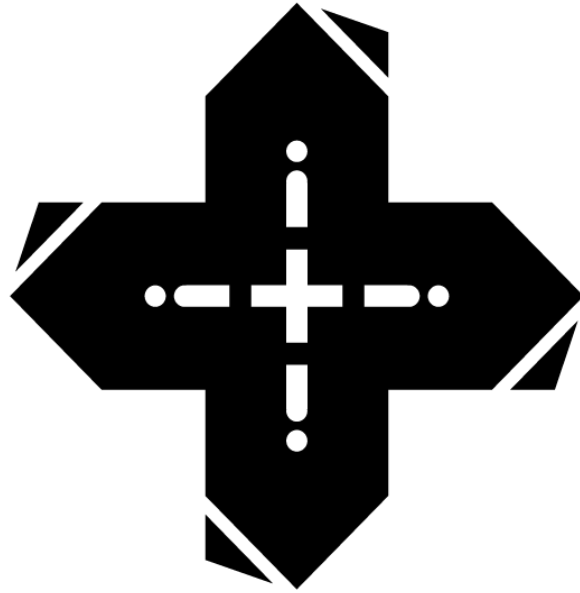


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Huntersville Lutheran

*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*
Andrea Van Sice, *keyboardist*

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.

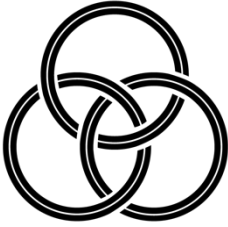
Throughout this summer sermon series, we will explore this truth: that no matter what need we have in this life or the next, Jesus provides for it—even in unexpected and unprecedented ways. To whom shall you go when you are feeling hungry or afraid, empty or rejected, or even apprehensive about the future? The answer always has been, and always will be, Jesus. Come find out why.

Series Weeks

- July 25th** When we are afraid...
- August 1st** When we are hungry...
- August 8th** When we are empty...
- August 15th** When we are rejected...
- August 22nd** When apprehensive....

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 | *I Walk In Danger All The Way, VVI-4* |

1 I walk in dan - ger all the way; The thought
2 I pass through tri - als all the way, With sin
3 Grim death pur - sues me all the way; No - where
4 I walk with an - gels all the way; They shield

shall nev - er leave me That Sa - tan, who has
and ills con - tend - ing; In pa - tience I must
I rest se - cure - ly. He comes by night, he
me and be - friend me. All Sa - tan's pow'r is

marked his prey, Is plot - ting to de - ceive
bear each day The cross of God's own send -
comes by day, And takes his prey most sure -
held at bay When heav'n - ly hosts at - tend

me. This foe with hid - den snares May seize me
ing. Oft in ad - ver - si - ty I know not
ly. A fail - ing breath, and I In death's strong
me. They are my sure de - fense; All fear and

un - a - wares If e'er I fail to watch and
 where to flee When storms of woe my soul dis -
 grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni - ty to -
 sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do what they

pray; I walk in dan - ger all the way.
 may; I pass through tri - als all the way.
 day. Grim death pur - sues me all the way.
 may, I walk with an - gels all the way.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession of Sins

L 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

C 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.

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. 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.

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

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

Song of Praise | *I Walk In Danger All The Way, vv5-6* |

5. **I walk with Jesus all the way;
His guidance never fails me.
He takes my ev'ry fear away
When Satan's pow'r assails me,
And, by his footsteps led,
My path I safely tread.
In spite of ills that threaten may,
I walk with Jesus all the way.**

6. **My walk is heav'nward all the way;
Await, my soul, the morrow,
When you farewell can gladly say
To all your sin and sorry.
All worldly pomp, begone!
To heav'n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay;
My walk is heav'nward all the way.**

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray:

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; 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 | *2 Kings 6:8-17* |

⁸ Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place."

⁹ The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." ¹⁰ So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

¹¹ This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?"

¹² "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom."

¹³ "Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan." ¹⁴ Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

¹⁵ When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked.

