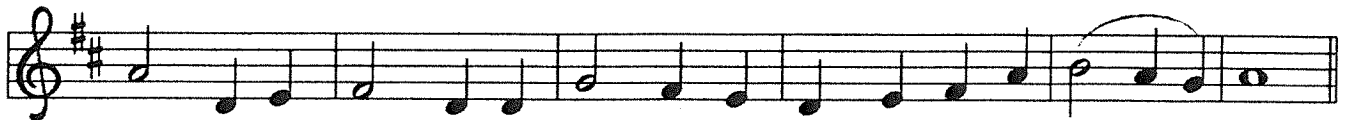
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



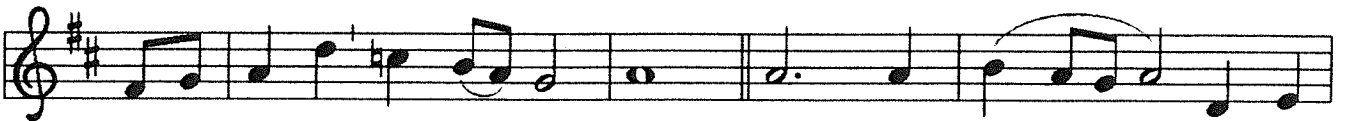
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(you may be seated)

CHILDREN'S CHAT AND NOISY OFFERING FOR HUNGER RELIEF

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

R The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136 (read responsively)

¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

¹³¹I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

¹³²Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.

¹³³Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.

¹³⁵Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R Word of God, Word for Life

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter

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

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Judy Deckert

HYMN OF THE DAY (*please stand*) *"Have No Fear, Little Flock"*

ELW # 764

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**

(you may be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *“Create in Me” (please stand)* **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 Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

RESPONSE TO PRAYER **P** *Hear us, O God* **C** **Your mercy is great**
Rusty (Allen), Tom (Angermeier), Devin (Bartos), Joe (Bartos), Lyle (Berndt), Karen & Del (Brewer), Eugene (Clark), Mike & Rina (Clumpner), Robert (Connrey), Danielle (Davis), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), Cindy (Knapp), Shari (Krueger), Ellie (Krull), Joe (May), Fran (McCarthy), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Matthew (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeier), Lexi & Laci (S), Isaac (T), Eric (Thorson), Charlotte, 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 May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

TABLE BLESSING *(based on Luther's SMALL CATECHISM)*

A Table Blessing to Begin a Meal for Families

P The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

C **All here gathered, food from the land, all is gift from your gracious hand. Feed us today; feed all those who hunger; teach us to feed one another. We ask this in the name of the one who is our bread, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Now Thanks We All Our God"

ELW # 840

SENDING FORTH

P Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

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

POSTLUDE

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Serving in worship today (July 30th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Judy Deckert

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Ushers: Pete & Marlene Larson

Reader: Roy Jilburg

Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Serving in worship next week (August 6th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

Ushers: Marla & Jim Vogel

Reader: Jim Vogel

Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Readings for next week (August 6th)

Isaiah 55:1-5

Eat and drink that which truly satisfies

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

Romans 9:1-5

The glory of God's people Israel

Matthew 14:13-21

Christ feeding five thousand

Stewardship Opportunities July 30-Aug 6

Today the fellowship meal is being provided by people whose last name begins with L-Z.

Next week the folks whose last name begins A-K will provide the meal.

Week at a Glance July 30th—Aug 6th

Tuesday Noon

Book Club

Wednesday 8 AM

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

Friday 9 AM—Noon

Office hours for Lana

Attendance last week: 64

Birthdays in July

July 1st	Derek Hannemann Don Lauscher
July 2nd	Kaden Borkovetz Laura Borkovetz
July 3rd	Shanna Schmitz Joey Wilke
July 4th	Meggie Lumaye-Sawyer
July 6th	Kraig Aune
July 8th	Linda Monahan
July 9th	Don Heldmann
July 10th	Ellen Klister
July 16th	Dean Larson
July 17th	Adam Gutschow Ceres Sawitzki
July 19th	Ardi Lauscher
July 21st	Gary Hannemann
July 22nd	Samuel Sund
July 24th	Carrie LaPlante

July 27th Leslie Petersen
Jim Vogel

July 31st Cheryl Larson

Wedding Anniversaries in July

July 8th Jim & Linda Monahan

July 16th Arne & Peggy Odegaard
Dean & Cheryl Larson

July 29th Paul & LuAnn Klapatch

Birthdays in August

August 2nd Linda Zolnosky

August 4th Jean Hovik

August 5th Elliott Brown
Riley Sawyer

August 13th Michelle Brunette
Erik Jilburg

Nick Schultz

August 14th Mike Zolnosky

August 16th Kyler Borkovetz
Wyatt Wilke

August 18th Merle Eskildsen

August 19th Irene Thorson

August 22nd Dan Kostichka

August 29th Sue Aune

August 30th Lori Flick-Langer

Wedding Anniversaries in August

August 7th Michelle & Brian Brunette

August 18th Gloria & Gene LaPlante

August 19th Deb & Dave Grunwald

August 22nd Barb & Richard Dunlap

August 23rd Sue & Bill Nusbaum

August 27th Kirsten & Matt Dixner Young

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Over the summer, keep in mind that we still can be collecting items for LWR School kits. Peggy Odegaard has approximately 100 school bags ready to be filled. **ONLY THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PERMITTED**

- inches on the other
- * ONE pair of blunt scissors
- * FIVE **unsharpened** #2 pencils
- * FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel pens)
- * ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons
- * ONE 2 1/2" eraser
- * ONE pencil sharpener

Watch for sales to stock up! All items for the school kits are to be new. Here is the list.

- * FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide-ruled or college-ruled paper (no loose leaf paper)
- * ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and

Shipping date is October 6, 2023. Now is the time to get the supplies when they are on sale. There is a collection box and a chart as to what is still needed in the basement. At this time everything is still needed. Thank you for your help with this worthwhile project.

Wednesday August 23rd
Chicken Salad Croissant Lunch Noon—1pm
Tickets \$15 each See Evelyn Breider

September and God's Work, Our Hands Sunday will soon be upon us. If you are wanting to have a t-shirt with Hainesville's name on the back please let the office know by August 20th so that we can get them here for the day. Shirts are \$10.00 each.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers or are located on the usher stand area.