

# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — ELCA



Sunday, April 26th, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**"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**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**P** Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

**P** Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**C** **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**P** Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**C** **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**P** Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**C** **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**C** Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## 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*)

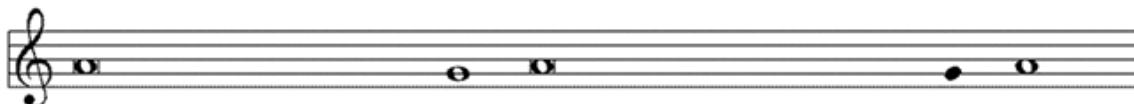
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



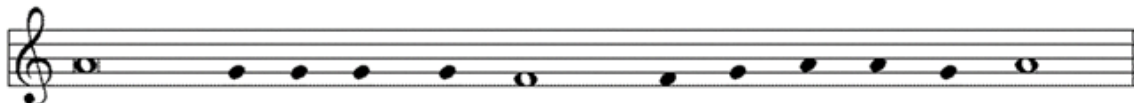
**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



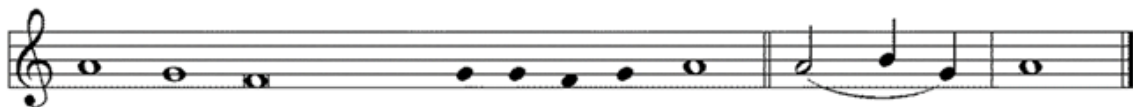
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



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

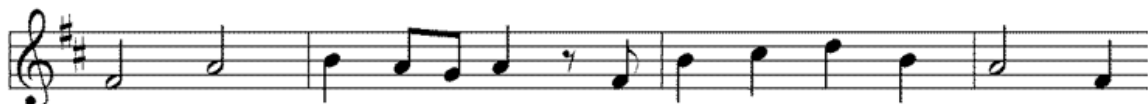


**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

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



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**C** 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 our shepherd,  
**C** you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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: Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup> [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**R** The word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God

**PSALM: Psalm 23 (in unison)**

**<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd,**

**I shall not want;**

**<sup>2</sup>he makes me lie down in green pastures.**

**The He leads me beside still waters;**

**<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul.**

**He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

**<sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.**

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

<sup>19</sup> It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

<sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**R** Word of God, Word of Life

**C** Thanks be to God

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



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: John 10:1-10**

*Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

<sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord

**C** **Praise to you O Christ.**

**GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY**

Pastor Ralph Hankermeyer

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”*    **HYMN 366**

**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**     Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

**C**     **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**P** Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

**RESPONSE TO PRAYERS** **P** Merciful God **C** receive our prayer  
**Sharon** (Albert), **Linda** (Anderson), **Tom & Alice** (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue** (Aune), **Cindy** (B), **John** (B), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Dan** (Fenrich), **Pam** (Freiberg), **Alan** (G), **Barbara** (Hughes/Dean), **Dawn** (Jeanquart), **Charlotte** (K), **Patricia** (Kehl), **Cindy** (Knapp), **Keith** (Knapp), **Myriah** (Krueger), **P** (L), **Kenny** (Meyer), **Beth** (Pachniak), **Monika** (Perry), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Delores** (Schuyler), **Irene** (Thorson), **Debby & Arnie** (Zahn), **Brixanna**, **Marley**, **Carole**, **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** God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † 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** “*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*” **HYMN 843**

**SENDING FORTH**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

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The Salad Luncheon is quickly approaching. It is May 20<sup>th</sup> with the cost being \$15.00. Please get tickets to sell from Joanne Adlon. There is a sign-up sheet for salads and bars in the fellowship area.



Spring clean-up is scheduled for this Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00. This is the day before Confirmation so we would like to get the church grounds cleaned for this special day. Please come and help.



Hello Motor Show volunteers, spectators and participants. Our third annual Church Motor Show is coming up soon, June 13<sup>th</sup>, and we will need some volunteers to distribute flyers and ask for donations. We will be drawing winners to receive what was donated. Doners will be recognized on the day of the show. We also need a few volunteers to set up Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> (this usually only takes an hour. Meeting time will be determined by volunteer's availability). We need a few volunteers to work with Marla Vogel in concessions. Please see Gordy or Marla. We will have games for kids to play. The show has been a lot of fun! I hope to see you there!  
Thank You! Gordy Hughes

The stained-glass window committee is looking for possible themes for the windows at the back of the church sanctuary. Please pass on your suggestions to Jim Vogel, Jim Hanstad, Linda Monahan, or George Sincock.



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
4. The current newsletter
5. The Wired Word for that week. These copies will be on the table each week for you to read and contemplate.

Serving in worship today (April 26<sup>th</sup>)

Presiding minister: Pastor Ralph

Hankermeyer

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Reader: Marie Weber

Ushers: Don & Karin Heldmann

Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Serving in worship next week (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou

Plummer

Reader: Jim Vogel

Ushers: Jim & Marla Vogel

Communion Assist: Jim Vogel

Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Readings for next week (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)

[Acts 7:55-60](#)

*The martyrdom of Stephen*

[Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16](#)

[1 Peter 2:2-10](#)

*God's people chosen to proclaim God's mighty acts*

[John 14:1-14](#)

*Christ the way, truth, and life*

### Stewardship Opportunities Apr 26-May3

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

### Week at a glance April 26-May3

**Tuesday Quilting at 9:00**

**Wednesday Men's Bible Study at 8:00**

**Friday 9-12**

Office hours for Lana

**Saturday Spring Clean-up at 9:00**

*Attendance last week: 45*

### Birthdays in April

April 1<sup>st</sup> Mary Lou Plummer  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Hanstad  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> MarJean Gutschow  
Peggy Odegaard  
April 4<sup>th</sup> Joe Korte  
April 7<sup>th</sup> Cathy Lindal  
April 8<sup>th</sup> Tom Angermeier  
April 10<sup>th</sup> Bonnie Kohn  
April 11<sup>th</sup> Eric Schmitz  
April 13<sup>th</sup> Kristor Larson  
April 14<sup>th</sup> Tiffany Schultz  
April 17<sup>th</sup> Jordan Degrave  
April 18<sup>th</sup> Ken Overland  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> Kayla Houston  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> Deb Kirsch  
April 25<sup>th</sup> Patrick Markham  
Kathy Schmitz  
April 30<sup>th</sup> Jan Shusta

### Wedding Anniversaries in April

April 16<sup>th</sup> Rick & Vicki  
Hannemann

April 19<sup>th</sup> Bob & Leslie Petersen

### **From Carolyn concerning the July Goods & Goodies sale: July 18th**

To anyone wishing to donate items for the yard sale. Please make sure the items are clean and sellable. Please leave donations by the memorial wall no later than July 11th.

**DO NOT LEAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**

- \* Clothing of any kind
- \* Microwave ovens
- \* Exercise Bikes or Treadmills
- \* Heavy Sofas
- \* Computers/Peripherals
- \* TV sets/Monitors
- \* Refrigerators
- \* Freezers
- \* Organs
- \* Air conditioners
- \* Mattresses
- \* Cribs
- \* Car Seats (they have an expiration date)

**All other items are very much appreciated and we thank you. If you put things in the schoolhouse or garage please make sure the door is locked behind you. If you have any larger items or questions, please call Carolyn Melland at  
920-743-4470  
920-495-2871**