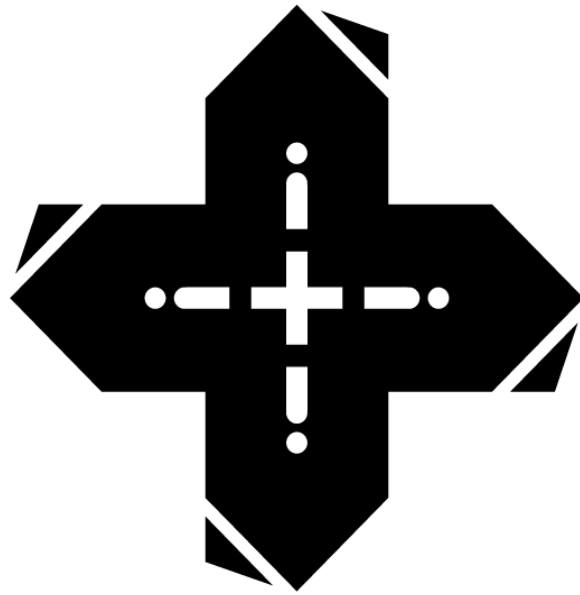


Connecting Christ. Creating Community.



HUNTERSVILLE
Lutheran Church

SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST
10.10.21



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*
Michelle Fouts, *keyboardist*

~Sermon Series~

Alone Together

Standing for Truths that will Win You More Than Just Friends

“Speak your truth.” “Stand up for your truth.” “Truth is what you make it.” In an age where the notion of objective truth has largely disappeared, how can someone really know what truth is? And, if you can’t be sure of what is true and what isn’t, how do you know when, where, and on what to take your stand? In pursuit of peace, good standing, and relational value, some are willing to sacrifice truths they’ve always clung to just to gain these things. But at what cost?

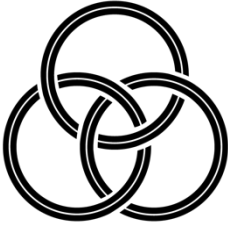
Over 500 years ago, a man contemplated that same question. Is standing for the truth worth the cost? Is it worth going against world leaders, being branded a heretic, losing friends, even losing life itself? What truth could be worth that? The answer? God’s truth.

In 1521, before the most powerful men in the world, Luther took his stand on the truth of God’s Word alone because he could do nothing else. Not because he was powerless or arrogant, but because there was nothing else upon which to stand other than this: By Grace, Through Faith, On the Basis of Scripture, in Christ ALONE.

Today, we stand together on these great “alones,” these foundational truths about who our God is, how he feels about us, how he saved us. Standing on these truths, standing for these truths, will win you more than just friends. They show you what has already been won by God in Christ for you: forgiveness, eternity, peace, love, joy, and truth.

Sundays	Theme
October 10 th	Scripture Alone
October 17 th	Grace Alone
October 24 th	Faith Alone
October 31 st ¹	Christ Alone

¹ *This year, October 31st marks a major anniversary in the life of the church. Not only is it Reformation Sunday, but it is the 500th anniversary of Luther’s appearance at the Diet of Worms. At the Diet of Worms, Luther stood before the Holy Roman Emperor and, even with the threat of death, refused to recant his faith or the truths to which his faith clung. There, he uttered words that would echo throughout history, “Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me. Amen.”*



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 God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word |



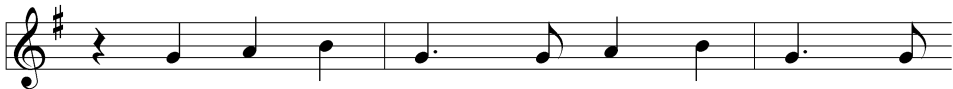
1 O God, our Lord, Your ho - ly Word Was long a
2 Sal - va - tion true By faith in you— That is your
3 Lord, you a - lone This work have done By your free
4 Since you are mine, My Lord di - vine, Death holds no



hid - den trea - sure Till to its place It
gos - pel's preach - ing, The heart and core Of
grace and fa - vor. All who be - lieve Will
dread - ful ter - rors; Your pre - cious blood, My



was by grace Re - stored in full - est mea - sure.
Bi - ble lore In all its sa - cred teach - ing.
grace re - ceive Through Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior.
high - est good, Has blot - ted out my er - rors.



For this to - day Our thanks we say And
In Christ we must Put all our trust, Not
And though the foe Would o - ver - throw Your
My thanks to you— Your Word is true! Ful -



glad - ly glo - ri - fy you. Your mer - cy show And
in our deeds or la - bor; With con - science pure And
Word with grim en - deav - or, All he has wrought Must
fill your prom - ise ev - er, And mer - cy give While



grace be - stow On all who still de - ny you.
heart se - cure Love you, Lord, and our neigh - bor.
come to naught— Your Word will stand for - ev - er!
here I live And heav'n - ly bliss for - ev - er.

Invocation

L In the name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.²

C Amen.

Confession of Sins

L If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

L Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

L Our gracious Father in heaven as been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I say to you what God says to you: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

² 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 | *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* |

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal is your
praise a - rise. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
glo - rious Word. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore Till
ev - 'ry land, by ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia!
suns shall rise and set no more. Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray:

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.



