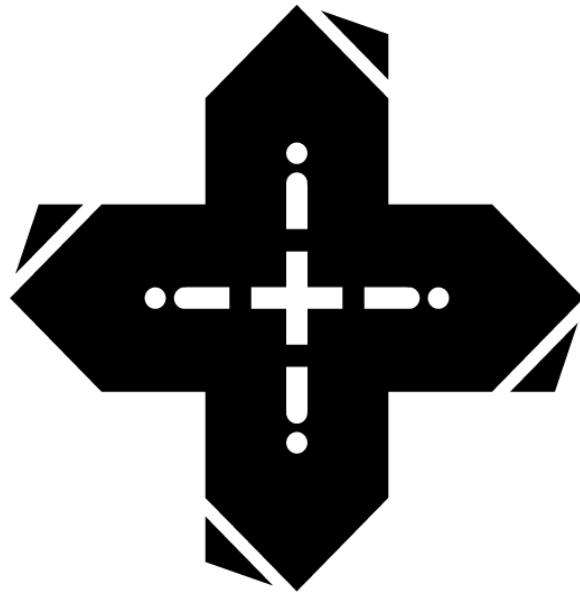


**Connecting Christ. Creating Community.**



**HUNTERSVILLE**  
*Lutheran Church*

**SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST**  
**07.18.21**



# 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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**W**elcome! 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*  
Monica Herman, *keyboardist, Flushing, MI*

# Service Notes | Sundays after Pentecost

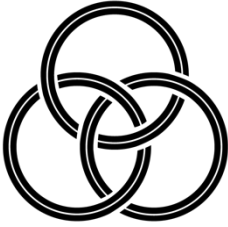
For centuries, the Christian Church has worshiped according to the Church Year. The Church Year begins in December with the season of Advent. The first six months of the church year (December through May/June) follow the life of Christ from his birth until his suffering, death, and resurrection on Easter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

## Today's Theme | *The Rest We Need* |

We are all in need of rest. Whether it's from the stress of work or school, crammed schedules or stressful periods of life, we need rest. But how often do we find the rest we are looking for? Summer break comes to an end, vacations are all too short, and we find ourselves in the same position that we were before—overworked, overtired, and stressed out. In our Gospel, Jesus invites the apostles to rest from their work. And he uses this rest as an opportunity to provide them with the rest they truly need—a rest that can only be found in his compassion and love.

## 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](http://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 | *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* |



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 All life you en - gen - der in great and in small,  
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
Not want - ing nor wast - ing, you rule in your might,  
Of all life Be - friend - er, the true Life of all.  
Your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight.



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, O An - cient of Days,  
Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,  
We blos - som and flour - ish in rich - ness and range;  
Our prais - es we ren - der; oh, lead us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise!  
Your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
We with - er and per - ish, but you nev - er change.  
The light of your splen - dor, your love's maj - es - ty!

## Invocation

**L** In the name of the Father and of the Son  $\text{✝}$  and of the Holy Spirit.<sup>1</sup>

**C** Amen.

## Confession of Sins

**L** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C** Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

**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. 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  $\text{✝}$  and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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

## Lord, Have Mercy | *Kyrie*<sup>2</sup> |

**L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C** Christ, have mercy.

**L** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Glory be to God | *Gloria*<sup>3</sup> |

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| <p>1. All glory be to God on high!<br/>Your name, O Lord, we glorify;<br/>We praise you for your peace and grace,<br/>Your favor toward our fallen race.</p>     | <p>2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,<br/>For your great glory, heav'nly King,<br/>For all, O Father, you have done<br/>Through Jesus Christ, your only Son</p> |
| <p>3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray.<br/>You take all human sin away.<br/>Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;<br/>From God's right hand, your mercy share.</p> | <p>4. You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;<br/>The Father's glory you made known.<br/>We by your Spirit sing again:<br/>"All glory be to God!" Amen.</p>                |

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<sup>2</sup> The word *Kyrie* is a Greek word from the phrase *Kyrie Elieson* which means, "Lord, have mercy!" This is the most heartfelt cry of a believer to his Lord. It is not a cry for forgiveness, but a cry for mercy that our Lord and king hear us and help us in our necessities and trouble. This morning, may it be our heartfelt cry to our Lord and King.

<sup>3</sup> This ancient song of the church gets its name from its first few words in Latin: *Gloria in Excelsis Deo!* This was the greatest song of praise ever heard on earth. An angel choir sang it in the Judean sky the night Jesus was born (Luke 2:14). This song has been sung in Christian churches for 1500 years. As Martin Luther once said, "This ancient song did grow, nor was it made, but it came from heaven."



# THE WORD

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## Prayer of the Day

**L** Let us pray:

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Children's Message

### First Reading | *Jeremiah 23:1-6* |

"Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD. <sup>3</sup>"I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. <sup>4</sup>I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>"The days are coming," declares the LORD,  
"when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,  
a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.  
<sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.  
This is the name by which he will be called:

The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 23 | *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* |



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My  
3 Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With  
5 You spread a ta - ble in my sight, A



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me; And where the ver - dant  
yet in love he sought me And on his shoul - der  
you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my  
ban - quet here be - stow - ing; Your oil of wel - come,



I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feeds me.  
gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.  
my de - light; My cup is o - ver - flow - ing!

