HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, October 11th, 2026

Twentieth 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 AND NOISY OFFERING
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C Amen.

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ✢ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *"God Is Here"* **HYMN 526**

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

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
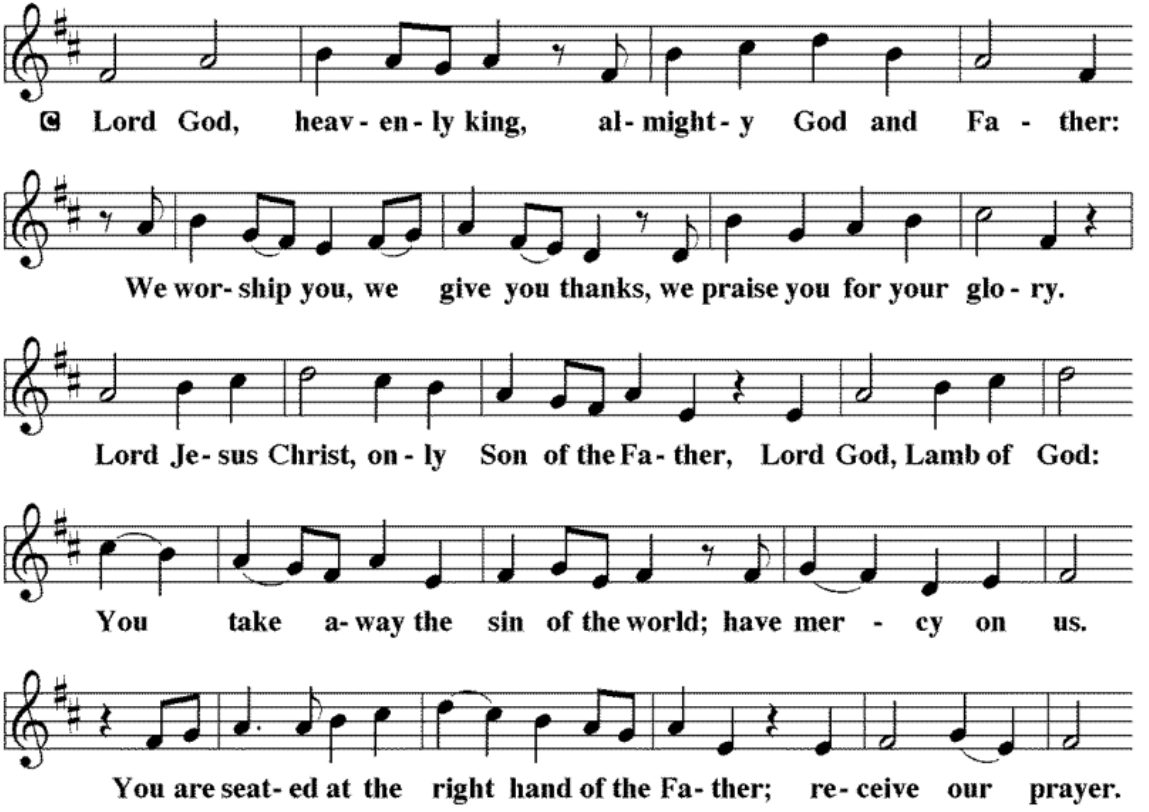
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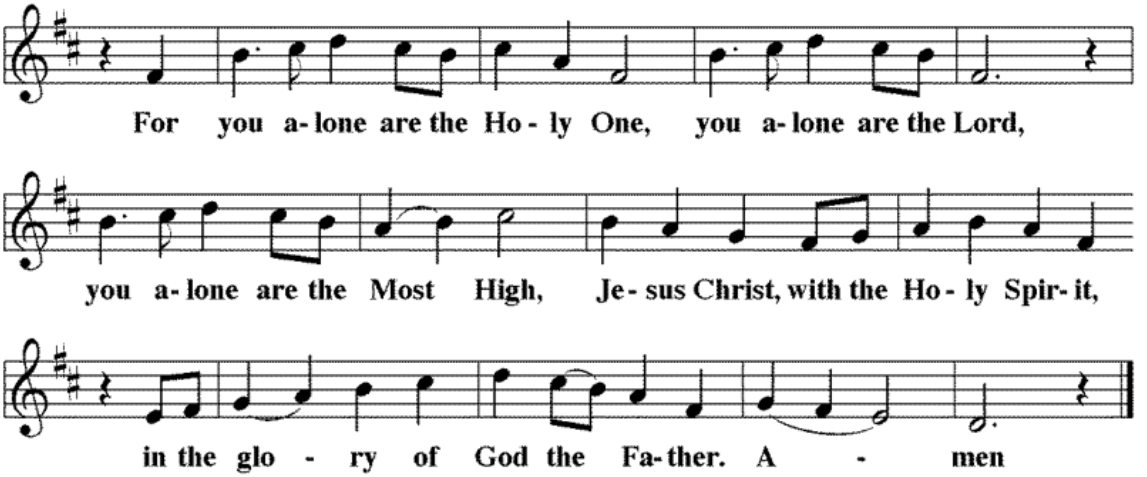
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE (*setting 4 pp 149-150*)

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Lord of the feast,

C you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

1 O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
2 For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
4 For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,

a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
[5] the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

[6] On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
[7] And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
[8] he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
[9] It will be said on that day,
"See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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

PSALM: Psalm 23 *(read responsively)*

[1] The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
[2] **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures**
and leads me beside still waters.
[3] You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
[4] **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;**
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
[5] You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

[6] **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

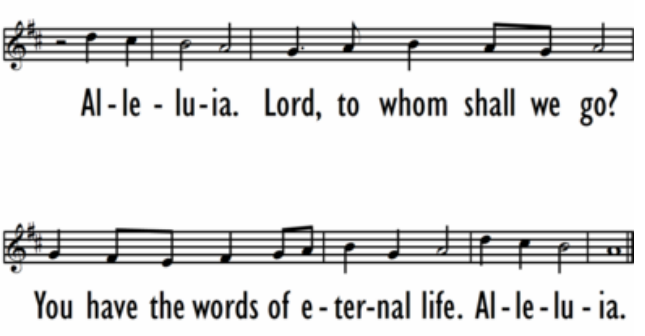
[1] My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

[2] I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
[3] Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they
have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement
and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.
[4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5] Let your
gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6] Do not be anxious
about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of
God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your
minds in Christ Jesus.

