

# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — ELCA



Sunday, April 7th, 2024  
Second 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**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C** Amen.

**P** Look, here is water!

**C** **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**P** Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

**C** **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**P** At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN:** *"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"*

**HYMN # 366**

## **GREETING**

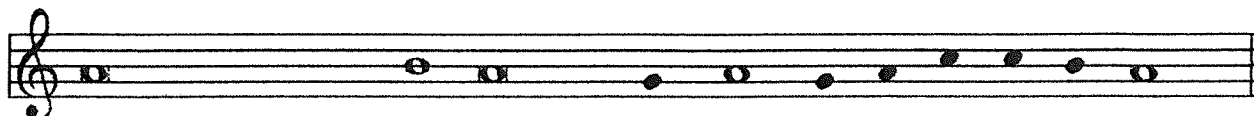
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

KYRIE (setting #4 pp147-148)



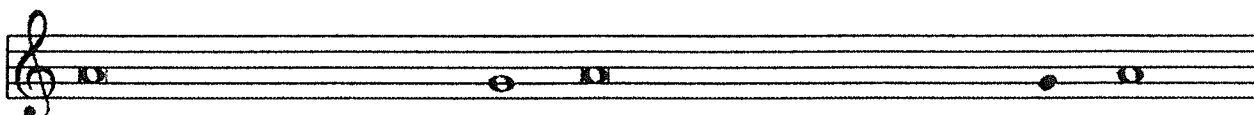
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



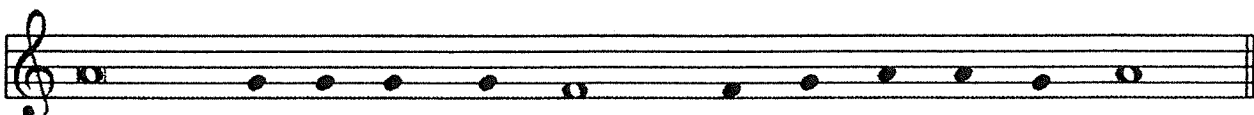
**A** For the peace from a - bove, 'and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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



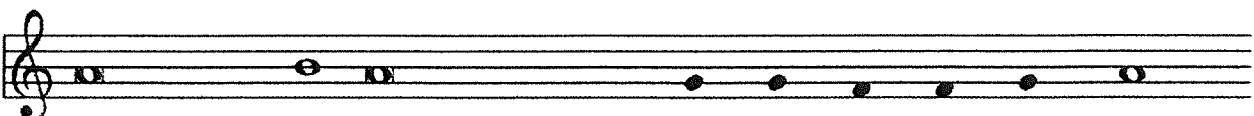
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



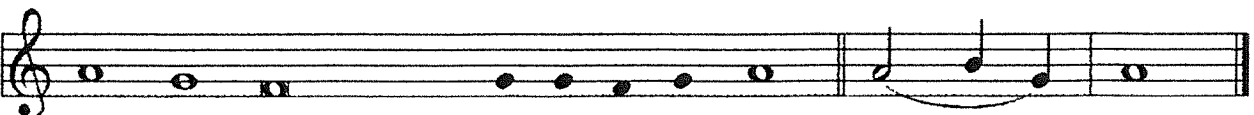
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**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



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



**B** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God,

C **with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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 4:32-35

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

R The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

## PSALM: Psalm 133 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleasant it is,  
when kindred live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup>**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

## SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus

his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**R** Word of God, Word of Life

**C** Thanks be to God

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*setting #4 pp151*) (*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.

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### **GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

*The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter

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

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

*(please be seated)*

**GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY**

Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

**HYMN # 623**

**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** Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

**RESPONSE TO PRAYERS**      **P** *God of grace*                      **C** **hear our prayer**  
**Tom (Angermeier), Elaine & Jim (C), Danielle (D), Lynn (Eskildsen), Ruth**

(Grainger), Charlie (H), Sandy (Hillmar), Charlotte (K), Cindy (Knapp), David (Plummer), Matthew (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeier), Lexi (S), Donna (S), Barb (Salzer), Ellie (Schneider), and Ernie (Watson).

