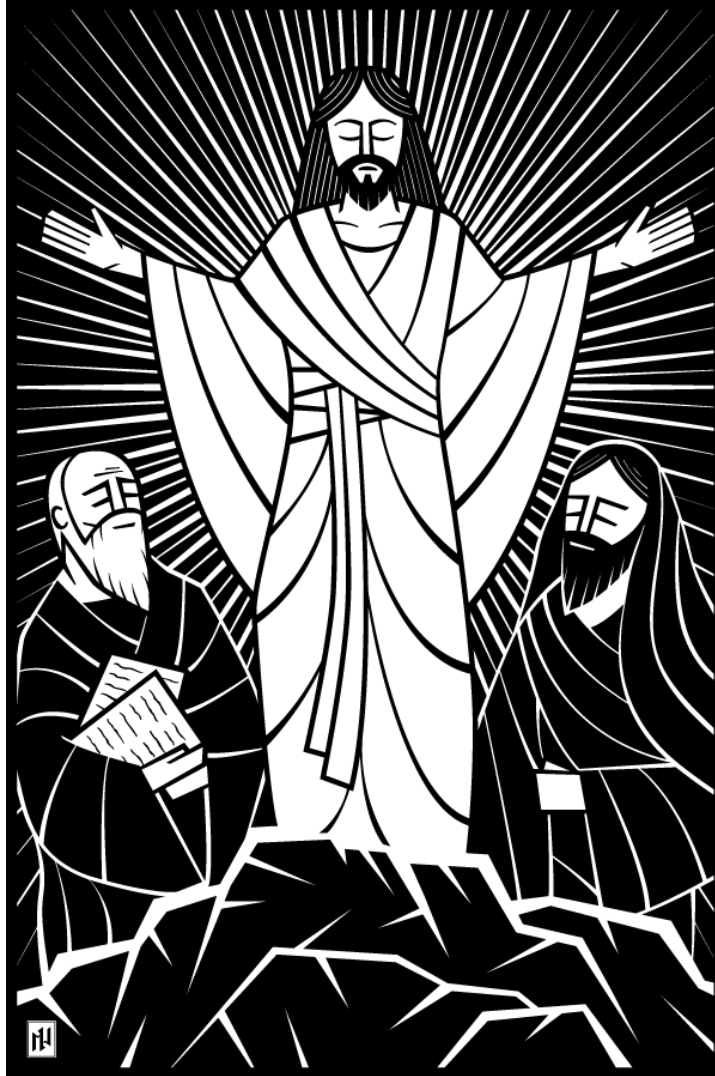


The Transfiguration of our Lord



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*A Changeless Message for
A Changing Community*

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Our service is centered on our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lived, died, and rose from the dead so that we would have eternal life in him. God reveals this soul saving message in his Word. We gather to find strength through God's powerful and holy Word. Take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the order of service, readings, and hymns, and fill out the take action card. May God bless our time together this morning.

About Our Worship

The gospel is the good news about what Jesus did to be the Savior for sinners. It is also the power of God—the very thing he uses to work faith in our hearts and transform our lives. Therefore, gospel-centered worship places the gospel in central focus. This order of service is called the liturgy. In the message, in specially selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news about Jesus from start to finish. Gospel-centered worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children).

For Your Convenience

Restrooms are located in the hallway at the rear of the building. Simply follow the arrows once you are in the hallway.

Service Participants

Rev Doug Van Sice, *pastor of Huntersville Lutheran*
Andrea Van Sice, *keyboardist*

~ Service Notes ~

The Transfiguration of our Lord

For more than 500 years, the Church has celebrated the Sunday known as the Festival of the Transfiguration. Martin Luther's pastor, Johannes Bugenhagen, and Veit Deitrich began the practice of celebrating Transfiguration between Epiphany and Lent. The word "transfiguration" simply means "a change in appearance." It refers to the account in the Gospel for today when Jesus shone forth in all his heavenly glory as the Son of God.

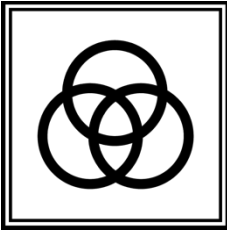
Jesus gave his disciples a glimpse of his glory because the cross was coming. Jesus left that mountain and headed to Jerusalem where he would suffer, die, and rise again for all mankind. This morning's glimpse of glory teaches us that Jesus didn't endure the cross because he was forced to. He endured the cross because he chose to!

