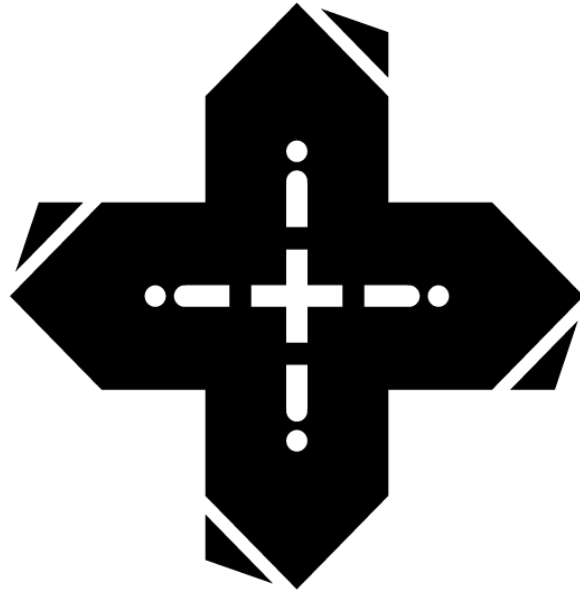


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HUNTERSVILLE
Lutheran Church

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY
05.30.21



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

~The Festival of the Holy Trinity ~

Today the Christian Church celebrates that we believe in a triune God. Triune comes from the Latin *Tri* (three) and *unus* (one). Our God is triune because he tells that he is three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—but only one God.

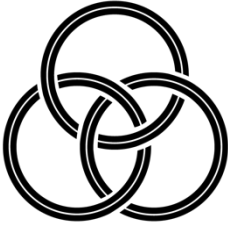
In the fourth century, two great errors arose in the church that undermined the biblical teaching concerning God. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person.

While these errors reared their ugly head, God raised up a man named Athanasius to defend his Church against such heresies. Athanasius was a staunch defender of the Christian faith. He wrote what became known as the Athanasian Creed, which continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. This creed (a statement of belief) declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without saving faith. We will recite a selected portion of the creed this morning.

The Festival of the Holy Trinity marks the beginning of the second half of the church year. Since Advent, God's people have concentrated on the life of Christ. For the next six months, we will concentrate on the great teachings of Christ.

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.



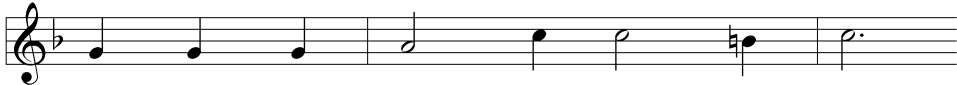
ORDER OF SERVICE

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 | *Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices, vv 1-3* |



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es
2 Dear Fa - ther, end - less praise I ren - der
3 I praise you, Sav - ior, whose com - pas - sion



To praise my God with thou - sand tongues!
For soul and bod - y, no - bly joined;
Has brought you down to ran - som me.



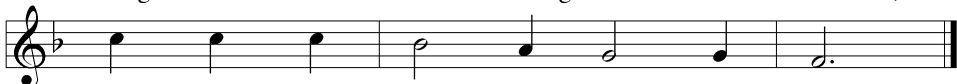
My heart, which in the Lord re - joic - es,
I praise you, Guard - ian kind and ten - der,
Your pit - ying heart sought my sal - va - tion;



Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs
For all the dai - ly joys I find
You bore the cross tri - um - phant - ly,



To all, wher - ev - er I might be,
So rich - ly spread on ev - 'ry side,
Brought me from bond - age full re - lease,



What great things God has done for me.
And free - ly for my use sup - plied.
Made me your own, and gave me peace.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession of Sins

L Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.**

L God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for 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.

Song of Praise | *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices, vv 5, 6* |

4. **Glory and praise, still onward reaching,
Be yours, O Spirit of all grace,
Whose holy pow'r and faithful teaching
Give me among your saints a place.
Whatever good by me is done
Is worked by grace divine alone**
5. **Shall I not then be filled with gladness?
Shall I not praise you evermore
And triumph over fear and sadness,
Although my cup of woe runs o'er?
Though heav'n and earth shall disappear,
Your endless love is ever near.**

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



THE WORD

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray:

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

C Amen

Children's Message

First Reading | *Isaiah 6:1-8* |

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

- Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones,
- Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**
- Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
- Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**
- The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
- The God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.**
- The voice of the LORD is powerful;
- The voice of the LORD is majestic.**
- The voice of the LORD stricken with flashes of lightning.
- The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;**
- The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forest bare.
- And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**
- The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
- The LORD is enthroned as king forever.**
- The LORD gives strength to his people;
- The LORD blesses his people with peace.**

