

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA



Sunday, March 5th, 2023

Second 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 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

CHILDREN'S CHAT

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please remain seated)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

P Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave his only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C **Amen.**

(please stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN *"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"*

HYMN #335

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 (sung setting #3 pp 138-139)

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

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

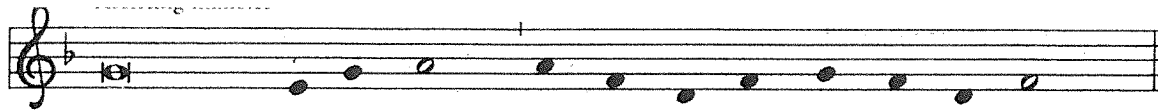
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

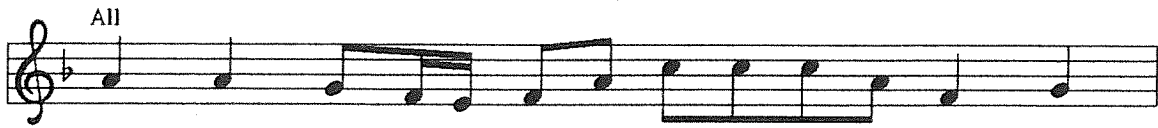
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

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

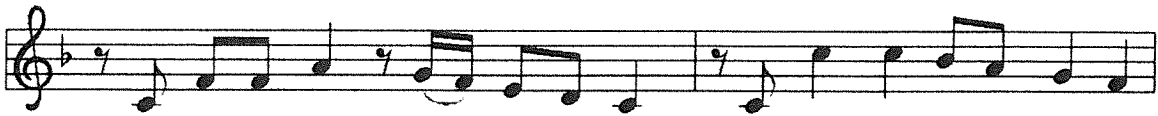
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.



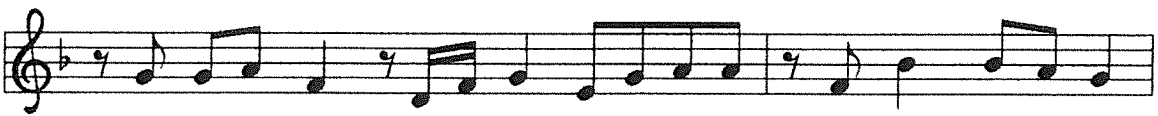
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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. O God,
C our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world. We pray this 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.

(please be seated)

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

R The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 121 *(read responsively)*

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

R Word of God, Word of Life
(*please stand as you are able*)

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

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

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

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of

the Spirit.”⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P The Gospel of the Lord C Praise to you O Christ. *(please be seated)*

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Mike Zolnosky

HYMN OF THE DAY

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Family Choir

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

(please be seated)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Sustained by God’s abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

RESPONSE TO PRAYER P *Merciful God* C **Receive our prayer**

Rusty (Allen), Lindsay (A), Tom (Angermeier), Devin (Bartos), Karen & Del

(Brewer), Eugene (Clark), Robert (Connrey), Danielle (Davis), Carol (Dennis), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Ellen (Groewoldt), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), Cindy (Knapp), Shari (Krueger), Ellie (Krull), Linda (M), Larry (Mallien), Joe (May), Francine (Meyer), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Pastor Raben, Matthew (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeier), Laci & Lexi (S), Hans (Sawitzki), Eric (Thorson), Kari (Uetz), Nick (Vogel), Jeanine, and Joe.

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)* 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

P God of all good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

THE COMMUNION LITURGY *(sung — setting #3 pp144)*

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. God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, 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 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**

(please be seated)

COMMUNION HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" ELW # 471

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *(you may be seated)*

We welcome all believers in Christ to share in God's Holy meal. Please come to the front 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 Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

BLESSING

- P May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace today and always. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.

TABLE BLESSING *(based on Luther's SMALL CATECHISM)* A Table Blessing to Begin a Meal for Families

- P The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.
- C **All here gathered, food from the land, all is gift from your gracious hand.
Feed us today; feed all those who hunger; teach us to feed one another.
We ask this in the name of the one who is our bread, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(please stand as you are able)

SENDING HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

HYMN #660

SENDING FORTH

- P Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. God sends you out to BE his children among ALL his children. So go now in peace, and serve the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.... AND WE WILL !!**

POSTLUDE

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Stewardship Opportunities

March 5th—12th

Today the fellowship meal is provided by the families whose last names begin L-Z. Next week the fellowship meal will be provided by people whose last name begins with A-K. *Visitors and members alike are welcome to share in this meal. Come on down.... And get to know your neighbors and friends.*

Week at a Glance March 5th—12th

Tuesday noon Book Club

The Book Haters's Book Club by Gretchen Anthony

Wednesday 8 AM

Men's Bible Study & breakfast

Wednesday Lent service at Tanum-Forest

at 1:00 or 6:00

Friday 9 AM—noon
Office hours for Lana

Attendance last week: 49

Birthdays for March

Mar 9th	Richard Hannemann
Mar 11th	John Breider Oliver Wilke
Mar 14th	Kim Jacobson
Mar 18th	Deb Grunwald
Mar 26th	Lori Lauscher
Mar 28th	Reese Sund
Mar 29th	Barbara Dunlap

Anniversaries for March

March 20th John & Laura Borkovetz

We will be having another New Member Sunday the end of April. If you are looking for a church home we would love to have you join our family. Please let someone know your wishes.

We are collecting food for those less fortunate than us. There is a basket in the basement by the television. Feel free to leave your donation there and we will see that it gets to the correct place.

We are collecting receipts from Tadych's Marketplace Foods and Pick'n Save. They are redeemed and the monies from Tadych's goes to the WELCA and the monies from Pick'n Save goes to Feed My People. There is a basket for each in the basement.

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

Serving in worship today March 5th (Second Sunday of Lent)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mike Zolnosky
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad
Reader: Lana Ferry
Ushers: John Breider & John Melland
Communion Assistant: Gordy Hughes
Special music: Family Choir
Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Serving in worship next week March 12th (Third Sunday of Lent)

Worship Leader: Jim Hanstad
Reader: Gloria LaPlante
Ushers: Gene & Gloria LaPlante
Music: Mama J and the Praise Hounds

Readings for next week: March 12th

Exodus 17:1-7 *Water from the rock in the wilderness*

Psalms 95 Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. (Ps. 95:1)

Romans 5:1-11 *Reconciled to God by Christ's death*

John 4:5-42 *Baptismal image: the woman at the well*

If you see that there is a problem with the candles on the altar, please see Gordy about taking care of it. They are touchy and need special care. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 12

Mama J and the Praise Hounds

March 26

Mama J and the Praise Hounds

Midweek Lenten Services

At Tanum-Forest at 1:00 and 6:00 each Wednesday