Transfiguration Sunday ends the season of Epiphany. When we next meet it will be the season of Lent, a time of reflection on our Savior's suffering. So, on this day, we say our last "Alleluias" until the Day of Resurrection and join in Peter's cry, "It's good that we are here!"

Prayer Upon Entering Worship

Heavenly Father, who on the mountainside revealed Jesus Christ in his unveiled divine glory, and by wonderful testimony out of the cloud declared him your Son whom you love, help us always to believe and confess that Jesus is God, to the glory of your name. In commanding us to hear your Son, you have placed your divine blessing on all that he has spoken. This morning, as we hear anew the account of your Son's transfiguration, send your Holy Spirit to quiet our anxious and doubting minds and open our hearts to be strengthened by the proclamation of the Good News. Amen.





ORDER OF SERVICE

Throughout the seasons of the church year, there are different Sundays that are set aside as special. These Sundays are called "Festival Sundays." While the structure of these services remains largely the same, special components are added to commemorate these holy days. Today, our worship begins with a special "call to worship." From selected portions of God's Word and a powerful hymn, our attention is focused on Jesus, the Christ, who revealed who he really was to his disciples. Come, let us worship the Christ!

Stand.

L The Christ has appeared to us. O come, let us worship him.

C *(Sings)* **All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.**

**Hail him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all.**

L The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.

C **Let them praise your great and awesome name. He is holy.**

Psalms 99:1,3

L Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

C **Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**

Psalms 29:1-2

L The Lord will arise upon you, and his glory appears over you.

C **Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

L Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

Isaiah 60:1-3

C *(Sings)* **Sinners whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.**

Confession of Sins

- L** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
- C** **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.
- L** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. As a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I say to you what God says to you:
Your sins are all forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy | *Kyrie*¹ |

- L** In Peace, let us pray to the Lord:
Loving Father, you transfigured your beloved Son and revealed the Holy Spirit in the bright cloud: Enable us to hear the Word of Christ with faithful hearts.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** O Christ, by your transfiguration you revealed the resurrection to your disciples before your passion began; we pray for the church in all difficulties of this world; in our trials may we be transfigured by the joy of your victory.
- C** **Christ, have mercy.**
- L** O Christ, you will transfigure our poor bodies and conform them to your glorious body; we pray to you for our brothers and sisters who are dying; may they be changed into your likeness, from glory to glory.
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

¹ The word *Kyrie* is a Greek word from the phrase *Kyrie Elieson* which means, "Lord, have mercy!" This is the most heartfelt cry of a believer to his Lord. It is not a cry for forgiveness, but a cry for mercy that our Lord and king hear us and help us in our necessities and trouble. Christians have been praying the *Kyrie* at Sunday worship for more than 1700 years (that's why its name is Greek, the language most commonly spoken at the time).

Song of Praise | *Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending* |

L The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His name is worthy of praise.

C *(Sings)* **Lo, He comes with Clouds descending,
Once for every sinner slain.
Thousand, thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ reveals his endless reign.**

**Yea, Amen, let all adore you
High on your eternal throne.
Every knee shall bow before you;
Come and take your people home!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
You shall reign and you alone!**

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Let us pray:

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Be seated.



THE WORD

Children's Sermon

First Reading | *2 Kings 2:1-12* |

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

³The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet."

⁴Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho."

And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

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"Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan."

And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

⁷Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?"

"Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.

¹⁰"You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not."

¹¹As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹²Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more.

Psalm of the Day | *Psalm 2* |

L Why do the nations conspire

C and the peoples plot in vain?

L The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD

C and against his Anointed One.

L The One enthroned in heaven laughs;

C the LORD scoffs at them. Then he rebukes them in his anger

L and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

C "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:

L He said to me, "You are my Son;

C today I have become your Father."

Second Reading | *2 Corinthians 4:3-6* |

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

The Gospel

Stand.

□ The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 9.

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.



□ The Gospel of the Lord.

■ Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day | *Down from the Mount of Glory* |



1 Down from the mount of glo - ry Came Je - sus
2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, Stood ra - diant
3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the
5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry Of Je - sus



Christ, our Lord. Re - call the won - drous sto - ry,
in the light, Light found in God - head sole - ly,
mount de - scend And, by the Fa - ther bid - den,
Christ, our Lord, And let the won - drous sto - ry



Rich gem in sa - cred Word. A - gain your faith will
For hu - man eyes too bright. Then came a voice from
His will - ing foot - steps bend To seek hu - mil - i -
Full peace and joy af - ford! The ho - ly mount ac -



view him In dou - ble glo - ry here; The great - er
heav - en, Con - firmed what here we see; The words "my
a - tion In deep - est depths of woe, To suf - fer
claims him The maj - es - ty di - vine; Mount Cal - va -



hom - age due him Will in your life ap - pear.
Son" were giv - en To seal his de - i - ty.
deg - ra - da - tion No mind can probe or know.
ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

Sermon | *Seeing Jesus Clearly* |

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Personal Sermon Notes

Confession of Faith | *Nicene Creed* |

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one Holy Christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Offering | The members of Huntersville Lutheran have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you would like to give digitally, text any dollar amount to **84321**. Easy to follow instructions will be sent to your phone to complete your digital offering. Guests, you are welcome to participate in supporting our ministry, but certainly do not feel obligated.

Take Action Cards | In your service folder, you will find *Take Action* Cards. If you haven't done so already, please take a moment and fill it out completely to give us a record of your attendance. In addition, you may request prayers be said on your behalf today. Place your *Take Action* card in the offering plate as it comes around.

Prayer of the Church

L Almighty God, on the Mount of Transfiguration you revealed your Son to be the holy One who kept the Law you gave to Moses and fulfilled to Elijah and all the prophets the promise of a Savior. Grant to your Church the grace to receive your Son with faith, to rejoice in the revelation of your saving glory in him, and to live by the light of Word all our days. Lord, in your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

L Almighty God, with many resources you have blessed us, but we pray you teach our hearts to know contentment and peace in all the blessings you have supplied. Make us generous, that what we have received we may share with those in need and give to your church as the offerings of a grateful heart and a confident faith. Lord, in your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

L Almighty God, until that day dawns and Christ, the Morning Star, arises with the light of the eternal day, keep us from being distracted by temptation or deceived by error. Guard the truth you have planted in our hearts, that when Christ come in his glory, we may be found holy and blameless and enter into his presence with all the saints of old. Lord, in your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

L All these things we pray, O Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom you have made known to us the mystery of your saving glory. Keep us far from error, that we may honor your Word with an obedient heart and walk in Jesus' ways, doing all that is good and right and pleasing in your sight. In Christ, with Christ, and through Christ, be all glory, honor, worship and praise to you, Holy Father, with the Holy Spirit evermore.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.



THE SACRAMENT

Huntersville Lutheran practices close communion, which means biblical conversation and confession with our church beforehand. It is our desire to share in the eternal blessings of this Sacrament according to the instructions that God himself gives. If you are new to Huntersville Lutheran, please know that many of those around you were at one time new, too. And, as you can see by their presence, this preliminary discussion has only brought us closer together to celebrate the Lord's Supper in the way he has prescribed. Contact our pastor at any time.

Introduction to the Lord's Supper

- L** Everyone ought to examine their hearts before partaking of the Lord's Supper. *1 Corinthians 11:28*
- C** **I confessed my transgressions to the Lord and he forgave the guilt of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*
- L** Everyone ought to recognize the true body and blood of the Lord in this Supper. *1 Corinthians 11:29*
- C** **The bread that we break and the cup that we bless are a participation in the body and blood of Christ.** *1 Corinthians 10:16*
- L** Those partaking of the Lord's Supper are to be united in fellowship as one body.
- C** **Because there is one loaf, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.** *1 Corinthians 10:17*

The Words of Institution

- L** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

- C** **Amen.**

Lamb of God | *Angus Dei*² |

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

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² John the Baptist declared Jesus to be the Lamb of God (*Angus Dei*), the sacrifice for sins, once for all. We join countless Christians in singing these words before receiving the very thing in this Supper that these words promise, sins taken away through the blood of Jesus.

Blessing

L Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path.

C Amen.

L Christ, the Dayspring from on High, strengthen your faith with the goodness of his love.

C Amen.

L Christ, the Morning Star, draw near to guide your feet on the path of peace.

C Amen.

L The blessing of God almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be and abide with you always.

C Amen.

