

**HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ BEING THE CHURCH AT HOME**  
**YouTube Worship Service ~ Sunday, January 31, 2021**  
**Pastor Beth Macha preaching and Pastor Trent Zeitler presiding**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**“This Is My Father’s World”**  
By Franklin Sheppard Arr. By Mark Hayes

**Peggy Odegaard**

**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.

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

**Psalms: Psalm 111**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>Great are your works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by God.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called deities in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many deities and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against brothers and sisters in your community, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

## **Gospel: Mark 1:21-28**

<sup>21</sup>Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked the spirit, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of the man. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

## **God's Word for Today**

**Pastor Trent Zeitler**

## **Hymn ELW 673 "God, Whose Almighty Word"**

**1 God, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.**

**2 Christ, who once came to bring,**

on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight;  
health to the troubled mind,  
sight where illusions blind;  
oh, now to humankind  
let there be light.

3 Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.

4 Holy and blessed three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might:  
boundless as ocean's tide,  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth, far and wide,  
let there be light.

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

Let us offer to God both our praises and our petitions for all in need, responding to each prayer with the words "Hear us and help us."

Faithful God, we praise you for sustaining the church during this difficult time. We pray that you give to all preachers and teachers the power of your prophetic Spirit, that their words will proclaim the comfort and challenge of Christ. Lead to yourself all those who have become captive to false prophets and empty promises; free them and embrace them in your mercy.

O faithful God, we pray:  
**Hear us and help us.**

Creator God, we praise you for continuously creating the earth and nourishing its creatures. We pray that you restore lands and waters that have been harmed by human misuse. Raise up advocates for an ecological way of life, and guide us toward an appropriate use of government in preserving the earth's natural resources.

O creator God, we pray:  
**Hear us and help us.**

Ruling God, we praise you for an inauguration free from violence and marked by hope. We pray that you to give wisdom to our elected and appointed officials and all who serve in government with the spirit of "We the people", that in all things they endeavor to serve the common good. Guide our nation out of the ways of prejudice and into equity and justice for all.

O ruling God, we pray:  
**Hear us and help us.**

Compassionate God, we praise you for each day of health and well-being, and we pray for all who are sick or suffering. Comfort those with mental illness or emotional distress, those institutionalized, or living on the streets, or residing in our homes. We praise you for the development of COVID-19 vaccines, and we pray for their fair and prompt distribution. Increase in our country a commitment to limit the spread of the virus to others. Visit all who have contracted the coronavirus and all who are experiencing the long-term effects of COVID-19. Strengthen medical workers and home health aides. Receive our prayers for those we name before you: . . .

**Rusty** (Allen), **Riley** (A), **Lindsay** (A), **Trudy** (Berkhahn), **Nancy** (Bontempo), **Shirley** (Brandt), **John** (Breider), **Karen & Del** (Brewer), **Dennis** (Buckingham), **Eugene** (Clark), **Danielle** (Davis), **Mike** (Grainger), **Ruth** (Grainger), **Rick and Vicki** (Hannemann), **Joanne** (Huhta), **Cindy & Terry** (Kinney), **Ellie** (Krull), **Judy** (Larson), **Natalie** (Markham), **Janet** (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), and **Jeanine**:

O compassionate God, we pray:  
**Hear us and help us.**

Reconciling God, we praise you for your Spirit of wisdom and peace. We pray for all who make ethical decisions, whether in homes, in churches, or in communities. Instruct us when to preserve the past and when to institute change, when to maintain our own preferences, and when to yield to others.

O reconciling God, we pray:  
**Hear us and help us.**

Gracious God, we give you praise for your continuous untold blessings, and we offer you now the petitions of our own hearts.

O gracious God, we pray:  
**Hear us and help us.**

Eternal God, we praise you for your servants of time past whose words and actions have inspired our lives. We mourn those who have died of Covid-19. Unite us with all our beloved who have gone before us now through our memories and at the end of time in your presence.

O eternal God, we pray:  
**Hear us and help us.**

Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your loving care, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, 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**

God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God... and we will!!!**

## **Hymn ELW 612 “Healer Of Our Every Ill”**

### ***Refrain***

Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

- 1** You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*
- 2** In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*
- 3** Give us strength to love each other,  
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*
- 4** You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*