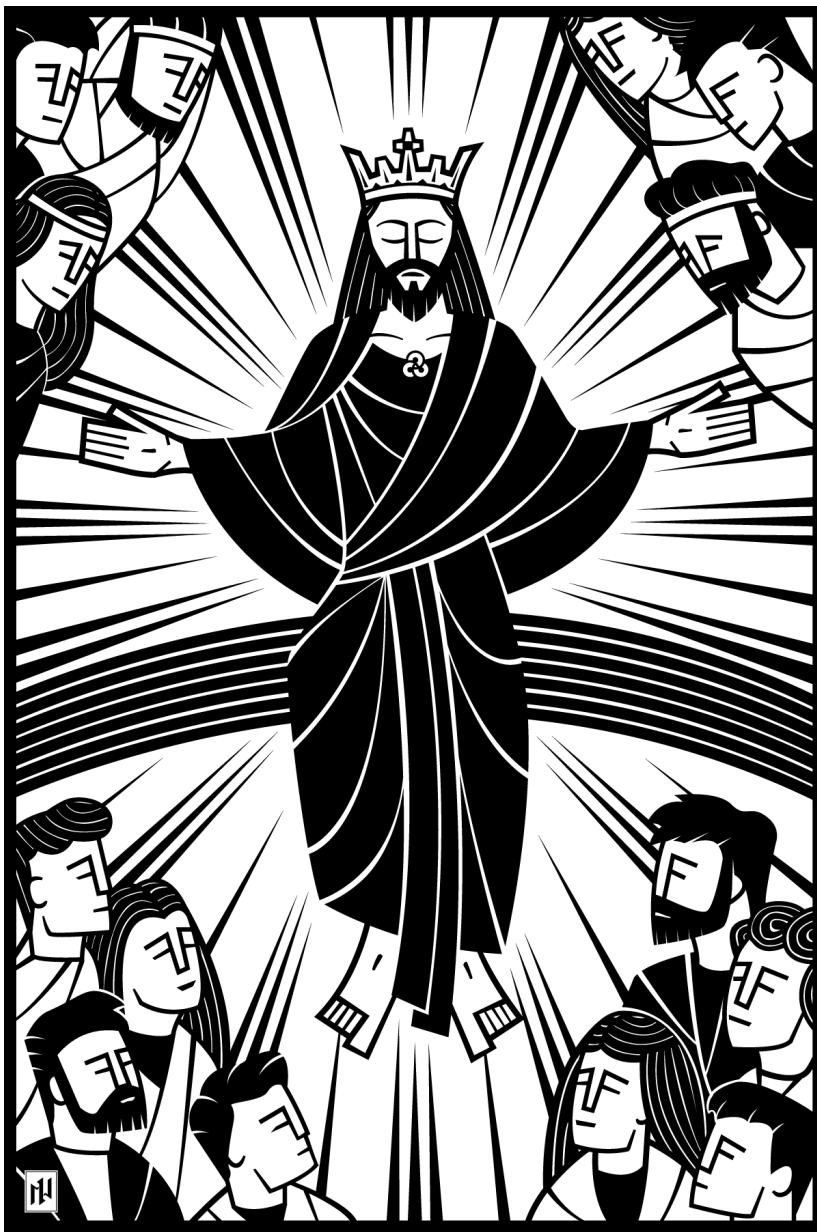
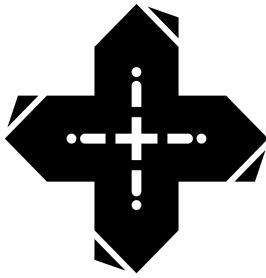




The Festival of All Saints

11.09.25



Huntersville Lutheran

*A Changeless Message for
A Changing Community*

8000 McIlwaine Rd Huntersville, NC 28078

Worship @ 9:00am | Family Bible Hour 10:15am

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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 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*

Mrs. Andrea Van Sice, *pianist*

Service Notes

~All Saints' Day~

For centuries, God's people have gathered to remember "the great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) that have gone in faith before them; those men, women, and children whose lives of faith serve as testimonies and examples for us as we wander through the desert of this world. But today is not a day where we worship the saints of old. No, today is a day when we "fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...so that we will not grow weary and lose heart" (Hebrews 12:2, 3).

On this day, the church holds before her eyes that great multitude which no one can count: all the saints of God in Christ—"from every nation, race, culture, and language—who have come out of the great tribulation...who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:9, 14). As such, this day sets before us the full height and depth and breadth and length of our dear Lord's gracious love and salvation (Ephesians 3:17-19).

This day shares with Easter a celebration of the resurrection, since all those who have died with Christ Jesus have also been raised with Him (Romans 6:3-8). It shares with Pentecost a celebration of the gathering of the entire Holy Christian Church—in heaven and on earth, in all times and places—in the one Body of Christ, in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. This is a day where we remember that "the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18)—the glory that the saints of old are already experiencing and the glory we will one day enjoy.

Today, we celebrate the comforting truth that "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living" (Luke 20:38) and that his saints live and reign with him.

About Huntersville Lutheran

Huntersville Lutheran is a community of believers planted in the heart of Lake Norman. 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. Huntersville Lutheran exists to connect Christ to people's hearts through the Gospel and, in so doing, create a connected community who loves and cares for both those who are connected and those who are waiting to find a connection. For find out more about us, visit our website: [**huntersvillelc.com**](http://huntersvillelc.com).



THE GATHERING

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.

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

C Amen.

L I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.

C They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

L And they cried out in a loud voice:

C Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne
and to the Lamb.

Revelation 7: 9, 10



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;



who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in dark - ness dwell, their one true light.



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

L All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying:

C Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen!

L Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

C I answered, "Sir, you know."

L And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation;

C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 7:11-14

3 Oh, may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold
4 Oh, blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old and
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet

win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
all are one in thee, for all are thine.

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

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some lines numbered 3 and 4. The score ends with a double bar line.

- L** The saints are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple;
- C** And he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.
- L** Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.
- C** For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of living water.
- L** And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
- C** Amen.

Revelation 7:15-17

5 And when the fight is fierce, the war-fare long,
 6 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west;
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: the

steals on the ear the dis-tant tri-umph-song, and
 soon, soon, to faith-ful war-riors com-eth rest;
 saints tri-um-phant rise in bright ar-ray; the

hearts are brave a-gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the blest.
 King of glo-ry pass-es on his way.

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

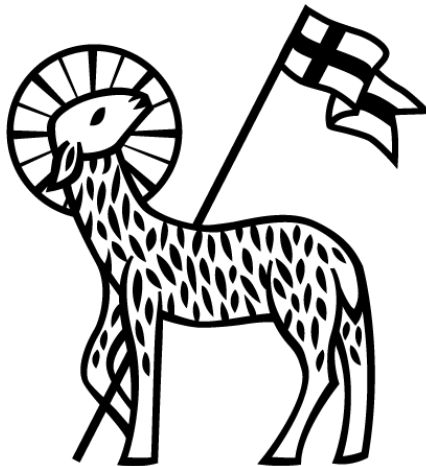
Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; 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



First Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

¹Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Dialogue of Comfort¹

- L** The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
- C** And no torment will ever touch them.
- L** In the eyes of the foolish they seem to have died
- C** And their departure was thought to be an evil thing,
- L** And their going from us to be their destruction;
- C** But they are at peace.
- L** For though in the sight of men they were punished,
- C** Their hope is full of immortality.
- L** Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
- C** Because God tested them and found them worthy of himself,
- L** Like gold in a furnace he tried them,
- C** And like a sacrificial whole burnt offering he accepted them.
- L** In the time of visitation they will shine forth
- C** And they will run like sparks through the stubble.
- L** They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
- C** And the Lord will reign over them forever.
- L** Those who trust in him will understand truth,
- C** And the faithful will abide with him in love,
- L** Because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
- C** And he watches over his chosen.