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*)

(*you may be seated*)

### OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Let the Vineyards" (*please stand*) 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 Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.


### THE COMMUNION LITURGY (*sung — setting # 4 pp152*)




♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.



♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.



♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



♪ 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:




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 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

**P** At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

**COMMUNION HYMN**                    *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*                    **HYMN # 471**  
    *"We Come to the Hungry Feast"*                    **HYMN # 479**

**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 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** Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

**C** 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**                    *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*                    **HYMN # 597**

**SENDING FORTH**

**P** Go in peace. Spread God's love.

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

## POSTLUDE

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### Stewardship Opportunities April 7—14

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

April 22nd	Kayla Houston
April 23rd	Deb Kirsch
April 25th	Patrick Markham
	Kathy Schmitz
April 30th	Jan Shusta

### Week at a Glance April 7-14

#### Tuesday 9:30 AM

Be Like Jesus, Live Like Jesus Bible Study

#### Wednesday 8 AM

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

#### Friday 9-12

Office Hours for Lana

#### Saturday 9:30

Family Choir Rehearsal

### Wedding Anniversaries in April

April 16th	Rick & Vicki Hannemann
April 19th	Bob & Leslie Petersen

*Attendance last week: 81*

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT HAINESVILLE

#### May Salad Luncheon

Held Wednesday May 22nd Noon– 1:00

Tickets \$12 each. Invite your friends to join you!

For tickets contact

Evelyn 1-920-743-8548

#### Fish Boil

Friday June 7th 5-6:30. Tickets \$18

#### Motor Show

Saturday June 15th 9AM—2PM

See website for information

#### Goods & Goodies Sale

Saturday July 20th 9AM—1 PM

Start saving & making items for the sale. There will also be a bake sale. Spring cleaning is a great time to set aside things for this annual event.

#### Croissant Chicken Salad Luncheon

Wednesday August 21st Noon– 1 PM

Tickets \$15 each.

### Birthdays in April

April 1st	April Mascorro
	Mary Lou Plummer
April 2nd	Jim Hanstad
April 3rd	MarJean Gutschow
	Peggy Odegaard
April 5th	Joe Korte
April 8th	Tom Angermeier
April 10th	Bonnie Kohn
April 11th	Eric Schmitz
April 13th	Kristor Larson
April 14th	Tiffany Schultz
April 17th	Jordan Degrave
April 18th	Ken Overland

Serving in worship today (April 7th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer  
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad  
Ushers: Jan Shusta & Marie Weber  
Reader: Jan Shusta  
Communion Assist: Ellen Klister  
Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

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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 if they have come off and you would like them on again. 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.

We are becoming more aware of the problem of hunger in our own county. We are therefore beginning to make a more concerted effort to help those who are in need around us. Our noisy offering every time it is taken will be now used to help feed those here in Door County. We also have a basket in the fellowship area where nonperishable items and personal hygiene needs can be dropped off. Beginning this month the 4th Sunday of the month will also be a special collection Sunday. There will be drop-off bins at each entrance to the sanctuary. Thank you for your support of this expanded effort.

Readings for next week: April 14th

**Acts 3:12-19**

*Health and forgiveness through the risen Jesus*

**Psalms 4**

*The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)*

**1 John 3:1-7**

*The revealing of the children of God*

**Luke 24:36b-48**

*Eating with the risen Christ*

**From Carolyn concerning the July Goods & Goodies sale:**

To anyone wishing to donate items for the yard sale... Please leave donations by the memorial wall no later than July 13th. **DO NOT LEAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING**

- \* Clothing of any kind
- \* Microwave ovens
- \* Computers/Peripherals
- \* TV sets/Monitors
- \* Refrigerators
- \* Freezers
- \* Organs
- \* Air conditioners
- \* Mattresses

**All other items are very much appreciated and we thank you. If you have any larger items or questions please call Carolyn Melland at 920-743-4470 or 920-495-2871**