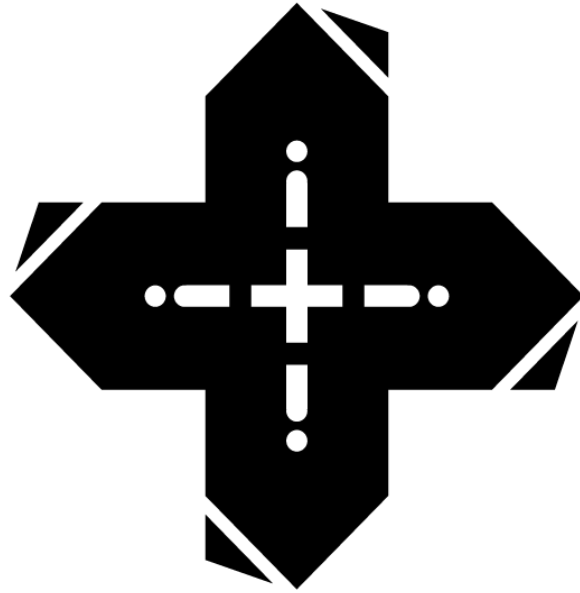


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*A Changeless Message for
A Changing Community*

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

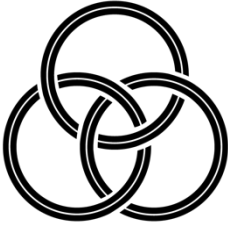
The gospel is the good news about what Jesus did to be the Savior for sinners. It is also the power of God—the very thing he uses to work faith in our hearts and transform our lives. Therefore, gospel-centered worship places the gospel in central focus. This order of service is called the liturgy. In 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*



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 | *Dear Lord, To Your True Servants Give* |



1 Dear Lord, to your true ser - vants give The grace to
2 They glad - ly go at your com - mand To spread your
3 When all their la - bor seems in vain, Re - vive their



you a - lone to live. Set free from sin to
Word o'er sea and land. Be with them, Lord, and
sink - ing hopes a - gain; And when suc - cess crowns



serve you, Lord, They go to share your
make them strong To heal sin's ills, to
what they do, Oh, keep them hum - ble,



liv - ing Word, The gos - pel mes - sage to pro -
right the wrong. Your rule is o - ver wind and
Lord, and true Un - til be - fore your judg - ment



claim That all may know your sav - ing name.
wave, And might - y is your arm to save.
seat They lay their tro - phies at your feet.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession of Sins

L If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

L Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

L Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I say to you what God says to you:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

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

Song of Praise | *God of Mercy, God of Grace* |



1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, Show the bright - ness
2 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord! Be by all that
3 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord, Then en - joy your



of your face. Shine up - on us, Sav - ior, shine;
live a - dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing
rich re - ward! God to us his bless - ing give,



Fill your Church with light di - vine, And your sav - ing
Glo - ry to their Sav - ior King, At your feet their
We to God de - vot - ed live, All be - low and



health ex - tend To the earth's re - mot - est end.
trib - ute pay, And your ho - ly will o - bey.
all a - bove One in joy and light and love.

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray:

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.



THE WORD

Children's Message

First Reading | *Numbers 12:1-15* |

Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. ²“Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the LORD heard this.

³(Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

⁴At once the LORD said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, “Come out to the tent of meeting, all three of you.” So the three of them went out. ⁵Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward, ⁶he said, “Listen to my words:

“When there is a prophet among you,
I, the LORD, reveal myself to them in visions,
I speak to them in dreams.

⁷But this is not true of my servant Moses;
he is faithful in all my house.

⁸With him I speak face to face,
clearly and not in riddles;
he sees the form of the LORD.

Why then were you not afraid
to speak against my servant Moses?”

⁹The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them.

¹⁰When the cloud lifted from above the tent, Miriam’s skin was leprous^[a]—it became as white as snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had a defiling skin disease, ¹¹and he said to Moses, “Please, my lord, I ask you not to hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. ¹²Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother’s womb with its flesh half eaten away.”

¹³ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "Please, God, heal her!"

