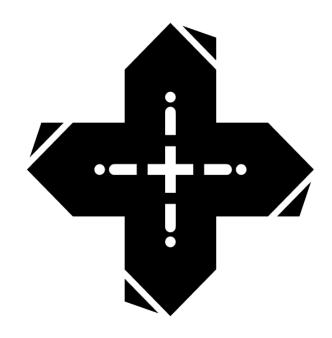
# **Connecting Christ. Creating Community.**



# **HUNTERSVILLE**

Lutheran Church

SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY 01.24.21



# **Huntersville Lutheran**

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* 

#### **Epiphany Sermon Series**

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.



01.24.21	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

#### **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 | Songs of Thankfulness and Praise |**





#### **Invocation**

- In the name of the Father and of the Son <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and of the Holy Spirit.¹
- C Amen.

#### **Confession of Sins**

- God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray, Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for 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.

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

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

#### Glory to God | Gloria in Excelsis<sup>2</sup> |

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

# Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

c Amen.

Be Seated

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</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

#### Children's Message

# First Reading | Deuteronomy 18:15-20 |

<sup>15</sup> The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brother Israelites. Listen to him.

<sup>16</sup> That is exactly what you asked from the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly. You said, "Do not let me hear the voice of the LORD my God anymore, and do not let me see this great fire again, or I will die."

<sup>17</sup>Then the LORD said to me, "They have done well by saying what they said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up a prophet for them from among their brothers, like you, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he will speak to them everything that I command him. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who will not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. <sup>20</sup>Any prophet who presumes to speak something in my name that I have not commanded him to speak or who speaks something in the name of other gods—that prophet shall die."

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

#### Psalm 29

- Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones,
- Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
- **W**orship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.
- L The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
- The God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.
- L The voice of the LORD is powerful;
- The voice of the LORD is majestic.
- The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;
- And strips the forests bare. All in his tempt cry, "Glory!"
- The LORD sits enthroned over the flood:
- The LORD is enthroned as King forever.
- The LORD gives strength to his people;
- The LORD blesses his people with peace.

### Second Reading | Hebrews 3:1-6 |

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, focus your attention on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. <sup>2</sup>He was faithful to the one who appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in God's whole house. <sup>3</sup>In fact, Jesus is worthy of greater glory than Moses, in the same way that the builder of a house has more honor than the house. <sup>4</sup>For every house is built by someone, and God is the one who built everything.

<sup>5</sup> Moses was faithful as a servant within God's whole house by testifying to the things that would be spoken. <sup>6</sup> But Christ is faithful as a Son over God's house. We are his house, if we hold on firmly to our confidence and the hope about which we boast until the end.

#### The Gospel

■ The Gospel according to Mark, chapter one.

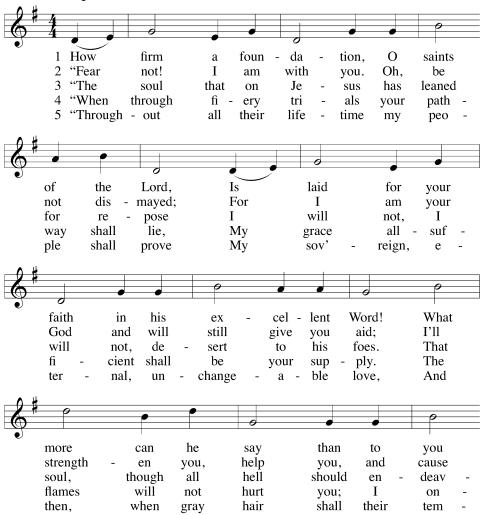
On the next Sabbath day, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup>They were amazed at his teaching, because he was teaching them as one who has authority and not as the experts in the law. <sup>23</sup> Just then there was a man with an unclean spirit in their synagogue. It cried out, <sup>24</sup> "What do we have to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

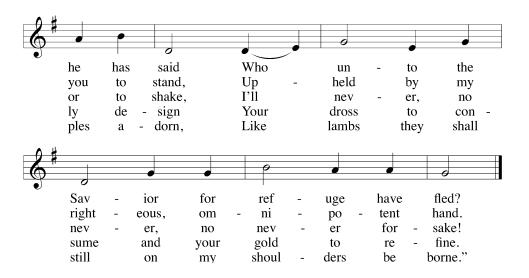
<sup>25</sup> Jesus rebuked the spirit, saying, "Be quiet! Come out of him!"

<sup>26</sup> The unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions, and after crying out with a loud voice, it came out of him. <sup>27</sup> Everyone was so amazed that they began to discuss this with each other. They said, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands the unclean spirits, and they obey him!" <sup>28</sup> News about him spread quickly through all the region of Galilee.

- L This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise be to you, O Christ.

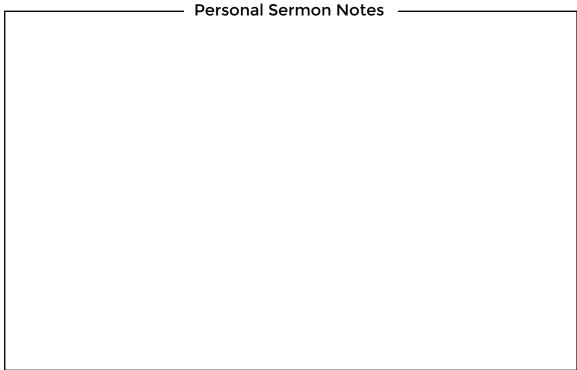
# Hymn of the Day | How Firm a Foundation |





# **Sermon** | *Fix Your Thoughts on Jesus* |

Hebrews 3:1-6



# Confession of Faith | Apostle's Creed 3 |

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.

**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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 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.

#### **Prayer of the Church**

O Holy Trinity, you are God of gods and Lord of lords. Truly, there is no God but you alone. From you and from your Son, Jesus Christ, are all things. Reveal the saving knowledge of Christ's truth to us and all the world, that loving you and one another, together we may be known by God. Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

Lord, our God, whose voice was heard at Sinai and whose authority was made manifest in Christ, the Prophet greater than Moses, we ask that you send faithful preachers into your world who will be diligent to listen to your Word and speak it faithful to your people. Preserve us from false prophets who would lead us away from your truth, and give us ears to hear gladly the saving message of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

#### C Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, give health and success to our president and governor, our legislators and judges, and all who serve for our governance and protection. Make them high in purpose, wise in counsel and unwavering in duty. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

All of this, and whatever else we need, we ask in your Son's name, who taught us to pray:

# **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 Lord's Blessing

Numbers 6:24

c Amen.

# Song of Departure | O Jesus, King of Glory |



# **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.



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