

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA



Sunday, May 10th, 2026

Sixth 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.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Here I am to Worship”

Verse 1

Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes let me see

Beauty that made

This heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship

Here I am to bow down

Here I am so say that You're my God

And You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days

Oh so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came

To the earth You created

All for love's sake became poor (chorus)

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross

And I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross (chorus)

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



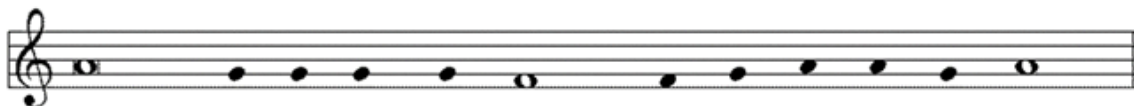
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



B 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.



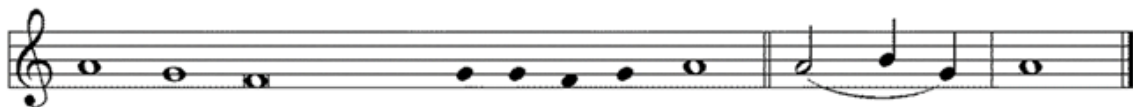
B Lord, have mer - cy.



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. Almighty and ever-living God,
C you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth 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.

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each

one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

R The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20 (*read responsively*)

⁸ Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹ **Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹³ **I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows—**

¹⁴ those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.**

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷ **I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart,

the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁹ **but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor David Raben

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Have Thine Own Way*”

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.

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** (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), **Don** (L), **Kenny** (Meyer), **Beth** (Pachniak), **Monika** (Perry), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Delores** (Schuyler), **Irene** (Thorson), **Debby & Arnie** (Zahn), **Brixanna**, **Marley**, **Carole**, **Russ**, **Christina**, **Gretchen**, **Katlyn**, 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 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!” HYMN 413

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 20th 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.



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.



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.



Hello Motor Show volunteers, spectators and participants. Our third annual Church Motor Show is coming up soon, June 13th, and we will need some volunteers to distribute flyers and ask for donations. We will be drawing winners to receive what was donated. Donors will be recognized on the day of the show. We also need a few volunteers to set up Friday the 12th (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

Are you a caregiver or do you know someone who is? The Yoga Womb on Maple Street is offering a FREE “Yoga for Caregivers” beginning TOMORROW and running for 8 weeks. This will be an hour of restorative yoga followed by sharing. This FREE opportunity will take place at 10am on Mondays for 8 weeks. Please pass this along to anyone you think might benefit from it.



TODAY is the last day to sign up for a copy of “Grace” by Max Lucado for the book study that is starting in June.



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.



We are planning a new member Sunday later in June. Would you or someone you know like to become a member of our church family here at Hainesville? Please let either the office or Pastor Mary Lou know so that we can make the proper arrangements. Thank you.

Serving in worship today (May 10th)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Reader: Mary Ann Leary

Ushers: Dave & Deb Grunwald

Keyboard: Janet Anderson

Serving in worship next week (May 17th)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben

Reader: Roy Jilburg

Ushers:

Communion Assist: Lana Ferry

Keyboard: Janet Anderson

Readings for next week (May 17th)

Acts 1:6-14

Jesus' companions at prayer after his departure

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (*Ps. 68:4*)

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

God will sustain and restore those who suffer

John 17:1-11

Christ's prayer for his disciples

Stewardship Opportunities May 10-17

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

Week at a glance May 10-17

Tuesday “The Wired Word” at 9:30

Wednesday Men’s Bible Study at 8:00

Friday 9-12

Office hours for Lana

Attendance last week: 78

Birthdays in May

May 6th Joshua Degrave
Kurt DeGrave
May 10th Karin Heldmann
Delaney Wilke
May 11th Jessica Jacobson
May 12th Clay Hartwig
May 16th Barbro Wilson
May 19th Roy Jilburg
May 21st Dan Lindal
May 25th Jim Monahan
May 31st John Melland

Wedding Anniversaries in May

May 20th Carolyn & John Melland
Tiffany & Nick Schultz
May 23rd Jill & Kurt Degrave

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

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