Farewell to Alleluia

☐ Brothers and sisters in Christ, today marks the last day of the season after the Epiphany. When we next gather for worship, we will begin the season of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word Alleluia, which means, "Praise the Lord." Now for a time we say farewell to alleluia. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quitter days of Lent. The alleluias will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voi - ing hymns in
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while
4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing—hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
pure ac - cord, With Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty— As we look to your blest Eas - ter,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; Saints a - dorned in
jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, And with all his
make us for a while fore - go. For the sol - emn
here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, When we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.
faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.
time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.
more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You | You could have chosen to be anywhere this morning and you chose to spend it here, so thank you. To our guests and visitors this morning we pray that your time with us has been enjoyable. If you have any questions, feel free to speak with any of our members or pastor after the service.

Faithbuilders | Faithbuilders is our path to membership at Huntersville Lutheran. It is a course on the basics of biblical Christianity. If you are interested in learning more about us and what the bible teaches, this is the place to do it. We warmly welcome you to join us! For more information, contact Pastor Van Sice | pastor@huntersvillelc.com.

Setup and Take Down Team | Every Sunday, a team of volunteers shows up and sets up everything you see here today. After the service, they stick around, take it all down, and load it into the trailer. We want to thank them for their faithful service! If you are interested in helping with setup and takedown on a Sunday morning, please just jump in. If you have questions about it, feel free to contact Pastor Van Sice or talk to him after the service.

Lenten Dinner and Devotion | Wednesday, February 17th, marks the beginning of the season of Lent, our 40 day walk with Jesus to the cross. During the Lenten season, we will gather for a time of dinner and devotion on the following dates:

- Wednesday, February 17th, 6:30pm, Brick Row
- Wednesday, March 10th, 6:30pm, Brick Row
- Wednesday, March 24th, 6:30pm, Brick Row

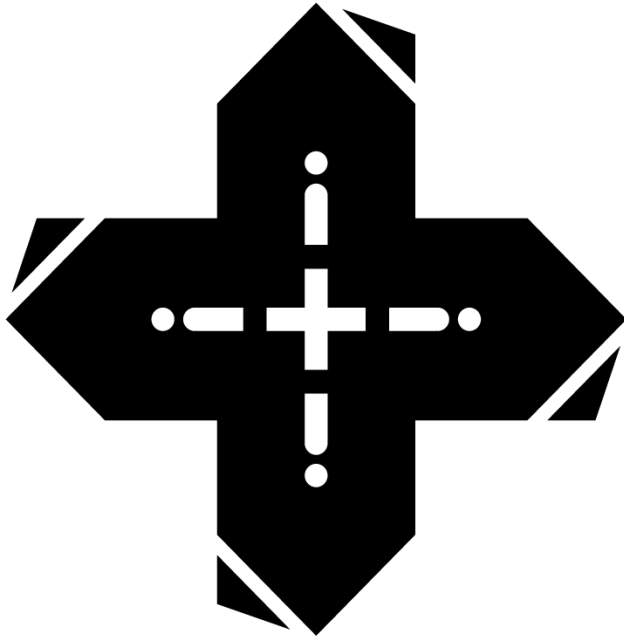
In order to create the safest atmosphere possible, food will be provided. Please look for a SignUp Genius in the near future.

Communion at Huntersville Lutheran

We believe what God's Word says. God's Word clearly teaches that along with the bread and wine we receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26, 28; Mark 14:22, 24; Luke 22:19-22). Communion is important to us at Huntersville Lutheran and we seek to honor the biblical view of communion. Before coming up for communion, all adults should ask themselves these questions:

1. Do you confess your sins and seek to turn away from the sins you confessed?
2. Do you recognize that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is the only way sin is forgiven?
3. Do you recognize that in the Sacrament of Communion you receive Jesus' true body and blood along with the bread and the wine?
4. Do you believe that the Bible *IS* God's inspired Word and does not just contain some truths of God?
5. Do you believe that Huntersville Lutheran Church teaches only the truth of God based on His inspired Word? (A summary of these teachings is taught in Faithbuilders, a class that runs multiple times throughout the year.)

We ask that those who have not had the opportunity to understand our Scriptural confession and are unsure of the answers to the above questions would speak with the pastor before participating in the Lord's Supper this morning. It is our sincere desire to share in the blessings of the Lord's Supper with you according to the pattern Jesus himself has given in his Word.



Huntersville Lutheran is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod