

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ BEING THE CHURCH AT HOME
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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”

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Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners Peter and John stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Psalm: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before God ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from God whatever we ask, because we obey the commandments and do what pleases God.

²³And this is God’s commandment, that we should believe in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and love one another, just as Jesus has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey God’s commandments abide in God, and God abides in them. And by this we know that God abides in us, by the Spirit that God has given us.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

God’s Word for Today

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Hymn ELW 789 “ Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.**

- 2 We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.**

**3 You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.**

**4 Early let us seek your favor,
early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.**

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Prayers of God's People

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all in any need, responding to each petition with the words, "Abide with us in love."

God of goodness and mercy, we pray for the church: that bishops and pastors be upheld in their tasks as shepherds of your flock; and that congregations persevere in their ministries of nurturing faith and compassionate care.

O God, steadfast shepherd of the church, we pray:
Abide with us in love.

We pray for members of other world religions: that there be an end to interreligious strife; that Sikhs be comforted in their sorrow; and that during Ramadan, Muslims be strengthened for lives of prayer and service.

O God, gracious keeper of many flocks, we pray:
Abide with us in love.

We pray for the nations of the earth: that governments cease aggression against their neighbors; that peace come to Afghanistan, Syria, and Myanmar; and that China, Russia, and the United States coexist in concord with each other.

O God, the true cornerstone of society, we pray:
Abide with us in love.

We pray for justice in our land: that our criminal justice system continue to be reformed; that ethnic and economic prejudices cease their holds on our people; and that there be peace in our streets.

O God, almighty judge of righteousness, we pray:
Abide with us in love.

We pray for all who are sick or suffering: for those stricken with the coronavirus; for those who mourn the loss of loved ones; and for those we name here before you. . . .

Kyle (Adlon), **Rusty** (Allen), **Lindsay** (A), **Trudy** (Berkhahn), **Nancy** (Bontempo), **Shirley** (Brandt), **Karen & Del** (Brewer), **Dennis** (Buckingham), **Eugene** (Clark), **Danielle** (Davis), **Linda** (Freier), **Mike** (Grainger), **Ruth** (Grainger), **Mathilde** (Hannemann), **Larry** (Hopp), **Terry** (Kinney), **Jean** (Klansky), **Ellie** (Krull), **Judy** (Larson), **Natalie** (Markham), **Francine** (Meyer), **Sarah** (M), **Ken** (Overland), **Jodi** (P), **Elaine** (Roalkvan), **Matthew** (Roque), **Alice** (Roque-Angermeier), **Troy**, **Deanna**, **Lexi**, & **Laci** (Schuesser), **Eric** (Thorson), **Dorothy** (Twiton), **Kari** (Uetz), **Dawn** (Vos), **Aubrey** (W), **Jeanine**.

O God, healer of our every ill, we pray:
Abide with us in love.

We pray finally for ourselves: that you will receive the petitions of our hearts.

O God, tender shepherd of each of us, we pray:
Abide with us in love.

We praise you for all the sheep of your fold, each lamb of your own flock. Bring us with all the saints to dwell in your house forever.

O God, eternal giver of life, we pray:
Abide with us in love.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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 our glorious God grant us a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,
Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.
Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.
Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news!
Thanks be to God... and we will!!!

Hymn ELW 773

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

**1. Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.**

**Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**2. When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**3. When the darkness appears
and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

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