

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — E L C A



Sunday, March 27th, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent

“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. 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHAT *(Sunday School students and teachers leave to attend class following the chat)*

(please remain seated)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new

C Amen.

P In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One

C We confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

P Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love.
In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C Amen.

(please stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN: "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"

HYMN #863

GREETING

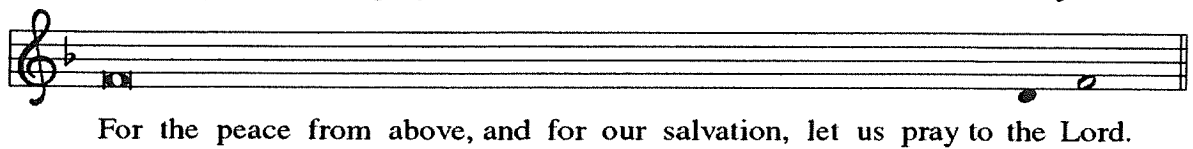
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

C And also with you.


KYRIE (sung setting #3 pp 138-139)



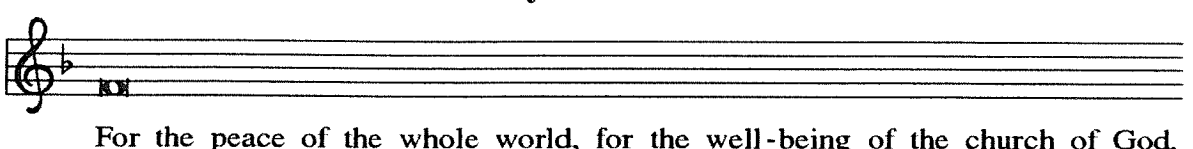
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



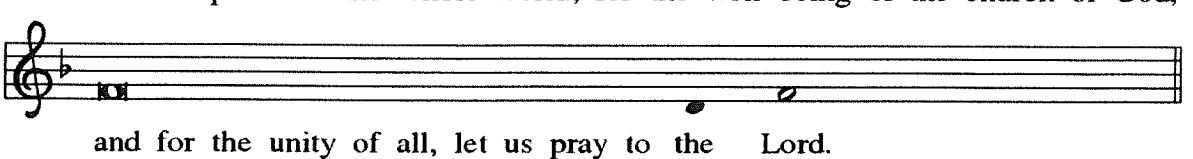
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



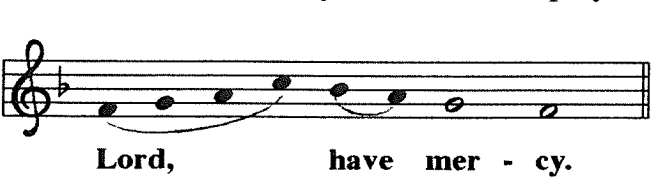
Lord, have mer - cy.



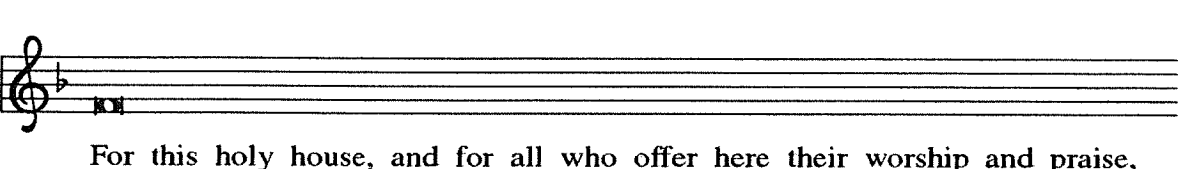
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



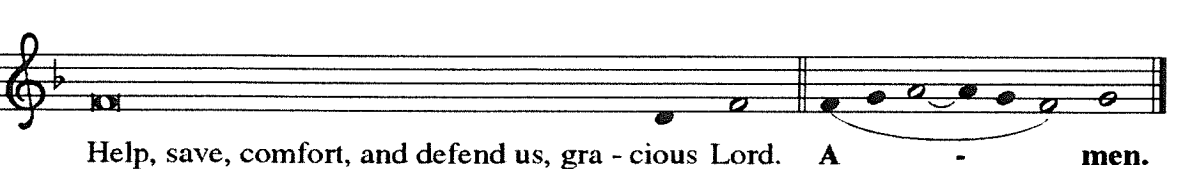
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