THE WORD

Children's Message

First Reading | *2 Kings 5:14-27* |

¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

¹⁵ Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant."

¹⁶ The prophet answered, "As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing." And even though Naaman urged him, he refused.

¹⁷ "If you will not," said Naaman, "please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the LORD. ¹⁸ But may the LORD forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I have to bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant for this."

¹⁹ "Go in peace," Elisha said.

After Naaman had traveled some distance, ²⁰ Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, "My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him."

²¹ So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. "Is everything all right?" he asked.

²² "Everything is all right," Gehazi answered. "My master sent me to say, 'Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.'"

²³ "By all means, take two talents," said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. ²⁴ When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left.

²⁵ When he went in and stood before his master, Elisha asked him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?”

“Your servant didn’t go anywhere,” Gehazi answered.

²⁶ But Elisha said to him, “Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money or to accept clothes—or olive groves and vineyards, or flocks and herds, or male and female slaves? ²⁷ Naaman’s leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever.” Then Gehazi went from Elisha’s presence and his skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.

L “The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90

L Lord, you have been our dwelling place

C Throughout all generations.

L Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,

C From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

L For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,

C Or like a watch in the night.

L You have set our iniquities before you,

C Our secret sins in the light of your presence.

L You turn mortals back to dust.

C You sweep them away in the sleep of death.

L The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength;

C Yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.

L Teach us to number our days aright,

C That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

L Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,

C That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

Second Reading | *Hebrews 4:12-13* |

¹² 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. ¹³ 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.

Please Stand

The Gospel

L The Gospel according to Mark, chapter ten.

¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day | *Speak, O Lord* |



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to-day In our acts of
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
grace we'll stand on your pro - mis-es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos-es for your
nev - er fail, Let their truth pre-vail o - ver
Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.
un - be-lief.
glo - ry.

Sermon | *Standing on the Word Requires You Selling Out the World* |

Mark 10:17-27

Personal Sermon Notes

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 *Connect Card* in the offering plate by the door on your way out.

Prayer of the Church

- L** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his way may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.
- C** **May the peoples praise you, O God. May all the peoples praise you.**
- L** Lord God, King of the universe, direct the governments of the world so that we may live quiet and peaceful lives. Protect us from crime and war. Let freedom of religion flourish, that the gospel may be freely preached throughout the world. Cast down rulers who oppress their people. Remove governments who oppose the gospel. Bring relief to persecuted Christians.
- C** **Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.**
- L** Bless our church with pastors and teaches who faithfully proclaim your Word. Lead many young men and women to study for the preaching and teaching ministries. By the power of your gospel, motivate them so that they do not become discouraged but continue in the course you have set before them.
- C** **Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.**
- L** Make us the answer to our prayers for others. Bless the preaching of the gospel everywhere, here among us and in the far corners of the world. Let your kingdom come to us and to many others.
- C** **Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him. Amen.**

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.

Numbers 6:24

- C** **Amen.**

Song of Departure | *God Has Spoken By His Prophets* |



1 God has spo - ken by his proph-ets, Spo - ken his un -
2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er -
3 God is speak - ing by his Spir - it, Speak - ing to the



chang - ing Word, Each from age to age pro - claim - ing
last - ing Son, Bright-ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry,
hearts of all, In the age - less Word ex - pound - ing



God the one, the right-eous Lord. In the world's de - spair and
With the Fa - ther ev - er one, Spo - ken by the Word in -
His own mes-sage for us all. Through the rise and fall of



tur - moil One firm an - chor holds us fast: God is
car - nate, God from God, be - fore time was, Light from
na - tions One sure faith is stand - ing fast. God a -



king, his throne e - ter - nal, God the first and God the last.
Light, to earth de-scend - ing— He re - veals our God to us.
bides, his Word un-chang - ing, God the first and God the last.

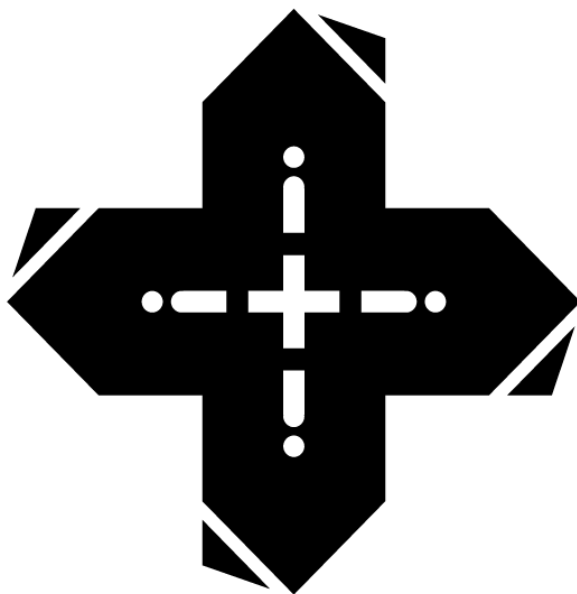
Announcements

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).

Idols We Never Knew We Had | We'll continue our bible study short after worship today. I encourage all you to stick around!

Theology on Tap | Join us Monday, October 11th, for Theology on Tap. Class will be at the church office (9820 Northcross Center Court Huntersville). We will meet for around an hour for an informal bible study. Feel free to bring food and drink. Please consider joining us.



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