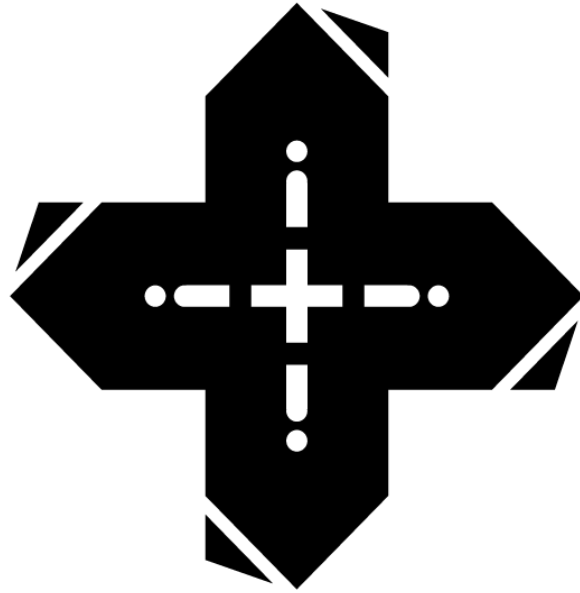


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HUNTERSVILLE
Lutheran Church

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*
Cathy Biedenbender, *keyboardist, New Ulm, MN*

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, 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.



GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM

This alternate beginning to worship places our focus on our need for baptism, and on gifts and blessings that our Father pours out on us through it. Through water connected with his powerful Word, God plants faith deep in our hearts. He washes away our sin which separates us from him. He places his name on us which makes us his own dear child and an heir to the kingdom of grace. In our baptisms, God makes us the promise of his love, care, protection, provision, and forgiveness all the days of our life.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,
I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your

Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
saints, your cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to

sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

L I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

John 3:5,6

L Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. *Ps. 51:5*

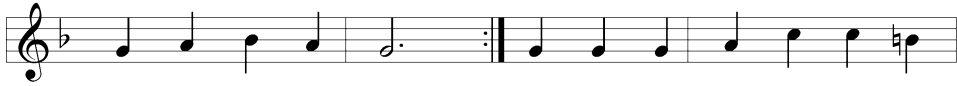
C **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

1 Corinthians 6:11

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



My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence -
My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of



forth your child and heir.
all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort



me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.

L As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your pro - mise
Oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er If words and



sure - ly will en - dure.
deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -



filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.

L Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). 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.

Rite of Holy Baptism

Asher David Van Sice

After the baptism, the congregation sings:



All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it
Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly, And help me



all, O Lord, from me.
your own child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or



own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray:

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 | *Ezekiel 2:1-7* |

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." ² As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

³ He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. ⁴ The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says.' ⁵ And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them. ⁶ And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or be terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people. ⁷ You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27

L Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;

C be merciful to me and answer me.

L Do not hide your face from me,

C do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

L Do not reject me or forsake me,

C O God my Savior.

L Though my father and mother forsake me,

C the LORD will receive me.

L I am still confident of this:

C I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

L Wait for the LORD;

C be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Second Reading | *2 Timothy 2:1-13* |

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. ³ Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. ⁵ Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. ⁶ The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. ⁷ Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹ Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,
we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure,
we will also reign with him.

If we disown him,
he will also disown us;

¹³ if we are faithless,
he remains faithful,
for he cannot disown himself.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

L The Gospel according to Mark, chapter six.

