

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA



Sunday, February 1st, 2026

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
“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

CONFESION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, \dagger one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Mighty God, lover of justice,

C **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in \dagger Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Christ, Be Our Light”

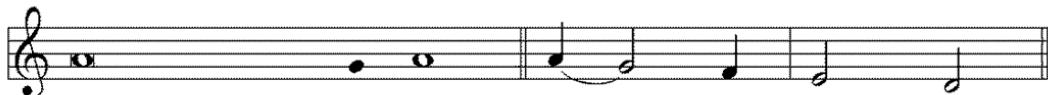
HYMN 715

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)



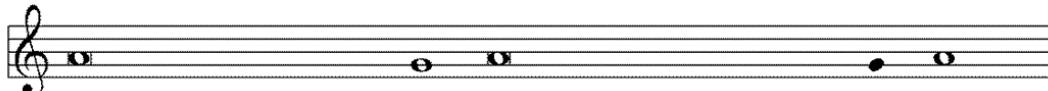
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



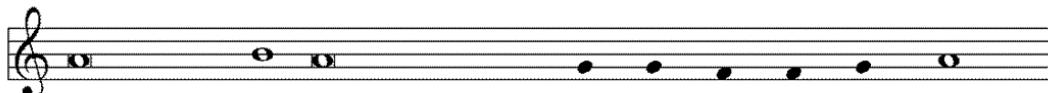
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



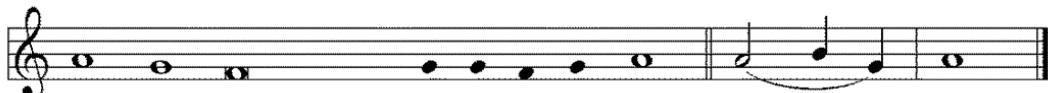
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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)



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.



Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,



we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.



Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;



you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.



For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,



you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,



in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Holy God,
C **you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the LORD says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³ “O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,

with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

PSALM: Psalm 15 (*read responsively*)

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**
³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear
the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take
back their word.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."
²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the

power of God and the wisdom of God.²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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: Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter

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

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

(please be seated)

C Praise to you O Christ.

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Morning Has Broken*” 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS P Merciful God C Receive our prayer
Sharon (Albert), **Linda** (Anderson), **Tom & Alice** (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue** (Aune), **Cindy** (B), **John** (B), **Elaine** (Caelwaerts), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Erin** (Culbertson), **Dianne** (D), **Dan** (Fenrich), **Alan** (G), **Barbara** (Hughes/Dean), **Dawn** (Jeanquart), **Charlotte** (K), **Patricia** (Kehl), **Cindy** (Knapp), **Keith** (Knapp), **Myriah** (Krueger), **Kenny** (Meyer), **Beth** (Pachniak), **Monika** (Perry), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Kathy** (S), **Todd** (S), **Delores** (Schuyler), **Irene** (Thorson), **Mary** (Zirbel), **Betty, Brixanna & Marley, Carole & Russ, Jay, and Laurie.**

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)*

OFFERING

(please stand as you are able)

OFFERTORY “*Let the Vineyards*” **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.

