HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH —ELCA



Sunday, August 18th, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost "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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, \oplus one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- C Amen.
- P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. Silence is kept for reflection.
- P God, our provider,
- help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.
- P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, 4 the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

"Soon and Very Soon"

WOV # 744

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 pp147-148)



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray. Ever-loving God,
- Your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

- ¹ Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.
- ² She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.
- ³ She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,
- ⁴ "You that are simple, turn in here!"

 To those without sense she says,
- ⁵ "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶ Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."
- R The word of the Lord C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 34:9-14 (read responsively)

- ⁹ Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
 - ¹⁰ The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- ¹¹ Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the LORD.
- 12 Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.
 - ¹⁴ Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵ Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with

the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, 20 giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, Word of Life R

Thanks be to God C

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter P

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] 51 "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord Р

Praise to you O Christ. C

(please be seated)

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

HYMN OF THE DAY **PRESENTATION**

"Bind Us Together"

WOV # 748

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

I present Donovan Ronald Antholt for baptism. Hannah

As you bring Donovan to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, come to the word of God and the holy supper, learn the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, read the holy scriptures, and be nurtured in faith and prayer, so that you may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life? If so, answer "I do."

Hannah Ido.

P Donovan, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ? If so, answer "I do."

Donovan I do.

- P People of God, do you promise to support Donovan and pray for him in his new life in Christ? If so, answer "We do."
- C We do.
- P Congregation, please stand as you are able, and join in following along with Hannah and Donovan.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

- P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? If so, answer, "I renounce them."
- C I renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 7

- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The congregation may be seated.

BAPTISM

- P Donovan Ronald Antholt, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Donovan Ronald Antholt, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.
- C Alleluia.
- P Clothed with Christ in baptism, receive this quilt from your community of faith, made with loving hands by members of this congregation, as a sign of God's love for you on this day and forevermore.
- P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Donovan Ronald with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
- C Amen.
- P Donovan Ronald, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- C Amen.

WELCOME

- P Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.
- P Let us welcome the newest baptized member of Hainesville Lutheran Church.
- C We welcome you as a member of the body of Christ in this community of faith and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS P Merciful God C receive our prayer
Tom (Angermeier), Elaine (Caelwaerts), Mike & Rina (Clumpner), Erin
(Culbertson), Danielle (D), Philip (Dixner), Charlotte (K), Joel (L), Wade (Larson),
Marian (Mailland), April (Mascorro), David (Plummer), Sue (R), Matthew
(Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeier), Todd (S), Barb (Salzer), Irene (Thorson),
Laci, Pastor Laura and the family of Richard Hannemann.

C 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 "Let the Vineyards" (please stand)

HYMN #184

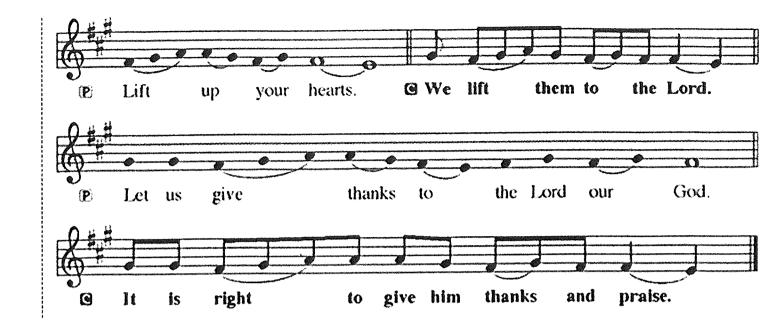
C Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste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

