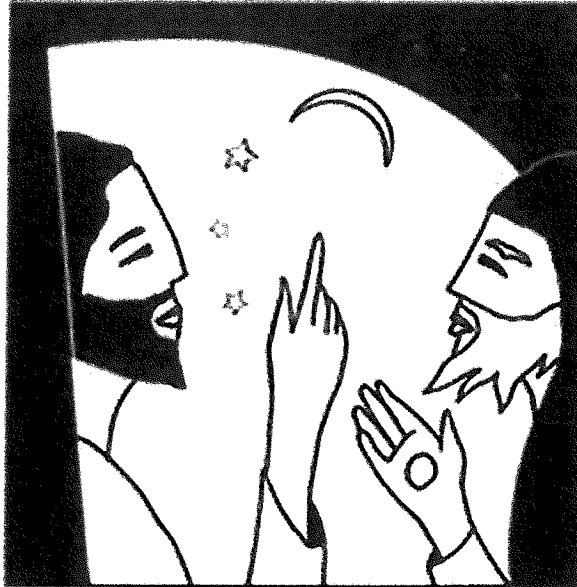


# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — E L C A



**Sunday, October 22nd, 2023**  
Twenty First 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**

## **CHILDREN'S CHAT AND NOISY OFFERING FOR HUNGER RELIEF**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

**P** Steadfast and faithful God,

**C** **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**P** Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**C** Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN:** *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

**HYMN # 596**

## **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** *(spoken #3 pp139-140)*

**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.

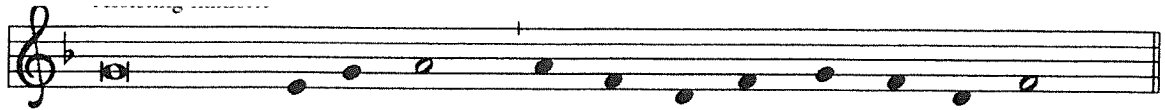
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**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.



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. Sovereign God,  
**C** raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:

<sup>2</sup>I will go before you  
and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I surname you, though you do not know me.

<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
<sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]**

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

<sup>4</sup>**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

<sup>8</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup>**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

<sup>12</sup>**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**

<sup>13</sup>You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from

you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

**GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22** *(please stand as you are able)*

*After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.*

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

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

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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**

*"Take My Life, That I May Be"*

**HYMN # 685**

**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 power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P** Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

**RESPONSE TO PRAYERS** **P** *God of grace*

**C** **Hear our prayer**

**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), Donna (Kaat), 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, Joe, and the family of Marjorie Horne.

**C** Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(please stand as you are able)*

**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** *"Here I Am, Lord"*

**Hymn # 574**

**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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**Stewardship Opportunities Oct 22-Oct 29**

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

Oct 10th	Brock Aune
	Gordy Hughes
Oct 12th	Bill Aune
Oct 17th	Joanne Adlon
Oct 21st	Eugene Clark
Oct 21st	Richard Dunlap
Oct 25th	Gloria LaPlante
Oct 31st	Paul Klapatch

**Week at a Glance Oct 22nd-Oct 29th**

**Tuesday 9 AM**

Quilting for missions

**Wednesday 8 AM**

Men’s breakfast and Bible Study

**Thursday 9-Noon (Note day change)**

Office hours for Lana

**Wedding Anniversaries in October**

Oct 2nd	Tim & Rachel Hanson
Oct 5th	Riley & Meggie Sawyer
Oct 10th	Pete & Marlene Larson
Oct 16th	Bill & Sue Aune
Oct 21st	Jeff & Val Espe
Oct 23rd	Kraig & Amy Aune

*Attendance last week: 47*

**Today** following worship there will be bell ringing instruction by Roy Jillburg.

**Birthdays in October**

Oct 2nd	Heather Haese
Oct 4th	Debra Larson
Oct 5th	Linda Kohn
Oct 8th	Emery Freiberg
	Jill DeGrave
Oct 9th	Clint Hanson
	Wyatt Hanson

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

Serving in worship today (October 22nd)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer  
Ushers: Russ & Ellen Klister  
Reader: Lana Ferry  
Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Readings for next week (October 29th)

**Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18**  
*Holiness revealed in acts of justice*  
**Psalm 1**  
Their delight is in the law of the LORD. (Ps. 1:2)  
**1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**  
*The apostle's tender care for the Thessalonians*  
**Matthew 22:34-46**  
*Two great commandments: love for God and neighbor*

Serving in worship next week (October 29th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer  
Reader: Jan Shusta  
Ushers: Becky & Elliott Brown  
Music: Mama J and the Praise Hounds

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 \$46,000 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.

Sep 2023						
				TOTAL		
	Sep	Budget	Variance	YTD	Budget	Variance
Offerings	3,133	6,107	(2,974)	55,568	54,963	605
Total Income	3,449	7,568	(4,119)	76,150	68,117	8,038
Total Expenses	5,137	7,568	(2,431)	65,769	68,117	(2,343)
Windows Fund	\$45,910					