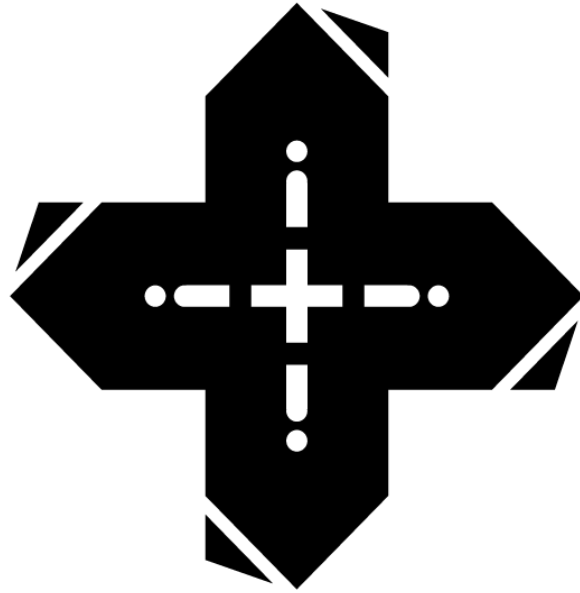


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HUNTERSVILLE
Lutheran Church

SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST
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Huntersville Lutheran

*A Changeless Message for
A Changing Community*

Worshipping at the Seven Oaks 19725 Oak St. Cornelius, NC

Worship @ 9:30am

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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 though 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 | Sundays after Pentecost

For centuries, the Christian Church has worshiped according to the Church Year. The Church Year begins in December with the season of Advent. The first six months of the church year (December through May/June) follow the life of Christ from his birth until his suffering, death, and resurrection on Easter Sunday. The Festival of the Holy Trinity marked the beginning of the second half of the church year. The second six months of the church year (June through November) follow the teachings of Christ.

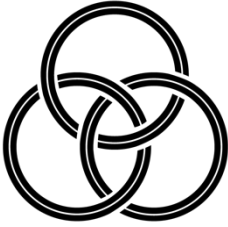
Over the next few weeks, the Sunday's readings are all connected by a theme of power. Jesus, the King of kings, is the almighty ruler of heaven and earth who, by his power defeated death, sin, and Satan for us. With that almighty power, he reigns Satan and his evil minions in. With that almighty power, he makes creation bend her knee and conquerors our greatest fears. With that almighty power, he sends his Spirit to plant faith in your heart. With that almighty power, he preserves your faith. With that almighty power, he sends you with his Word. With that almighty power, he gives his Word which you speak power to grow his kingdom. With that almighty power, he gives you the power to stand up to the Gospel's opposition, no matter what the cost.

Over these few weeks, we have the opportunity to marvel and glorify the Son of God for the power he wields to protect us, preserve us, send us, and grow us.

- Sunday, June 13th Jesus' Word has Power to Make the Kingdom Grow
- Sunday, June 20th Jesus has Power over all Creation
- Sunday, June 27th Jesus has Power over Death
- Sunday, July 4th Jesus Gives Us Power Against Opposition
- Sunday, July 11th Jesus Sends His Workers with Power

About Huntersville Lutheran

Huntersville Lutheran is a church that is waiting for you. We are supported by, and are members of, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, a collection of over 1,300 churches across the United States and Canada. Our mission is to show you to the authentic Jesus, build you up in his Word, and connect you to your community and neighbors in ways you have never been able to before. For more information, check out www.huntersvillelc.com.



ORDER OF SERVICE

From beginning to end, the Gospel—the good news of what Jesus did for sinners—is the central focus in our worship. 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. This is because the Gospel is the very thing that God uses to transform hearts and eternities, creating saving faith in the heart of the believer. God bless our worship this morning.

Opening Hymn | *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty;
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee;



Zi - on, let me en - ter there, Where my
Come thou al - so un - to me. Where we
Here thy seed is du - ly sown. Let my
Let me keep thy gift di - vine, How - so -
Let thy will be done in - deed. May I



soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for him who
find thee and a - dore thee, There a heav'n on
soul, where it is plant - ed, Bring forth pre - cious
e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en; May thy Word still
un - dis - turbed draw near thee While thou dost thy



an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed is this
earth must be. To my heart, oh, en - ter
sheaves a - lone, So that all I hear may
o'er me shine As my guid - ing star through
peo - ple feed. Here of life the foun - tain



place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
thou; Let it be thy tem - ple now!
be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
life, As my com - fort in all strife.
flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

Invocation

L In the name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.¹

C Amen.

