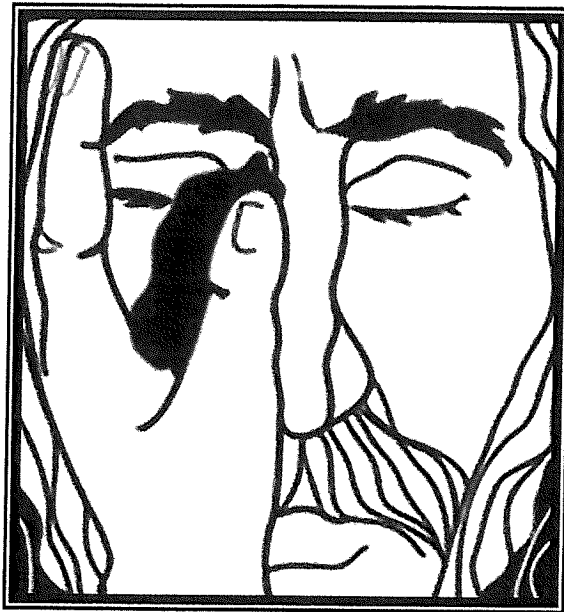


HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

an ELCA Congregation



Sunday, March 19th, 2023
Fourth Sunday of 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. 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

P Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *"God, Whose Almighty Word"*

HYMN #673

GREETING

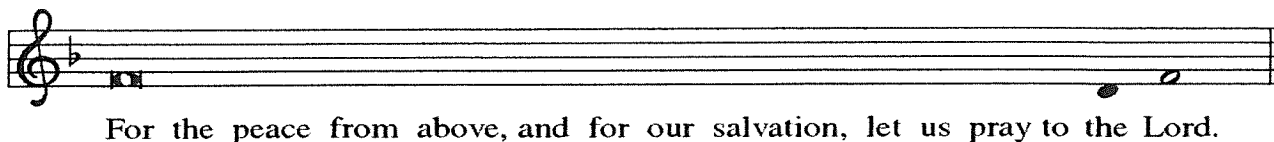
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE (sung — setting # 3 p 138-139)



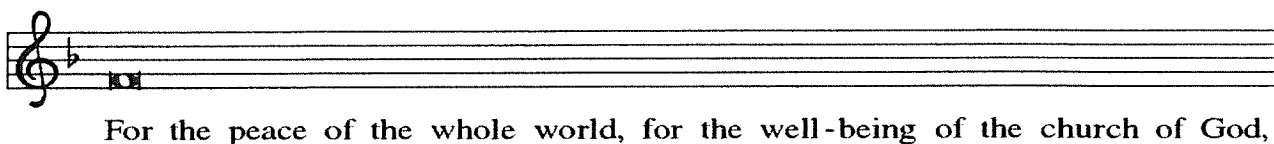
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



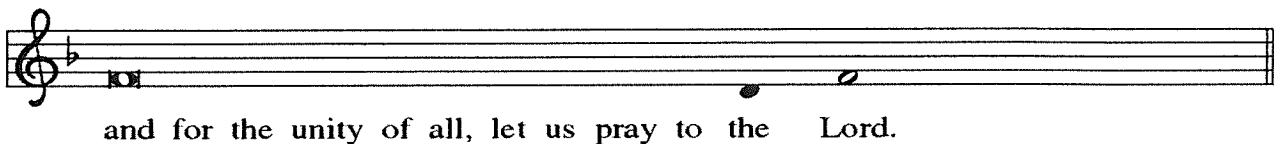
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



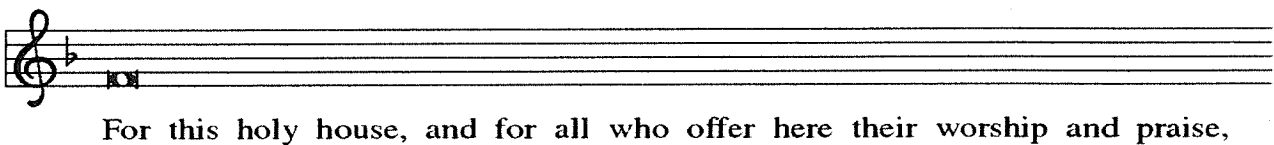
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



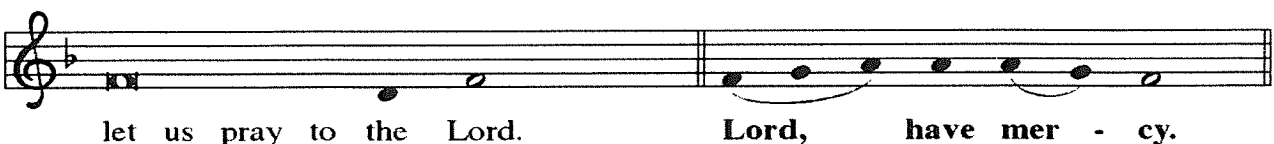
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



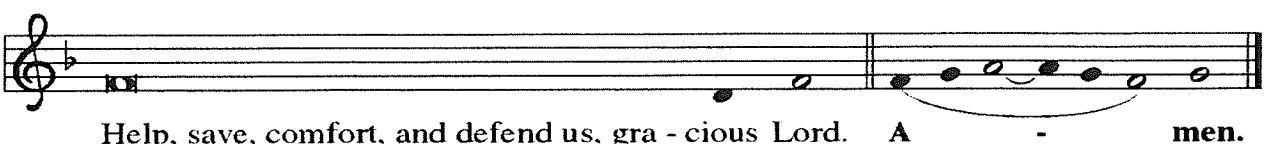
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



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.

