

**HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ BEING THE CHURCH AT HOME**  
**YouTube Worship Service ~ Sunday, November 22, 2020**  
**Pastor Trent Zeitler**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**"I Need Thee Every Hour"**  
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**Greeting**

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

**Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the LORD GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the LORD GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the LORD GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be ruler among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

**Psalm 95:1-7a**

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.  
<sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.  
<sup>7a</sup>For the LORD is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

### Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe, according to the working of God's great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and seated him at the right hand of Power in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And God has put all things under the feet of Christ and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is the body of Christ, the fullness of the one who fills all in all.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

[Jesus said:] <sup>31</sup>"When the Son-of-Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>"Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the dominion prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?' <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and the devil's angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**God's Word for Today**

**Pastor Trent Zeitler**

**Hymn ELW 434**

**"Jesus Shall Reign"**

**1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,**

**till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

- 2 To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.**
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.**
- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.**
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our king;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.**

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### **Prayers of God's People**

On this the last Sunday of the church year, let us pray to see God's reign in the church, in the world, and with all in need, responding to each petition with the words "In mercy, receive our prayers."

Great God, we praise you for sustaining the church through another year of grace. Continue to shepherd your people with your tender care. Sustain the social ministries of the body of Christ, and increase ecumenical sharing of opportunities for ministry. You are the great and holy God: **In mercy, receive our prayers.**

Sustain the world that you have made, the heights of the hills, the seas and the dry land. Guard the animals during the winter months, and direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all. Be a source of strength and refuge for all weathering severe storms. You are the great and renewing God: **In mercy, receive our prayers.**

Bring peace to every place where conflict rages, that your reign may be honored throughout the world. Bless the work of the United Nations and of agencies that promote the wellbeing of all peoples. You are the great and peacemaking God: **In mercy, receive our prayers.**

Bring a peaceful conclusion to the American national elections. Bless all the newly elected officials with a love of concord and a desire for justice. Turn us away from historic prejudices, and show us your image in each of our neighbors. You are the great and reconciling God: **In mercy, receive our prayers.**

Visit American homes on Thanksgiving Day. When we are separated from loved ones, embrace us with your care. Keep gatherings safe. Even in our reduced celebrations, give us voices to offer thanks to you for your perpetual blessings. You are the great and generous God: **In mercy, receive our prayers.**

We beg you to end the earth's pandemic. Bring healing to the millions who are suffering from the coronavirus – any who are sick, dying, despairing, isolated, unemployed, and all exhausted medical workers. Guide researchers and scientists in developing a vaccine. You are the great and healing God: **In mercy, receive our prayers.**

Show your loving power to all who are in need. Equip us to feed the hungry, to provide clean water for the thirsty, to welcome the stranger, to clothe the naked, to care for the sick, to visit the prisoners. We pray especially for. . . .

**Rusty (Allen), Riley (A), Lindsay (A), Trudy (Berkhahn), Nancy (Bontempo), Shirley (Brandt), Evelyn (Breider), John (Breider), Karen & Del (Brewer), Dennis (Buckingham), Eugene (Clark), Danielle (Davis), Mike (Grainger), Ruth (Grainger), Joanne (Huhta), Cindy & Terry (Kinney), Ellie (Krull), Judy (Larson), Natalie (Markham), Janet & Roger (Mettelmann) Francine (Meyer), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Mary Lee (Riddle), Elaine (Roalkvan), Matthew (Roque), Alice (Roque-Angermeier), Troy, Deanna, Lexi, & Laci (Schiesser), Eric (Thorson), Dorothy (Twiton), Kari (Uetz), Aubrey (W), Laddie (Watson), Judy (Willacker), Judy (Zeitler), Julie (Zeitler), and Jeanine.** You are the great and healing God: **In mercy, receive our prayers.**

We appeal to you, Sovereign God, we who are like both the sheep and the goats, and we ask that in compassion you will hear the prayers of our own hearts. You are the great and loving God: **In mercy, receive our prayers.**

We praise you for all the saints who have died in the faith. At the end of all things, bring us together with all the saints into your kingdom of joy. You are the great and eternal God: **In mercy, receive our prayers.**

Receive our prayers, O triune God: Father of glory, Lord Jesus Christ, and Spirit of wisdom, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Let us pray.

O Holy One of wisdom, throughout human history and today among us here, you call us to walk the paths of justice and peace. We praise you, O God of truth, for your precious words. Grant that sheltered under their richness as under the tree of life, we live in gratitude and faithfulness, through Jesus Christ, your Word and our Wisdom, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Blessing and Sending**

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**Hymn ELW 855**

**“Crown Him With Many Crowns”**

**Verses 1,3,4,5**

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.**
  
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love--  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes  
at mysteries so bright.**
  
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.**
  
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potenteate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.**

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