OFFERING PRAYER

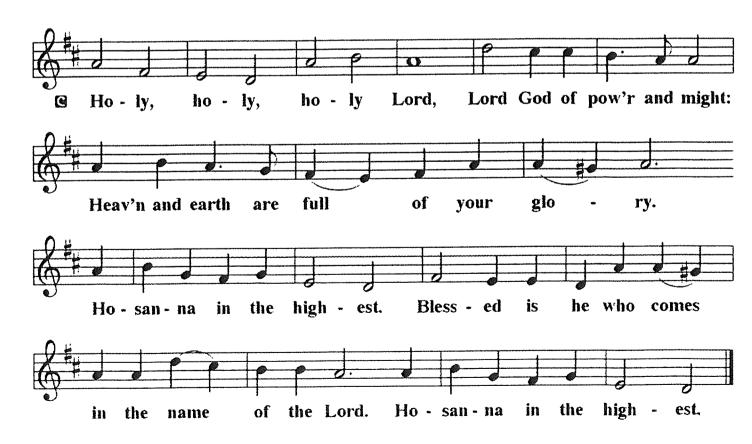
- P Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
- C Amen.

THE COMMUNION LITURGY (sung — setting # 4 pp152)





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:



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 Gathered in to one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- 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 Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION HYMN

"One Bread, One Body"

WOV #710

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

WOV #711

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 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

- P Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.
- C Amen.

BLESSING

- P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, \oplus be upon 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

"Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died, heaven's gates to open wide; He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. (refrain)

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way; When at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. (refrain)

SENDING FORTH

- P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C Thanks be to God.... AND WE WILL!!

POSTLUDE

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Today, we welcome Donovan Antholt, Rilynn Brunette, and Oliver Wilke to the Lord's Table as they participate in this special meal given to us by Jesus Christ. Donovan and Rilynn have recently completed an Early Communion Workshop and provided a faith statement. Oliver completed his Communion instruction just prior to the COVID pandemic. Certificates acknowledging their participation this morning are available on a table in the pavilion. Please take a moment to sign your name to each certificate showing that you witnessed and communed with them today. Also take a moment to congratulate them on this step in their faith journeys. Thank you!

There will be a special congregational meeting **NEXT SUNDAY**, August 25 following worship. This is meeting is to affirm the window plans and the work that has been done for the north side stained glass windows of the church. Please plan on attending.

This Saturday, August 24, we will be celebrating the life of Richard Hannemann with a service here at the church at 11:00.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday will be September 8. Please come and work together with your church family to do projects for the benefit of those in need and our church here at home.

Please note the Chicken Salad Croissant Luncheon has been canceled for this year. Sorry for any inconvenience.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Over the summer, keep in mind that it is time be collecting items for LWR School kits. Peggy Odegaard has approximately 200 school bags ready to be filled.

ONLY THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PERMITED

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 pair of blunt scissors
- FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel pens)

Shipping date is October 4, 2024. Now is the time to get the supplies when they are on sale.

Stewardship Opportunities Aug 18-25

Today the fellowship meal is our being provided by Hannah Grohman in honor of her son Donovan's baptism. Next week the folks whose last name begins with A-K will be providing the meal.

Week at a Glance Aug 18-25

Monday 6:00 Church council Tuesday noon WELCA

Wednesday 8 AM

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

Friday 9-noon

Office hours for Lana

Saturday 11:00

Celebration of Life for Richard

Hannemann

Attendance last week: 38

Birthdays in August

August 4th Jean Hovik
August 5th Elliott Brown
Riley Sawyer

August 13th Michelle Brunette

Erik Jilburg Nick Schultz

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

Serving in worship next week (August 18th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

Liturgist:

Jim Hanstad

Reader:

Lana Ferry

Ushers:

Joanne Adlon & John Breider

Communion Assist: Sue Nusbaum Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Serving in worship today (August 25th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

Liturgist:

Jim Hanstad

Reader:

Marie Weber

Ushers:

Rilynn Brunette & Kathy

Schmidtz

Keyboard:

Heidi Hintz

Readings for next week: (August 25th)

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Joshua calls all Israel to serve the LORD

Psalm 34:15-22

The eyes of the LORD are upon the right-

eous. (Ps. 34:15) **Ephesians 6:10-20**Put on the armor of God

John 6:56-69

The bread of eternal life