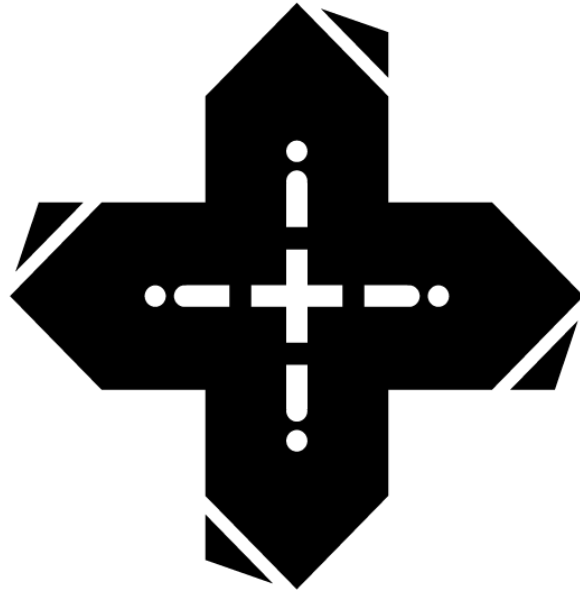


**Connecting Christ. Creating Community.**



**HUNTERSVILLE**  
*Lutheran Church*

**SUNDAYS IN LENT**  
**03.07.21**





# 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.”)

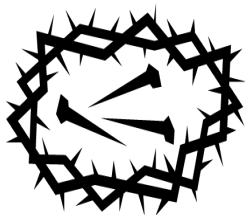
The color of the season is purple. Purple is the ancient color of royalty. We have this kind of king: he wore a crown of thorns, and carried a cross for us. Thanks be to God!

## **Today’s Theme | *God is Serious About His Word* |**

The Word of God is a gift that is to be treasured. For in it, God reveals himself, what he has done for you, how he feels about you, and what he wants for you. In it, he gives you guidance for your daily walk with him. God is serious about his Word, all of his Word. And in our Gospel this morning, we see how seriously Jesus, the Word made flesh, takes the Word.

## **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:

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; 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*



# THE WORD

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## Children's Message

### First Reading | *Exodus 20:1-17* |

And God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Psalm 19

- L** The heavens declare the glory of God;
- C** **The skies proclaim the work of his hands.**
- L** The law of the LORD is perfect,
- C** **Giving joy to the heart.**
- L** The commands of the LORD are radiant,
- C** **Giving light to the eyes.**
- L** They are more precious than gold;
- C** **They are sweeter than honey.**
- L** By them is your servant taught;
- C** **In keeping them there is great reward.**
- L** May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
- C** **Be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.**

## Second Reading | *1 Corinthians 1:18-25* |

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;  
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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

## The Gospel

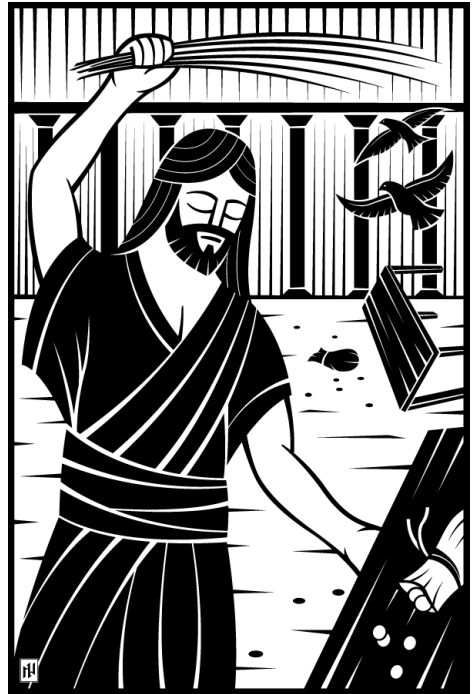
**L** The Gospel according to John, chapter two.

<sup>13</sup> When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

<sup>18</sup> The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

<sup>20</sup> They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.



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

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

## **Hymn of the Day | *Across the Lands* |**

- 1. You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began;  
Every star and every planet has been fashioned by your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of your voice  
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice**

**Refrain:**

**You're the Author of creation, you're the Lord of every man  
And your cry of love rings out across the land.**

- 2. Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost  
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you calmed the sea;  
Yet how silently you suffered, that the guilty may go free.**