Confession of Sins

L Dear friends, let us confess our sins with a true heart in the presence of God and of one another.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father

C I confess to you, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed.

by my fault, by my own fault, by my own grievous fault.

Therefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

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. Therefore, 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.

¹ The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshippers of their baptisms.

L In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Song of Praise | *Father, We Praise You* |



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver.
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions;
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it,



Ac - tive and watch - ful, stand - ing now be -
Ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness
Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us your sal -



fore you, Sing - ing, we of - fer prayer and
send - ing. Bring us to heav - en, where your
va - tion; Yours is the glo - ry, gleam - ing



med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.
saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray:

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



THE WORD

Children's Message

First Reading | *Jonah 3:1-10* |

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

⁶When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. ⁷This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 92

- L** How great are your works, O LORD,
- C** **How profound your thoughts!**
- L** The senseless man does not know,
- C** **Fools do not understand,**
- L** That though the wicked spring up like grass
- C** **And all evildoers flourish,**
- L** They will be forever destroyed.
- C** **But you, O LORD, are exalted forever.**
- L** The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,
- C** **They will flourish in the courts of our God.**
- L** They will still bear fruit in old age,
- C** **They will stay fresh and green,**
- L** Proclaiming, "The LORD is upright;
- C** **He is my rock, and there is no wickedness in him."**

Second Reading | *Colossians 1:3-8* |

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

The Gospel

L The Gospel according to Mark, chapter four.

²⁶He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

³⁰Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³²Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

³³With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day | *O Church Arise* |



1.O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; hear the call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the
2.Our call to war - to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the
3.Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick - en; Then see His
4.So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may



weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven. With shield of
sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with
foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the Con - quer - er has ris - en! And as the
run with faith to win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of



faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's lies; and ar - my bold, whose bat - tle -
trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for
stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave, this vic - tory march con - tin - ues
old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
which He died - an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.

2.Our call to
3.Come see the
4.So Spi - rit

Sermon | *Overtured* |

Jonah 3:1-10

Personal Sermon Notes



Confession of Faith | *Apostles' Creed* |

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.

Connect Cards | In your service folder, you will find *Connect 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 O Most High, we give thanks to You that You have planted Your Holy Word among us. Give healthy growth to Your Church, that she may weather the storm-winds of this world steadfast in Christ, ever bearing the fruits of love and singing praises to Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

L Lord God, Your Holy Spirit plants Your Word and causes it to sprout and grow as it pleases You. Bless the preaching and teaching of Your Word, that Your kingdom may be extended, and give us thankful hearts to marvel at Your work. Send faithful laborers into Your fields to scatter Your seed here and abroad, that in due time a harvest may be reaped for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

L O Lord, the great I AM, what You have spoken You will surely do. We ask You for the sake of Christ and Your many precious promises to bless and defend our homes, to make the efforts of parents fruitful in the teaching of their children, and to preserve them in the saving faith of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

L Holy Father, from Israel You have taken a tender sprig, Your chosen Messiah, Jesus, and planted Him on the mountain for our salvation. By His death on a tree, You have reversed the curse of sin and brought life again to dry, dusty souls. Do not let us despise Your Christ, His humility or His suffering, but bring us with all Your Christians into the shade of His eternal rest; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 Lord's Blessing

- L** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and \dagger give you peace.

Numbers 6:24

C Amen.

Song of Departure | *On What Has Now Been Sown* |



1 On what has now been sown Your bless - ing, Lord, be -
2 To you our wants are known; From you are all our
3 Oh, grant that each of us Now met be - fore you



stow; The pow'r is yours a - lone To make it
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own And par - don
here May meet to - geth - er thus When you and



spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
yours ap - pear And fol - low you to heav'n, our



raise And you a - lone shall have the praise!
ceive And to your Word a bless - ing give.
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

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 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.

Want to Learn More? | Aside from worship, one of the best way to learn more about Scripture and Huntersville Lutheran teaches is to join a Faithbuilders class. Faithbuilders is a class on the basics of Christianity and is our path to membership at HLC. Whether you are brand new to Christianity or a life-long believer, this class is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen your faith and grow in your relationship with your Savior. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please contact Pastor (pastor@huntersvillelc.com).

Land Update Meeting | This morning after worship, we will have a brief update on our pursuit of land for a permanent worship facility. Stick around to learn more about where we are in this process, where the land is, and what the future holds for HLC.



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