

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

an ELCA Congregation



Sunday, January 29th, 2023

The Fourth Sunday after the 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand)*

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One, source of our renewal,

C **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"O God of Mercy, God of Light"


ELW #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.

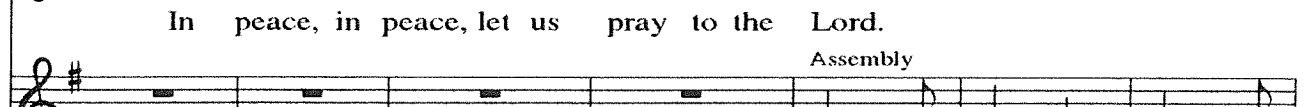
C **And also with you.**

Leader



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly




Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



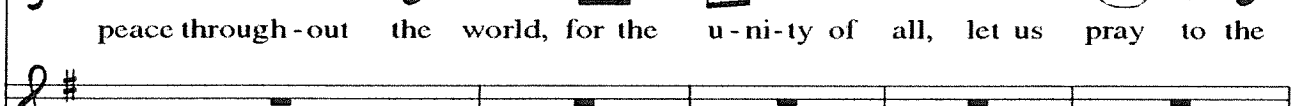
For the reign of God, and for



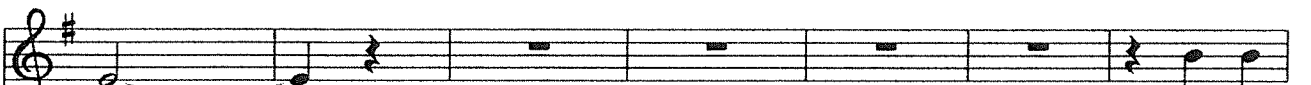
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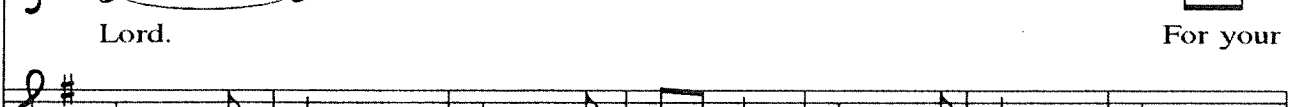
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Lord.



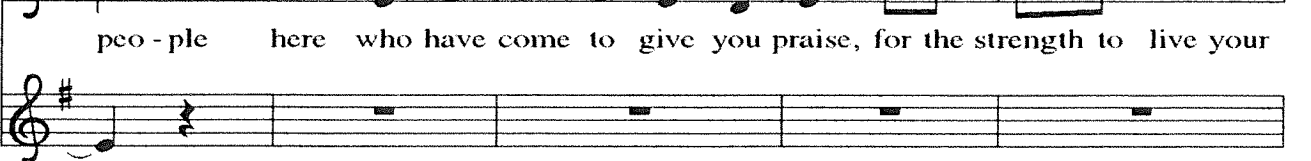
Lord. For your



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

#208

1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -

ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

3rd time to Coda

thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -

to stanza 3

mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

Coda

ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Holy God,
C You confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT AND NOISY OFFERING FOR HUNGER RELIEF

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

- ¹Hear what the LORD says:
 Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
 and let the hills hear your voice.
- ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
 and you enduring foundations of the earth;
 for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
 and he will contend with Israel.
- ³"O my people, what have I done to you?
 In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
- ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
 and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
 and I sent before you Moses,

Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

R The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 15 (*read responsively*)

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right, who speak the truth
from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the
LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive.

Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

R Word of God, Word of Life **C** **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12 (*please stand as you are able*)

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter

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

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

(please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Let Justice Flow like Streams*”

ELW # 717

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

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Please share Christ’s peace with one another.

(you may be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* (please stand)

ELW #186

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from
me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free
Spirit.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

Rusty (Allen), Lindsay (A), Tom (Angermeier), Devin (Bartos), Karen & Del (Brewer), Sharon (Burr), Eugene (Clark), Danielle (Davis), Carol (Dennis), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Ellen (Groewoldt), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), Shari (Krueger), Ellie (Krull), Linda (M), Larry (Mallien), Joe (May), Francine (Meyer), Donna (Nicholson), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Matthew (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeier), Deanna, Laci, Lexi (S), Hans (Sawitzki), Eric (Thorson), Kari (Uetz), Nick (Vogel), Jeanine, and Joe.

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

SENDING HYMN

“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”

ELW # 754

THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

P The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

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

POSTLUDE

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Serving in worship today (January 29th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Reader: Roy Jilburg

Ushers: John Melland & John Breider

Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Serving in worship next week (February 5th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

Liturgist: Jim Hanstad

Reader: Joanne Adlon

Ushers: Joanne & Greg Adlon

Communion Assistant: Ellen Klister

Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Readings for next week (February 5th, 2023)

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12] *The fast God chooses*

Psalms 112:1-9 [10] Light shines in the darkness for the upright. (Ps. 112:4)

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16] *God's wisdom revealed through the Spirit*

Matthew 5:13-20 *The teaching of Christ: salt and light*

Stewardship Opportunities Jan 29th—Feb 5th

Jan 26th Karen Kuktowski
Jan 30th Greg Adlon
Marla Vogel

Today the folks whose last names begin with A-K 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 is Soup-er Bowl Sunday. Sign up sheet in the basement

Booklets for the annual meeting are available today. They are in the usher area at the back of the church or on the bench in the front of the church.

Week at a Glance Jan 29th—Feb 5th

Wednesday 8 AM

Men's Bible Study & breakfast

Friday 9AM—Noon

Office hours for Lana

Saturday 9:30 AM

Family Choir rehearsal

Attendance last week: 47

Birthdays for January

Jan 1st	Ed Stawikowski
Jan 4th	Elsie Wagner
Jan 12th	Vicki Hannemann Roberta Roalkvan
Jan 18th	Mathilde Hannemann
Jan 20th	Nolan Schultz
Jan 22nd	Sharon Albert

Anniversaries for January

No anniversaries on record

Looking Ahead

Next Sunday, February 5th Annual meeting following the Soup-er Bowl Sunday

February 12th Mama J and the Praise Hounds will be here to share their music and installation of council members

February 22nd Ash Wednesday service at 7PM with communion

Looking for a church home? We will be receiving new members in late April. Please see the pastor or let someone know. We would love to have you join our family.

*In the event of weather related closings at church—
please listen to WDOR or channel 2 for cancellation notices and check our
Facebook page*

Hainesville Lutheran Church

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday February 5th 10:30 AM

(following morning worship service)

Annual reports and constitutions are found on usher table at back of church or on the bench near inside the door.

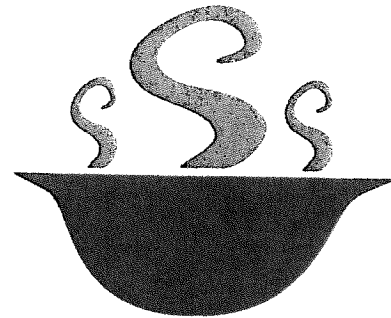
One per family, please

SOUP-ER BOWL MEAL IS SUNDAY FEB 5TH, TOO !!

Watch for sign up sheets to help with the meal.

Items needed: SOUP of your choice-crackers-rolls/bread-pickles-cheese/sausage-(cheese/onions for soup toppings) and desserts of

course!!! Talk to Marie Weber or Gloria LaPlante for more information



Sign-up sheet is located in the basement. Thank you