**Refrain.**

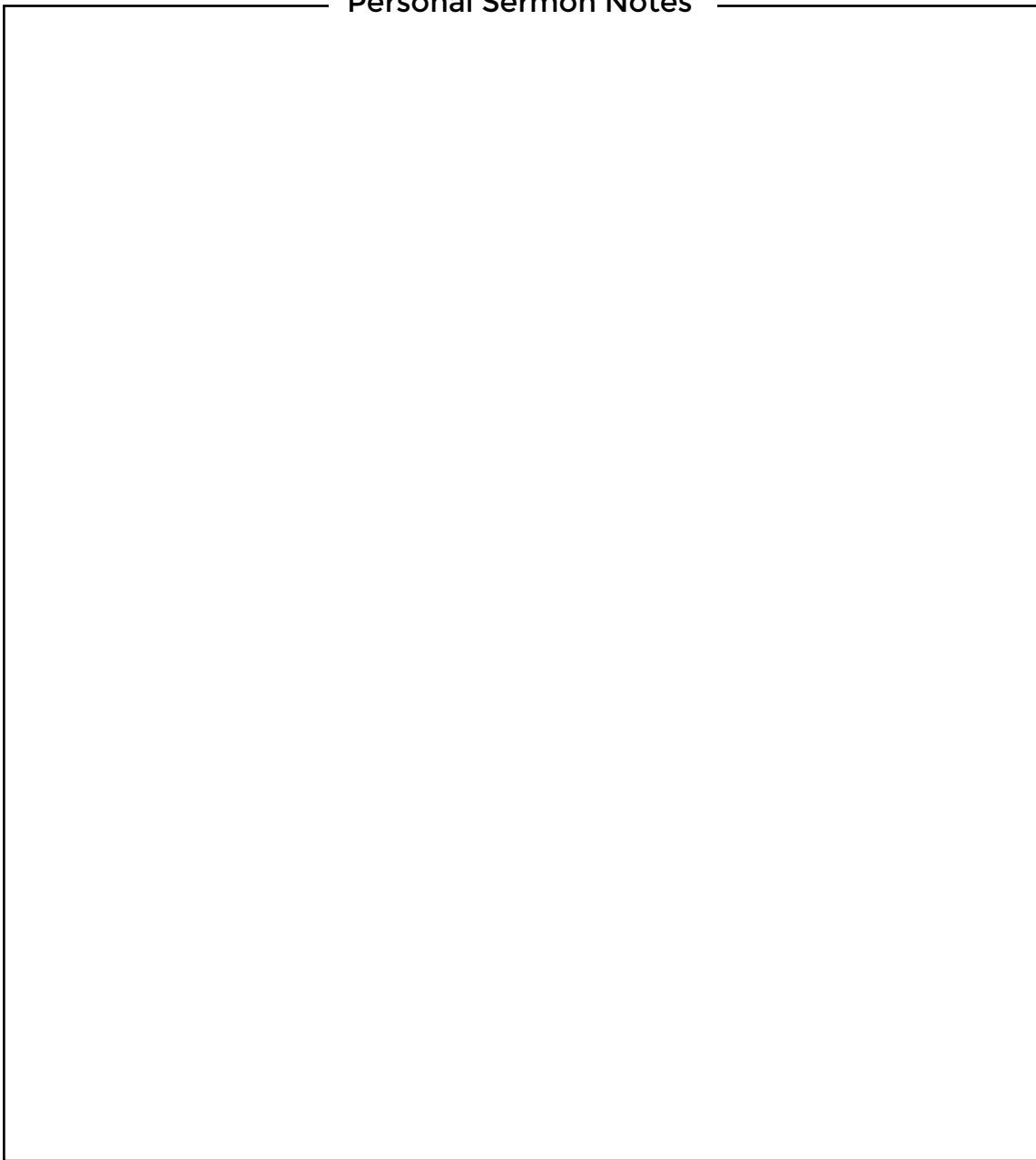
- 3. With a shout you rose victorious, wrestling vict'ry from the grave  
And ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.  
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for you own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners home.**

**Refrain x2**

# Sermon | *Cleaning House* |

*John 2:13-22*

## 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.

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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.

## 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 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.
- ☐ Amen.

*Numbers 6:24*

## Song of Departure | *O God Beyond All Praising* |



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, We wor-ship you to-day  
2 The flower of earth - ly splen-dor In time must sure-ly die,  
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, Ac-cept the love we bring,



And sing the love a - maz-ing That songs can - not re - pay;  
Its fra-gile bloom sur - ren - der To you, the Lord most high;  
That we who know your fa - vor May serve you as our King;



For we can on - ly won - der At ev - 'ry gift you send,  
But hid - den from all na - ture The e - ter - nal seed is sown—  
And wheth - er our to - mor - rows Be filled with good or ill,



At bless-ings with - out num - ber And mer - cies with - out end.  
Though small in mor - tal sta - ture, To heav - en's gar - den grown:  
We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows And rise to bless you still:



We lift our hearts be - fore you And wait up - on your Word,  
For Christ, your gift from heav - en, From death has set us free,  
To mar - vel at your beau - ty And glo - ry in your ways,



We hon - or and a - dore you, Our great and might - y Lord.  
And we through him are giv - en The fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
And make a joy - ful du - ty Our sac - ri - fice of praise.

# 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).

**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. If you have not done so, please take a moment and RSVP via SignUp Genius.

**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.