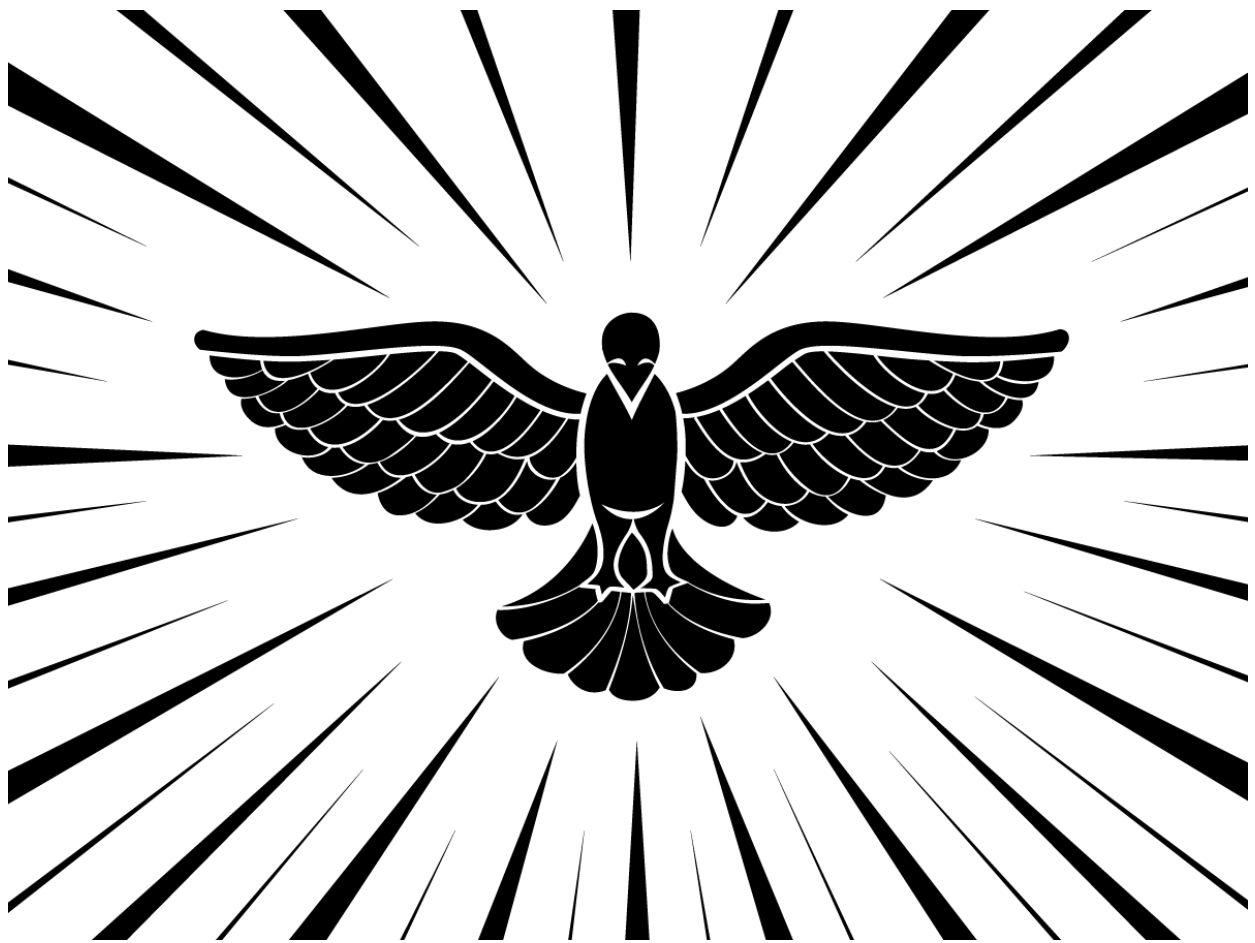
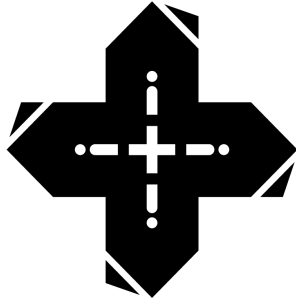


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A Changeless Message for A Changing Community

Worship—9:30am—the Seven Oaks | 19725 Oak St, Cornelius, NC 28031
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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 through the doors in the back of the building, to right.

Service Participants

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

SERVICE NOTES

~Festival of Pentecost~

The Festival of Pentecost marks the close of the Easter Season. The word “Pentecost” (literally means “fifty”) was the Greek name for the Jewish Festival of Weeks which happened fifty days after the Passover.

Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church as the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and they gave their compelling witness to many people about their resurrected Lord (Acts 2:1-41). For the first Christians, the celebration of Pentecost was second only to Easter in its importance, which is confirmed by its early date of origin—217 AD. Beginning at least in at least the second century, Christians who had completed their instruction in the Christian faith during weeks leading up to Easter but had not yet been baptized, were baptized on Pentecost.



The Pentecost we celebrate today was the one that happened fifty days after Jesus died and rose again. On this day, the church dresses in red (take notice of our banners: the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove and the tongues of fire) to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit’s gift and the blood of the martyrs which was the seed of the church. This day culminates the Season of Easter when our risen Lord now empowers his people to be witnesses of the resurrection for the world.

Prayer Upon Entering Worship

Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God, and fill the hearts of your believers with your grace. Kindle in them the fire of your love—you who through the radiance of your light have gathered in one faith the people from all the world’s tongues, for which may praise and honor to you be sung. Alleluia. Amen.

*From Martin Luther’s Hymn
“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”
Written in 1524*

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING DIALOGUE

☐ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ Amen.

☐ The days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

☑ On my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

☐ And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.

Joel 2:28-29, 32

☑ Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit.

☐ Fill the hearts of your faithful people with your love. Alleluia!

HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord¹

1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your gra - ces
2 Come, ho - ly Light, Guide di - vine, And cause the Word of
be out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright - ness
And call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror
of your light In ho - ly faith your church u - nite
keep us free; Let none but Christ our Mas - ter be
From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue; This to your
That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In him, our
praise, O Lord our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

¹ This hymn that invokes the Holy Spirit has ancient origins. The first stanza is based on a Latin antiphon from the 11th century that was appointed for use at the evening service on the Vigil of Pentecost. Martin Luther was fond of this hymn and added original stanzas of his own. He published the hymn, along with the 15th century tune KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- ☐ 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

- ☑ 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.

- ☐ 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.

- ☑ Amen.

- ☐ In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, vv3

3 Come, ho - ly Fire, Com - fort true; Grant us the will your
work to do And in your ser - vice to a - bide;
Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -
pare each heart, And to our weak - ness strength im - part
That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and
death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

□ Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

■ Amen.

Be Seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹ Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 143

O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;

in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,

for no one living is righteous before you.

My spirit grows faint within me;

my heart within me is dismayed.

Answer me quickly, O LORD;

do not hide your face from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,

for I have put my trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;

may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest²



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make our
 2 To you, the Coun - se - lor, we cry, To you, the
 3 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed your
 4 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And your a -
 5 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And you, from



hearts your place of rest; Come with your grace and
 gift of God most high; The fount of life, the
 love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our
 bid - ing peace be - stow; If you are our pro -
 both, as Three in One That we your name may



heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which you have made.
 fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - o - rate.
 tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.
 ev - er bless And in our lives the truth con - fess.

² Written in 900 AD, this Latin hymn "Veni, Creator Spiritus" has been praised as the greatest Latin hymn ever composed next to the "Te Deum Laudamus." It is most often ascribed to Rhabanus Maurus, Archbishop of Mainz (9th century). The singing of this hymn in medieval services was apparently done with great dignity, accompanied by the use of incense, lights, bells, and rich vestments. The earliest mention of the hymn for the ordination service is its use in 1049 AD at the Synod of Rheims.

THE GOSPEL

Please Stand.

☐ The Gospel according to John, chapters fifteen and sixteen.

