

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — E L C A



Sunday, January 28th, 2024

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 AND NOISY OFFERING FOR HUNGER RELIEF

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our rock and refuge,

C **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN:

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

HYMN # 858

GREETING

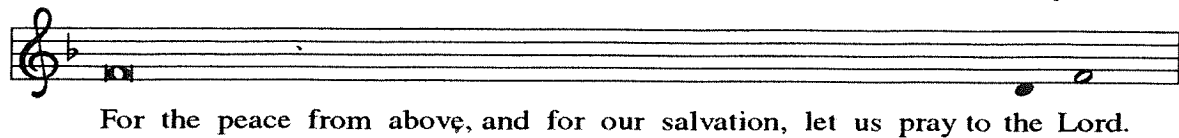
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

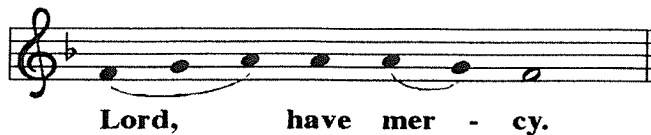
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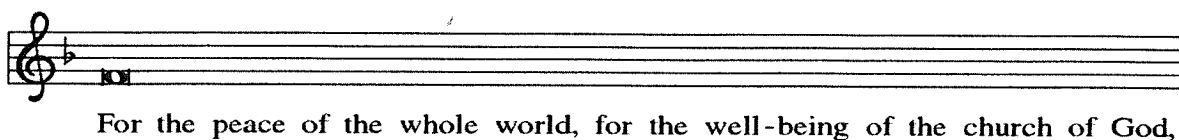
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



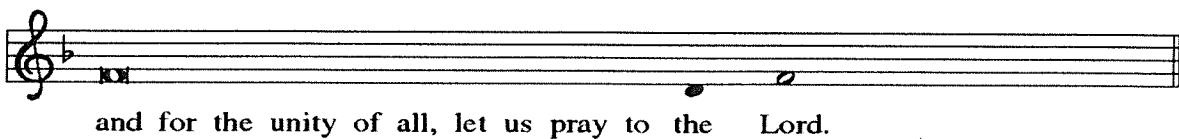
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



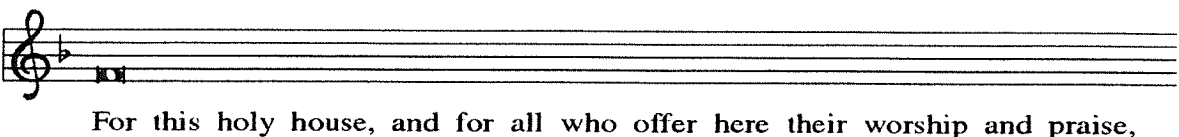
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



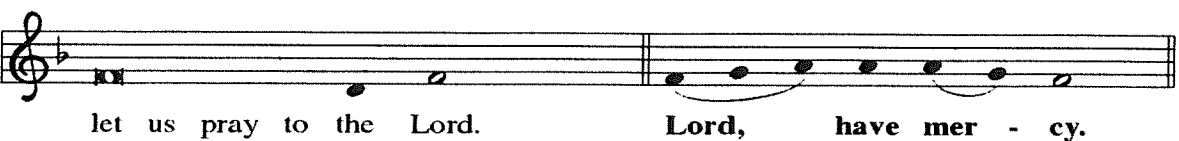
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



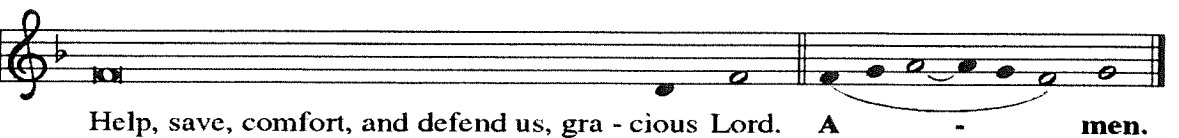
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



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. Compassionate God,

C **you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

R The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 111 (read responsively)

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter

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

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.”

²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He

commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P The Gospel of the Lord
GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

HYMN # 490

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)*
(you may be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *“Create in Me”*

HYMN #186

C **Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS P *God of grace* C **Receive our prayer**

Tom (Angermeier), Devin (Bartos), Lyle (Berndt), Karen & Del (Brewer), Elaine & Jim (C), Eugene (Clark), Mike & Rina (Clumpner), Allan & Betty (D), Danielle (D), Garrison (Dixner), Lynn (Eskildsen), Pat (Fenrich), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), Charlotte (K), Cindy (Knapp), Ellie (Krull), Joe (May), Ken (Overland), Matthew (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeier), Lexi & Laci (S), Lori (Snyder), Eric (Thorson), Dave, Erik, and Sophie.

C **Amen.**

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**

BLESSING

P God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you 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 *"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"*

HYMN # 534

SENDING FORTH

P Go in peace. Spread the Good News.

C **Thanks be to God.... AND WE WILL !!**

POSTLUDE

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Annual meeting is being held next Sunday, February 4th following worship. Hard copies of the annual report are available at each ushers stand. This is also our annual Souper Sunday where we have soups from our great cooks. Please sign up for what you are planning on bringing by the water fountain.

Serving in worship today (January 28th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad
Reader: Jim Hanstad
Ushers: John Breider & John Melland
Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Serving in worship next week (February 4th)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad
Reader: Marie Weber
Ushers: Joanne Adlon & Evelyn Breider

Communion Assist: Gordy Hughes
Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Readings for next week (February 4th)

Isaiah 40:21-31

The creator of all cares for the powerless

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

The LORD heals the brokenhearted. (Ps. 147:3)

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A servant for the sake of the gospel

Mark 1:29-39

The healing of Peter's mother-in-law

From the Stained Glass Window Committee

An anonymous couple has pledged to match up to \$5,000.00 in additional funds raised for our Stained-Glass Windows. If we can reach this goal we will be very close to the amount needed to complete this project. All donations are confidential. If you wish to contribute to this fund please indicate on your contribution that it is to go for the windows. Please contact Linda Monahan, Bill Albert, Jim Vogel, Evelyn Breider, or any Council member with any questions.

Stewardship Opportunities Jan 28– Feb 4

Today the fellowship meal is being provided by the folks whose last name begins A-K. Next week is our Souper Sunday to go along with the Annual Meetings. Please take a moment and sign up in the fellowship area for what you would like to bring.

Week at a Glance Jan 28-Feb 4**Tuesday 9AM**

Quilting for missions

Wednesday 8 AM

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

Friday 9-12

Office hours for Lana

Birthdays for January

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| Jan 1st | Ed Stawikowski |
| Jan 2nd | Becky Brown |
| Jan 4th | Elsie Wagner |
| Jan 9th | Bob Packniak |
| Jan 12th | Vicki Hannemann |
| | Roberta Roalkvan |
| Jan 18th | Mathilde Hannemann |
| Jan 20th | Becca Anderson |
| | Nolan Schultz |
| Jan 22nd | Sharon Albert |
| Jan 27th | Bob Petersen |
| Jan 30th | Greg Adlon |
| | Marla Vogel |

Anniversaries for January

None on record this month

Attendance last week: 53

Starting with the new year we have reinstated the prayer request policy of the past. This means that your prayer request will be on the list for 3 months unless you state otherwise. You can re-request to keep them on the list or put them back on. Prayer request forms are found on the back of each pew on colorful card stock. Please fill them out and place them in the offering plate or on the desk in the office area. Thank you for your co-operation with this worthwhile ministry for those who are struggling among us.

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