

been completely removed or become dead, yet He will not punish or remember it.

Such faith, renewal, and forgiveness of sins are followed by good works. What is still sinful or imperfect in them will not be counted as sin or defect, for Christ's sake. The entire individual, both his person and his works, is declared to be righteous and holy from pure grace and mercy, shed upon us and spread over us in Christ. Therefore, we cannot boast of many merits and works, if they are viewed apart from grace and mercy. As it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord"; namely, that he has a gracious God. For with that, all is well. We say, besides, that if good works do not follow, the faith is false and not true

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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

##### The Week Ahead

Today	5pm	Pastor at Oxford Lutheran Mission
24 Jan	3.15pm	Drama Club (Orchard Lea Jr.)
25 Jan	1pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	3pm	Devotion at Merry Hall
26 Jan	7.45pm	Bible Study (Parsonage)
28 Jan	10am	ELCE Worship Conference at St. Paul's, Borehamwood
29 Jan	10.30am	Morning service (Scout Hall)
<b>Further ahead</b>		
31 Jan	3.15pm	Drama Club
1 Feb	1pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
2 Feb	7.45pm	Bible Study (Parsonage)
4 Feb	5.30pm	Saturday Supper (Scout Hall)
5 Feb	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

#### Next Sunday's Readings:

*Jonah 1:1-17; Rom. 8:18-23; Matt. 8:23-27*

#### Daily Readings:

Sun: Joel 2:1-17 Romans 11:1-24 *Large Catechism IV: 17-31*  
 Mon: Joel 2:18-32 Rom 11:25-12:13 *LC IV: 32-46*  
 Tue: Joel 3:1-21 Rom 12:14-13:14 *LC IV: 47-55*  
 Wed: Zechariah 1:1-21 Rom 14:1-23 *LC IV: 56-67*  
 Thu: Zech 2:1-3:10 Rom 15:1-13 *LC IV: 68-86*  
 Fri: Zech 4:1-5:11 Rom 15:14-33 *LC V: 1-14*  
 Sat: Zech 6:1-7:14 Rom 16:17-27 *LC V: 15-30*

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
22 January 2012

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#### A note to visitors

We are delighted to have you with us this morning to receive the Lord's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

#### The Offering

This morning, members of this church are privileged to give to the Lord for the work of His church in this community and throughout the world. For God loves a cheerful giver. Visitors should not feel obliged in any way to contribute to the offering plate.

#### Holy Communion

It is our desire that all people receive the body and blood of our Lord at this altar! However, our Lord has told us in His Word that His body and blood, given into our mouths, are powerful and not to be given or received lightly or in a careless way. Therefore, in respecting the Word of the Lord that anyone who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner is doing harm to themselves, and that He desires that all who commune together be truly united in the confession of the truth, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the Lutheran Confessions and are under our pastor's care come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

All who are visiting us and who desire to commune with us are asked to first speak with our pastor before the service, so that all can make an informed decision about participating with us in our fellowship in this place. *We are not condemning anyone with this practice*; we seek only to follow the Word of the Lord and carry out responsible pastoral care.

**Thank you for honouring our beliefs.**

#### A note on the service:

*Both the hymns and the order of service are found in the Lutheran Service Book. The outline of the service is given in this bulletin. The congregation stands for the parts of the service printed in italics and sits for the rest.*

*The numbers in the bulletin refer to page numbers in the hymnal, where Psalm 1 is also page one, and the first hymn is 331, following page 330.*

*It helps to follow the service if you use this service bulletin as a bookmark.*

402 Hymn: *The Only Son from Heaven*

## 184 Confession and Absolution

*Catechism*

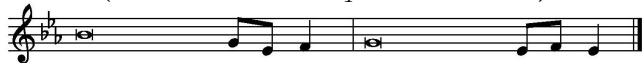
**P** The Creed, the Second Article

**C** And 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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** What does this mean?

**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, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

*Introit* (Ps. 97:1, 10–12; antiphon: Ps. 97:6, 9)



**L** The heavens proclaim his | righteousness,\*  
and all the peoples see his | glory.

**C** For you, O LORD, are most high over | all  
the earth;\*

you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

**L** The LORD reigns, let the | earth rejoice;\*  
let the many coast- | lands be glad!

**C** O you who love the LORD, hate | evil!\*  
He preserves the lives of his saints; he  
delivers them from the hand of  
the | wicked.

**L** Light is sown for the | righteous,\*  
and joy for the up- | right in heart.

**C** Rejoice in the LORD, O you | righteous,\*  
and give thanks to his | holy name!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit,  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen

**L** The heavens proclaim his | righteousness,\*  
and all the peoples see his | glory.

3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood avails for me.
5. Look unto Him, ye nations, own  
Your God, ye fallen race;  
Look, and be saved through faith alone,  
Be justified by grace.
6. See all your sins on Jesus laid:  
The Lamb of God was slain,  
His soul was once an offering made  
For every soul of man.
7. To God all glory, praise and love  
Be now and ever given,  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heaven.

