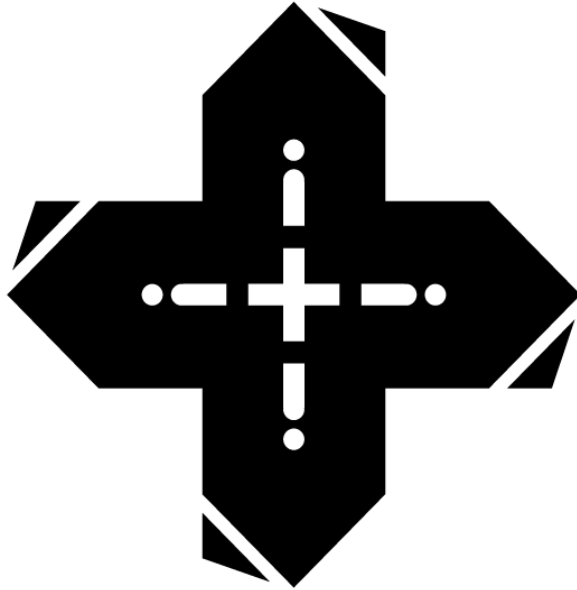


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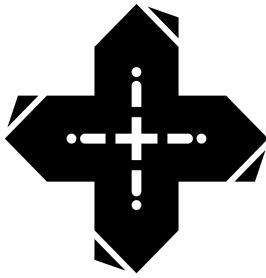


HUNTERSVILLE

Lutheran Church

MISSION FESTIVAL

10.12.25



Huntersville Lutheran

*A Changeless Message for
A Changing Community*

8000 McIlwaine Rd Huntersville, NC 28078

Worship @ 9:00am | Family Bible Hour @ 10:30 am

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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 through 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 gathering space, to the left of the kitchen. There is also a family restroom located in the classroom

Cry Room: If your little one needs some room to move around, head to the back of the sanctuary and you'll find a cry room. You can also go into the Classroom off the gathering space if you need more space.

Service Participants

Rev. Douglas R. Van Sice, *pastor of Huntersville Lutheran*

Rev. Caleb Kurbis, *pastor of a new mission in Erie, CO*

Mrs. Andrea Van Sice, *pianist*

About Our Guest Preacher | Pastor Caleb Kurbis

Pastor Caleb Kurbis served in Asheville, NC for 14 years and is now starting a new mission church in Erie, CO as of September 2025. But starting a church is not unfamiliar to him. In 2017, Pastor Kurbis and the members of Living Savior launched a second ministry site in neighboring Hendersonville, NC. Additionally, Pastor Kurbis has served on various commissions and committees for evangelism and discipleship. He loves outreach efforts and the encouragement of working with God's people to pursue the lost with the gospel. Together with his wife Sarah, they are blessed with four children: Micah, Madelyn, Jonah, and Elias. We are incredibly grateful to have Pastor Kurbis deliver a message from God's Word this morning!

About Huntersville Lutheran

Huntersville Lutheran is supported by, and are members of, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a collection of over 1,300 churches across the United States and Canada. Our mission is to show you 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. To find out more, visit our website: huntersvillelc.com.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Just before our Lord Jesus ascended into heaven, he gave his church a mission to carry out. He said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Surely, I am with you always to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20). Today, we have an opportunity to thank Jesus for the mission he has given to all of us and ask that he would bless all our missional endeavors—both locally and abroad.

Please Stand

Invocation

- ☐ In the name of God the Father
- ☒ **whose glory is declared by the heavens.**
- ☐ In the name of God the Son
- ☒ **who calls us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.**
- ☐ In the name of God the Holy Spirit
- ☒ **who empowers us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Amen.**
- ☐ Let us kneel before our Lord and Maker
- ☒ **and sing praises to our God and King.**
- ☐ Come, let us worship.



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?



Fields are ripe and har-vests wait-ing; who will bear the sheaves a-way?"



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; rich re-ward he of - fers thee.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?

- L** Gracious Lord, we come before you now confessing our sins. Through your Word you have revealed to us again and again the unsearchable riches of Christ, but again and again we have failed to recognize how richly we have been blessed.

We have often failed to fully appreciate all you have done for us in Christ, and therefore we have failed to share the message of your love and grace with others as we should. Forgive us for our dullness of faith and love for you.

- C** So often we have overlooked the needs of those who live near us and have shown so little concern for those who are far away. There is always so much more we could do to bring others the Good News of their Savior, Jesus Christ.



2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, if you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,



you can tell the love of Je - sus, you can say he died for all.
point - ing out the path to heav - en, of - f'ring life and peace to all,



If you can - not rouse the wick - ed with the judg - ment's dread a - larms,
with your prayers and with your of - f'ring you can do what God de - mands;



you can lead the lit - tle chil - dren to the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
you can be like faith - ful Aar - on, hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.

L Gracious Lord, we confess that we are in dire need of your Spirit's help. We need a heart that loves you more, a faith that trusts you more, a life that reflects more clearly the vast riches of your love.