[8] Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is
commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of
praise, think about these things. [9] As for the things that you have learned and
received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be
with you.

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

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



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[1] Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: [2] "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. [3] He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. [4] Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' [5] But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, [6] while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. [7] The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. [8] Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9] Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' [10] Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

[11] "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, [12] and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. [13] Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [14] For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY Pastor Mary Lou Plummeer

HYMN OF THE DAY "*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"* **HYMN 517**

APOSTLES CREED

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

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 Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS P Hear us O God **C your mercy is great**

Sharon (Albert), **Linda** (Anderson), **Tom** (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue** (Aune), **Cindy** (B), **John** (B), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Elaine** (Caelwaerts), **Dan** (Fenrich), **Pam** (Freiberg), **Alan** (G), **Pastor Hankermeyer, Charlotte** (K), **Patricia** (Kehl), **Cindy** (Knapp), **Keith** (Knapp), **Don** (L), **Joel** (L), **Pat** (M), **Kenny** (Meyer), **Beth** (Pachniak), **Monika** (Perry), **Kristin** (Reinert), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Delores** (Schuyler), **Irene** (Thorson), **Arnie** (Zahn), **Brixanna, Marley, Carole, Russ, Christina, Gretchen, Joanne, Katlyn, Marissa, Sophia, the families of Mathilde Hannemann and Carole (Larson) Skovera.**

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 Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✢ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today 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 *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* **HYMN 504**

SENDING FORTH

P Although we may be a little church…

C …we will carry God's big heart into the world. AMEN!

POSTLUDE

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Church envelopes for 2027 are now available downstairs. Any questions, please see Ellen Klister.

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We are looking for people who would be willing to learn to record our worship service perhaps once a month. It is not a difficult thing to do, but very important part of our ministry because there are some who are not able to make it to worship. There will be a schedule where you will be able to choose the Sunday(s) that you are able to help with, much like ushering. As with everything else, many hands make the load less for all. Please see Dean Larson to volunteer. Thank you for stepping up.

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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. There are also large print copies of the words for the hymns that we are singing. The ushers have these as well.
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 (pictorial as well)
4. The current newsletter

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 or if you are willing to provide a ride. Know someone who would like a ride? Let the church office know please.

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New to Hainesville. We are starting a lending library. We have been gifted 2 copies of Tallak!, 3 CD's from Janet Anderson, and 1 CD from Peggy Odegaard. These will be on the mantle in the Gathering Room. Please sign your name when you borrow something and the date. Please also indicate the date when it is returned. Thank you for your cooperation.

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The new pictorial directory is now available. We are asking that you limit it to one per household. This was done with the intention of helping to put a face to a name to those that we see here on Sunday mornings. Hope this helps.

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Looking ahead ~ we will be having a Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 25th. If you are in need of decorations for your trunk see Joanne Adlon.

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There are sign up sheets in the fellowship area for Chili Fest on November 8th.

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The 2nd Annual Luminary Walk will be held Thursday, October 22nd at 5:30. This walk begins at the YMCA and ends at Peterson Park to honor the memory of loved ones. There is a flyer in the fellowship area.
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Serving in worship today (Oct 11th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer
Reader: Roy Jilburg
Ushers: Roy Jilburg & Cheryl Larson
Keyboard: Heidi Hintz
Video Tech: Marlene Larson

Serving in worship next week (Oct 18th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Jill Connery
Reader:
Ushers:
Communion Assist: Lana Ferry
Keyboard: Janet Anderson
Video Tech:

Readings for next week (Oct 18th)

Isaiah 45:1-7
An earthly ruler as the instrument of God's will
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica
Matthew 22:15-22
A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God

Stewardship Opportunities Oct 11-18

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

Week at a glance October 11-18

Tuesday Bible Study at 9:30 ch 7&9
Wednesday Men's Bible Study at 8 at Tanum Forest
Friday 9-11
Office hours for Lana
Saturday Celebration of Life for Mathilde Hannemann at 11:00

Attendance last week: 52

Birthdays in October

Oct 2nd Heather Haese
Oct 4th Debra Larson
Oct 5th Linda Kohn
Oct 8th Jill Degrave
Emery Freiberg
Oct 9th Clint Hanson
Wyatt Hanson
Oct 10th Brock Aune
Gordy Hughes
Oct 12th Bill Aune
Oct 17th Joanne Adlon
Oct 21st Richard Dunlap
Lora Schaefer
Oct 25th Gloria LaPlante

Wedding Anniversaries in October

Oct 2nd Tim & Rachel Hanson
Oct 10th Pete & Marlene Larson
Oct 10th Riley & Meggie Sawyer
Oct 16th Bill & Sue Aune
Oct 21st Jeff & Valerie Espe
Oct 23rd Kraig & Amy Aune
Oct 25th Robert & Sue Peterson