

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — ELCA



Sunday, August 31st, 2025

Eleventh 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 In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *"Rise Up, O Saints of God"* **HYMN 669**

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)



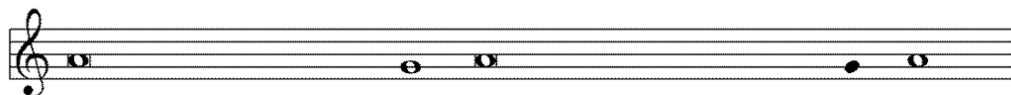
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



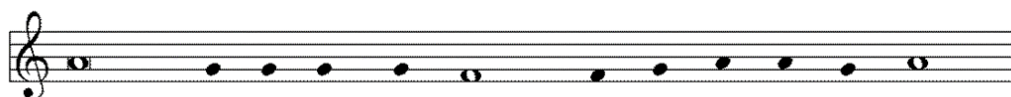
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



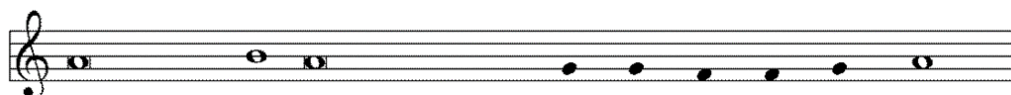
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



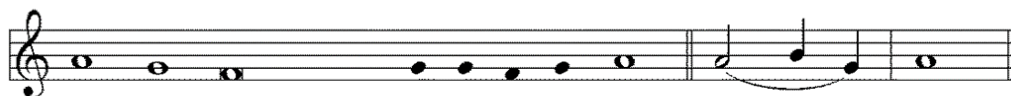
G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

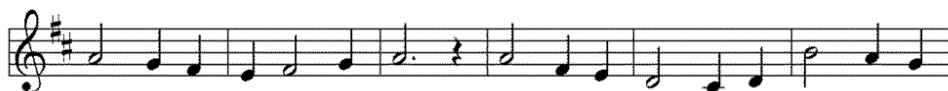
HYMN OF PRAISE *(setting 4 pp 149-150)*



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



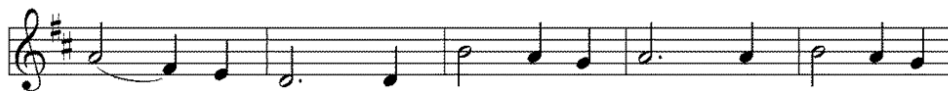
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



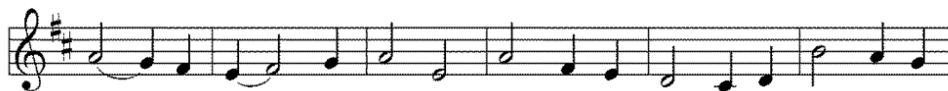
strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



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. O God,

C **you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,

^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

R The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 112 (*read responsively*)

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,**

until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14 *(please stand as you are able)*

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

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

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

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P The Gospel of the Lord
(please be seated)

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Ralph Hankermeyer

HYMN OF THE DAY “O God of Mercy, God of Light” **HYMN 714**

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 Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS **P** Hear us, O God **C** **your mercy is great**
Linda (Anderson), **Tom & Alice** (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue** (Aune),
John (B), **Elaine** (Caelwaerts), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Erin**
(Culbertson), **Dan** (Fenrich), **Pat** (Fenrich), **Joan** (Goessel), **Barbara**
(Hughes/Dean), **Barth** (Jeanquart), **Dawn** (Jeanquart), **Charlotte** (K),
Judy (Krahn), **Myriah** (Krueger), **Amie** (M), **David** (Plummer),

Matthew (Rocque), Mike (S), Todd (S), Delores (Schuyler), Deb (Ulrich), Irene (Thorson), Betty, Carole & Russ, Chelsa, Jeff, and Laurie.

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 The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✚ be upon 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

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

HYMN 537

SENDING FORTH

P Go in peace. Spread the Good News.