C God, out of your glorious riches, strengthen us with power through your Spirit so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith and shine brilliantly through our words, our actions, and the entirety of our lives.

4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"

while the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing, and the Mas - ter calls for you.

Take the task he gives you glad - ly, let his work your plea - sure be;

an - swer quick - ly when he call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

L After his resurrection, Jesus breathed on his disciples and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

In his mercy, the Almighty God sent his Son to die as the atoning sacrifice for your 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 and of the Holy Spirit. You have peace with God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Song of Praise

From All That Dwell below the Skies



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre -
2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal



a - tor's praise a - rise. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
truth at - tends your Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung through ev - 'ry
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall



land, by ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
rise and set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



THE WORD

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray.

Merciful Father, your kindness caused the light of the gospel to shine among us. Use us now as instruments of your love to reach out with the message of salvation to all people. Bless those who labor in the mission fields far off and near, and grant success to their witness that many may be freed from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1–8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 98

- ☐ Sing to the LORD a new song,
- ☒ **for he has done marvelous things**
- ☐ His right hand and his holy arm
- ☒ **have worked salvation for him.**
- ☐ The LORD has made his salvation known
- ☒ **and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**
- ☐ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
- ☒ **burst into jubilant song with music.**
- ☐ Let the rivers clap their hands,
- ☒ **let the mountains sing together for joy**
- ☐ let them sing before the LORD,
- ☒ **for he comes to judge the earth.**
- ☐ He will judge the world in righteousness
- ☒ **and the peoples with equity.**

Second Reading

Colossians 4:2–6

²Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Luke 24:45–48

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

O Church, Arise
Christian Worship #870



1 O Church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; hear the
2 Our call to war— to love the cap - tive soul, but to
3 Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
4 So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give—



call of Christ our cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the
Son of God is strick - en; then see his foes lie crushed be -
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en.
wound - ed whole we will fight with faith and val - or.
neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en!
win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand a -
When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the
And as the stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e -
As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my bold whose bat - tle
out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for
merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
tri - umphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
which he died— an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.
for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

Personal Sermon Notes

Confession of Faith

The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed

- L** As God's witnesses, let us confess the message he has entrusted to us.
- C** **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.**
He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature,
purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and the power of the devil;
not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood,
and his innocent suffering and death.
All this he did so that I may be his own
and live under him in his Kingdom,
and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,
even as he is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns eternally.
This is most certainly true.
Amen.

Be Seated.

Prayer of the Church

- L** Loving Lord, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has given gifts to the church in the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. According to your will, raise up more workers and send them into harvest fields in our land and around the world.
- C** **By the power of your gospel, strengthen them so that they do not become discouraged but continue in the course you have set before them.**
- L** Pour out your wisdom on us, O Lord, through the working of your Spirit, as we train and prepare those who proclaim the everlasting gospel in their own communities and cultures. Help us to point them to the authority of your Word and to look for success in the witness of your love.
- C** **Let them see us as their partners in ministry as we work together around the world.**
- L** Lord, wherever we go, near or far, move us to share the gospel with eagerness and joy. Give us grace to be models to all so that our brothers and sisters might see our good works and glorify you. Plant in the hearts of your people a deeper desire to share the gospel with their lips and their gifts so that many more may come to know and believe the love of your Son.
- C** **May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. 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, simply scan the QR code. Guests, you are welcome to participate in supporting our ministry, but certainly do not feel obligated.*



Connect Card | *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. You may also request prayers be said on your behalf. Please place the connect card in the offering plates as they are passed around.*

Stand

Prayer

☐ Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

■ **Amen.**

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.

Blessing

- L** Now to our God who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work with us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!
- C** Amen.
- L** The blessing of the almighty God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—be with you and uphold you forever.
- C** Amen.

Song of Departure

Christ Be My Leader

Christian Worship #518



1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day;
2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way. ____
drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth. ____
death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor



Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care, ____
Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand, ____
dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain can



dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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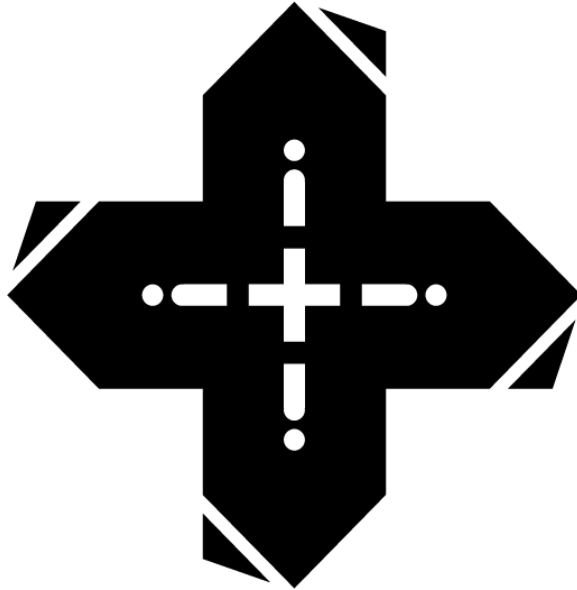
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