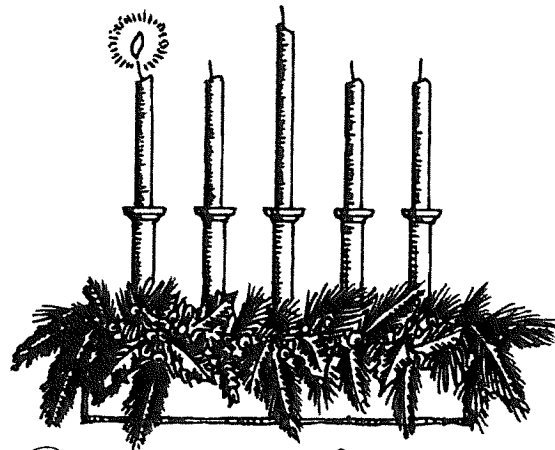


HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — E L C A



First Sunday
OF ADVENT

Sunday, November 26th, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

"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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

R The first Advent candle is traditionally called the Prophecy Candle. We rejoice that God prepares our lives through prophecy to receive Christ when he comes. The words from the 9th chapter of Isaiah prepare us to receive Christ as the child who comes to us in Bethlehem. Isaiah's words also prepare us to receive Christ when he comes again in power. At that time he will fulfill the promise to be Prince of Peace and Wonderful Counselor for all times and there will truly be no end to his gracious kingdom.

R Let us pray. Gracious Lord,

C prepare our lives to receive your beloved Son as he comes to us in his birth and as he will come again in power at the close of the age. Inspire us through prophecy to await him with joy. Amen.

Light the first candle.

HYMN: "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

HYMN #240 verse 1

CHILDREN'S CHAT AND NOISY OFFERING FOR HUNGER RELIEF

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

C Amen.

P God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Everlasting God,

C you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.

P Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of † Jesus

Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

HYMN #264

GREETING

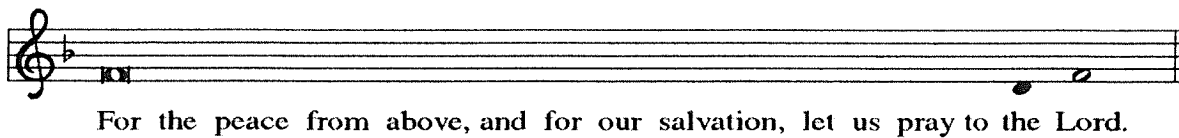
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

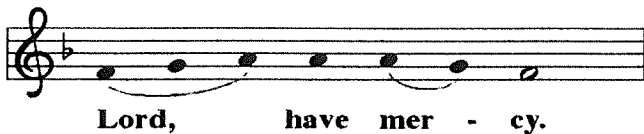
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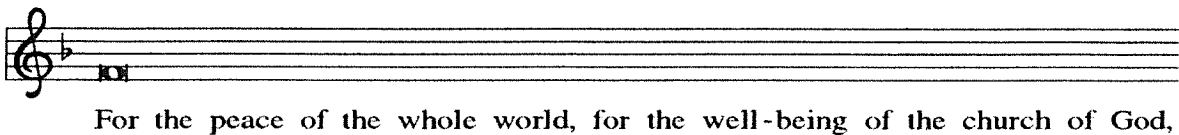
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



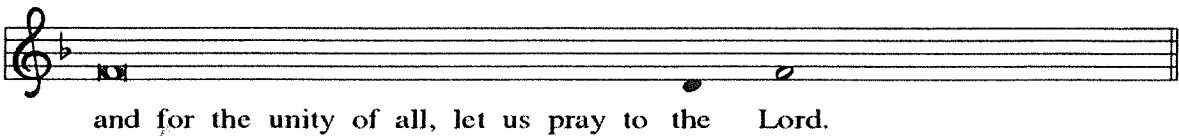
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