6 And so through all the length of days  
Your goodness fails me never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
Within your house forever!



## Second Reading | *Hebrews 4:1-13* |

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. <sup>2</sup> For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed. <sup>[a]</sup> <sup>3</sup> Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said,

“So I declared on oath in my anger,  
“They shall never enter my rest.”

And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world. <sup>4</sup> For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: “On the seventh day God rested from all his works.” <sup>5</sup> And again in the passage above he says, “They shall never enter my rest.”

<sup>6</sup> Therefore since it still remains for some to enter that rest, and since those who formerly had the good news proclaimed to them did not go in because of their disobedience, <sup>7</sup> God again set a certain day, calling it “Today.” This he did when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage already quoted:

“Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts.”

<sup>8</sup> For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. <sup>9</sup> There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; <sup>10</sup> for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. <sup>11</sup> Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. <sup>13</sup> Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Gospel

**L** The Gospel according to Mark, chapter six.

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

<sup>32</sup> So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. <sup>33</sup> But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to you, O Christ.



## Hymn of the Day | *Your Hand, O Lord, In Days of Old* |



1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old Was  
2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health, Gave  
3 Oh, be our great de - liv - 'rer still, The



strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o'er dis -  
speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and  
Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ease and death, All dark - ness and the grave. To  
fren - zy calmed Re - vealed you, Lord of light. And  
soothe and bless, With your life - giv - ing breath. To



you they came, the blind, the dumb, The par - a -  
now, O Lord, be near to bless, Al - might - y  
hands that work and eyes that see Give wis - dom's



lyzed and lame, The lep - ers in their  
as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by  
heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and



mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.  
beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.  
weak and strong May praise you ev - er - more.

# Sermon | *Finding Some Rest* |

*Mark 4:30-34*

## Personal Sermon Notes

### Physical Rest:

1. Last night, I slept more than 7 hours. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I average more than 7 hours of sleep a night. \_\_\_\_\_
3. In general, I wake up:
  - a. Tired and dreading the day; or, \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Refreshed and ready to take on the day. \_\_\_\_\_
4. I have taken a vacation in the last 6 months. \_\_\_\_\_

### Spiritual Rest:

1. I spend time in God's Word every day. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I spend time in prayer every day. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I attend Sunday worship 90% of the year. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Spiritual rest is just as important as physical rest. \_\_\_\_\_

## **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

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*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* |

*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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24*

- C** Amen.

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<sup>4</sup> 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 | *Go, My Children, With My Blessing* |



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing,  
2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en,  
3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished,  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you



Neu - er a - lone. Wak - ing, sleep - ing,  
At peace and pure. Here you learned how  
Clos - er to me; Grow in love and  
And give you peace; I the Lord will



I am with you; You are my own.  
much I love you, What I can cure.  
love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free.  
smile up - on you And give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; Here you  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here his  
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior,



made you mine for - ev - er. Go, my chil - dren,  
touched him, saw his glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren,  
ten - der com - fort stilled you. Go, my chil - dren,  
Com - fort - er, and Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren;



with my bless - ing— You are my own.  
sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
I will keep you And give you peace.

# 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](mailto:pastor@huntersvillelc.com)).

**New Sermon Series | *To Whom Shall We Go?* |** At the end of John 6, many who once followed Jesus because of what they saw began to desert him because of what he taught. But the 12 disciples were different. They clung to Jesus. One even said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." They recognized Jesus as one who not only provided for the things they needed in this life, but also for the next. Throughout this new sermon series, we will explore this truth: that no matter what need we have in this life or the next, Jesus provides for it—even in unexpected and unprecedented ways.

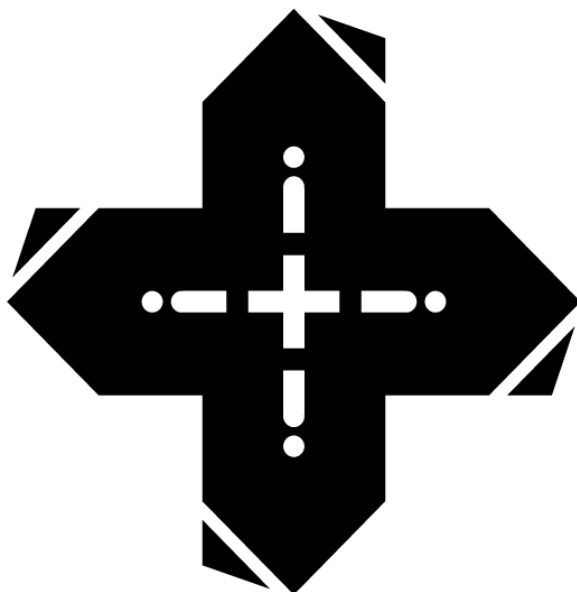
**Fall Growth Opportunities |** This fall, we will offer two spiritual growth opportunities. The first will be on Sunday mornings. We will have a Sunday morning Bible Study for 30 minutes after worship. The second will be a mid-week small-group offering called, "Theology on Tap." Once a week, for an hour, we will meet at an hour at a local brewery to grow in our relationships with each other and to study a bit of God's Word. Often, the topic of study will be tied in to the previous week's sermon. Both of these will begin the week of September 12<sup>th</sup> and will run through the Week of November 21<sup>st</sup> when we break for Advent and Christmas. More information to follow.

## **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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