

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Parking Lot Worship Service

Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 9:30am

Welcome and Announcements

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.
Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to

be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

God’s Word for Today

Pastor Trent Zeitler

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 God’s People

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need, responding to each petition with the words “receive our prayer.”

God of open arms, make Christians into signs of your gracious welcome, to both members and newcomers, whether meeting physically or digitally. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons for their work in this unprecedented time. O God, you are full of compassion; **receive our prayer.**

God of lands and seas, continue your care for your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we ask you to heal and renew your earth. Preserve the lands from fire and storm. Protect the sources of food that your creatures need for life. O God, you are full of compassion; **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, lead the nations away from the ways of violence. Guide the United Nations and other organizations that seek reconciliation across national borders. Show families, neighborhoods, and nations how to welcome diversity while sharing common ground. Preserve our election season from misuse and abuse. O God, you are full of compassion; **receive our prayer.**

God of our homeland, visit the American cities that are addressing local racism. Stand with both protesters and police, that civil society may be preserved and improved. Bring both healing and justice to our land. O God, you are full of compassion; **receive our prayer.**

God of the sufferers, visit prisons and care homes with health and hope. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor. Feed all who hunger and provide safety to migrants. Protect firefighters and first responders. Heal the sick, especially those we name here before you:

Rusty (Allen), **Riley** (A), **Lindsay** (A), **Trudy** (Berkhahn), **Nancy** (Bontempo), **Shirley** (Brandt), **Evelyn** (Breider), **Karen & Del** (Brewer), **Dennis** (Buckingham), **Eugene** (Clark), **Danielle** (Davis), **Diane** (Duncan), **Mike** (Grainger), **Ruth** (Grainger), **Joanne** (Huhta), **Cindy & Terry** (Kinney), **Ellie** (Krull), **Judy** (Larson), **Judy** (LaVine), **Natalie** (Markham), **Christina** (Madsen) **Francine** (Meyer), **Ken** (Overland), **Jodi** (P), **Michelle** (Raasch), **Mary Lee** (Riddle), **Elaine** (Roalkvan), **Matthew** (Roque), **Alice** (Roque-Angermeier), **Troy** (Schiesser), **Eric** (Thorson), **Dorothy** (Twiton), **Kari** (Uetz), **Aubrey** (W), **Laddie** (Watson), **Judy** (Zeitler), and **Jeanine**, O God, you are full of compassion; **receive our prayer.**

We mourn the deaths of those we love, especially Barbara Foster and Richard Wagner, who will both be laid to rest this week, and we praise you for the lives of all your faithful people. Walk alongside and comfort the Breider and Wagner families as they grieve the loss of their beloved ones. At the end, gather us all into the joy of your presence. O God, you are full of compassion; **receive our prayer.**

God of goodness, once more we beg for a way through the pandemic. Comfort the afflicted. Support medical workers. Prepare a vaccine. O God, you are full of compassion; **receive our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Holy Communion

At this time, please take a moment to prepare the elements you brought for Holy Communion.

Words of Institution

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.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Communion Distribution

Now, receive the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. You may commune others in your vehicle, saying these words:

Take and eat, the body of Christ given for you. Take and drink, the blood of Christ shed for you.

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,

the body and blood of Christ.
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing and Sending

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Go in peace. Forgive as you have been forgiven!

Thanks be to God...and we will!!!