

# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH — ELCA



Sunday, March 17th, 2024  
Fifth 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. 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, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Holy God,

**C** **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

**P** Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:**

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

**HYMN # 338**

## **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.**



# HYMN OF PRAISE



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



**B** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God,

C **with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

R The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

## PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother’s womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

R Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (setting #4 pp151)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

*Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter

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

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who

hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

*(please be seated)*

**GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY**

Pastor David Raben

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

**HYMN # 656**

**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 Trusting in God’s promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

**RESPONSE TO PRAYERS**

P *Hear us, O God*

C **Your mercy is great**

**Tom (Angermeier), Lyle (Berndt), Karen & Del (Brewer), Elaine & Jim (C), Eugene (Clark), Mike & Rina (Clumpner), Danielle (D), Garrison (Dixner), Lynn (Eskildsen), Pat (Fenrich), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Charlie (H), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), Charlotte (K), Cindy (Knapp), Ellie (Krull), Joe (May), Ken (Overland),**

**Matthew (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeier), Lexi (S), Donna (S), Ellie (Schneider), Lori (Snyder), Eric (Thorson), Ernie (Watson), Dave and Erik.**

**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 Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.**

**C Amen.**

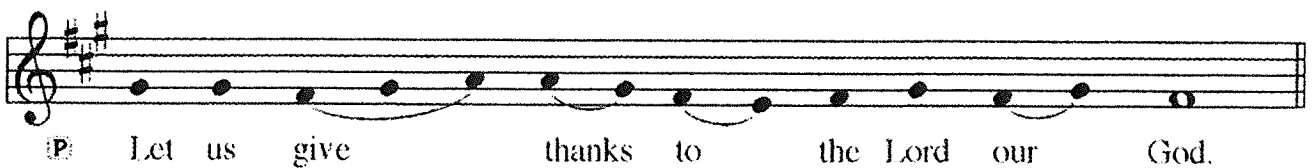
**THE COMMUNION LITURGY (sung — setting # 4 pp152)**



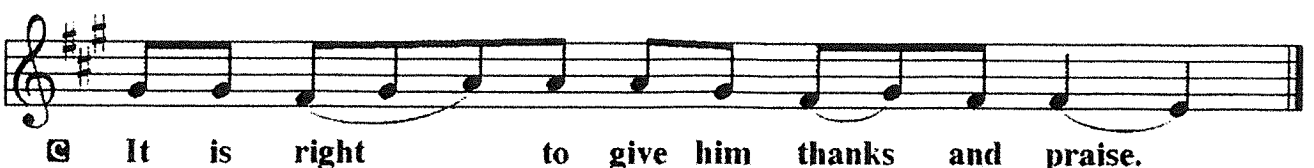
**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



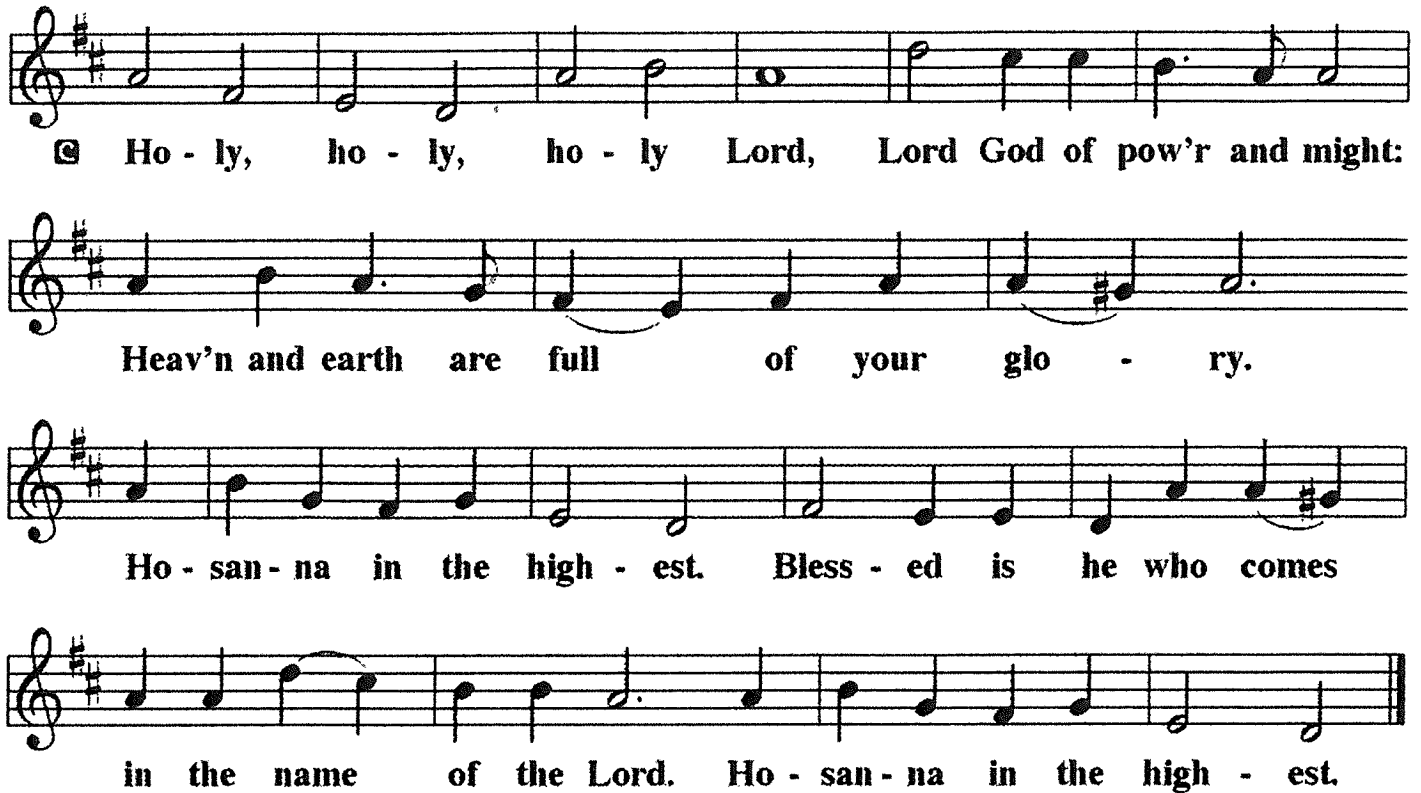
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.