Second Reading | *Romans 8:12-17* |

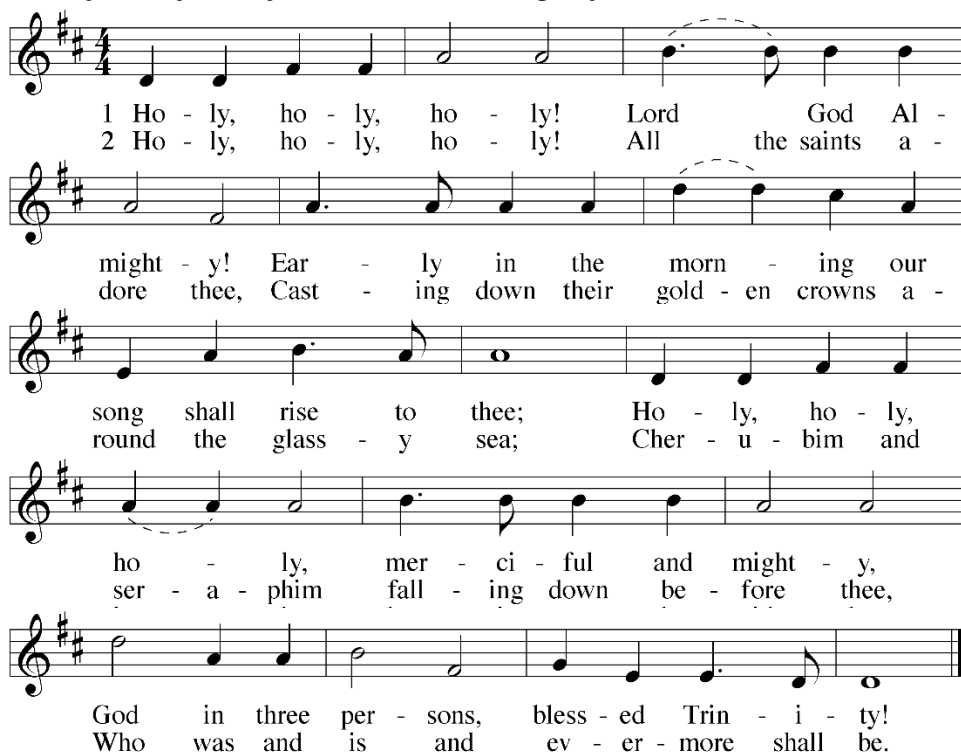
¹²Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Hymn | *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* |



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a -
might - y! Ear - ly in the morn - ing our
dore thee, Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a -
song shall rise to thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly,
round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and
ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,
ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Who was and is and ev - er - more shall be.

The Gospel

L The Gospel according to John, chapter three.

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

⁴ "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

⁹ "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day | *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* |

*Te Deum*²



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial song An - gel choirs a -
3 Blest Re - deem - er, vir - gin's Son, O - ver death his
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
bove are rais - ing; Proph - ets, mar - tyrs join the throng,
vic - t'ry claim - ing, Now as - cend - ed to his throne,
three we name you; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing With the Church in
Judge and king, his grace pro - claim - ing, O - pens heav'n to
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, Then, a - dor - ing,



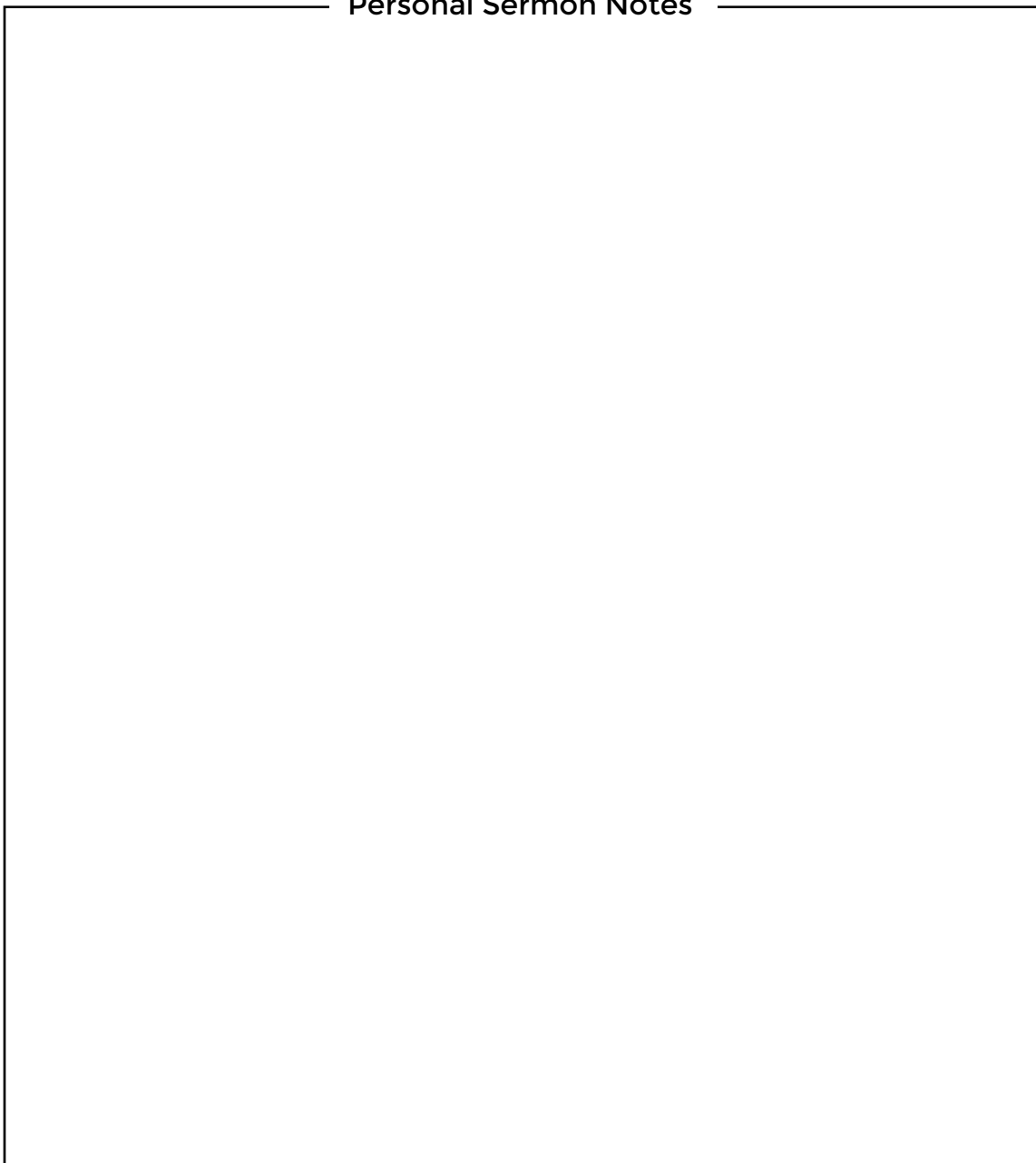
vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
one ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
all his own. Praise and thanks to God a - lone!
bend the knee And con - fess the mys - ter - y.

² An ancient song of the Church, its title comes from the first two words in Latin, "You are God." It has been sung by Christians for over 1500 years. It was written by Ambrose on the occasion of the baptism of Augustine (April 24th, 387AD). This song of praise adds our voices to the choirs of angels and martyrs in glorifying God.

Sermon | *Mysterious Simplicity* |

John 3:1-17

Personal Sermon Notes



Confession of Faith | *The Athanasian Creed*³ |

- Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever. Now this is the true Christian faith:
- **We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being. For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**
- What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit. The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father is eternal the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal;
- **Yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal, just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who in infinite...So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; yet they are not three Gods, but one God. And within this Trinity all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons. Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.**
- It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ took on human flesh. Now this is the true Christian faith:
- **We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man. He is God eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh, equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity; and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one.**
- He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- **This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe cannot be saved. Amen.**

³ *This creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined biblical teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person.*

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

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 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.

Song of Departure | *Glory Be to God the Father* |



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to him who loved us, Washed us from each
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!— Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it,
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to him who bought us,
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!—



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
Made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry,
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



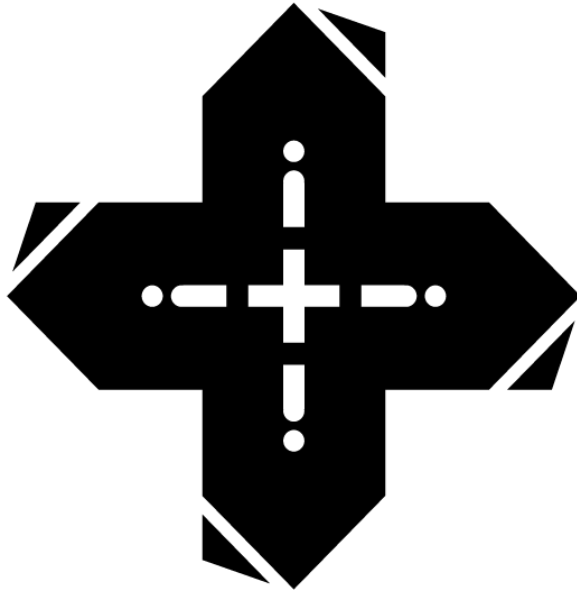
glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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).

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).



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