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

POSTLUDE

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Serving in worship today (August 31st)

Presiding minister: Pastor Ralph

Hankermeyer

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Reader: Cheryl Larson

Ushers: Dean & Cheryl Larson

Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Serving in worship next week (Sept 7th)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Reader: Ellen Klister

Ushers: Russ & Ellen Klister

Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Readings for next week (September 7th)

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Walk in the way of life and hold fast to God

Psalms 1

They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)

Philemon 1-21

Paul says: Receive Onesimus as a coworker

Luke 14:25-33

Jesus says: Disciples, give up your possessions and carry the cross

September 14th will be the first of our Youth Sundays for the fall. On Youth Sunday we will be making an effort to include the youth of the congregation in our worship service, have a special project or something for them to discuss, have a fun activity for all who would like to participate, and the Church Council will be providing the fellowship meal. This will generally be on the second Sunday of each month, however there will be an exception or two.

Sunday Sept 7th is the annual walk for Hope and Awareness for Prevent Suicide – Door County. It is from 2:00-4:00 at Sawyer Park in Sturgeon Bay. This group is trying to reduce the stigma and help those in trouble here in Door County. Consider participating to help those in need in our community.

Stewardship Opportunities Aug 31-Sept 7

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 church council.

Week at a Glance Aug 31-Sept 7

Tuesday Book Club at noon

Wednesday Men's Bible Study at 8

Friday 9-12

Office hours for Lana

Attendance last week: 42

Sept 29th	Alice Angermeier Lana Ferry Jerry Langer
Sept 30th	Sue Peterson

Wedding Anniversaries in September

Sept 5th	Bob & Deb Larson
Sept 15th	Sam Sund & Heather Haese
Sept 16th	Dan & Cathy Lindal
Sept 22nd	Don & Ardy Lauscher
Sept 30th	Jerry & Lori Langer (Flick)

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### **Birthdays in September**

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| Sept 5th  | Heidi Gutschow<br>Edward Sawyer                   |
| Sept 7th  | Jon Klister                                       |
| Sept 10th | George Sincock<br>Liam Schultz                    |
| Sept 11th | Julia Jacobson                                    |
| Sept 12th | Arne Odegaard                                     |
| Sept 15th | Taylor Brunette                                   |
| Sept 16th | Carolyn Melland                                   |
| Sept 18th | John Borkovetz<br>Charley Carey<br>Bransen Sawyer |
| Sept 22nd | Matt Dixner Young                                 |
| Sept 24th | Tim Hanson                                        |

Next Sunday is God's Work Our Hands Sunday. The Church Council will be providing the fellowship meal. There are 4 projects that we will be working on next week. Pulling weeds and working around the church grounds, cleaning the road ditches, fleece blanket tying, and packing school bags and quilts for LWR. This is the week that we wear those yellow t-shirts if you have them that say God's Work Our Hands. If you don't have that, then wear one of the Thrivent Live Generously shirts or comfortable working clothes. It is a fun way to be involved and do some good for the community.

**Looking ahead.** September 17<sup>th</sup> is the Croissant Luncheon. Please get your tickets from Evelyn Breider to sell or purchase. Tickets are \$20.00. There will be a sign-up sheet in the fellowship area. Please sign up for the task that you are willing to help with.



### **Have you taken the time to notice how nice our property looks?**

We have amazing members who keep our property inside and out looking great.

- Our new cleaning crew not only keeps the bugs out of the windows but keeps the inside spotless. Our bathrooms will be painted this fall/winter.
- A shout out to the ‘behind the scenes’ women who keep our kitchen in order. This requires constant organization.
- Our grounds are groomed. When driving by, it always looks great.
- The outside-lower window frames that have been slowly rotting, have been replaced and caulked. Treated wood was used. They will be ready for staining in a year or two.
- Watch for our next project. The steeple shingles will be sanded and repainted. Replacing them where needed. This is the project we approved last October at a special Congregational meeting. It will be fun to watch this one in progress.
- Our ditches have been dredged preventing floods. This is an on-going project.
- Dead or dying trees have been removed.

Kudos to all of you for donating your time and dollars to make these happen.

**We have the best members/friends!!!**