

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Reminiscere
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**I will not let you go unless you
bless me**

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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
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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.

Divine Service III

LSB 184

770 *Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

184 *Confession and Absolution*

Catechism

P The Third Petition

C **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

P What does this mean?

C **The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**

P How is God's will done?

C **God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.**

Introit (Ps. 25:1–2a, 7–8, 11; antiphon: Ps. 25:6, 2b, 22)



L Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*

for they have been | from of old.

C **Let not my enemies exult | over me.***

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

L To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

- C** Remember not the sins of my youth or my
trans- | gressions;*
according to your steadfast love
remember me, for the sake of your
goodness, | **O LORD!**
- L** Good and upright | is the LORD;*
therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.
- C** For your name's sake, | **O LORD,***
pardon my guilt, for | it is great.
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** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and
your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.
- C** Let not my enemies exult | over me.*
Redeem Israel, O God, out of all
his | troubles.

186 *Kyrie*

189 *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Readings

Holding God to His Word

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22-32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21-28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire” (Mt. 15:27-28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1-7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Rom. 5:1-5).

Old Testament reading—Genesis 32:22–32

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his

hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,^a for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel,^b saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

^a 'Israel' means 'He strives with God'.

^b 'Peniel' means 'The face of God'

Gradual (*Ps. 25:17–18*)

C The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;*
 bring me out of my dis- | tresses.
 Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
 and forgive | all my sins.

Epistle Reading—1 Thessalonians 4:1–7

Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ²For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honour, ⁵not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

Tract (*Ps. 106:1–4*)

L Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD,
 for | he is good,*

for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

C Who can utter the mighty deeds | of the
 LORD,*

or declare | all his praise?

L Blessèd are they who observe | justice,*
 who do righteousness | at all times!

C Remember me, O LORD, when you show
 favour to your | people;*

help me when you | save them,

Gospel Reading—Matthew 15:21–28

L The † holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

²¹And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

191 *The Nicene Creed*

615 **Hymn: When in the Hour of Deepest Need**

Sermon

192 *The Offertory*

Offering

193 *Prayer of the Church*

617 **Hymn: O Lord, We Praise Thee**

194 *The Service of the Sacrament*

199 *Nunc Dimittis and Post-Communion Prayers*

202 *Blessing*

Hymn: In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! —who took on flesh,
 Fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love and righteousness,
 Scorned by the ones He came to save:
 Till on that cross as Jesus died,
 The wrath of God was satisfied—
 For every sin on Him was laid;
 Here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay,
 Light of the world by darkness slain:
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day
 Up from the grave He rose again!
 And as He stands in victory
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
 For I am His and He is mine—
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
 This is the power of Christ in me;
 From life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
 No power of hell, no scheme of man,
 Can ever pluck me from His hand;
 Till He returns or calls me home,
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!
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Music: Keith Getty (1974–)
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Sunday School Presentation

IN OUR PRAYERS

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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
FORMULA OF CONCORD: EPITOME
ARTICLE III: THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF FAITH BEFORE GOD

By faith the Canaanite woman receives a blessing from Jesus, not for herself but for her daughter. Such is the nature of faith—to look to God as giver and neighbour as receiver and neither think nor boast of itself.

... we unanimously believe, teach, and confess that Christ is our Righteousness neither according to His divine nature alone nor according to His human nature alone. But it is the entire Christ who is our Righteousness according to both natures. In His obedience alone, which as God and man He offered to the Father even to His death, He merited for us the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. ...

2. We believe, teach, and confess what our righteousness before God is this: God forgives our sins out of pure grace, without any work, merit, or worthiness of ours preceding, present, or following. He presents and credits to us the righteousness of Christ's obedience. Because of this righteousness, we are received into grace by God and regarded as righteous.

3. We believe, teach, and confess that faith alone is the means and instrument through which we lay hold of Christ. So in Christ we lay hold of that righteousness that benefits us before God, for whose sake this faith is credited to us for righteousness (Romans 4:5).

4. We believe, teach, and confess that this faith is not a bare knowledge of Christ's history, but it is God's gift. By this gift we come to the right knowledge of Christ as our Redeemer in the Word of the Gospel. And we trust in Him that for the sake of His obedience alone we have—by grace—the forgiveness of sins and are regarded as holy and righteous before God the Father and are eternally saved. ...

We believe, teach, and confess that many weaknesses and defects cling to the true believers and truly regenerate, even up to the day they are buried. Still, they must not on that account doubt either their righteousness, which has been credited to them through faith, or the salvation of their souls. They must regard it as certain that for Christ's sake, according to the promise and immovable Word of the Holy Gospel, they have a gracious God. Paragraphs 3-9

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

6 Mar	3.15pm	Drama Club
	7.30pm	Voters' Assembly
7 Mar	10.20am	Pastor at Orchard Lea Junior School
	11am	Bible Study at the Parsonage (tbc)
	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

Further ahead

13 Mar	12 noon	Funeral of Eric Hinkley (Chichester Crematorium)
	3pm	Memorial Service at Holy Trinity Church, Bosham
13 Mar	3.15pm	Drama Club
14 Mar	<i>No Bible Study</i>	
	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery at the Hub
	2pm	Devotions at Kiln Lodge and Hunters Lodge
15 Mar	7.30pm	Advent Vespers (St. Francis, Funtley)
18 Mar	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 8:16–24; Ephesians 5:1–9; Luke 11:14–28

Daily Readings:

Sun: Genesis 16:1–9, 15–17:22 Mark 6:1–13 *Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration II: 1–4*

Mon: Gen 18:1–15 *Gen 18:16–20:18* Mark 6:14–34 *FC SD II: 5–8*

Tue: Gen 21:1–21 Mark 6:35–56 *FC SD II: 9–13*

Wed: Gen 22:1–19 Mark 7:1–23 *FC SD II: 14–17*

Thu: Gen 24:1–31 Mark 7:24–37 *FC SD II: 18–23*

Fri: Gen 24:32–52, 61–67 Mark 8:1–21 *FC SD II: 24–26*

Sat: Gen 27:1–29 Mark 8:22–38 *FC SD II: 27–38*