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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### 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 Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

**COMMUNION HYMN**            *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*            **HYMN # 471**  
   *“We Come to the Hungry Feast”*            **HYMN # 479**

**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 Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C Amen.

**BLESSING**

P Beloved, we are God’s own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✚ give you peace.

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**            *“In Christ There Is No East or West”*            **HYMN # 650**

**SENDING FORTH**

P Go in peace. Share your bread.

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

## POSTLUDE

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The church council will be serving an Easter Sunday breakfast beginning at 8:00 on Easter Sunday, March 31. There will also be an Easter egg hunt for the children. Please come and enjoy a great breakfast.

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There has been a request to have some of the hats of yesteryear (Easter Bonnets) worn on Easter Sunday to make more festive our celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. Plan ahead now to make that happen.

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Christ in Our Home for April, May, and June is available at each end of the Sanctuary. Please feel free to take yours home and enjoy a devotion each day.

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We are becoming more aware of the problem of hunger in our own county. We are therefore beginning to make a more concerted effort to help those who are in need around us. Our noisy offering this morning and every time it is taken will be now used to help feed those here in Door County. We also have a basket in the fellowship area where nonperishable items and personal hygiene needs can be dropped off.

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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 (March 17th)

Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben  
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad  
Ushers: Rilynn Brunnette, Kathy Schmitz, & Roy Jilburg  
Reader: Roy Jilburg  
Communion Assist: Joanne Adlon  
Keyboard: Sandi Smith

Serving in worship next week (March 24th)

Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer  
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad  
Reader: Jan Shusta  
Ushers: John Breider & John Melland  
Keyboard: Heidi Hintz

Readings for next week (March 24th)

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**  
*The servant of the LORD submits to suffering*  
**Psalm 31:9-16**  
Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)  
**Philippians 2:5-11**  
*Humbled to the point of death on a cross*  
**Mark 14:1--15:47**  
*The passion of the Lord*

*In the event of weather related closings at church---*

*please listen to WDOR for cancellation notices and check our Facebook page*

**Stewardship Opportunities March 17-24**

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

**Week at a Glance March 17-24**

**Monday at 6:00**

Church council meeting

**Tuesday at Noon**

WELCA

**Wednesday 8 AM**

Men's breakfast and Bible Study

**Friday 9-12**

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 30th	Barbara Dunlap

**Anniversaries for March**

March 20th John & Laura Borkovetz

## Easter Lilies

I (WE) WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE LILIES FOR EASTER.

**COST IS \$10** per Easter lily



(Please attach payment or place in envelop along with this form) Place order in offering plate or leave in church office. ORDERS DUE BY SUNDAY MARCH 24th. Lilies may be picked up and taken home following the Easter service on March 31st.

Plants may be given:

IN MEMORY OF INDIVIDUALS or

IN THANKSGIVING FOR INDIVIDUALS or

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of lilies \_\_\_\_\_

Amount given to memorials \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(s)	In memory of	In thanks-giving for	To God's glory