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? ³ Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

⁴ Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day | *How Firm A Foundation* |



1	How	firm	a	foun -	da -	tion,	O	saints
2	“Fear	not!	I	am	with	you.	Oh,	be
3	“The	soul	that	on	Je -	sus	has	leaned
4	“When	through	fi -	ery	tri -	als	your	path -
5	“Through	- out	all	their	life -	time	my	peo -



of	the	Lord,	Is	laid	for	your
not	dis -	mayed;	For	I	am	your
for	re -	pose	I	will	not,	I
way	shall	lie,	My	grace	all -	suf -
ple	shall	prove	My	sov’	- reign,	e -

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What
 God and will still give you aid; I'll
 will not, de - sert to his foes. That
 fi - cient shall be your sup - ply. The
 ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love, And

more can he say than to you
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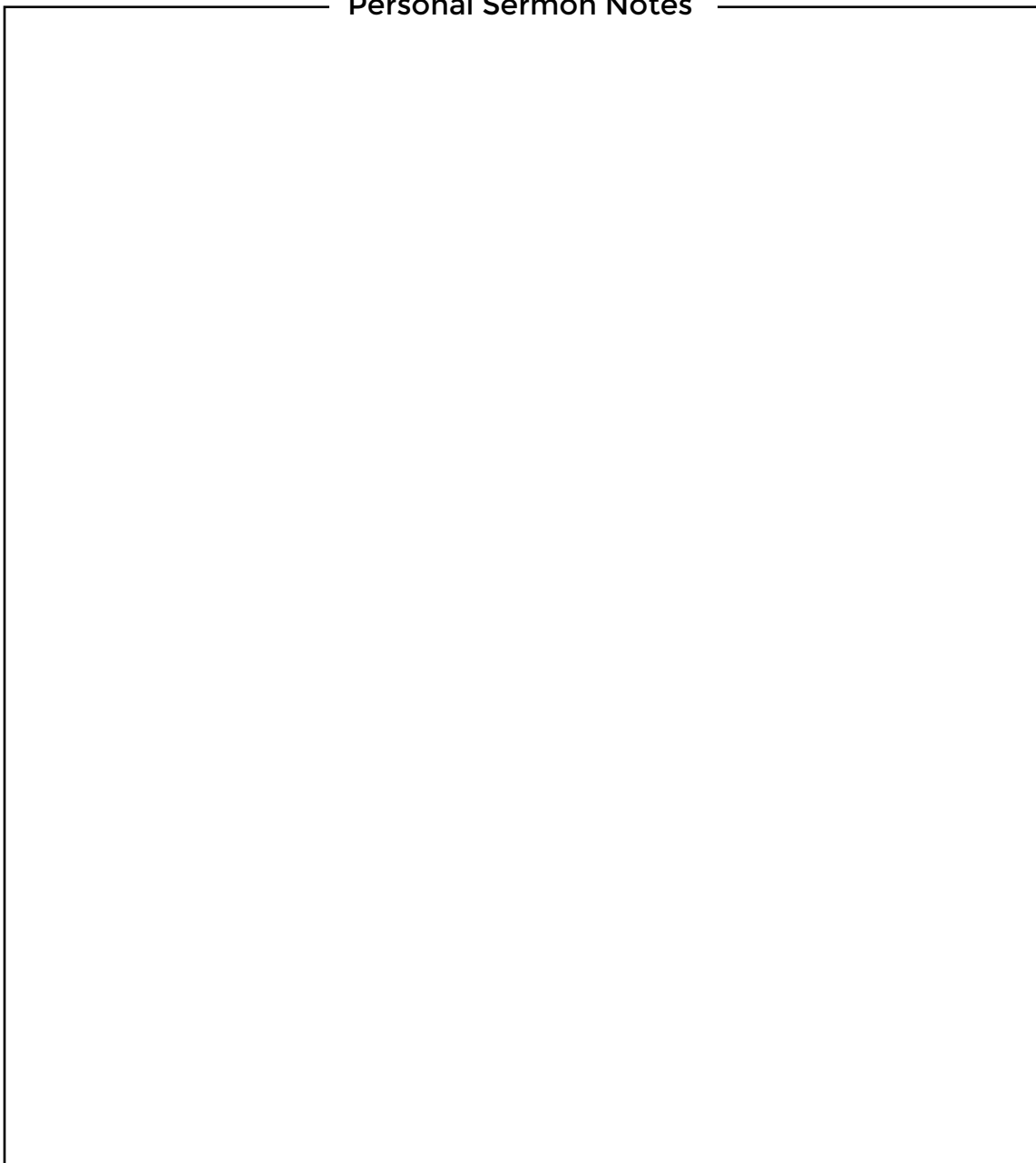
he has said Who un - to the
 you to stand, Up - held by my
 or to shake, I'll nev - er, no
 ly de - sign Your dross to con -
 ples a - dorn, Like lambs they shall

Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!
 sume and your gold to re - fine.
 still on my shoul - ders be borne."

Sermon | *Familiarity Breeds Contempt* |

Mark 6:1-6

Personal Sermon Notes

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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.

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

Lord's Prayer

- ☐ **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 |

The congregation will repeat the first part of this ancient hymn two times. On the final time, sing "grant us your peace."

*Lamb of God, you take a - way the

To repeat

sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Last time

world, grant us peace.

Distribution

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 ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24

- C** Amen.

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.

Song of Departure | *If God Himself Be For Me* |

1 If God him - self be for me, I may a
 2 This I be - lieve, yea rath - er, Of this I
 3 I build on this foun - da - tion: That Je - sus

host de - fy; For when I pray, be - fore
 make my boast, That God is my dear Fa -
 and his blood A - lone are my sal - va -

me My foes, con - found - ed, fly. If Christ,
 ther, My friend who loves me most, And that,
 tion, My true, e - ter - nal good. With - out

my head and mas - ter, Be - friend me from
 what - e'er be - tide - me, My Sav - ior is
 him all that pleas - es Is val - ue - less

a - bove, What foe or what dis - as -
 at hand Through storm - y seas to guide
 on earth; The gifts I have from Je -

ter Can drive me from his love?
 me And bring me safe to land.
 sus A - lone have price - less worth.

6 No danger, thirst, or hunger,
 No pain or poverty,
 No earthly tyrant's anger
 Shall ever vanquish me.
 Though earth should break assunder,
 You are my Savior true;
 No fire or sword or thunder
 Shall sever me from you.

7 My heart for joy is springing
 And can no more be sad.
 'Tis full of joy and singing,
 Sees only sunshine glad.
 The sun that cheers my spirit
 Is Jesus Christ, my King;
 The heav'n I shall inherit
 Makes me rejoice and sing.

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.

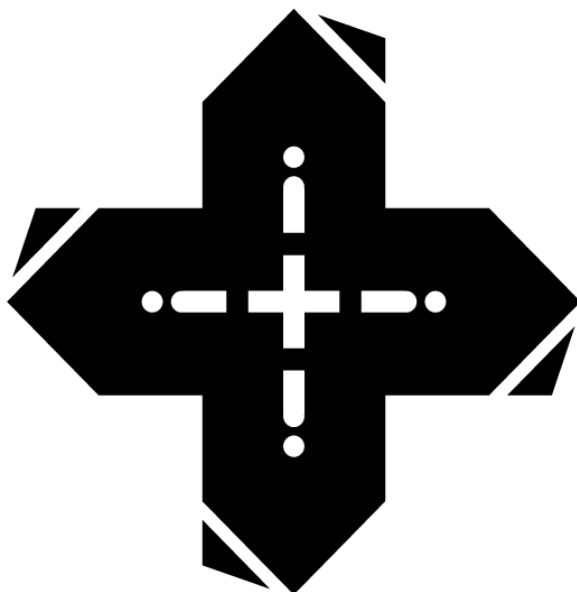
Want to Learn More? | Aside from worship, one of the best way to learn more about Scripture and Huntersville Lutheran teaches is to join a Faithbuilders class. Faithbuilders is a class on the basics of Christianity and is our path to membership at HLC. Whether you are brand new to Christianity or a life-long 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).

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.



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