15:26 "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. 27 And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. 16:4 I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, 5 but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6 Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. 7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because people do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be Seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

1. Ho - ly Spi - rit, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing
2. Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in; may Your joy be seen in all I
3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has

4 soul; Bring the pre - sence of the Ri - sen Lord, to re -
do. Love e - nough to co - ver ev - 'ry sin in each
made. Show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause Your

7 new my heart and make me whole. Cause Your Word to come a -
thought and deed and at - ti - tude. Kind - ness to the great - est
church to hun - ger for Your ways. Let the frag - rance of our

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10 G A G/B A/C# D Em7 A7sus A7 Gma7

live in me; give me faith for what I can - not see. Give me pass-ion for Your
and the least; gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv-ing in - to
prayers a - rise; lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the

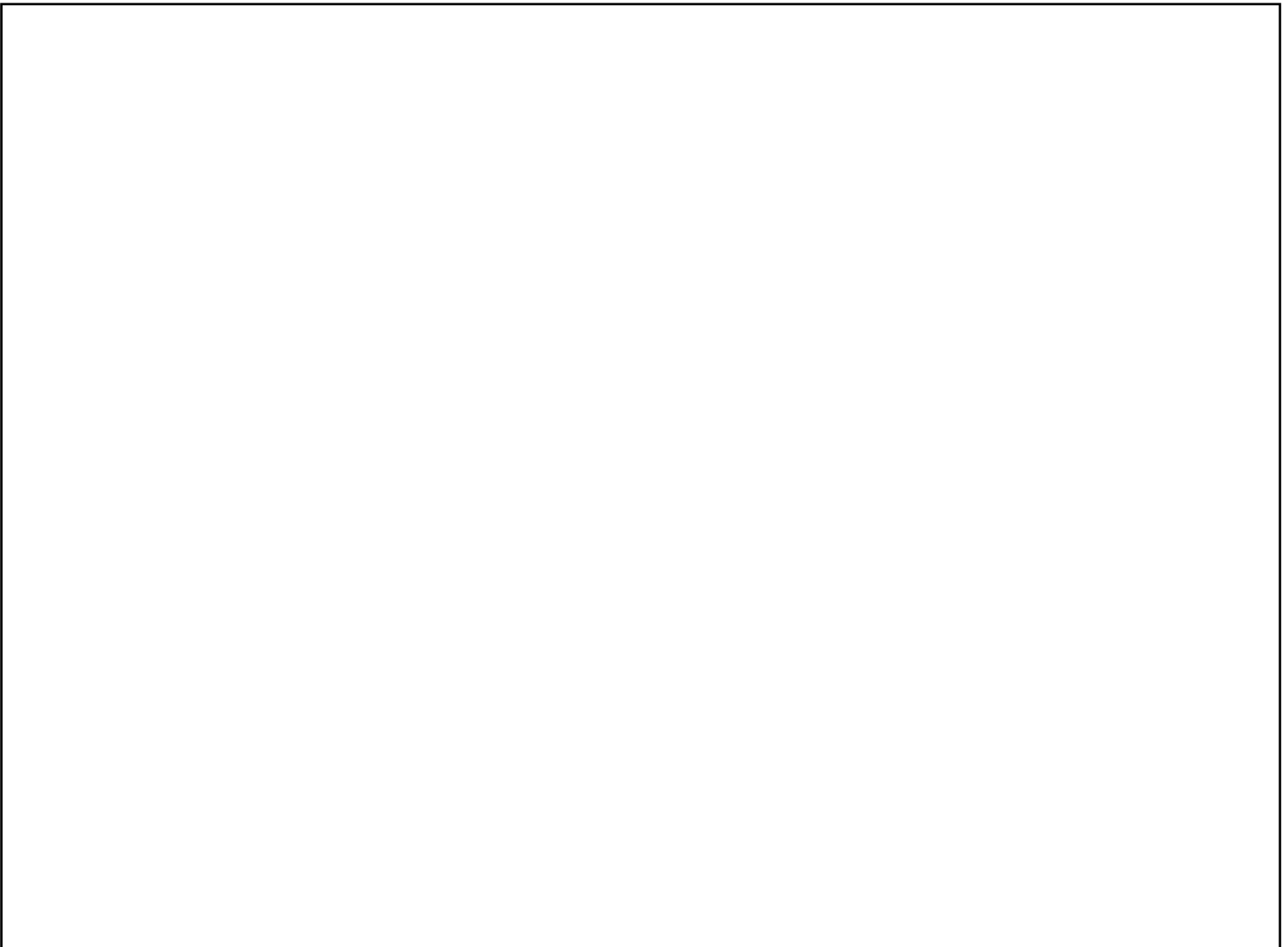
14 D/F# G A D/F# G G/B A/C# D

pu - ri - ty; Hol - y Spi - rit breathe new life in me.
works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

SERMON

Can These Bones Live?