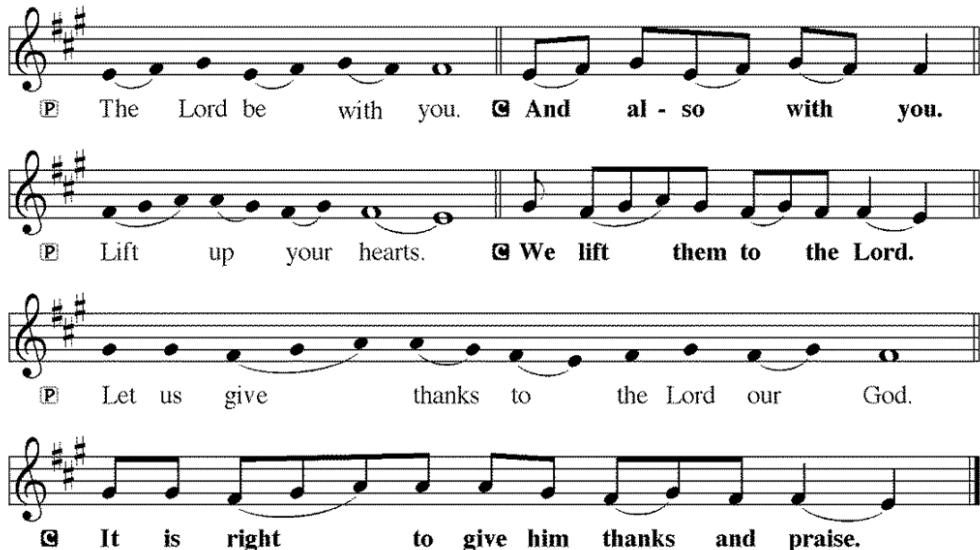
OFFERING PRAYER

P God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the

wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE COMMUNION LITURGY



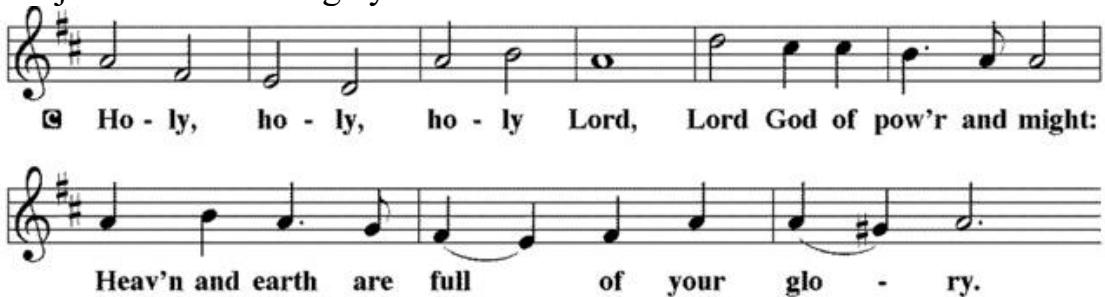
P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

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 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 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**

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 HYMN	<i>"Let Us Break Bread Together"</i>	HYMN 471
	<i>"Here Is Bread"</i>	HYMN 483
	<i>"One Bread, One Body"</i>	HYMN 496

COMMUNION BLESSING *(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 Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  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

“Blest Are They”

HYMN 728

SENDING FORTH

P Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C **Thanks be to God!!!**

POSTLUDE

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There is a basket in the fellowship area for receipts from Tadych's Market Place. We ask that you bring them and place the whole receipt in the basket. They are kind enough to give us a percentage back for our projects. Unfortunately, Pick'n Save no longer has this service so there is no need to bring those receipts at this time. Dianne Eskildsen has generously agreed to tally up the receipts and bring them in. If you have any questions, please ask one of the ladies in WELCA.

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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.

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February 15th will be Youth Sunday. They will be making care packages for shut-ins from our congregation. To accomplish this they are asking for small items like lotion, chapstick, tea bags, snacks, and tissues. Please have them to church by February 1st so they can plan ahead. Thank you

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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. NEW there are also large print copies of the words for the hymns that we are singing. The ushers have these as well.

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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.

Wednesday, February 18th, is Ash Wednesday. We are planning on having a service here for that day at noon. Beginning the following Monday, February 23rd, we will be offering a weekly Bible Study during Lent. Please refer to the insert in the bulletin for more details and to sign up.

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Serving in worship today (Feb 1<sup>st</sup>)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer  
Reader: Jim Hanstad  
Ushers: Dean & Cheryl Larson  
Communion Assist: Lori Langer-Flick  
Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Serving in worship next week (Feb 8<sup>th</sup>)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben  
Reader: Roy Jilburg  
Ushers: Joanne Adlon & John Breider  
Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Readings for next week (February 8<sup>th</sup>)

[Isaiah 58:1-9a \[9b-12\]](#)

*The fast God chooses*

[Psalm 112:1-9 \[10\]](#)

[1 Corinthians 2:1-12 \[13-16\]](#)

*God's wisdom revealed through the Spirit*

[Matthew 5:13-20](#)

*The teaching of Christ: salt and light*

**Stewardship Opportunities Feb 1-8**

Today the fellowship meal today is our Souper Sunday. Next week the fellowship meal will be provided by the folks whose last name begins A-K.

**Week at a glance Feb 1-8**

**Tuesday Book Club at 10:00**

**Wednesday Men's Bible Study at 8**

**Friday 9-12**

Office hours for Lana

*Attendance last week: 44*

**Birthdays in February**

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| Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Regan Markham    |
| Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Pete Larson      |
| Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> | Isaak Aune       |
| Feb 13 <sup>th</sup> | Ben Dixner Young |
| Feb 15 <sup>th</sup> | Pam Freiberg     |
| Feb 16 <sup>th</sup> | Margery Reynolds |
| Feb 19 <sup>th</sup> | Jerry Gutschow   |
| Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Sue Larsen       |

**Wedding Anniversaries in February**

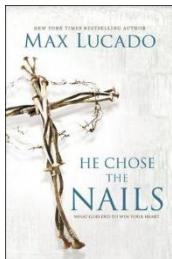
Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Karin & Don Heldmann

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Jim Hanstad & Gordy Hughes

*In the event of weather-related closings at church—*

*please listen to WDOR or Channel 2 for cancellation notices and check our Facebook page*

## LENTEN BOOK STUDY



Looking for a spiritual discipline for Lent this year? Consider picking up author Max Lucado's book *He Chose the Nails; What God Did to Win Your Heart* as entry into a good discussion into our Christian faith with the aim of deepening our Lenten journey. In the book, Lucado invites you to examine the cross, contemplate its purpose, and celebrate its significance. This is an opportunity to linger on the hill of Calvary and see just how much God did to win our hearts.

We will be gathering Mondays from 9:30 am to 11 am beginning February 23<sup>rd</sup> and concluding March 30<sup>th</sup>. *He Chose the Nails* is being provided by our church council for our members. Please complete the form below so books can be ordered. Deadline for ordering is **February 11<sup>th</sup>**.

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**Please order \_\_\_\_\_ book(s) for me:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please tear off and place in offering plate.)*