¹ These beautiful words were written sometime between 200BC and 100AD and have long been a source of comfort for countless Christians throughout the ages. They come from the apocryphal book of Wisdom of Solomon, chapter 3 (*apocrypha* is a Greek word that means "hidden" and refers to some 14-16 books written in the centuries God was silent, the time between the Old and New Testaments). Though not part of the Old Testament, there are a plethora of allusions to the Old Testament: Gen. 2, Ex. 16, Deut. 33, Job 19, 2 Sm. 22, Ps 18, 26, 66, Ecc. 2, Is. 48, Mal. 4 to name a few. With these words, the author seeks to remind us there is something better waiting for those who die in the Lord: life with him forever.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:32-40

³²And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

²⁰Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

²³“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.
For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

Jerusalem the Golden

Christian Worship #889



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest—
2 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!
3 The Christ is ev - er with them, the day-light is se - rene;



the sight of it re - fresh - es the wea - ry and op - pressed.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect,
the pas - tures of the bless - ed are ev - er rich and green.



I know not, oh, I know not what joys a - wait us there,
where they who with their lead - er have con - quered in the fight
There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased,



what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare:
for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of white:
the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast.



to sing the hymn un - end - ing with all the mar - tyr throng,
in mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us to that dear land of rest
To God en - throned in glo - ry the Church's voic - es blend,



a - midst the halls of Zi - on re - sound - ing full with song.
where sings the host of heav - en your glo - rious name to bless.
the Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, the Light that knows no end.

Personal Sermon Notes

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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

L With grateful hearts, Lord,

C **We remember before you this day**

L That great cloud of witnesses whose living trust in you, recorded in your Word, becomes an example for us to imitate and follow.

C **Inspire us as we remember them and grant us your blessing.**

L With grateful hearts, Lord,

C **We remember before you this day**

L The reformers and confessors who faced the terror of church and empire but stood firm in your truth because they were moved by grace, empowered by faith, and guided by Scripture.

C **Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their courage.**

L With grateful hearts, Lord,

C **We remember before you this day**

L Your faithful followers of every age—among them our parents and grandparents and our mentors and models—whom your Spirit called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified to be your holy Church and by whose faithful words and deeds the gospel of your grace arrived also to us.

C **Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their resolve.**

L With grateful hearts, Lord,

C **We remember before you this day**

L Our own loved ones whose memories still burn within our hearts, whom you have called in your good time from their labors in life to that life which knows no end.

C **Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their reward.**

L Empower us, Lord, to carry on the work you gave to your people of the past, trusting your Son, holding to your Word, confessing your truth, loving the lost, reaching out with your love, until you call us, too, by your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them where memories are swallowed up in everlasting joy.

C **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 to the right. 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. In addition, you may request prayers be said on your behalf today. Place your connect card in the offering plate on your way out the door this morning.*

Prayer

L 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.

C 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** 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.

Song of Departure

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

Christian Worship #641



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bidē, for round us
2 In these last days of sore dis - tress grant us, dear
4 Lord Je - sus, help, your Church up - hold, for we are
5 O keep us in your Word, we pray; the guile and
7 O grant that in your ho - ly Word we here may



falls the e - ven - tide, nor let your Word,
Lord, true stead - fast - ness that pure we keep,
slug - gish, thought - less, cold. O pros - per well
rage of Sa - tan stay. Oh, may your mer -
live and die, dear Lord; and when our jour -



that heav'n-ly light, for us be ev - er veiled in night.
till life is spent, your ho - ly Word and sac - ra - ment.
your Word of grace, and spread its truth in ev - 'ry place.
cy nev - er cease; give con - cord, pa-tience, cour - age, peace.
ney's end - ing here, re - ceive us in - to glo - ry there.