Ezekiel 37:1-14



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 a Take Action Card. 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

☐ Praise to you, Holy Spirit. We worship and glorify you as the Lord and giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to shed life on all created things, as you gave a new life of understanding to the disciples in your Pentecost baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word, you made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord.

In thanksgiving for your gifts to us, we confess:

☑ **I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.**

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

☐ Holy Spirit, all-seeing Counselor and fountain of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful flesh. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus, where there is forgiveness for all.

☑ **In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.**

☐ Holy Spirit, highest comfort in every need, in these gray and last days of the world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, encourage our fearful hearts. Reminds us of your Word and promises: "Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you." And in your final, mighty, creative act, O Holy Spirit, raise up our bodies so that we, together with all the saints, may lift up our heads and with glorified eyes see our Savior drawing near.

☑ **On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.**

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

- Everyone ought to examine their hearts before partaking of the Lord's Supper. *1 Corinthians 11:28*
- I confessed my transgressions to the Lord and he forgave the guilt of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*
- Everyone ought to recognize the true body and blood of the Lord in this Supper. *1 Corinthians 11:29*
- 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*
- Those partaking of the Lord's Supper are to be united in fellowship as one body.
- 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

- 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.

- Amen.**

Lamb of God | *Angus Dei*³ |

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.

Distribution

THE LORD'S BLESSING

- 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

- Amen.

³ 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

Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying



1 Hark! The voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is



go and work to - day? Fields are ripe and har - vests
can - not preach like Paul, You can tell the love of
high on Zi - on's wall, Point - ing out the path to
noth - ing I can do," While the mul - ti - tudes are



wait - ing; Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
Je - sus; You can say he died for all.
heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,
dy - ing, And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re -
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the
With your prayers and with your of - f'rings You can
Take the task he gives you glad - ly; Let his



ward he of - fers thee. Who will an - swer, glad - ly
Judg - ment's dread a - larms, You can lead the lit - tle
do what God de - mands; You can be like faith - ful
work your plea - sure be. An - swer quick - ly when he



say - ing, "Here am I— send me, send me"?
chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
call - eth, "Here am I— send me, send me!"



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.

Update on Dan Spaude | Last summer, we had seminary student Dan Spaude serving a summer internship with us. This past Tuesday, Dan received his vicar (internship) assignment. He will spend the next year at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Verona, WI, training and getting practical experience for what it is like to be a pastor. Continue to pray for Dan!

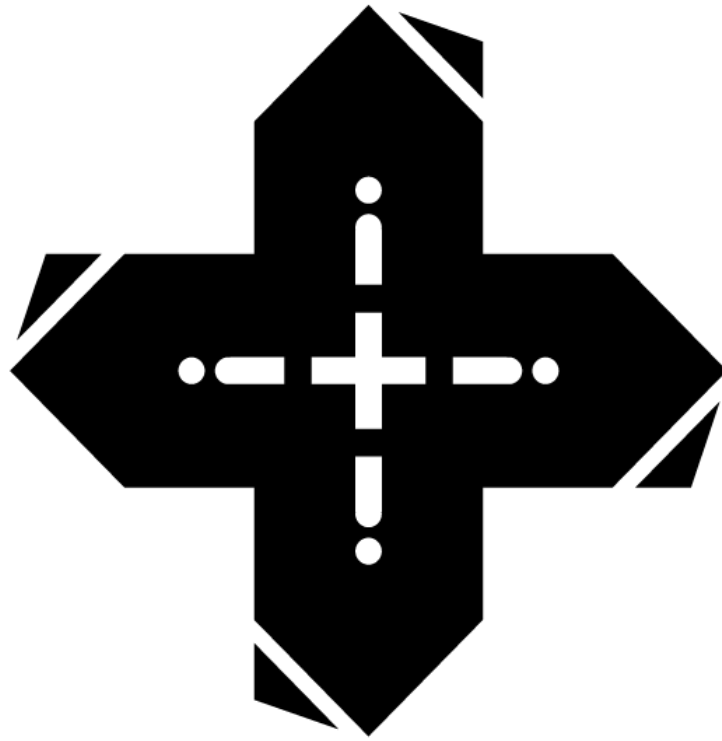
HLC Young Adults Group | On Friday, June 11th, the HLC Young Adults Group will meet for the first time. The McPhail's will host a cook out at their place. There is a Facebook group created for easy communication and event updates. If you would like to be added to the group, please contact Alli McPhail (alli.mcphail@gmail.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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