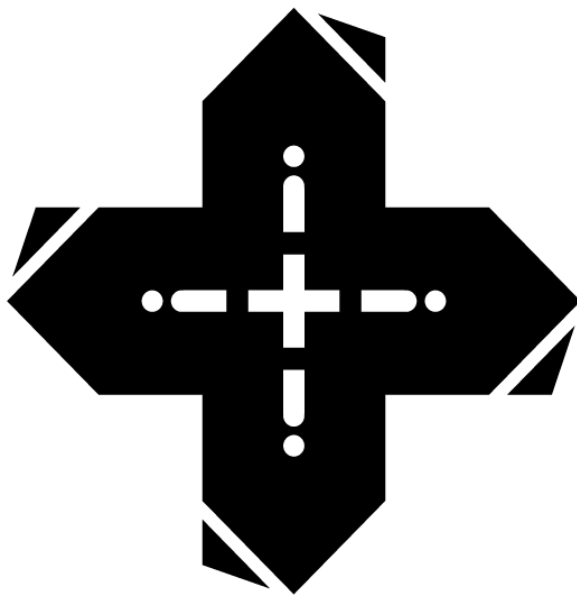


**Connecting Christ. Creating Community.**



**HUNTERSVILLE**  
*Lutheran Church*

**SUNDAYS IN LENT**  
**02.21.21**





# 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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**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*

## **The Season | *The Sundays in Lent* |**

The word Lent comes from an Old English word for spring (“lengten,” the time of the year when the days grow longer). For the last 1700 years, the Church has set aside the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter as a time of special preparation. It is a time of repentance and renewal.

During Lent, our rejoicing is muted as we remember our Lord’s suffering and death. But it is with a purpose: we know that the Lord who died took up his life again on Easter Sunday morning. So our 40 days of Lent are ones lived in the certain hope of the resurrection. (For the precise counters in our congregation, the Church speaks of 40 days of Lent because they did not count the Sundays, which retained their significance as “little Easters.”)

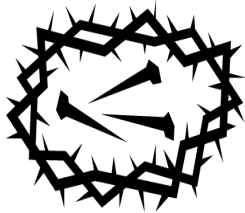
The color of the season is purple. Purple is the ancient color of royalty. We have this kind of king: he wore a crown of thorns, and carried a cross for us. Thanks be to God!

## **Today’s Theme | *Overcoming Satan and Temptation* |**

The Son of God goes forth to war and defeats the devil for us. The ancient foe warred on mankind in the garden, but God promised to send a champion to battle on our behalf. The Second Adam came to do what the first could not, and in the desert the battle was joined. *“But for us fights the valiant one whom God himself elected...he holds the field forever.”*

## **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).



# GATHERING RITE FOR LENT

*Lent is a more pensive and contemplative season of the Church Year. For centuries Christians have adapted the worship service in order to focus hearts on our need for Christ's perfect life that led to his sacrificial death and resurrection. This opening uses a rooted Lutheran hymn text and an adapted ancient melody in order to guide the worshipper to confess sins and receive full and free forgiveness found in the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## Invocation

**L** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**L** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children.

**C** **It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

*Psalm 100:3*

**L** But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment.

**C** **We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way.**

*Isaiah 53:6*

**L** Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Lord, to you I make con-fes-sion: I have sinned and gone a-stray;  
I have mul-ti-plied trans-gres-sion, Cho-sen for my-self my way.  
Led by you to see my er-rors, Lord, I trem-ble at your ter-rors.

**L** Our gracious Father in heaven has 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.

**C** **The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

**L** He was led like a lamb to the slaughter.

**C** **He took up our pain and bore our suffering.**

**L** He was pierced for our transgressions,

**C** **He was crushed for our iniquities;**

**L** The punishment that brought us peace was on him,

**C** **And by his wounds we are healed.**

*Isaiah 53:4-7*



Lord, on you I cast my bur - den; Sink it in the deep - est sea.