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. God of compassion,
**you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy.
By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the
table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

R The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 32 *(read responsively)*

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰**Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jim Hanstad and Gordy Hughes

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (*please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel*)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 15th chapter

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

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.” ’ ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all

that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' ”

P The Gospel of the Lord C Praise to you O Christ. *(please be seated)*

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Luann Ferron

(please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” **HYMN #779**

APOSTLES CREED

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**

(please be seated)

OFFERING

As we are not yet physically passing the offering plate during worship, we do want to recognize and give thanks to God for your offerings that support the work of the church, whether you give electronically through Simply Giving, mail in your offerings, or leave your offerings in the collection plates when you come to worship. Let us rejoice and be glad for God’s abundance, that we may joyfully share the resources that God has entrusted us with to put to use to participate in God’s work and serve the needs of our neighbors. Thanks be to God!

OFFERING PRAYER

P God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

RESPONSE TO PRAYER P *Merciful God* C Receive our prayer

Rusty (Allen), Lindsay (A), Tom (Angermeier), Shirley (Brandt), Karen & Del (Brewer), Eugene (Clark), Danielle (Davis), Ruth (Grainger), Vicki (Hannemann), Anna Lisa (Jilburg), Ellie (Krull), Judy (Larson), Larry (Mallien), Natalie (Markham), Joe (May), Francine (Meyer), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Matthew (Roque), Alice (Roque-Angermeier), Troy, Deanna, Lexi, & Laci (Schiesser), Eric (Thorson), Kari (Uetz), Aubrey (W), Bobette (Watson), and Jeanine.

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 *(please stand as you are able)*

P You are children of God,

anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ☩ bless you this day and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

HYMN #612

THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

P Go in peace. Remember, Jesus meets you on the way.

C Thanks be to God.... And we will !!

POSTLUDE

Peggy Odegaard

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Serving in worship today (March 27th Fourth Sunday in Lent)

Presiding minister: Pastor Luann Ferron

Ushers: Jim and Marla Vogel

Reader: Jim Hanstad

Special music: Jim Hanstad and Gordy Hughes

Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Serving in worship next week (April 3rd Fifth Sunday in Lent)

Presiding minister: Pastor

Ushers: Pete & Marlene Larson

Reader: Kirsten Dixner-Young

Keyboard: Paula Eggert

**In case of inclement weather: listen to WDOR 93.9 radio for
cancellation of Sunday morning worship service**

Announcements March 27th—April 3rd

- Welcome to those who are with us for online worship live-streaming on YouTube and to those who are listening in and worshipping from the parking lot.
- **TODAY:** Sunday school students will meet following the children’s chat and the confirmation students will be meeting in the gathering room following the worship service.
- **WEDNESDAY AT 8 AM:** Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study group meets at the church to discuss the gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday.
- **FRIDAY APRIL 1st at 1:00 PM** is the memorial service for Linda Freier. It is being held at the Forbes Funeral home.
- **NOTE FROM CHURCH COUNCIL:** Paula Eggert is leaving her position as church administrator. We are looking for someone to fill this position. If interested, please contact a council member today.

Mar 14th	Kim Jacobson
Mar 18th	Deb Grunwald
Mar 19th	Richard Hannemann
Mar 26th	Lori Lauscher
Mar 28th	Reese Sund
Mar 30th	Barbara Dunlap

Anniversaries for March

March 20th	John & Laura Borkovetz
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Birthdays for March

Mar 2nd	Leland O’Hern
Mar 11th	John Breider
	Oliver Wilke

MASKING POLICY

BEGINNING SUNDAY MARCH 27TH:

We are bringing music back to the congregation, including hymns and liturgy. To do this safely, masks are required to sing. You may speak the words if you are un-masked. Our current masking policy will have greeters being masked. We hope this compromise helps to restore a cherished part of the traditional service we all miss.

Frequent hand washing and social distancing are also encouraged. Please be mindful and respectful of our guests and our members who may be immunocompromised and may not enjoy the same level of protection as those who are fully vaccinated. If you are feeling sick, we ask that you stay at home and invite you to join us in-person again when your symptoms have subsided.