¹⁴ The LORD replied to Moses, "If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back." ¹⁵ So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

L "The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 115

L Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be glory,

C Because of your love and faithfulness.

L Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?"

C Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

L But their idols are silver and gold,

C Made by human hands.

L Those who make them will be like them,

C And so will all who trust in them.

L All you Israelites, trust in the LORD

C He is their help and shield.

L You who fear him, trust in the LORD

C He is their help and shield.

L The LORD remembers us and will bless us.

C May the LORD cause you to flourish

L Both you and your children.

C May you be blessed by the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

Second Reading | *James 3:13-18* |

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANYONE WHO WANTS
+ TO BE FIRST +
MUST BE THE
+ VERY LAST +
AND THE
+ SERVANT +
OF ALL

The Gospel

L The Gospel according to Mark, chapter nine.

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."



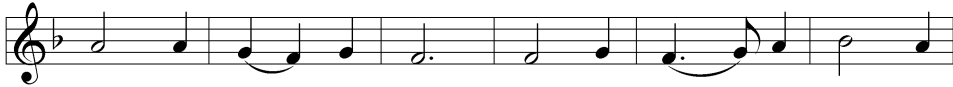
L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day | *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* |



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en To our
 5 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine of your
 hum - blest char - i - ty In your own mys - te - rious
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice,
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it un - to me."
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That you
 Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To th' un - thank - ful and the
 you, at length be - lieve That more hap - py and more
 need what we can do, Say - ing by your poor and
 stay our souls on you; But, oh, best of all your




e - vil With your own un - spar - ing hand.
 bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
 gra - ces, With your love our love re - new.

Sermon | *The Folly and Beauty of Wisdom* |

James 3:13-18

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 *Connect Card* in the offering plate by the door on your way out.

Prayer of the Church

- L** Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.
- C** **Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.**
- L** Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.
- C** **Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**
- L** Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.
- C** **Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**
- L** Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.
- C** **In Jesus' name we pray. 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 ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Numbers 6:24

Song of Departure | *My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness* |

- 1. My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain,
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again,
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in his light
And wrote his law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.**
- 2. My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside,
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly,
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.**
- 3. My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him,
To love and follow him.**

Announcements

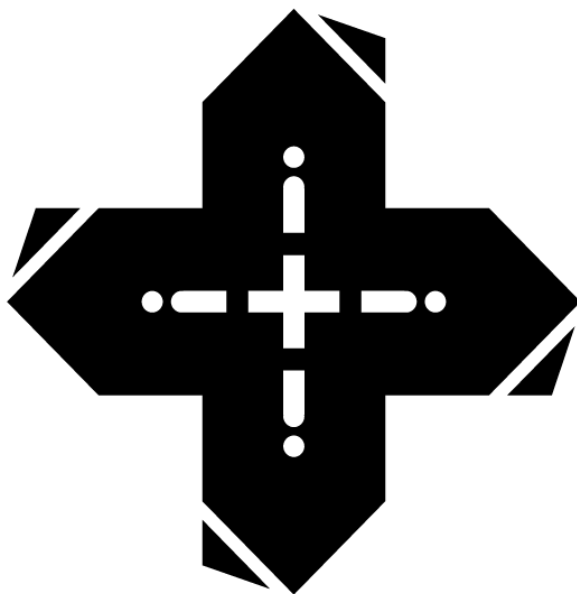
Thank You | You could have chosen to be anywhere this morning and you chose to spend it here, so thank you. To our guests and visitors this morning, we pray your time with us has been enjoyable. If you have any questions, feel free to speak with any of our members or pastor after the service.

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).

Idols We Never Knew We Had | We'll continue our bible study short after worship today. I encourage all you to stick around!

Theology on Tap | Join us Monday, September 20th, Theology on Tap. It will be held at Primal Brewery starting at 7pm. We will meet for around an hour for an informal bible study. If you would like to partake in some of Primal's delicious beer, please arrive a few minutes early to order some.

Congregational Meeting | On Sunday, October 3rd, we will have another a congregational update meeting. This meeting will take the place of Bible Study and happen right after worship. We will give a financial update, an update on the land, and talk about a restructuring of leadership duties at HLC.



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