*Charles Wesley (1707–88)*

## Sunday School Presentation

## IN OUR PRAYERS

## Members

Ron Miller

## Family and friends of members

Lucy, Diana; Frank Knibbs; Helen Kriewaldt; Eric Hinkley; Johann Wiebusch; Claire; Margaret & Patrick Tustin; Brian, Jan & family; Lisa; Julie; Corrine & family; Cynthia; Marie & family; Diane; Jean; Sally; Claire and Phil; Gina & family; Molly; Julie Gardner; Christine; Georgie and Nigel; Geoff & family

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church; Pr. Samiec; Jean Leed; Boor family; Van Fossan family; Pr. Effiong & family

## The Church of God

St. Columba, Fareham; Pr. Yousef Nadarkhani

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

## THE SMALCALD ARTICLES

## PART III, ARTICLE XIII: JUSTIFICATION

I do not know how to change in the least what I have previously and constantly taught about justification. Namely, that through faith, as St. Peter says, we have a new and clean heart, and God will and does account us entirely righteous and holy for the sake of Christ, our Mediator. Although sin in the flesh has not yet

to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup>For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” <sup>10</sup>When Jesus heard this, he marvelled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. <sup>11</sup>I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, <sup>12</sup>while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” <sup>13</sup>And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

191 *The Nicene Creed*

559 Hymn: Oh, How Great is Your Compassion

Sermon

192 *The Offertory*

193 *Prayer of the Church*

Offering

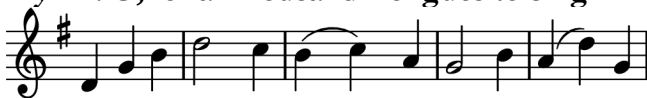
620 Hymn: Jesus Comes Today with Healing

194 *The Service of the Sacrament*

199 *Nunc Dimittis and Post-Communion Prayers*

202 *Blessing*

Hymn: O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1. O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Re-



deem-er's praise, The glor-ies of my



God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honours of thy name.

**C** For you, O LORD, are most high over | all the earth;\*

you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

186 *Kyrie*

187 *Gloria in excelsis*

189 *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Readings

*Jesus Came for Gentiles, Too*

The Gospel of Christ is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Gentile (Rom. 1:8-17). Even in the Old Testament, the Gentiles were beneficiaries of God's saving power. Though unimpressed at first with the Word of God, a Syrian commander is persuaded to receive that Word, and in the water he is cleansed and brought to faith in the God of Israel (2 Kings 5:1-15a). Evil is overcome by good (Rom. 12:16-21). So also in the New Testament, a Roman centurion demonstrates great and humble faith in the Lord (Matt. 8:1-13). All he needs is the Word of Christ, for he trusts that Jesus' Word of healing has authority to accomplish what it says. And indeed it does. The centurion's faith is praised by our Lord above that of any Israelite. For the last shall be first, and the first last. Apart from faith in Christ, there is no salvation—not even for a Jew—but only weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Old Testament reading—2 Kings 5:1-15a

<sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favour, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valour, but he was a leper. <sup>2</sup>Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, “Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.” <sup>4</sup>So Naaman went in and told his lord, “Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel.” <sup>5</sup>And the king of Syria said, “Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel.”

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. <sup>6</sup>And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, “When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that

you may cure him of his leprosy.” <sup>7</sup>And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me.”

<sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel.” <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha’s house. <sup>10</sup>And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.” <sup>11</sup>But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, “Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants came near and said to him, “My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” <sup>14</sup>So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. <sup>15</sup>Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him.

**Gradual** (*Ps. 102:15–16*)

**☐ Nations will fear the name | of the LORD,\*  
and all the kings of the earth will fear  
your | glory.  
For the LORD builds up | Zion;\*  
he appears in his | glory.**

**Epistle Reading—Romans 1:8–17**

<sup>8</sup>First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. <sup>9</sup>For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you <sup>10</sup>always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God’s will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. <sup>11</sup>For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—<sup>12</sup>that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine. <sup>13</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. <sup>14</sup>I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. <sup>15</sup>So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

<sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup>For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

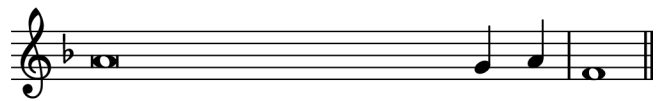
**Alleluia & Verse** (*Ps. 97:1*)



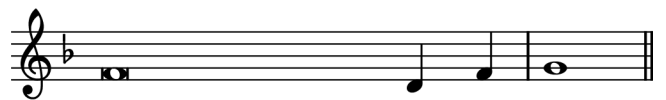
**☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu -**



**ia. Al - le - lu - - ia.**



**The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;\***



**let the many coast - lands be glad!**



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**Gospel Reading—Matthew 8:1–13**

**☐** The ✠ holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighth chapter.



**☐ Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!**

When [Jesus] came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. <sup>2</sup>And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” <sup>3</sup>And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”

<sup>5</sup>When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, “Lord, my servant is lying paralysed at home, suffering terribly.”

<sup>7</sup>And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.”

<sup>8</sup>But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy