



Huntersville Lutheran

A Changeless Message for

A Changing Community

8000 McIlwaine Rd Huntersville, NC 28078

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

Pastor@huntersvillelc.com | huntersvillelc.com | 248-807-3057

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 Van Sice, *pastor of Huntersville Lutheran*

Mrs. Michelle Fouts, *pianist*



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

Let All Things Now Living

Christian Worship #507

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 His law he en - forc - es; the stars in their cours - es and

God the Cre - a - tor tri - um-phantly raise, who fash - ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine. The hills and the

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the

on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us; his
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We, too, should be voic - ing our

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
love and re - joic - ing. With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing: "To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession

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.

Silence for meditation and reflection

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 forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

The Word Kyrie is a Greek word from the phrase Kyrie Eleison which means, "Lord, have mercy!" This is the most heartfelt cry of a believer to their 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. Christians have been praying the Kyrie at Sunday worship for more than 1700 years. This morning, may it also be our heartfelt cry to our God and King.

L In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Amen.

Song of Praise



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, ac - tive and
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man-sions; ban - ish our
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you; sing - ing, we of - fer
weak-ness, health and whole-ness send - ing; bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion: thus we a - dore you.
where your saints u - nit - ed joy with-out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound-ing through all cre - a - tion.



THE WORD

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with you in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6-11

⁶“This is what the LORD says—

Israel’s King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty:
I am the first and I am the last;
apart from me there is no God.

⁷Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and lay out before me
what has happened since I established my ancient people,
and what is yet to come—
yes, let them foretell what will come.

⁸Do not tremble, do not be afraid.

Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?
You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?
No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

⁹All who make idols are nothing,
and the things they treasure are worthless.
Those who would speak up for them are blind;
they are ignorant, to their own shame.

¹⁰Who shapes a god and casts an idol,
which can profit nothing?

¹¹People who do that will be put to shame;
such craftsmen are only human beings.
Let them all come together and take their stand;
they will be brought down to terror and shame.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 19

- ☐ They have no speech, they use no words;
- ☒ **no sound is heard from them.**
- ☐ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
- ☒ **their words to the ends of the world.**
- ☐ The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.
- ☒ **The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.**
- ☐ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;
- ☒ **they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.**
- ☐ By them your servant is warned;
- ☒ **in keeping them there is great reward.**
- ☐ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
- ☒ **be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.**

Second Reading

Romans 1:18–25

¹⁸The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

²¹For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

²⁴Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. ²⁵They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

²⁴Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷“The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

²⁸“ ‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

²⁹“ ‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’ ”

³⁶Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

³⁷He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰“As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴²They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

Come, You Thankful People, Come

Christian Worship #491



- 1 Come, you thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home,
- 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
wheat and weeds to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,
gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, shall pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast,
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come with all your an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har-vest home.

Sermon

Exodus 3:1-15

Nothing Other Than Mercy

Personal Sermon Notes

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."***

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.**

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

This Liturgy for the celebration of the Sacrament is based on Martin Luther's Die Deutsche Messe (The German Mass) written in 1526. When Luther wrote this Liturgy 500 years ago, his goal was not to invent something new. Rather, he wanted an order of service in which people could participate and understand in their native tongue (most church liturgies and services in the west were in Latin—the language of the church). He also wanted a liturgy that removed distracting elements, returning it to a form that had as its focal point the proclamation of the Word and the administration of the sacrament. 500 years later, Luther's revisions to the Mass remain invaluable to us 21st century Christians worshipping Jesus.

Exhortation

- L** Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather to celebrate the Testament of our Lord, let us take to heart the words of Christ by which he imparted to us his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

Let us remember and give thanks for his boundless love, which he proved to us when he redeemed us from God's wrath, from sin, death, and from hell by his own precious blood.

Let us faithfully confess that in this bread and wine—which are his body and blood—we receive the pledge and guarantee of his forgiveness.

Let us receive and enjoy this Sacrament according to the command that Christ gave, and glorify the name of the one who has so richly blessed us with this meal.

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.

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.

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 O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

From All That Dwell below the Skies

Christian Worship #605



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!

Acknowledgments

Setting Two from Christian Worship

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.TM Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide.

Liturgical and musical settings of Scripture based on text from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.TM Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide.

Software distributed in partnership with Northwestern Publishing House.

Created by Christian Worship: Service Builder © 2026 Concordia Publishing House.