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the Baptism of Our Lord

*Huntersville Lutheran
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*A Changeless Message for
A Changing Community*

Worshipping at the Brick Row 19725 Oak St. Cornelius, NC

Bible Class @ 8:45am | 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 Baptism of Our Lord* |

Today, we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, which is observed each year on the Sunday after the Epiphany. This marks the beginning of Christ's public ministry here on earth. Jesus appears as the Christ, the Anointed One. The titles "Christ" and "Messiah" both mean "the Anointed One." Since the days of Othniel (Judges 3:10), the Spirit of the Lord empowered God's heroes to do his saving work. At his baptism, God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power and declared this son of Mary to be the Son of God—the one anointed to be the Savior of Mankind.



The service this morning is also a reminder of what God has done for us in the waters of baptism: cleansed us of our sins, adopted us as his own dear children, and made us heirs of eternal life.

Epiphany Sermon Series | *One For All* |

In so many aspects of life, a team is better than an individual; a group working together is better than a singular person working alone. Except, when it comes to your eternal standing with God. A team couldn't earn forgiveness of sins for you. A team couldn't extinguish death forever. A couldn't defeat Satan for good. There is only one. Only one who could. Only one who had the strength, the power, the willingness, and the love to do it all for you; for all people. God revealed his Son to be the one to do all this for you. Jesus is the One for All.

- 01.17.21 The One Substitute for All
- 01.24.21 The One Prophet for All
- 01.31.21 The One to Reverse Satan's Work for All
- 02.07.21 The One Forgiver of All
- 02.14.21 The One Transfigured for All



GATHERING RITE

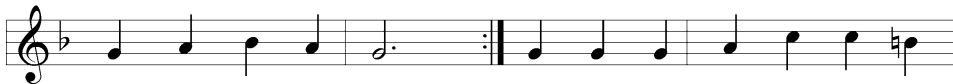
This morning, as we celebrate the Festival of the Baptism of our Lord, we use a gathering rite that draws our attention and focus to holy baptism. In his baptism, Jesus wades into the muck and mire of our sin to be our substitute. He goes into the waters of baptism clean and comes out marked for death. In our baptism, we enter the waters marked for death and come out cleansed: cleansed from sin and death. In baptism, we are forgiven and made children of our Father in heaven. What a blessing!

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

C Amen.



Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,
I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your



Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
saints, your cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to



sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

L I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

John 3:5-6

L Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.

Psalm 51:5

C **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

1 Corinthians 6:11

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

My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence -
My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of

forth your child and heir.
all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort

me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.

L As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you 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 holy life and innocent death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your pro - mise
Oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er If words and

sure - ly will en - dure.
deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -

filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.



THE WORD

Children's Message

First Reading | *Isaiah 49:1-6* |

Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;
from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow
and concealed me in his quiver.

³He said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing at all.
Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,
and my reward is with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him

and gather Israel to himself,

for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD
and my God has been my strength—

⁶he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Psalm 45

- L** Your heart is stirred by a noble theme
C as I recite my verses for the King.
- L** You are the most excellent of men,
C and your lips have been anointed with grace.
- L** Gird your sword upon your side, O Mighty One;
C clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.
- L** In your majesty ride forth victoriously;
C let your right hand display awesome deeds.
- L** Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
C a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.
- L** You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
C therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.
- L** I will perpetuate your memory though all generations;
C therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

Second Reading | *Romans 6:1-11* |

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with,^[a] that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Hymn | *Comfort, Comfort, O My People* |

- Speak to all Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them that their sins I cover, that their warfare now is over.”
1. Comfort, comfort all my people; speak of peace,” so says our God.
“Comfort those who sit in darkness, groaning from their sorrow’ load.
Speak to all Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them that their sins I cover, that their warfare now is over.”

Congregation Sings:

2. **All their sins our God will pardon, blotting out each dark misdeed;
all that well deserve his anger he no more will see or heed.
They have suffered many a day; now their griefs have passed away.
God will change their aching sadness into ever-springing gladness.**
3. **John the baptist voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Calling people to repentance for the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.**
4. **Straighten out the crooked highway; make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, ready for his holy reign.
For the glory of the lord now o’er earth is spread abroad,
All all flesh shall see the token that this word is never broken!**

The Gospel

L The Gospel according to Mark, chapter one.

C **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



Hymn of the Day | *To Jordan's River Came Our Lord* |



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came
 5 The Fa - ther's word, the Spir - it's flight A -



Christ, whom heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The
 Son of God in flesh dis - guised— To
 John bap - tized the Lamb of God, The
 God's own voice with words pro - found: "This
 noint - ed Christ in glo - rious sight As



God from God, the Light from Light, The
 stand be - neath the Fa - ther's will And
 Ho - ly Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, De -
 is my Son," was his de - cree, "The
 God's own choice, from A - dam's fall To



Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
 scend - ed on him from a - bove.
 one I love, who pleas - es me."
 save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
 This man in Christ, our substitute!
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

Sermon | *Jesus is Your Substitute* |

Mark 1:4-11

Personal Sermon Notes

Confession of Faith | *Apostle's Creed*² |

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.

² Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. The Apostle's Creed, written in the third century, expresses the truths taught by the apostles. In the Apostle's Creed, we confess the gospel truths of work each person of the Trinity (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit) carries out.

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 SACRAMENT

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 pastors 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 De³* |

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Distribution

³ 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.

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 | *All Christians Who Have Been Baptized* |

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1 All Chris - tians who have been bap - tized, Who
 2 You were be - fore your day of birth, In -
 3 But all of that was washed a - way— Im -
 4 In Bap - tism we now put on Christ— Our



know the God of heav - en, And
 deed, from your con - cep - tion, Con -
 mersed and drowned for - ev - er. The
 shame is ful - ly cov - ered With



in whose dai - ly life is prized The
 demned and lost with all the earth, None
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name of Christ once giv - en: Con -
 good, with - out ex - cep - tion. For
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 free - ly for us suf - fered. For



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 like your par - ents' flesh and blood, Turned
 A - dam and his sin de - stroyed And
 here the flood of his own blood Now



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in - ward from the high - est good, You
all our sin - ful selves em - ployed Ac -
makes us ho - ly, right, and good Be -



tized in - to Christ Je - sus!
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cord - ing to our na - ture.
fore our heav'n - ly Fa - ther.

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.

Setup and Take Down Team | Every Sunday, a team of volunteers shows up and sets up everything you see here today. After the service, they stick around, take it all down, and load it into the trailer. We want to thank them for their faithful service! If you are interested in helping with setup and takedown on a Sunday morning, please just jump in. If you have questions about it, feel free to contact Pastor Van Sice or talk to him 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).

Epiphany Sermon Series | The Sundays after Epiphany give us an opportunity to explore how God revealed his Son to the one the world needed. The Word "Epiphany" means "appearing or manifesting." Leading up the Sundays in Lent, we get to see how Jesus appeared to our savior, our substitute, our prophet, our forgiver, and so much more! Join us Sundays at 9:30am to hear more.

Bible Study: Psalms for Your Every Day | Today, we began a new bible study that looks at the book of Psalms. This bible study is set up to explore the different kinds of Psalms that exist and how we can make better use of them in our daily devotional life.

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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