Let me know your gra - cious par - don; Cleanse me from in - iq - ui - ty.



Let your Spir - it leave me nev - er; Make me on - ly yours for - ev - er.

**L** 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.

**L** Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

**C** Give thanks to him and praise his name.

**L** For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

**C** His faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Psalm 100:4,5*



For your Son has suf-fered for me, Giv'n him - self to res-cue me,



Died to save me and re - store me, Rec - on - ciled and set me free.



Je - sus' cross a-lone can van-quish These dark fears and soothe this an-guish.

## Prayer of the Day

**L** Let us pray:

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Be Seated*



# THE WORD

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## Children's Message

### First Reading | *Genesis 22:1-18* |

<sup>1</sup> Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

<sup>2</sup> Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

<sup>3</sup> Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup> He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

<sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, <sup>7</sup> Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

<sup>8</sup> Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

<sup>9</sup> When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.



<sup>12</sup> “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

<sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

<sup>15</sup> The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time <sup>16</sup> and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup> and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 25

**L** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;

**C** In you I trust, O my God.

**L** Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,

**C** For they are from of old.

**L** Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;

**C** According to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD.

**L** Turn to me and be gracious to me,

**C** For I am lonely and afflicted.

**L** Look upon my affliction and my distress

**C** And take away all my sins.

**L** Guard my life and rescue me,

**C** For I take refuge in you.

## Second Reading | *Romans 8:31-39* |

<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please Stand*

## The Gospel

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

<sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup> and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Hymn of the Day | *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* |



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y shield and  
2 With might of ours can naught be done; soon were our loss ef -  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger to de -  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main, nor an - y thanks have



weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry need that has us  
fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one whom God him -  
vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no ill; they shall not  
for it; he's by our side up - on the plain with his good



now o'er - tak - en. The an - cient e - vil foe now  
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? Christ  
o - ver - pow'r us. The prince of dark - ness still may  
gifts and Spir - it. And should they take our life, goods,



means to work us woe; deep guile and aw - ful might are  
Je - sus, it is he, the Lord of Hosts his name, from  
scowl fierce as he will, his rag - ing harms us none. He's  
hon - or, child, and wife— though all of these be gone, our



his dread arms in fight; on earth is not his e - qual.  
age to age the same. He holds the field for - ev - er.  
judged; the deed is done! One lit - tle word can fell him.  
vic - to - ry is won; The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

# Sermon | *Completely Victorious* |

*Romans 8:31-39*

## Personal Sermon Notes



## **Confession of Faith | *Apostle's Creed*<sup>1</sup> |**

**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.

## **Prayer of the Church**

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<sup>1</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.

## 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24*

- C** Amen.

## Song of Departure | *Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled* |

*Refrain*

Do not let your hearts be trou-bled; have faith in God and faith in  
me. I will go forth to pre-pare a place for you; then I'll come  
back to take you with me, that where I am, you may al-so be.

*Last time*

be.

*Verses*

1 In God's  
 2 I am the  
 3 The words I

house there are man - y plac - es For you a -  
 Way, the Truth, and the Life; On - ly through  
 speak are not on - ly of my - self; It is your

lone to dwell in safe - ty. You know the  
 me can you know what I know. If you knew  
 God who lives with - in me. If you be -

way to where I'll lead you; If you are  
 me, you would know the Fa - ther; If you see  
 lieve that your God and I are one, I will pro -

*To Refrain*

lost, I will show the way.  
 me, you see your God.  
 vide when you call my name.

# 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)).

**Lenten Dinner and Devotion |** During the Lenten season, we will gather for a time of dinner and devotion on the following dates:

- Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Brick Row
- Wenesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Brick Row

In order to create the safest atmosphere possible, food will be provided. Please look for a SignUp Genius in the near future.

**Bible Study: Psalms for Your Every Day |** One of the best ways to continue growing in your faith is at a bible study, like this one: Psalms for your every day. 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.