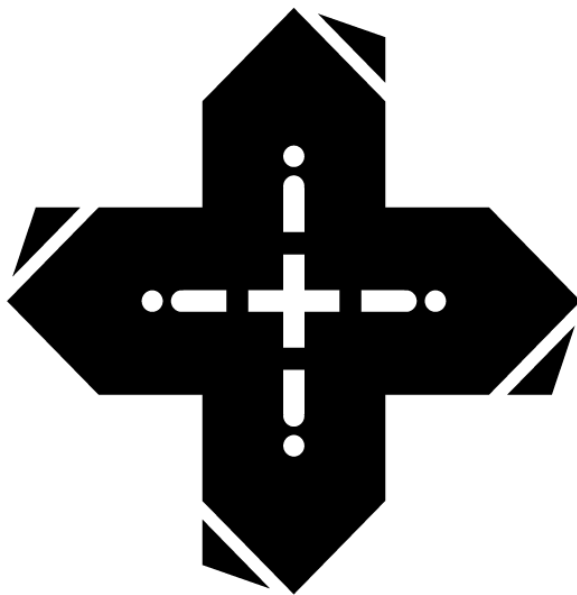


Connecting Christ. Creating Community.



HUNTERSVILLE
Lutheran Church

SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST
10.24.21



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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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*

~Sermon Series~

Alone Together

Standing for Truths that will Win You More Than Just Friends

“Speak your truth.” “Stand up for your truth.” “Truth is what you make it.” In an age where the notion of objective truth has largely disappeared, how can someone really know what truth is? And, if you can’t be sure of what is true and what isn’t, how do you know when, where, and on what to take your stand? In pursuit of peace, good standing, and relational value, some are willing to sacrifice truths they’ve always clung to just to gain these things. But at what cost?

Over 500 years ago, a man contemplated that same question. Is standing for the truth worth the cost? Is it worth going against world leaders, being branded a heretic, losing friends, even losing life itself? What truth could be worth that? The answer? God’s truth.

In 1521, before the most powerful men in the world, Luther took his stand on the truth of God’s Word alone because he could do nothing else. Not because he was powerless or arrogant, but because there was nothing else upon which to stand other than this: By Grace, Through Faith, On the Basis of Scripture, in Christ ALONE.

Today, we stand together on these great “alones,” these foundational truths about who our God is, how he feels about us, how he saved us. Standing on these truths, standing for these truths, will win you more than just friends. They show you what has already been won by God in Christ for you: forgiveness, eternity, peace, love, joy, and truth.

Sundays

Theme

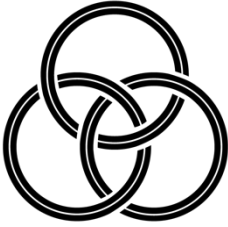
October 24th

Faith Alone

October 31st¹

Christ Alone

¹ *This year, October 31st marks a major anniversary in the life of the church. Not only is it Reformation Sunday, but it is the 500th anniversary of Luther’s appearance at the Diet of Worms. At the Diet of Worms, Luther stood before the Holy Roman Emperor and, even with the threat of death, refused to recant his faith or the truths to which his faith clung. There, he uttered words that would echo throughout history, “Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me. Amen.”*



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.

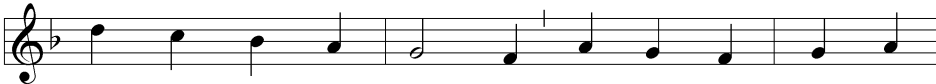
Opening Hymn | *Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices* |



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To
2 O for - est leaves, so green and ten - der, That
3 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That
4 Lord, I will tell, while I am liv - ing, Your



praise my God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which
dance for joy in sum - mer air, O mead - ow
fill the earth, the sea, and sky, Now join me
love and grace with ev - 'ry breath And greet each



in the Lord re - joic - es, Would then pro - claim in
grass - es, bright and slen - der, O flow'rs, so won - drous
in my heart's de - vo - tion; Help me to raise his
morn - ing with thanks - giv - ing Un - til my heart is



grate - ful songs To all, wher - ev - er I might
sweet and fair, You live to show his praise a -
prais - es high. My ut - most pow'rs can nev - er
still in death, And, when at last my lips grow



be, What great things God has done for me.
lone; With me now make his glo - ry known.
quite Ex - press the won - ders of his might.
cold, Your praise shall in my sighs be told.

Invocation

L In the name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.²

C Amen.

