

# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — ELCA



Sunday, February 22nd, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

**"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**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots  
out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:  
Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:  
Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work  
of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain  
the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of  
your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding  
Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**C** have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

**P** God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**C** Amen.

## **GATHERING HYMN**

*“On Bended Knee”*

### Verse 1

**On bended knee I come  
With a humble heart I come  
Bowing down before Your holy throne  
Lifting holy hands to You  
As I pledge my love anew  
I worship You in spirit  
I worship You in truth  
Make my life a holy praise unto You**

### Verse 2

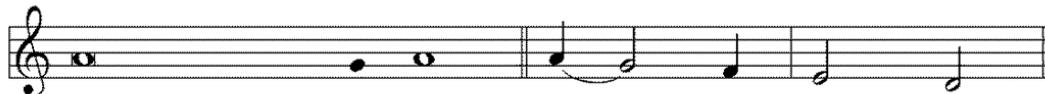
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As we pledge our love anew  
We worship You in spirit  
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Make our lives a holy praise unto You (2x)**

## **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.



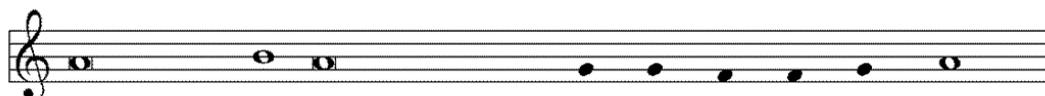
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.

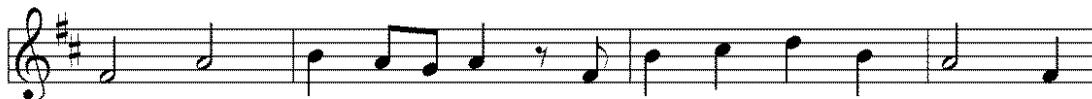


**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

# 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.



**B** 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. Lord God,  
**C** **our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**R** The word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God**

## PSALM: Psalm 32 *(read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

- <sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- <sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.
- <sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you  
forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- <sup>6</sup> **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of  
trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**
- <sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- <sup>8</sup> **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.**
- <sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be  
fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- <sup>10</sup> **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**
- <sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19**

<sup>12</sup> Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following

one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C **Thanks be to God**

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



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11**

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter

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

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil.

<sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle

of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’ ”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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**    *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*    **HYMN 803**

**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 O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through the gifts of bread and wine, you drew us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

**RESPONSE TO PRAYERS** P Hear us, O God C **your mercy is great Sharon (Albert), Linda (Anderson), Tom & Alice (Angermeier), Bill & Sue (Aune), Cindy (B), John (B), Elaine (Caelwaerts), Mike & Rina (Clumpner), Erin (Culbertson), Dianne (D), Dan (Fenrich), Pam (Freiberg), Alan (G), Barbara (Hughes/Dean), Dawn (Jeanquart), Charlotte (K), Patricia (Kehl), Cindy (Knapp), Keith (Knapp), Myriah (Krueger), Kenny (Meyer), Beth (Pachniak), Monika (Perry), Matthew (Rocque), Kathy (S), Todd (S), Delores (Schuyler), Irene (Thorson), Mary (Zirbel), Betty, Brixanna & Marley, Carole & Russ, Jay, and Laurie.**

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** Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always.

**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**      *“Are You Washed In The Blood ”*

### Verse 1

**Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb  
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb**

### Chorus

**Are you washed in the blood  
In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb  
Are your garments spotless are they white as snow  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb**

### Verse 2

**Are you walking daily by the Savior's side  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb  
Do you rest each moment in the Crucified  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb (chorus)**

### Verse 3

**When the Bridegroom cometh will your robes be white  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb  
Will your soul be ready for the mansions bright  
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb (chorus)**

### Verse 4

**Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin  
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb  
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean  
O be washed in the blood of the Lamb (Chorus)**

## **SENDING FORTH**

**P** Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
**C** Praise be to God! Amen.

## **POSTLUDE**

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Is getting to church on Sunday morning difficult? We are in the process of working on rides for those who would like to attend but for whatever reason aren't able to because of transportation. Please let the church office know if this is a service that would be of help to you. Know someone who would like a ride? Let the church office know please.

Did you know that there are large print bulletins each week for worship? If this would make your enjoyment and participation in the service better, please ask an usher for a copy. **NEW** there are also large print copies of the words for the hymns that we are singing. The ushers have these as well.



**TOMORROW** begins the weekly Bible Study “He Chose the Nails” by Max Lucado. The book presents us with the gifts offered by God in the crucifixion. It is asked that the first 3 chapters be read prior to the class. This begins at 9:30 and runs all the Mondays in Lent. This promises to be a meaningful study.



The Hainesville Lunch Bunch will be meeting this Thursday at 11:30. The chosen restaurant is Door County Fire Company in Sturgeon Bay. Please let Marla Vogel know if you are planning on attending so that she can make the proper arrangements.



Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be an Interfaith Vigil of Prayer & Song at Hope United Church of Christ. This is open to the public. There is a flyer in the fellowship area for more information. If you have any further questions, please see Pastor Plummer.

*In the event of weather-related closings at church—  
please listen to WDOR or Channel 2 for cancellation notices and check our  
Facebook page*

Serving in worship today (Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou  
Plummer

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Reader: Jim Vogel

Ushers: Jim & Marla Vogel

Keyboard: Janet Anderson

Serving in worship next week (Mar 1<sup>st</sup>)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou  
Plummer

Reader: Kirsten Dixner-Young

Ushers: Dixner -Young

Communion Assist: Ellen Klister

Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Readings for next week (March 1<sup>st</sup>)

[Genesis 12:1-4a](#)

*The blessing of God upon Abram*

[Psalm 121](#)

[Romans 4:1-5, 13-17](#)

*The promise to those who share*

*Abraham's faith*

[John 3:1-17](#)

*The mission of Christ: to save the world*

### **Stewardship Opportunities Feb 22- Mar 1**

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

### **Week at a glance Feb 22-March 1**

**Monday "He Chose the Nails"**

**Bible Study at 9:30**

**Tuesday Quilting at 9:00**

**Wednesday Men's Bible Study**

**Hainesville Lunch Bunch at 11:30**

**Friday 9-12**

Office hours for Lana

**Saturday Family Choir at 9:30**

*Attendance last week: 40*

*Attendance Ash Wednesday: 17*

### **Birthdays in February**

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Regan Markham

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Pete Larson

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Isaak Aune

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Ben Dixner Young

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Pam Freiberg

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Margery Reynolds

Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Kim Hartwig

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> Jerry Gutschow

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Sue Larsen

### **Wedding Anniversaries in February**

Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Karin & Don Heldmann

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Jim Hanstad & Gordy Hughes

**Jan 2026**

	<b>TOTAL</b>					
	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Offerings</b>	8,915	8,375	540	8,915	8,375	540
<b>Total Income</b>	10,005	10,067	(62)	10,005	10,067	(62)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	8,216	8,645	(429)	8,216	8,645	(429)