

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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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. (*continued overleaf*)

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.

Divine Service III

LSB 184

Hymn: Thou, Whose Almighty Word

1. Thou, whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And, where the Gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!
2. Thou, who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O, now to all mankind
Let there be light!
3. Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight!
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the gifts of grace,
And, in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!
4. Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world far and wide,
Let there be light!

John Marriott (1780–1825)

184 Confession and Absolution

Catechism

P The Lord's Prayer, the Second Petition

C Thy kingdom come.

P What does this mean?

C The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

P How does God's kingdom come?

C God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Introit (Psalm 91:1–2, 9–10, 13; antiphon: Psalm 91:15a, c, 16)



L When he calls to me, I will | answer him;*
I will rescue him and | honour him.

C With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.”

L He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most
High*

will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

C I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and
my | fortress,*
my God, in | whom I trust.”

L Because you have made the LORD your | dwell-
ing place—*

the Most High, who is my | refuge—

C no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.

L You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*
the young lion and the serpent you will
trample | underfoot.

C 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 When he calls to me, I will | answer him;*
I will rescue him and | honour him.

C With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.”

186 Kyrie

189 Salutation and Collect of the Day

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that, following our Saviour, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 Does Battle in Our Place

In the Garden, man exalts himself to be a god in place of God (Gen. 3:1-21). He succumbs to the

temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit, he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness, God humbles Himself to become man in place of man (Mt. 4:1-11). He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be restored to life. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath, Satan (1 Samuel 17:40-51). Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He comes in the name of the Lord of hosts. He draws from the five smooth stones of the books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the grace of God in vain (2 Cor. 6:1-10), but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need (Heb 4:14-16).

Old Testament reading—Genesis 3:1–21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of

your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” ¹⁶To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” ¹⁷And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” ²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Gradual (*Psalm 91:11–12*)

**☐ For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.
On their hands they will | bear you up,*
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a
stone.**

Epistle Reading—2 Corinthians 6:1–10

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, “In a favourable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favourable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honour and dishonour, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Tract (Psalm 91: 1, 4a, 15a, 16)

L He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most
High*

will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

C He will cover you with his | pinions,*
and under his wings you will
find | refuge.

L When he calls to me, I will | answer him;*
I will be with him in | trouble.

C With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.”

Gospel Reading—Matthew 4:1–11

L The ✠ holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the fourth chapter.



C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”” ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”” ⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”” ¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

191 *The Nicene Creed*

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Sunday School Presentation

IN OUR PRAYERS

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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THE LARGE CATECHISM PART III: THE LORD'S PRAYER, SIXTH PETITION

If our dear Lord was tempted by the devil himself, will we not be also? Jesus, the Son of God in the flesh, quoted Scripture in the face of temptation. In praying the Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer we do likewise, for our flesh is wont to be led astray.

And lead us not into temptation.

... even though we are godly now and stand before God with a good conscience, we must pray again that He would not allow us to fall again and yield to trials and temptations.

Temptation, however, is of three kinds: of the flesh, of the world, and of the devil. For we dwell in the flesh and carry the old Adam about our neck. He exerts himself and encourages us daily to unchastity, laziness, gluttony and drunkenness, greed and deception, to defraud our neighbour and to overcharge him [Galatians 5:19-21; Colossians 3:5-8]. In short, the old Adam encourages us to have all kinds of evil lusts, which cling to us by nature ...

Next comes the world, which offends us in word and deed. It drives us to anger and impatience. In short, there is nothing but hatred and envy, hostility,

violence and wrong, unfaithfulness, vengeance, cursing, railing, slander, pride and haughtiness, with useless finery, honour, fame, and power. No one is willing to be the least. Everyone desires to sit at the head of the group and to be seen before all [Luke 14:7-11].

Then comes the devil, pushing and provoking in all directions. But he especially agitates matters that concern the conscience and spiritual affairs. He leads us to despise and disregard both God's Word and works. He tears us away from faith, hope, and love [1 Corinthians 13:13], and he brings us into misbelief, false security, and stubbornness. Or, on the other hand, he leads us to despair, denial of God, blasphemy, and innumerable other shocking things.

... This, then, is what "lead us not into temptation" means. ... While we live in the flesh and have the devil around us, no one can escape his temptation and lures. It can only mean that we must endure trials—indeed, be engulfed in them [2 Tim. 2:3]. Paragraphs 99-106

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

Today	5pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
28 Feb	3.15pm	Drama Club
29 Feb	10.30am	Bible Study at the Parsonage
	1pm	Pastor's Surgery at the Hub
1 Mar	7.30pm	Lenten Vespers (St. Francis, Funtley)
3 Mar	5.30pm	Saturday Supper (Scout Hall)
4 Mar	10.30pm	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

Further ahead

6 Mar	3.15pm	Drama Club
7 Mar	10.30am	Bible Study at the Parsonage
	1pm	Pastor's Surgery at the Hub
8 Mar	7.30pm	Lenten Vespers (St. Francis, Funtley)
11 Mar	10.30am	Morning Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
14 Mar	<i>No Bible Study</i>	

Next Sunday's Readings:

Genesis 32:22–32; 1 Thessalonians 4:1–7; Matthew 15:21–28

Daily Readings:

Sun: Genesis 4:1–26 Mark 2:18–28 *Formula of Concord Solid Declaration I: 1–4*

Mon: Gen 6:1–7:5 Mark 3:1–19 *FC SD I: 5–15*

Tue: Gen 7:11–8:12 Mark 3:20–35 *FC SD I: 16–32*

Wed: Gen 8:13–9:17 *Gen 9:18–11:26* Mark 4:1–20 *FC SD I: 33–42*

Thu: Gen 11:27–12:20 Mark 4:21–41 *FC SD I: 43–49*

Fri: Gen 13:1–18 *Gen 14:1–24* Mark 5:1–20 *FC SD I: 50–57*

Sat: Gen 15:1–21 Mark 5:21–43 *FC SD I: 58–62*