Confession of Sins

L If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

L Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

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. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I say to you what God says to you: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

² *The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshippers of their baptisms.*

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

Song of Praise | *Every Morning Mercies New* |



1 Ev - 'ry morn - ing mer - cies new Fall as fresh as
2 Still your kind - ness and your love Ev - 'ry day our
3 Let our prayers each morn pre - vail That these gifts may
4 As the morn - ing light re - turns, As the sun with



morn - ing dew; Ev - 'ry morn - ing let us pay
sins re - move; Dai - ly, far as east from west,
nev - er fail. And as we con - fess our sin
splen - dor burns, Teach us still to turn to you;



Trib - ute with the ear - ly day. For your mer - cies,
Lift the bur - den from the breast; Give un - bought to
And the temp - ter's pow'r with - in, Feed us with the
With your light our souls re - new. Then shall we our



Lord, are sure; Your com - pas - sion will en - dure.
those who pray Strength to live for you each day.
bread of life; Fit us for our dai - ly strife.
voic - es raise In un - fail - ing prayer and praise.

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray:

God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your Church, as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins, but in peace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



THE WORD

Children's Message

First Reading | *Jeremiah 31:1-9* |

"At that time," declares the LORD, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people."

²This is what the LORD says:

"The people who survive the sword
will find favor in the wilderness;
I will come to give rest to Israel."

³The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying:

"I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have continued my faithfulness to you..

⁴I will build you up again,
and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt.

Again you will take up your timbrels
and go out to dance with the joyful.

⁵Again you will plant vineyards
on the hills of Samaria;
the farmers will plant them
and enjoy their fruit.

⁶There will be a day when watchmen cry out
on the hills of Ephraim,

'Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.'"

⁷This is what the LORD says:

"Sing with joy for Jacob;
shout for the foremost of the nations.

Make your praises heard, and say,
'LORD, save your people,
the remnant of Israel.'

r⁸ See, I will bring them from the land of the north
and gather them from the ends of the earth.
Among them will be the blind and the lame,
expectant mothers and women in labor;
a great throng will return.
⁹ They will come with weeping;
they will pray as I bring them back.
I will lead them beside streams of water
on a level path where they will not stumble,
because I am Israel's father,
and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

L "The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

L Answer me when I call to you,

C My righteous God.

L Give me relief from my distress;

C Have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

L Tremble and do not sin;

C When you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.

L Offer the sacrifices of the righteous

C And trust in the LORD.

L Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?"

C Let the light of your face shine on us.

L In peace I will lie down and sleep,

C For you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Second Reading | *Revelation 3:14-22* |

¹⁴ "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. ¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

¹⁹ Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. ²⁰ Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

²¹ To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

□ The Gospel according to Mark, chapter ten.

⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

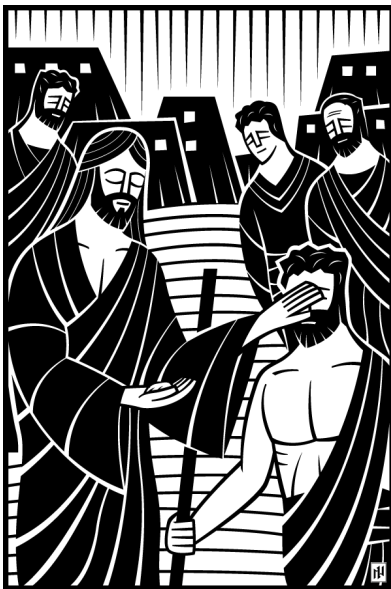
⁵¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

⁵² “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

□ The Gospel of the Lord.

■ Praise be to you, O Christ.



Hymn of the Day | *Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor* |

1. Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm—
When the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn,
In the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.
2. Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on—
When temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won,
Deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused;
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.
3. Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief—
Hopeless, somehow, O my soul now, lift your eyes to Calvary.
This my ballast of assurance, see his love forever proved;
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.
4. Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death—
When these trails give way to glory and we draw our final breath,
We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure,
And the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endure.

Christ, the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true—
We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Sermon | *Faith Sings With Joy, Even In Your Darkest Days* |

Jeremiah 31:1-9

Personal Sermon Notes

Confession of Faith | *Apostles' Creed* |

- ☐ 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.

Connect Cards | In your service folder, you will find *Connect 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 *Connect Card* in the offering plate by the door on your way out.

Prayer of the Church

- L** Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and for his working through the means of grace.
- C** **Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**
- L** Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.
- C** **Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**
- L** Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.
- C** **Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**
- L** Comfort all who are in sorry or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.
- C** **Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**
- L** Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.
- C** **Amen.**

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 ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Numbers 6:24

Song of Departure | *By Faith* |

- 1. By faith we see the hand of God—
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.**
- 2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of his promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.**

REFRAIN:

**We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.**

- 3. By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.**
- 4. By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth.**

REFRAIN.

- 5. By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon his name.**

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).

Idols We Never Knew We Had | We'll continue our bible study short after worship today. I encourage all you to stick around!

Theology on Tap | Join us Monday, October 25th, for Theology on Tap. Class will be at the church office (9820 Northcross Center Court Huntersville). We will meet for around an hour for an informal bible study. Feel free to bring food and drink. Please consider joining us.