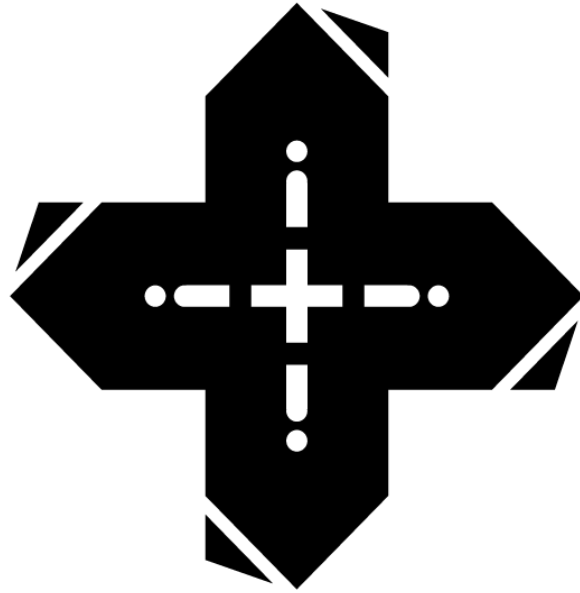


**Connecting Christ. Creating Community.**



**HUNTERSVILLE**  
*Lutheran Church*

**SUNDAYS OF EASTER**  
**04.11.21**





# Huntersville Lutheran

*A Changeless Message for  
A Changing Community*

Worshipping at the Seven Oaks 19725 Oak St. Cornelius, NC

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*

# Service Notes

## ~Sundays of Easter~

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is the beating heart of the gospel and the linchpin of your faith. The Apostle Paul says, "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive (1 Corinthians 15:14, 20-22). Jesus' resurrection is what gives your faith meaning, what brings comfort amid sorrows, and what offers you hope for the life to come.

Easter is a victory celebration, a time for all Christians to proclaim boldly their faith in a risen and victorious savior. For the early Christians, and for us, Easter is not merely one day. It is a whole season that also includes the celebration of Jesus' ascension. As one author put it, "Easter is not only the focal point of our faith (the intellectual side), but this is really when the church parties (the emotional side)." The season of Easter, known as "The Great Fifty Days," was the first liturgical season of the church year to be celebrated in the first three centuries of the early church. For fifty days, the church rightfully continues the celebration of Jesus' resurrection and what it means.

Throughout the Season of Easter, each Sunday has a special emphasis. Several Sundays recount Jesus' miraculous and mysterious post-Easter appearances. In ancient times, the Second Sunday of Easter was known as White Sunday. The men, women, and children who were baptized at the Easter Vigil wore white robes as a sign of their baptismal renewal. The Fourth Sunday of Easter, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, recalls the manifold references in John's Gospel to Jesus being our Good Shepherd. The final Sunday in the Season of Easter is reserved for the celebration of the Ascension and also sets the scene for the sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

As we journey together through The Great Fifty Days, God grant us hearts of joy as we continue to celebrate the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Amen!**

### **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).



## ORDER OF SERVICE

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*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 | *This Joyful Eastertide* |

1. **This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.**

**Refrain:**

**Had Christ, who once was slain,  
not burst his three day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
but now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;  
But now is Christ arisen.**

2. **Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls from ill my passing soul deliver.**

**Refrain.**

3. **My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.**

**Refrain.**

## Invocation

**L** In the name of the Father and of the Son  $\text{✝}$  and of the Holy Spirit.<sup>1</sup>

**C** Amen.

**L** Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed.

## Confession of Sins

**L** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C** Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

**L** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. 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  $\text{✝}$  and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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

## Lord, Have Mercy | *Kyrie*<sup>2</sup>

**L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in your, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C** Christ, have mercy.

**L** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Song of Praise | *Christ is Arisen, Alleluia* |

1. Christ is arisen, alleluia.

Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.

For our Redeemer burst from tomb,

Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain:

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.

Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy

Our sin forgiving, alleluia!

Jesus is living, alleluia!

2. Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.

He has arisen this world to save.

Jesus' redeeming labors are done;

He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.

Refrain.

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<sup>2</sup> The word *Kyrie* is a Greek word from the phrase *Kyrie elieson* which means, "Lord, have mercy!" This is the most heartfelt cry of a believer to his Lord. It is not a cry for forgiveness, but a cry for mercy that our Lord and King hear us and help us in our necessities and trouble. This morning, may it be our heartfelt cry to our Lord and King.



# THE WORD

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*During the Sundays of Easter, the first reading is going to look a little different. Instead of being a selection from the Old Testament, the first reading is a selection from the book of Acts. This is to show how the Resurrection ultimately gave birth to the Christian Church and how God used the apostles to spread the message of the empty tomb.*

## Prayer of the Day

☐ Let us pray:

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ Amen

## Children's Message

### First Reading | Acts 18:1-17 |

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. <sup>4</sup>Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

<sup>5</sup>When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. <sup>6</sup>But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."



<sup>7</sup> Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. <sup>8</sup> Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

<sup>9</sup> One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. <sup>10</sup> For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." <sup>11</sup> So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 16

**L** Keep me safe, O God,

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

**L** I said to the LORD, "you are my Lord;

**C** Apart from you I have no good thing."

**L** I have set the LORD always before me.

**C** Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

**L** My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

**C** My body also will rest secure,

**L** Because you will not abandon me to the grave,

**C** Nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

**L** You have made known to me the path of life;

**C** You will fill me with joy in your presence.

## Second Reading | 1 John 1:1-4 |

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup>The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup>We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We write this to make our joy complete.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Hymn | *O Sons and Daughters of the King, vv1-3* |



1 O sons and daughters of the King,  
2 On that first morn - ing of the week,  
3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee,



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing,  
Be - fore the day be - gan to break,  
For thus he spoke un - to the three,



To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
The Mar - ys went their Lord to seek.  
"Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## The Gospel

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

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

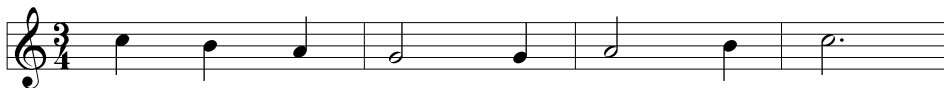
<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



**L** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Hymn of the Day | *O Sons and Daughters of the King, vv4-8* |



4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear;  
5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard



A - mong them came their Lord most dear  
That Je - sus had ful - filled his word,



And said, "Peace be un - to you here."  
He doubt - ed that is was the Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,  
"My hands, my feet, my body see;  
And doubt not, but believe in me."  
Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God," he cried.  
Alleluia!

8 Blessèd are they that have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been;  
In life eternal they shall reign.  
Alleluia!

**Sermon | *Resurrection Peace is Given* |**

*John 20:19-31*

**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.

## 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

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*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 De<sup>3</sup>* |

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

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<sup>3</sup> 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 | *May the Peace of God* |

1. **May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,  
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,  
And the fellowship of God the Spirit  
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.**

**Refrain:**

**And to him be praise for his glorious reign  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—  
Christ eternal, the King of kings.**

2. **May his peace which passes understanding,  
And this grace which makes us what we are,  
And this fellowship of his communion  
Make us one in spirit and in heart.**

**Refrain.**

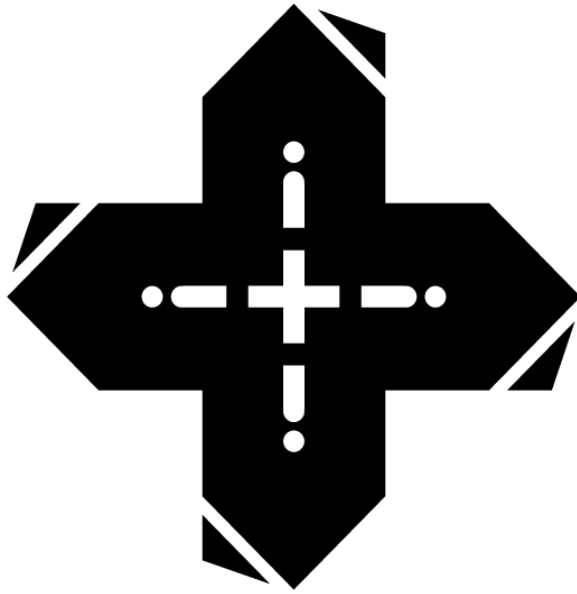
# Announcements

**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)).

**New Worship Space |** For nearly ten months, HLC has rented Brick Row for our place of worship. After losing our previous worship space due to COVID, Brick Row has been an incredible blessing. Just recently, God has opened another door for us and given us an opportunity to worship in a larger and nicer location. What a blessing to be in a new space that enables us to glorify God and anticipate continued growth. Be sure that as you are inviting people to join us for worship, you inform them of the new location!

**Bible Study Break |** For the rest of April, we will be taking a break from Sunday morning Bible Study. Toward the end of April, there will be communication sent to the congregation about what is going going to happen in the coming months.



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