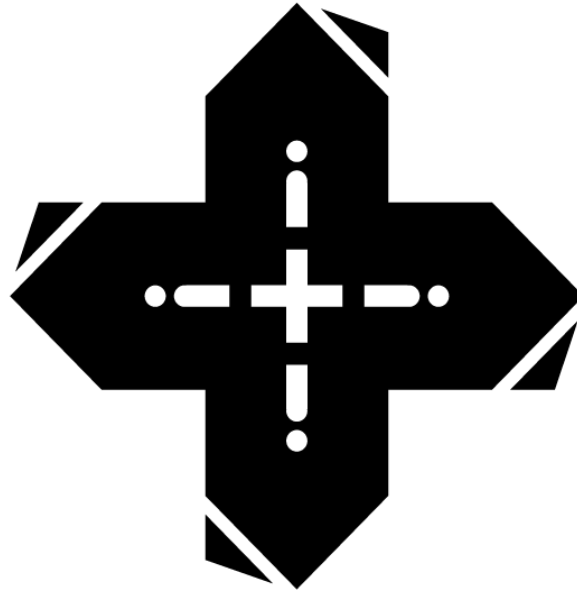


**Connecting Christ. Creating Community.**



**HUNTERSVILLE**  
*Lutheran Church*

**SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST**  
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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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**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*  
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

**August 1<sup>st</sup>**      When we are hungry...

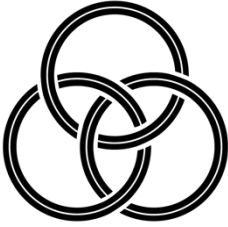
**August 8<sup>th</sup>**      When we are empty...

**August 15<sup>th</sup>**     When we are rejected...

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>**     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](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 | *O Lord, Our God, Your Gracious Hand* |



1 O Lord, our God, your gra - cious hand Has  
2 For ev - 'ry earth - ly grace and gift We  
3 We thank you, Lord, and sing your praise For  
4 Your Word a - lone, great God of pow'r, Can



crowned our lives with bless - ing; Your  
thank you, dear - est Fa - ther. Now  
bless - ings you have giv - en; Be  
feed our soul and spir - it. Christ's



good - ness has en - riched our land With gifts  
teach us, Lord; our thoughts up - lift That heav'n -  
with us still in fu - ture days To guide  
love gives strength for ev - 'ry hour With - out



for our pos - sess - ing. Our homes, our  
ly fruit we gath - er. Our fa - thers  
our youth to heav - en. Lord, grant that  
our deeds or mer - it. Grant schools that



food, And ev - 'ry good For earth - ly  
knew And kept in view True wis - dom's  
we May clear - ly see The worth of  
teach And men who preach True Chris - tian



work and liv - ing, A - bun - dant wealth And  
 worth and plea - sure; They prized as jewels Their  
 Chris - tian train - ing That youth may grow Your  
 ed - u - ca - tion. Let youth grow strong By



life and health Your faith - ful love is giv - ing.  
 Chris - tian schools And left a last - ing trea - sure.  
 love to know, E - ter - nal rich - es gain - ing.  
 Word and song In ev - 'ry land and na - tion.

## 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.

<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> |

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

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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:

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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 | *Exodus 16:1-15* |

The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. <sup>2</sup>In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

<sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" <sup>8</sup>Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'"

<sup>10</sup>While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'"

<sup>13</sup>That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.

**L** "The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 145

**L** Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;

**C** His greatness no one can fathom.

**L** One generation will commend your works to another;

**C** They will tell of your mighty acts.

**L** The LORD upholds all those who fall

**C** And lifts us all who are bowed down.

**L** The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

**C** You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

**L** The LORD is near to all who call on him,

**C** To all who call on him in truth.

**L** He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;

**C** He hears their cry and saves them.



## Second Reading | 2 Corinthians 9:8-11|

<sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

<sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please Stand*

## The Gospel

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

<sup>35</sup> By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. <sup>36</sup> Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

<sup>37</sup> But he answered, "You give them something to eat."

They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

<sup>38</sup> "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see."

