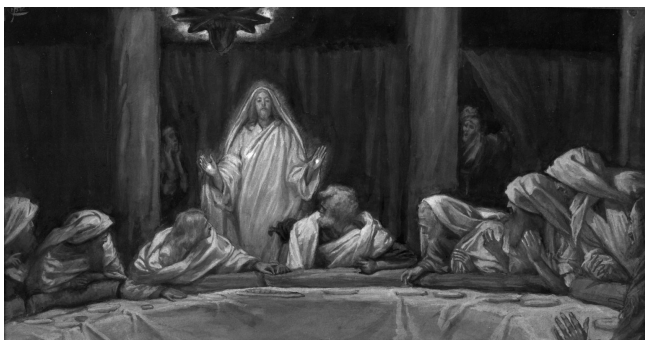


# Our Saviour Lutheran Church



**Jubilate**  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
**29 April 2012**



**I will see you again, and your hearts will  
rejoice, and no one will take your joy  
from you**

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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**

At this time, 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.

### **Children in the Service**

It is a delight and a privilege to have children in the service. Children as much as adults are members of God's family and Jesus welcomes little children to Him.

There is a Sunday School for children during the sermon. The children leave at the beginning of the sermon and return to church before the Service of the Sacrament.

Please do not worry if your child will not sit still or quietly throughout the service. Most young children won't manage that! There is plenty of space at the back of the room. If you do need to take a child outside, the smaller room is available for that purpose.

### **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 mark your place in the liturgy with this bulletin.*

478 *Hymn: The Day of Resurrection*

260 *Opening Versicles*

261 *Old Testament Canticle (spoken)*

263 **The Readings**

***Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice***

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11-20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1-3). We are those who wait on the Lord. *“The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him”* (Lam 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. *“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me”* (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. *“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength”* (Is. 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Saviour. *“And no one will take your joy from you”* (John 16:22).

**Old Testament reading—Isaiah 40:25–31**

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? Says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

**Epistle Reading—1 Peter 2:11–20**

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honourable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. <sup>13</sup>Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup>or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup>For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should

put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup>Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup>Honour everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the emperor. <sup>18</sup>Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. <sup>19</sup>For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

### Psalm 147



**A** Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in pow'r;\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing  
praises | to our God;\*  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise  
is | fitting.

**C** <sup>2</sup>The LORD builds up Jer- | usalem;\*  
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

**A** <sup>3</sup>He heals the broken- | hearted\*  
and binds | up their wounds.

**C** <sup>4</sup>He determines the number | of the stars;\*  
he gives to all of | them their names.

**A** <sup>5</sup>Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in pow'r;\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.

**C** <sup>6</sup>The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*  
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

**A** <sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;\*  
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

**C** <sup>8</sup>He covers the heavens with clouds; he  
prepares rain | for the earth;\*  
he makes grass grow | on the hills.

**A** <sup>9</sup>He gives to the | beasts their food,\*  
and to the young ravens | that cry.

**C** <sup>10</sup>His delight is not in the strength | of the  
horse,\*  
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,

**A** <sup>11</sup>but the LORD takes pleasure in those  
who | fear him,\*  
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

**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.

**A** Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in  
pow'r;\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.

### Gospel Reading—John 16:16–22

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus said,] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and

you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father?'" <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

**263     *Responsory***

**264     *Catechism***

*After the reading of the parts of the Catechism in the hymnal, the following is read:*

**P** How can water do such great things?

**C** **Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trust this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St Paul says in Titus, chapter three:**

**"He saved us ... by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is trustworthy."**

**Sermon**

**793     Hymn: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

**Offering**

**265     *Prayer***

***Collect of the Day***

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**266**    *New Testament Canticle (Spoken)*

**267**    *Blessing*

**818**    *Hymn: In Thee Is Gladness*

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### Members

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### Family and friends of members

Lucy, Diana; Alex, Sarah & family; Frank Knibbs;  
Helen Kriewaldt; Johann Wiebusch; Claire;  
Margaret & Patrick Tustin; Brian, Jan & family; Lisa;  
Julie; Cynthia; Marie & family; Sally; Claire and Phil;  
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Yousef Nadarkhani

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD**  
**FORMULA OF CONCORD, SOLID DECLARATION**  
**ARTICLE XI: ELECTION**

The eternal election of God is to be considered in Christ, and not outside of or without Christ. The apostle Paul testifies, “He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world” as it is written, “He has blessed us in the Beloved” (Eph. 1:4,6). This election is revealed from heaven through the preaching of His Word, when the Father says, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him” (Mt.17:5). Christ says, “Come to Me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Mt. 11:28). Christ says, the Holy Spirit “will glorify Me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you” (John 16:14). So the entire Holy Trinity - God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - directs all people to Christ, as to the Book of Life, in whom they should seek the Father’s eternal election. For this has been decided by the Father from eternity: whom He would save He would save through Christ. Christ Himself says, “No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). And again, “I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved” (John 10:9).

However, Christ, as God’s only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father (John 1:18), has announced the Father’s will to us. Christ says, “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life” (John 6:40). paragraphs 65-67

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### The Week Ahead

2 May	1pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	7.30pm	Finance Meeting (Parsonage)
3 May	7.45pm	Bible Study (Parsonage)
5 May	5pm	BBQ at the Parsonage—farewell to the Varsogees
6 May	10.30am	<i>Divine Service at St. Francis, Funtley</i>

### Further ahead

9 May	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
10 May	7.45pm	Voters' Assembly (Parsonage)
13 May	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
17 May	7.45pm	Ascension Day Divine Service (venue tbc)
27 May	<i>Pentecost Day Divine Service: venue and time tbc (Scout Hall unavailable)</i>	

### ***Even Further Ahead:***

Sat 16 June:	Congregational Life Conference in Fareham (Scout Hall)
Sun 17 June:	Joint service with St. Peter's in Weymouth

### ***Next Sunday's Readings:***

***Isaiah 12:1–6; James 1:16–21; John 16:5–15***

### ***Daily Readings:***

Sun: Leviticus 8:1–13, 30–36 Luke 9:1–17 *Formula of Concord Solid Declaration VII: 124–128*

Mon: Lev 9:1–24 Luke 9:18–36 *FC SD VIII: 1–6*

Tue: Lev 10:1–20 Luke 9:37–62 *FC SD VIII: 7–15*

Wed: Lev 16:1–24 Luke 10:1–22 *FC SD VIII: 16–22*

Thu: Lev 17:1–16 Luke 10:23–42 *FC SD VIII: 23–30*

Fri: Lev 18:1–7, 20–19:8 Luke 11:1–13 *FC SD VIII: 31–37*

Sat: Lev 19:9–18, 26–37 Luke 11:14–36 *FC SD VIII: 38–45*