C **Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

FIRST READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

Because we now live in the divine light that is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

R The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: John 9: 1-41 *(please remain seated for the Gospel)*

congregation will read the sections in BOLD print

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9th chapter

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

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with

the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes,⁷ saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). **Then he went and washed and came back able to see.**⁸ **The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"**⁹ **Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him."** He kept saying, "I am the man."¹⁰ But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."¹² **They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."**

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. **He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."**¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided.¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, **"What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."**

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"²⁰ **His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself."**²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.²³ Therefore his parents said, **"He is of age; ask him."**

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner."²⁵ He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. **One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.**"²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"²⁷ **He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"**²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."³⁰ The man answered, **"Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.**³¹ **We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships**

him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

HYMN OF THE DAY (*please stand*) "Amazing Grace"

ELW # 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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

RESPONSE TO PRAYER Merciful, God **C** **Receive our prayer**
Rusty (Allen), **Tom** (Angermeier), **Devin** (Bartos), **Karen & Del** (Brewer),
Eugene (Clark), **Robert** (Conrey), **Danielle** (Davis), **Carol** (Dennis), **Emery**
(Freiberg), **Ruth** (Grainger), **Mathilde & Richard** (Hannemann), **Cindy**
(Knapp), **Shari** (Krueger), **Ellie** (Krull), **Linda** (M), **Larry** (Mallien), **Joe** (May),
Ken (Overland), **Jodi** (P), **Pastor Raben**, **Matthew** (Rocque), **Alice**
(Angermeier-Rocque), **Laci & Lexi** (S), **Hans** (Sawitzki), **Eric** (Thorson), **Kari**
(Uetz), **Nick** (Vogel), **and Joe**.

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)* **ELW #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 God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in
faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive
you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus,
the wellspring of eternal life.

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 Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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**

(please be seated)

COMMUNION HYMN *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

ELW # 471

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *(you may be seated)*

We welcome all believers in Christ to share in God's Holy meal. Please come to the front 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 Let us pray. On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

BLESSING

- P May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always. Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

TABLE BLESSING *(based on Luther's SMALL CATECHISM)*

A Table Blessing to Begin a Meal for Families

- P The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.
- C **All here gathered, food from the land, all is gift from your gracious hand. Feed us today; feed all those who hunger; teach us to feed one another. We ask this in the name of the one who is our bread, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the light"*

ELW # 815

THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

- P May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine up on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ✚ peace.
- C **Amen.**
- P Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C THANKS BE TO GOD.... AND WE WILL!

POSTLUDE

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Serving in worship today (March 19th)

Presiding Minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad
Reader Roy Jilburg
Ushers Russ & Ellen Klister
Communion Assist: Ellen Klister
Keyboard Peggy Odegaard

Serving in worship next week (Mar 26)

Presiding Minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer
Readers: Roy Jilburg
Lana Ferry
Marla Vogel
Jim Vogel
Jim Hanstad
Ushers: Deb & Dave Grunwald
Music: Mama J and the Praise Hounds

Readings for next week (March 26)

Ezekiel 37:1-14 *The dry bones of Israel brought to life*

Psalms 130 I wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope. (Ps. 130:5)

Romans 8:6-11 *Life in the Spirit*

John 11:1-45 *Baptismal image: the raising of Lazarus*

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 26

Mama J and the Praise Hounds

Midweek Lenten Services

At Tanum-Forest at 1:00 and 6:00 each Wednesday

Palm Sunday Service

April 2, 2023

Stewardship Opportunities

March 19th -26th

Today the folks whose last names begin with L-Z are serving the fellowship meal. All are welcome to join us downstairs after the worship service for this time of fellowship and food. Next week the A-K folks will be serving.

Week at a Glance March 19th—26th

Monday 6:00 PM

Church council meets

Tuesday Noon

WELCA meets

Wednesday 8 AM

Men's Bible Study & breakfast

Wednesday 1:00 & 6 PM

Lenten worship held at Tanum-Forest

Friday 9 AM—Noon

Office hours for Lana

Attendance last week: 45

Birthdays for March

Mar 9th Richard Hannemann

Mar 11th John Breider

Oliver Wilke

Mar 14th Kim Jacobson

Mar 18th Deb Grunwald

Mar 26th Lori Lauscher

Mar 28th Reese Sund

Mar 29th Barbara Dunlap

Anniversaries for March

March 20th John & Laura Borkovetz

See a problem with the candles on the altar? Let Gordy know. They are very touchy and he will deal with the issue. Thanks

There is a basket in the basement for donations of food for Feed My People. Please leave your donation and someone will be sure to take the items to them for you.

Shop for groceries in Sturgeon Bay? We are collecting receipts from both Tadych's Marketplace Foods and Pick'n Save. They are redeemed and the monies from Tadych's goes to the WELCA and the monies from Pick'n Save goes to Feed My People.

We are planning a New Member Sunday for the end of April. If you are looking for a church home we would love to have you join our family. Please let someone know your wishes.