When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

<sup>39</sup> Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup> So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. <sup>41</sup> Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, <sup>43</sup> and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. <sup>44</sup> The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Hymn of the Day | *All Depends on Our Possessing* |



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y  
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles  
4 Well he knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing  
5 If on earth my days he length - en, He my wea - ry



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.  
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.  
hopes that haunt me, Joy and sor - row, have their day.  
soul will strength - en; All my trust in him I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en In their God are  
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly  
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me  
I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er— As God wills, so  
Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing, Like a stream a -



not for - sak - en And e'er keep a daunt - less heart.  
guides and rules me, Will re - main my help di - vine.  
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.  
be it ev - er— I to him com - mit my way.  
way is glid - ing; Safe I an - chor in his grace.

# Sermon | *When Enough Doesn't Seem Like Enough* |

*Mark 6:35-44*

## Personal Sermon Notes



## Confession of Faith | *Apostles' Creed* |

*This morning, we will confess our faith using the words of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed and its explanation. The Apostles' Creed, written in the third century A.D., is a summary of the Apostles' teachings which are found in the New Testament. When developing the catechism as a tool for parents to teach their children the simple truths of God's Word, Martin Luther wrote explanations to each of the three articles of the Apostles' Creed.*

**L** We confess our faith together.

**C** **I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**L** What does this mean?

**C** **I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ear, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.**

**And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserve it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.**

**This is most certainly true. 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.

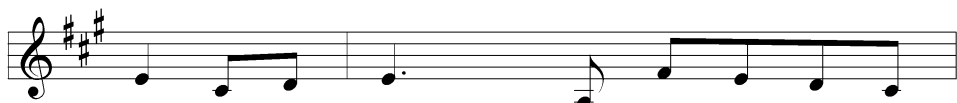
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<sup>4</sup> John the Baptist declared Jesus to be the Lamb of God (*Angus Dei*), the sacrifice for sins, once for all. We join countless Christians in singing these words before receiving the very thing in this Supper that these words promise, sins taken away through the blood of Jesus.

## Song of Departure | *May the Peace* |



1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -  
peace which pass - es un - der - stand -



ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en  
ing, And this grace which makes us what we



Son, And the fel - low-ship of God the  
are, And this fel - low-ship of his Com -



Spir - it Keep our hearts and minds with - in his  
mun - ion Make us one in spir - it and in



love. And to him be praise for his  
heart.



glo - rious reign From the depths of earth to the



heights of heav'n. We de - clare the name of the



Lamb once slain— Christ e - ter - nal, the King of

kings.

2 May this 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](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.

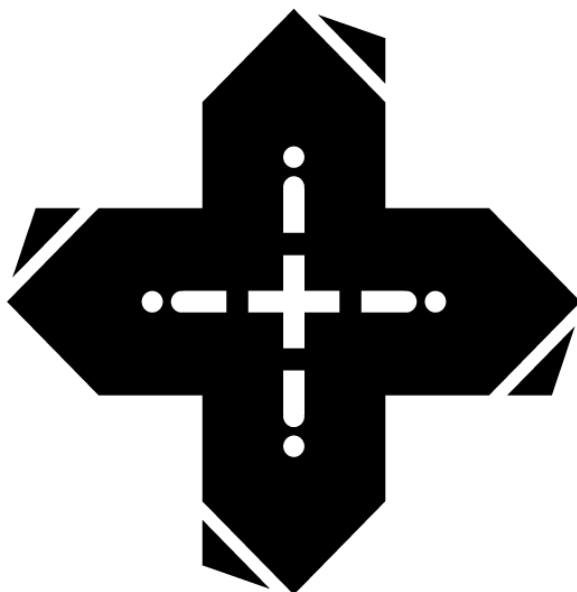
**Fall Growth Opportunities |** This fall, we will offer two spiritual growth opportunities. The first will be on Sunday mornings. We will have a Sunday morning Bible Study for 30 minutes after worship. The second will be a mid-week small-group offering called, “Theology on Tap.” Once a week, for an 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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