

# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

an ELCA Congregation



## Sunday, December 4th, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

"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 always invited. 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**

**FAMILY ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING** *(Delaney Wilke and family)*

**HYMN**                    *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*                    **ELW 257, verse 1**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

- R**     At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming.  
      O Emmanuel,  
**C**     **Wake us up to your coming.**  
**R**     We gather together to expect the unexpected and imagine the unimaginable.  
      O Emmanuel,  
**C**     **Wake us up to your coming.**  
**R**     We wait for the day when God will recycle tanks into tractors  
      and transform minefields into soccer fields. O Emmanuel,  
**C**     **Wake us up to your coming.**  
**R**     We stay awake by telling stories that offer a glimmer of a future  
      and agitate dormant hope within us. O Emmanuel,  
**C**     **Wake us up to your coming.**  
**R**     Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle,  
      whose flame brings warmth to winter and fills this place with the glow of hope.  
**C**     **Amen.**

*Light two candles*

**HYMN**                    *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*                    **ELW 257, verse 3**

**O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *(please remain seated)*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** God of all time,

**C** **we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

**P** Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In † Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

**C** Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN:** *“The King Shall Come”*

**HYMN # 260**

**GREETING** *(please stand as you are able)*

**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**

**HYMN #157**

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for  
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.  
mer - cy. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMN #167

*Refrain*



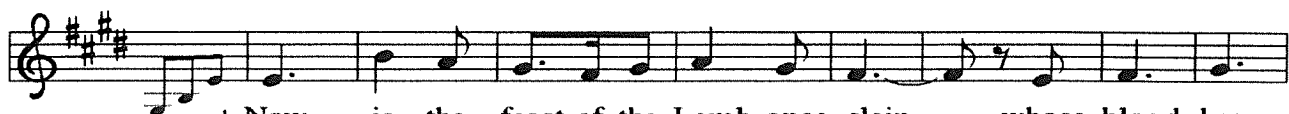
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



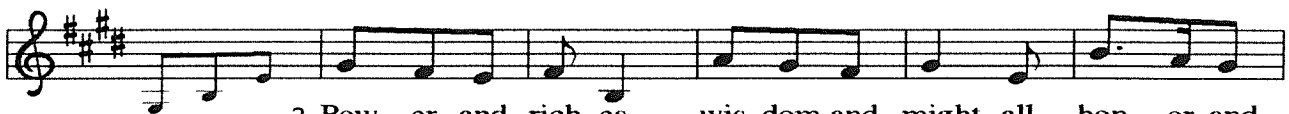
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Stir up our hearts,

C **Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(you may be seated)*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

*Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.*

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;

and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;

<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>18</sup>**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;  
you alone do wondrous deeds!**

<sup>19</sup>And blessed be your glorious name forever,  
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

**SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13**

*God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each*

*other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.*

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name”;

<sup>10</sup>and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

<sup>11</sup>and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him”;

<sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

R      Word of God, Word of Life      C      **Thanks be to God**

*(please stand as you are able)*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12**

*Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.*

P      The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

**C      Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,



“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’ ”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

<sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P      The Gospel of the Lord      C      **Praise to you O Christ.**

*(please be seated)*

**GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY**

Pastor David Raben

*(please stand)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Hark, the Glad Sound”*

**HYMN # 239**

**APOSTLES CREED**

A      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**

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

A Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God's people.

**RESPONSE TO PRAYER**    P            *Lord, in your mercy*    C            **Hear our prayer**  
Hannah (Albert), Rusty (Allen), Lindsay (A), Tom (Angermeier), Devin (Bartos), Karen & Del (Brewer), Sharon (Burr), Eugene (Clark), Danielle (Davis), Carol (Dennis), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Ellen (Groenwoldt), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), Vicki (Hannemann), Shari (Krueger), Ellie (Krull), Linda (M), Larry (Mallien), Joe (May), Francine (Meyer), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Matthew (Rocque), Alice (Angermeier-Rocque), Hans (Sawitzki), Eric (Thorson), Kari (Uetz), Jim (Vogel), Nick (Vogel), Jeanine, Joe, and the family of Troy Schiesser.

