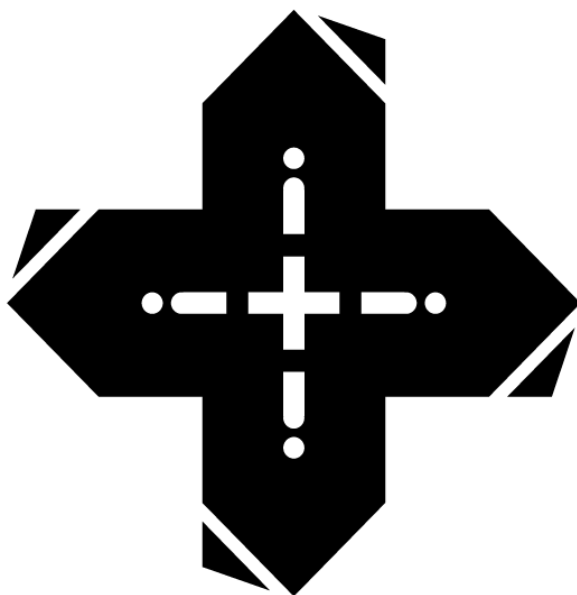


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HUNTERSVILLE
Lutheran Church

SUNDAYS IN LENT
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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*

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.”)

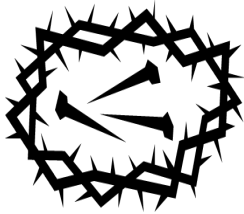
The color of the season is purple. Purple is the ancient color of royalty. We have this kind of king: he wore a crown of thorns, and carried a cross for us. Thanks be to God!

Today’s Theme | *The Depth of God’s Love* |

The way God demonstrates his love is sometimes confusing and certainly backwards to the world. He demonstrates the depth of his love in ways that apparently weak and strange: through a snake on a tree and a man on a cross. He gives it to people who don’t deserve it—to rebellious and ungrateful people, to those who are blind, to those who live in darkness. And to understand why this is, you need to understand God himself. Because love is not just a feeling that God has. God himself is love. And to know God is to know the depth of God’s love and to know love itself.

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.



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, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; 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

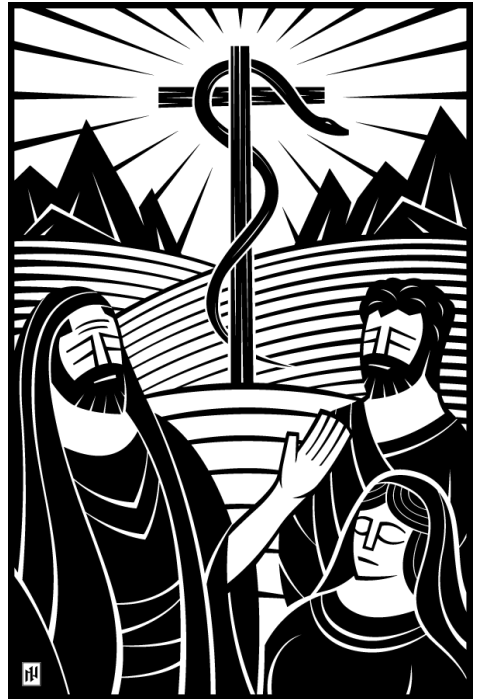
Children's Message

First Reading | *Numbers 21:4-9* |

⁴ They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵ they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!"

⁶ Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

⁸ The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.



L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

- Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,
- Whose sins are covered.**
- When I kept silent, your hand was heavy upon me,
- My strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**
- Then I acknowledged my sin to you
- And did not cover up my iniquity.**
- I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
- And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**
- You are my hiding place,
- You will protect me from trouble.**
- Many are the woes of the wicked,
- But the LORD's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in him.**

Second Reading | *1 John 4:7-21* |

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

¹³This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

L The Gospel according to John, chapter nine.

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³ "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷ "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵ Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided.

¹⁷ Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The man replied, "He is a prophet."

³⁴ To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

³⁶ "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

³⁷ Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

³⁸ Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day | *What Grace is This?* |

1 What grace is this! My Lord and
 2 What grace is this— That ve - ry
 3 What grace is this! Though Lord of
 4 What grace is this! Rude a - gon -
 5 What grace is this! Once wrapped in
 6 What grace is this? How can it

King Has set his face to suf - fer -
 God Would stoop to lift a cross of
 all, He yields to Pon - tius Pil - ate's
 ies! With com - mon thieves he hangs and
 cloths And gent - ly laid in man - ger -
 be? He wears this raw hu - mil - i -

ing. My God e - ter - nal dies to
 wood And walk a road of rock and
 law And lets the Ro - man ham - mers
 bleeds. The sin - less Son bears each mis -
 trough, He's ta - ken, dead, from wretch - ed
 ty To lift me to e - ter - ni -

bring E - ter - nal life to
 blood, A sin - ner's road, for
 draw A rush of blood for
 deed. He pays for all, for
 cross And wrapped a - gain for
 ty. Such grace—sweet grace— for

Last time

me.
 me.
 me.
 me.
 me.

Sermon | *A Man Born Blind* |

John 9

Personal Sermon Notes

Confession of Faith | *Nicene Creed* |

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one Holy Christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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.

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 pastor 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 Dei*¹ |

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

¹ 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 | *By Grace I'm Saved* |



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound - less;
 2 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior,
 3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of prom - ise
 4 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble,
 5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing;



My soul, be - lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver
 Came down to earth to bear our sin. Was it be -
 When you are by your sins op - pressed, When Sa - tan
 In trib - u - la - tion's fur - nace tried— By grace, de -
 In Je - sus' prom - ise I re - joice. For though I



at this word of prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er
 cause of your own mer - it That Je - sus died your
 plagues your trou - bled con - science, And when your heart is
 spite all fear and trou - ble, The Fa - ther's heart is
 know my heart's con - di - tion, I al - so know my



false - hood taught? So then this word must true re -
 soul to win? No, it was grace, and grace a -
 seek - ing rest. What rea - son can - not com - pre -
 o - pen wide. Where could I help and strength se -
 Sav - ior's voice. My heart is glad; all grief has



main: By grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.
 lone, That brought him from his heav'n - ly throne.
 hend God by his grace to you did send.
 cure If grace were not my an - chor sure?
 flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

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:

Wenesday, March 24th, 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.

Holy Week Worship Opportunities | Holy Week is the culmination of Lent—our 40-Day walk to the cross with Jesus. We will have worship opportunities for you throughout that week. We look forward to seeing you there.

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| Palm Sunday | March 28 th | 9:30am | Brick Row |
| Holy Thursday | April 1 st | 6:30pm | Brick Row |
| Good Friday | April 2 nd | 6:30pm | Brick Row |
| Easter Sunday | April 4 th | 9:30am | Brick Row |