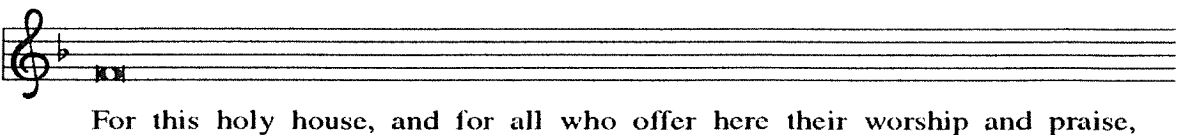
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



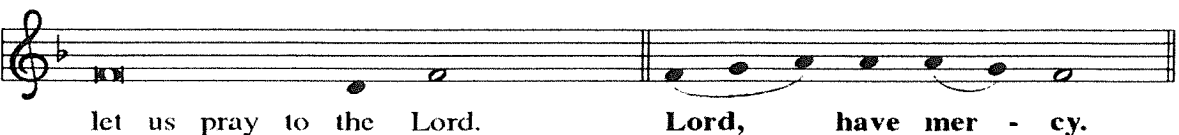
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



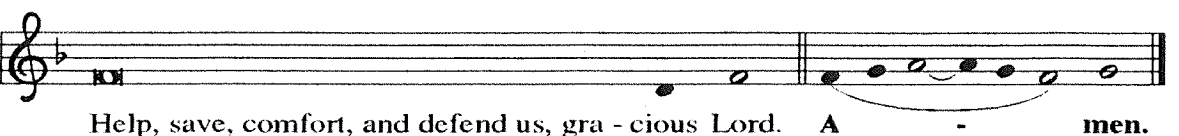
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

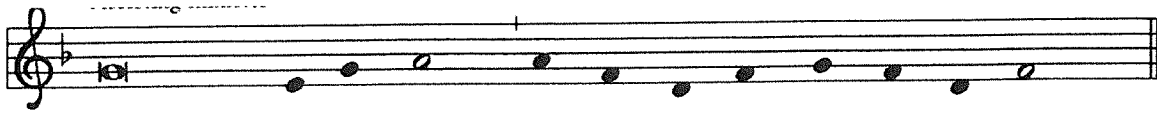


let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



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.

C **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

- ¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,

and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

R The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (read responsively)

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

³Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter

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

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory.

²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

(please be seated)

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus Shall Reign ”

HYMN #434

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)*

(you may be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"

HYMN #186

C **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 God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS

P *Merciful God*

C **Hear our prayer**

Bill (Albert), Rusty (Allen), Tom (Angermeier), John (B), Devin (Bartos), Lyle

(Berndt), **Mary** (Bosben), **Karen & Del** (Brewer), **Elaine & Jim** (C), **Eugene** (Clark), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Robert** (Connrey), **Danielle** (Davis), **Pat** (Fenrich), **Emery** (Freiberg), **Ruth** (Grainger), **Mathilde & Richard** (Hannemann), **Cindy** (Knapp), **Shari** (Krueger), **Ellie** (Krull), **Joe** (May), **Ken** (Overland), **Jodi** (P), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Alice** (Rocque-Angermeier), **Lexi & Laci** (S), **Lori** (Snyder), **Eric** (Thorson), **Charlotte, Erik, Joe, and the family of Sandy Pierre.**

C Amen.

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

P The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit ✠ remain 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

“Soon and Very Soon”

HYMN #439

SENDING FORTH

P Go in peace. Keep awake.

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

POSTLUDE

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SHHHHHHHH– it is that time of the year again when we help a deserving family have a Very Merry Christmas. This year we have two families whom we will be helping. Please get your donations in by Dec. 3. There are special marked cans throughout the church or put it in the offering plate and label it as Secret Santa. Thank you.

Saturday at 9:00 AM we will be decorating the church for Christmas. Many hands will make the work light. Come and help to make your church festive for the Christmas season.

December 10 at 4:00 there will be an Christmas Concert here at Hainesville featuring Mama J and the Praise Hounds. The Family Choir will also be participating. A freewill offering will be taken to raise funds for the stained glass windows. Invite family, friends, and neighbors.

