

# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA



Sunday, February 4th, 2024

Fifth 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**

**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:** "O God of Mercy, God of Light"

**HYMN # 714**

**GREETING**

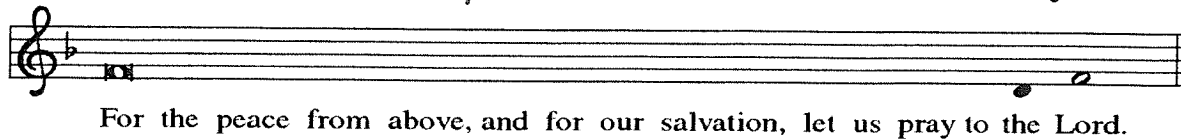
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

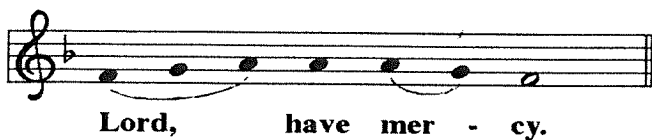
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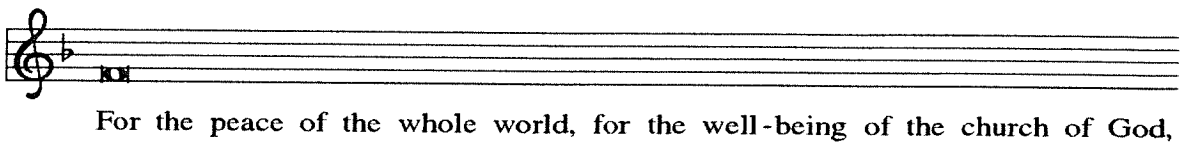
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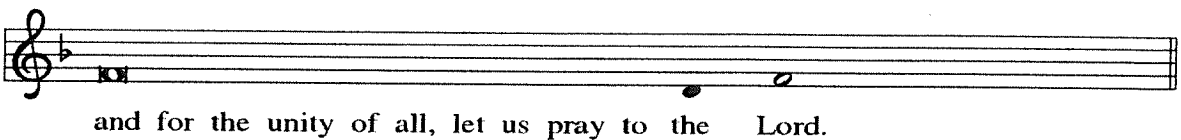
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



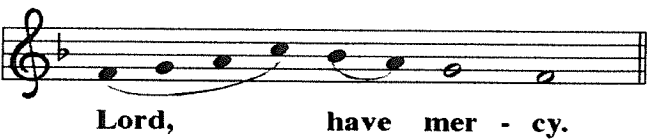
Lord, have mer - cy.



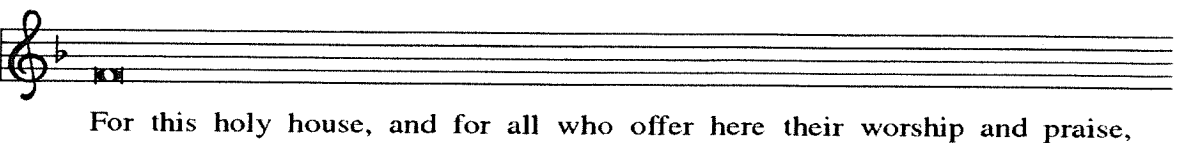
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



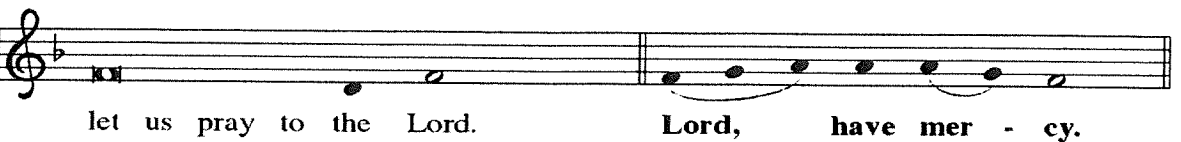
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



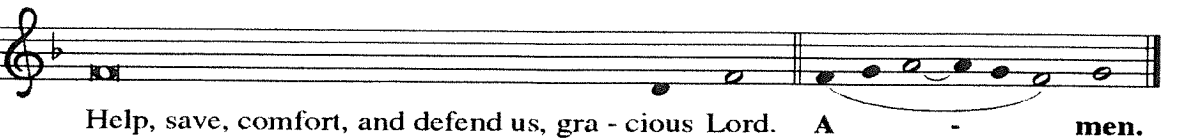
Lord, have mer - cy.



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. Everlasting God,

C **you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

his understanding is unsearchable.  
<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
<sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

R The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

**PSALM: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!  
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!  
<sup>2</sup>**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.**  
<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.  
<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.**  
<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.  
<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.**  
<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,  
<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heavens with clouds**  
**and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**  
<sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.  
<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might of a horse,**  
**and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**  
<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup> Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I

might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39**

*Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.*

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

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

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P The Gospel of the Lord  
(please be seated)

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

**GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY**

Pastor David Raben

**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 we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

**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 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 Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.
- C Amen.

### THE COMMUNION LITURGY *(sung — setting # 3 pp144)*

- 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 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### 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.

<b>COMMUNION HYMN</b>	<i>"Let Us Break Bread Together"</i>	<b>HYMN # 471</b>
	<i>"We Come to the Hungry Feast"</i>	<b>HYMN # 479</b>

**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 FORTH**

P Go in peace. Spread God's love.

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

**POSTLUDE**

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Our annual meeting is today following our worship and our Souper Sunday. Please stay for this important day in the business part of our congregation.

From the Stained Glass Window Committee

**We are now only \$780.00 away from our stained-glass window goal.** 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.

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.

-Serving in worship today (February 4th)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben  
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad  
Ushers: Joanne Adlon & Evelyn Breider  
Reader: Marie Weber  
Communion Assist: Gordy Hughes  
Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Serving in worship next week (February 11th)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben  
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad  
Reader: Roy Jilburg  
Ushers: Roy Jilburg, Rilynn Brunnette,  
& Kathy Schmitz  
Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Readings for next week (February 11th)

**2 Kings 2:1-12**  
*Elijah taken up to heaven and succeeded by Elisha*  
**Psalm 50:1-6**  
*Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)*  
**2 Corinthians 4:3-6**  
*God's light seen clearly in the face of Christ*  
**Mark 9:2-9**  
*Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son*

**Stewardship Opportunities Feb 4-11**

Today the fellowship meal is our annual Souper Sunday feast. Next week the folks whose last name begins with L-Z will be providing the meal.

**Week at a Glance Feb 4-11**

**Tuesday at Noon**

Book Club

**Wednesday 8 AM**

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

**Friday 9-12**

Office Hours for Lana

**Saturday 9:30**

Family Choir Rehearsal

Attendance last week: 33

**Birthdays in February**

Feb 4th	Regan Markham
Feb 5th	Pete Larson
Feb 11th	Isaak Aune
Feb 13th	Ben Dixner Young
Feb 15th	Pam Freiberg
Feb 16th	Margie Reynolds
Feb 19th	Jerry Gutschow
Feb 23rd	Evelyn Breider
Feb 23rd	Sue Larsen

**Anniversaries in February**

Feb 9th	Don & Karin Heldmann
Feb 18th	Mathilde & Richard Hannemann
Feb 26th	Jim Hanstad & Gordy Hughes

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