¹⁶ "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

- L** God is our refuge and strength,
C **an ever-present help in trouble.**
- L** Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
C **and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**
L though its waters roar and foam
C **and the mountains quake with their surging.**
- L** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
C **the holy place where the Most High dwells.**
- L** God is within her, she will not fall;
C **God will help her at break of day.**
- L** "Be still, and know that I am God;
C **I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."**

Second Reading | *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18* |

⁶For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

- L** The Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

□ The Gospel according to Mark, chapter six.

⁴⁵ Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

⁴⁷ Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. ⁴⁸ He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, ⁵⁰ because they all saw him and were terrified.

Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ⁵¹ Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, ⁵² for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴ As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵ They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

□ The Gospel of the Lord.

■ Praise be to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day | *My Soul Finds Rest In God Alone* |

D2 Gmaj9 D2 Gmaj9 *mp* D2

1. My _ soul finds rest in
rest my soul in
set my gaze on

Gmaj7/B D2 Bm7 A D2 Gmaj7/B

God a-lone, my _ rock and my sal - va - tion, a _ for-tress strong a - gainst my foes, and _
God a-lone a - mid the world's temp - ta - tions. When _ e - vil seeks to take a hold, I'll _
God a-lone, and _ trust in Him com - plete-ly, with _ ev-'ry day pour out my soul; and _

D2 Bm7 A D2 Gmaj9 D2 G

I will not be sha - ken. Though _ lips may bless, and hearts may curse, and _ lies, like ar - rows,
cling to my sal - va - tion. Though _ rich - es come, and rich - es go, don't _ set your heart up -
He will prove His mer - cy. Though _ life is but a fleet - ing breath, a _ sigh too deep to

Asus A D2 Gmaj7/B D2 Bm7 A

pierce _ me, I'll _ fix my heart on right-eous-ness; I'll _ look to Him who hears
on _ them. The _ fields of hope in which I sow are _ harv-est - ed in heav -
meas - ure, my _ King has crushed the curse of death, and _ I am His for - ev -

CHORUS

D2 *f* A D2/F# Gmaj9 D2

me. }
en. } O _ praise Him, hal - le - lu - jah, my De - light and my Re -
er. }

To Coda ☺ 1.

Gmaj9 A D2/F# Gmaj9 Em9 A D2

ward. Ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing; my Re - deem - er, my God. 2. Find _

Sermon | *"It Is I" – the Answer to Your Fear* |

Mark 6:46-56

Personal Sermon Notes

~What do I fear most in this world?

~Why do I fear?

~Which does more damage (circle one): The Object of Your Fear | The Emotion of Fear

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 *Take Action* card in the offering plate as it comes around.

Prayer of the Church

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 | *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* |



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws



stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near, When my life is al - most gone,
near And the day is al - most gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I
At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my



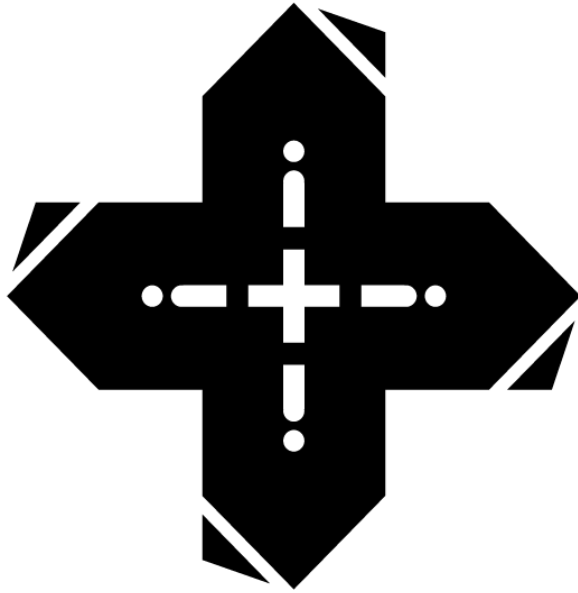
light. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.
fall. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.
hand, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.

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).

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 12th and will run through the Week of November 21st when we break for Advent and Christmas. More information to follow.



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