From the Stained Glass Window Committee

Currently a fundraising drive is underway to raise funds to purchase and install stained glass windows on the north side of the sanctuary. Money for this project does not come from the church budget but is through donations. All donations are confidential. So far about \$55,000 has been donated which is about \$14,000 short of what is needed. 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.

Oct 2023						
				TOTAL		
	Oct	Budget	Variance	YTD	Budget	Variance
Offerings	4,748	6,107	(1,359)	60,316	61,070	(754)
Total Income	16,115	7,568	8,547	92,265	75,680	16,585
Total Expenses	13,021	7,568	5,453	78,791	75,680	(3,783)

Windows Fund \$55,342
Less Down Pymt -\$6,894
 \$48,448

Singer, songwriter, vocalists and violinist, Jean Watson, will be performing **TODAY**, Sunday, November 26 (2:00) at Friends Community Church, Sturgeon Bay. All are invited!

Serving in worship today (November 26th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer
Ushers: Bonnie Kohn & Roy Jilburg
Reader: Bonnie Kohn
Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Serving in worship next week (December 3rd)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad
Reader: Roy Jilburg
Ushers: Bonnie Kohn & Roy Jilburg

Communion Assist: Gordy Hughes
Keyboard: Peggy Odegaard

Readings for next week (December 3rd)

Isaiah 40:1-11
Good news of God's coming to a people in exile
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
Righteousness shall prepare a pathway for God. (Ps. 85:13)
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Waiting for and hastening the day of God
Mark 1:1-8
John appears from the wilderness

Christ in our Home is now available for January—March. Copies at the front and back of the sanctuary.

Stewardship Opportunities Nov 26-Dec 3

Today the fellowship meal is being provided by the folks whose last name begins L-Z. Next week the folks whose last name begins A-K will be providing the meal.

Week at a Glance Nov 26th-Dec 3rd**Tuesday 9 AM**

Quilting for missions

Wednesday 8 AM

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

Saturday 9 AM

Decorate church for Christmas

Birthdays in November

Nov 6th	Brenda Clark
	Kirsten Dixner Young
	Hannah Grohman
Nov 10th	Rachel Hanson
Nov 18th	Kayla Wilke
Nov 20th	Pat Malley
Nov 21st	Greg Jacobson
Nov 26th	Nancy Keyser

Wedding Anniversaries in November

Nov 4th	Kim & Greg Jacobson
Nov 10th	Alice & Tom Angermeier
Nov 27th	Ellen & Russ Klister

Attendance last week: 46

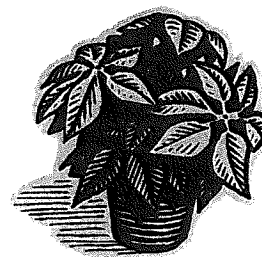
Because of the increasing number of new members, during the last annual meeting the idea of wearing name tags during Sunday church services was suggested. The positive response by the congregation caused us to pursue the idea.

Name tags for church members have been created and are found down in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick yours up and keep at home or in your car when not in use. We are requesting that they be worn each Sunday during the months of November and December. Starting in January, the first Sunday of the month will be name tag Sunday. Wearing name tags during the other Sundays is optional. We ask that name tags be also worn on Sundays when new members join the church. Ushers will also be expected to wear their name tags.

Any questions you may have can be directed to Ellen Klister or Jim Vogel.

POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM

I (WE) WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE A
POINSETTIA PLANT FOR CHRISTMAS



COST IS \$10.00 per plant.

(Please attach payment or place in envelope along with this form)
Place order in offering plate or leave in church office. Plants may
be picked up and taken home following worship on December
31st. **LAST DAY TO ORDER IS SUNDAY December 10th.**

Plants may be given:

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF INDIVIDUALS or

IN THANKSGIVING FOR INDIVIDUALS or

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Given by: _____

Total # of plants _____ Paid **CASH** **CHECK**

(Please check which category)

NAME(s) to be listed	In memory of	In honor of	In thanks- giving for	To God's glory