## THE PEACE

A 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**                    *"Let the Vineyards" (please stand)*                    **ELW #184**

C Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light.

C **Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION LITURGY *(Sung)*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord. Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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**

P Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast of salvation.

### COMMUNION HYMN

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *(you may be seated)*

*We welcome all believers in Christ to share in God's Holy meal. Please come to the front and when you receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are*

*available on the stand in the center. Children who have not received their first communion instruction are invited to come forward and receive a pastoral blessing.*

**COMMUNION BLESSING** *(after the distribution has been completed - please stand)*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Let us pray. God for whom we wait,  
You come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share.  
Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

**SENDING HYMN**

*“Soon and Very Soon”*

**HYMN # 439**

**THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

P May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

A Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C **THANKS BE TO GOD.... AND WE WILL!**

**POSTLUDE**

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## SECRET SANTA

**SHHHHH** It is that time of the year again when we think about those less fortunate than ourselves. We are again adopting a family in the community to help make the Christmas of those children more bright. There are donation boxes in the basement or you can simply put a check in the offering plate with Secret Santa on the memo line and we will see that it goes to the correct place. Thank you so much in advance for your generosity. Donations must be in TODAY.

### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The church council is calling a special congregational meeting to be held directly following worship today. The purpose of this meeting will be to vote on a new Part-Time Pastor. This vote will be the only thing that will be discussed at this time. Please plan on staying to take part in an important next step in the life of our congregation.

### WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

<b>December 10</b>	Family Choir
<b>December 11</b>	Sunday worship
<b>December 13</b>	Women of ELCA Christmas Luncheon All are welcome. \$10.00 gift exchange
<b>December 18</b>	Sunday worship w/Communion
<b>December 18</b>	Bake sale after worship
<b>December 24 4:00 pm</b>	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
<b>December 25</b>	Lessons and Carols worship

**NOTE:** Cookie drop off for the bake sale on December 18th will be from 9:00 to 11:00 on **DECEMBER 17th.**

## Stewardship Opportunities

### Dec 4th—Dec 11th

Today the fellowship meal is being provided by the church. Next Sunday the folks whose last names begins with L-Z will provide the meal. *Visitors and members alike are welcome to share in our fellowship meals. Come on down.... And get to know your neighbors and friends.*

### Week at a Glance Dec 4th—Dec 11th

#### Tuesday Noon

Book Club "Shepherd Abiding" by Jan Karon

#### Wednesday 8 AM

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

#### Friday 9 AM—Noon

Office hours for Lana

#### Saturday 9:30

Family Choir practice

Attendance last week: 42

### Serving in worship today (Dec 4th Advent 2)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben  
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad  
Reader: Marie Weber  
Ushers: John Breider & John Melland  
Advent Candle Lighter: Delaney Wilke and family  
Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard  
Communion Assist: Gordy Hughes

### Readings for next week (December 11th)

**Isaiah 64:1-9** *Prayer that God would come with power and compassion*

**Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19** *Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. (Ps. 80:7)*

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9** *Gifts of grace sustain those who wait for the end*

**Mark 13:24-37** *The sudden coming of the Son of Man*

### Birthdays for December

Dec 1st	Hans Sawitzki
Dec 4th	Kimberly Heindl
Dec 6th	Sandy Swagel
Dec 7th	Daylia Sund
Dec 11th	Jeff Gutschow
Dec 12th	Emily Hanson
	David Grunwald
Dec 13th	Bill Nusbaum
Dec 15th	Jeff Espe
Dec 16th	Lyle Berndt
	Becca Larson
Dec 18th	Bob Larson
Dec 20th	Colleen Melland
Dec 21st	Dave Freier
Dec 22nd	Bill Albert
Dec 27th	Rick Hannemann
Dec 31st	William Markham

### Anniversaries for December

Dec 3rd MarJean & Jerry Gutschow

### Serving in worship next week (Dec 11th)

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Liturgist: Jim Hanstad  
Reader: Bonnie Kohn  
Ushers: Bonnie Kohn & Roy Jilburg  
Advent Candle Lighter: Ben Dixner Young  
Keyboard: Janet Anderson