



*the Baptism of our Lord*

*Huntersville Lutheran*

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# Huntersville Lutheran

*A Changeless Message for  
A Changing Community*

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

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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 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 Van Sice, *pastor of Huntersville Lutheran*

Mrs. Michelle Fouts, *pianist*

# Service Notes

## ~The Baptism of Our Lord~

Today, we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, which is observed each year on the Sunday after the Epiphany. This marks the beginning of Christ's public ministry here on earth. Jesus appears as the Christ, the Anointed One. The titles "Christ" and "Messiah" both mean "the Anointed One." Since the days of Othniel (Judges 3:10), the Spirit of the Lord empowered God's heroes to do his saving work. At his baptism, God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power and declared this son of Mary to be the Son of God—the one anointed to be the Savior of Mankind.

The service this morning is also a reminder of what God has done for us in the waters of baptism: cleansed us of our sins, adopted us as his own dear children, and made us heirs of eternal life.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

*This morning, as we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord, we use a confession and absolution that draws our attention and focus to holy baptism. In his baptism, Jesus wades into the muck and mire of our sin to be our substitute. He goes into the waters of baptism clean and comes out marked for death. In our baptism, we enter the waters marked for death and come out cleansed: cleansed from sin and death. In baptism, we are forgiven and made children of our Father in heaven.*

### Opening Hymn

*Baptized into Your Name Most Holy*

*Christian Worship #680, vv1-3*



1 Bap-tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me to be hence-forth your  
3 My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; your prom - ise sure - ly



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me  
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er



a - mong your saints, your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
the fruit of all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
if words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I



dead to sin, your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
com - fort me when threat - ning clouds a - round I see.  
come de - filed; for - give, lift up, re - store your child.

## REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

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

**C** Amen.

**L** Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore 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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin and by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**C** **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

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

## Renunciation and Confession of Faith

- As Scripture plainly teaches, Baptism removes our sins and gives us new life in Christ our Lord. We solemnly confess our sins, renounce the devil and all his works and ways, and we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

- 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.**

- God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

- Amen.**

- Now, having repented of your sins and having received absolution from God, I ask you to confess your Christian faith before God and your brothers and sisters in Christ:

I ask you: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

- Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

- Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

- Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

- Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

- Yes, 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.**

**L** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C** **Yes, 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.**

**L** Do you intended to continue in this faith, to be diligent in the use of Word and Sacrament and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

**C** **Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

**L** The almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, will strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you and with your spirit.

**C** **And also with you. Amen.**

## Song of Praise

*Baptized into Your Name Most Holy  
Christian Worship #680, vv4*

4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— re - ceive it all, O  
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;  
help me your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I  
am or own serve an - y will but yours a - lone.



# THE WORD

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**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**L** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; 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

Isaiah 42:1-7

<sup>1</sup>“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom I delight;  
I will put my Spirit on him,  
and he will bring justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup>He will not shout or cry out,  
or raise his voice in the streets.  
<sup>3</sup>A bruised reed he will not break,  
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.  
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;  
<sup>4</sup>he will not falter or be discouraged  
till he establishes justice on earth.  
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”  
<sup>5</sup>This is what God the LORD says—  
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,  
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,  
who gives breath to its people,  
and life to those who walk on it:  
<sup>6</sup>“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;  
I will take hold of your hand.  
I will keep you and will make you  
to be a covenant for the people  
and a light for the Gentiles,  
<sup>7</sup>to open eyes that are blind,  
to free captives from prison  
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 45

- My heart is stirred by a noble theme
- as I recite my verses for the king.**
- You are the most excellent of men
- and your lips have been anointed with grace.**
- Gird your sword on your side, you mighty one;
- clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.**
- Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
- a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.**
- You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
- therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions.**
- I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;
- therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.**

## Second Reading

Acts 10:34–38

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup>but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup>You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

- The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.**

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## Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup>But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

<sup>15</sup>Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup>As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated

## Hymn of the Day

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord  
Christian Worship #377

1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, the Christ, whom  
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— the Son of  
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood and John bap -  
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound came God's own

heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, the God from God, the  
 God in flesh dis - guised— to stand be - neath the  
 tized the Lamb of God, the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 voice with words pro - found: "This is my Son," was



Light from Light, the Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
Fa - ther's will and all his prom - is - es ful - fill.  
heav'n - ly dove, de - scend - ed on him from a - bove.  
his de - cree, "the one I love, who pleas - es me."

1. 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
anointed Christ in glorious sight  
as God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
to save the world and free us all.
2. 6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

**Sermon**

Acts 10:34-48

Personal Sermon Notes

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## 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 truly 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.**

*Be seated*

## Prayer of the Church

*When the leader says, "Lord, in your mercy," the congregation responds, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

## 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 or click on the "Give" tab in HLC's app. 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.*



# 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.*

## Preface

- The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.**
- Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them up to the Lord.**
- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
- It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- L** We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with 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.

## Words of Institution

☐ 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.

☐ Amen.

# Jesus, Lamb of God

*Agnus Dei*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

The musical score consists of seven staves of music in G minor (one flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first two staves form the first phrase, the next two staves form the second phrase, and the final three staves form the third phrase. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a clear vocal line.

*Be seated*

## Distribution

Stand

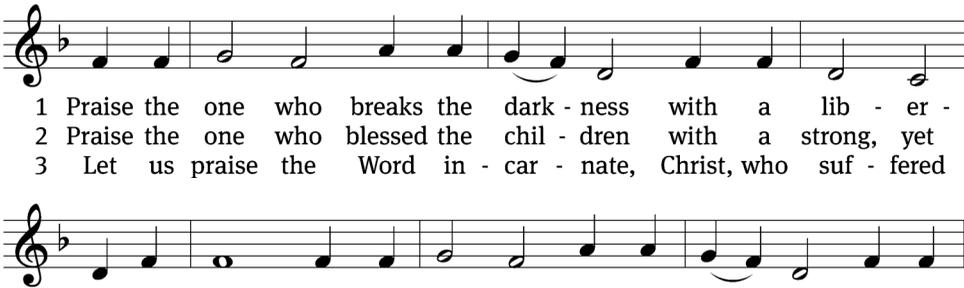
- L** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
- C** **his mercy endures forever.**
- L** Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
- C** **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**
- L** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **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.**

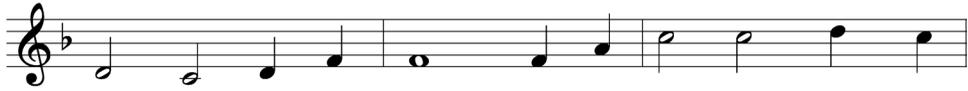
## Song of Departure

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*  
*Christian Worship #517*



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness with a lib - er -  
2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren with a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered

at - ing light; praise the one who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing  
gen - tle, word; praise the one who drove out de - mons with the  
in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious that we



blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the  
pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool  
may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, calm - ing  
wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand; from this  
glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done; let us



storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the Fa - ther's word of peace.  
well comes liv - ing wa - ter, quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, praise the one who makes us one.