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Lutheran Church

SUNDAYS OF EASTER

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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 Van Sice, *pastor of Huntersville Lutheran*

Mrs. Michelle Fouts, *pianist*

Service Notes

~Sundays of Easter~

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is the beating heart of the gospel and the linchpin of your faith. The Apostle Paul says, "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive (1 Corinthians 15:14, 20-22). Jesus' resurrection is what gives your faith meaning, what brings comfort amid sorrows, and what offers you hope for the life to come.

Easter is a victory celebration, a time for all Christians to proclaim boldly their faith in a risen and victorious savior. For the early Christians, and for us, Easter is not merely one day. It is a whole season that also includes the celebration of Jesus' ascension. As one author put it, "Easter is not only the focal point of our faith (the intellectual side), but this is really when the church parties (the emotional side)." The season of Easter, known as "The Great Fifty Days," was the first liturgical season of the church year to be celebrated in the first three centuries of the early church. For fifty days, the church rightfully continues the celebration of Jesus' resurrection and what it means.

Throughout the Season of Easter, each Sunday has a special emphasis. Several Sundays recount Jesus' miraculous and mysterious post-Easter appearances. In ancient times, the Second Sunday of Easter was known as White Sunday. The men, women, and children who were baptized at the Easter Vigil wore white robes as a sign of their baptismal renewal. The Fourth Sunday of Easter, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, recalls the manifold references in John's Gospel to Jesus being our Good Shepherd. The final Sunday in the Season of Easter is reserved for the celebration of the Ascension and also sets the scene for the sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

As we journey together through The Great Fifty Days, God grant us hearts of joy as we continue to celebrate the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. 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

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Christian Worship #920



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful all the gifts they
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
ask to gain; what they gain from you for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion speak with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Easter Dialogue

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L This is the day the Lord has made.

C We will rejoice and be glad in it.

L I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

C Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

L I will not die, but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

L The Lord's right hand is majestic in power. The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy.

C Death has been swallowed up in victory.

L The Lord will not abandon me to the grave. He has made known to me the path of life.

C Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

L Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

C Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

L I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

C The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

Song of Praise

This is the Feast



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



blood set us free — to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, — bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



THE WORD

During the Sundays of Easter, the First Reading is going to look different. Typically, the First Reading is from the Old Testament. Through the 50 Days of Easter, the Old Testament reading is replaced with a reading from the Acts of the Apostles. This is to show how the message of the resurrection was the spark that ignited the growth and spread of the early Christian church.

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; 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

Acts 4:8–12

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹Jesus is

“ ‘the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.’

¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 9B

- The LORD reigns forever;
- he has established his throne for judgment.**
- He rules the world in righteousness
- and judges the peoples with equity.**
- The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed,
- a stronghold in times of trouble.**
- Those who know your name trust in you,
- for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.**
- LORD, see how my enemies persecute me!
- Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death,**
- that I may declare your praises in the gates of Daughter Zion,
- and there rejoice in your salvation.**
- The LORD is known by his acts of justice;
- the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands.**
- But God will never forget the needy;
- the hope of the afflicted will never perish.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4–10

⁴As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 14:1-11

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

⁹Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

Do Not Let Your Hearts be Troubled

Christian Worship #809

The soloist will introduce the refrain and sing the verses. The congregation is invited to sing the refrain as indicated.

Refrain

Do not let your hearts be troubled; have faith in God and faith in me. I will go forth to prepare a place for you; then I'll come back to take you with me, that where I am, you may also be.

Refrain

Refrain

In God's house there are many places
for you to dwell in peace and safety.
You know the way to where I'll lead you;
if you are lost, I will show the way.

Refrain

I am the way, the truth, and the life;
only through me can you know what I know.
If you knew me, you would know the Father;
if you see me, you see your God.

Refrain

The words I speak are not only of myself;
it is your God who lives within me.
If you believe that your God and I are one,
I will provide when you call my name.

Refrain

Sermon

John 14:1-11

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, "...let us pray to the Lord..." the congregation responds, **"Lord, have mercy."**

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

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 by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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.

Lamb of God

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
5 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky, hell's fierce



our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast -
pow'rs be - neath you lie. You have con - quered in the fight,



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
you have brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Christian Worship #563



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no
his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; when ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in him be found, clothed in his right - eous -



oth - er claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Announcements

Ascension Day Pig Roast | 40 Days after Jesus rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, reclaiming his rightful place as King of kings. From heaven, the King rules over all things for our good, both earthly and eternal. To celebrate this momentous day, we'll be having a pig roast on Saturday, May 16th. Arrive anytime after 4pm for an evening of great food, fun, and community. Scan the QR Code to RSVP and sign up to bring a dish to pass.



Vicar Assignment Service | On Wednesday, May 20th, at 8pm, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS) will hold their Vicar Assignment Service. 44 young men will find out where they will spend their vicar (intern) year. We will find on that night who will be assigned to us. For those who want to watch the assignment service, scan the QR code and it will bring you to WLS' YouTube page.



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