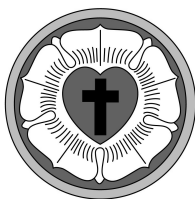


Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Fourth Sunday after Trinity
1 July 2012



Pieter Breugel the Elder (1525–69): *The Blind Leading the Blind*

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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.

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 mark your place in the liturgy with this bulletin.

Divine Service III

LSB 184

571 *Hymn: God Loved the World So that He Gave*

184 *Confession and Absolution*

Catechism

P The Seventh Commandment

C You shall not steal.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbour's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

P The Eighth Commandment

C You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbour, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Introit (Ps.27:3–5; antiphon: Ps. 27:1–2)



L The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom | shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of
whom shall I | be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat | up my flesh,*
my adversaries and foes, it is they who
stum- | ble and fall.

C Though an army encamp against me, my
heart | shall not fear;*
though war arise against me, yet I will
be | confident.

A One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I
seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all
the days | of my life.

C For he will hide me in his shelter in the day
of | trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his
tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

186 *Gloria Patri*

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stum- | ble and fall.

186 *Kyrie*

187 *Gloria in excelsis*

189 *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Readings

Christ's Mercy Is Ours to Show to Others

“Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful” (Luke 6:36-42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay” (Rom. 12:14-21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is

to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen. 50:15-21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom. 8:8-13).

Old Testament Reading—Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Gradual (*Psalm 79:9–10*)

**☩ Make atonement for our | sins, O LORD*
lest the nations say, "Where | is their
God?"**

**Help us, O God of our sal- | vation,*
for the glory of Your name, de- | liver us.**

Epistle Reading—Romans 8:18–23


¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we

wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

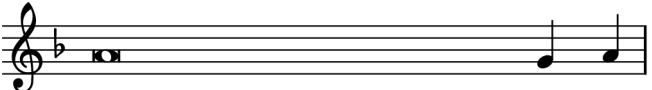
Alleluia & Verse (Psalm 9:4, 9)



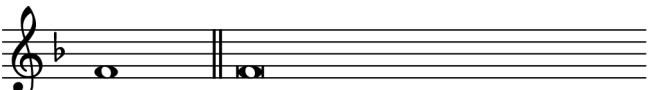
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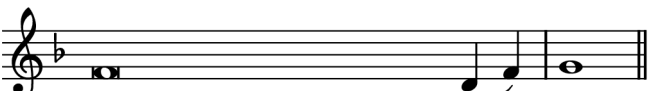
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You sat on the throne judging in right-eous-




ness;* the Lord also will be a refuge



for the oppressed in times of trou - ble.



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Gospel Reading—Luke 6:36–42

L The † holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

³⁶ [Jesus said:] “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

³⁹ He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?

⁴⁰ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

⁴¹ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your

eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

191 *The Nicene Creed*

696 Hymn: O God, My Faithful God

Sermon

192 *The Offertory*

Offering

193 *Prayer of the Church*

510 Hymn: A Multitude Comes from the East and the West

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199 *Nunc Dimittis and Post-Communion Prayers*

202 *Blessing*

935 *Hymn: Tell Out My Soul*

Sunday School Presentation

IN OUR PRAYERS

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The Church of God

Lutheran Free Church in Denmark; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Fareham Methodist Church

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
THE LARGE CATECHISM
THE LORD'S PRAYER: THE FIFTH PETITION

Forgiveness begets forgiveness. Only the forgiven child of God can truly forgive those who sin against him. And the forgiven child of God who knows and believes he has been forgiven even his greatest sin will certainly forgive the sins committed against him.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

There is here attached a necessary, yet comforting addition: “As we forgive.” He has promised that we shall be sure that everything is forgiven and pardoned, in the way that we also forgive our neighbour. Just as we daily sin much against God, and yet He forgives everything through grace, so we, too, must ever forgive our neighbour who does us injury, violence, and wrong, shows malice toward us, and so on. If, therefore, you do not forgive, then do not think that God forgives you [Matthew 18:23-25]. But if you forgive, you have this comfort and assurance, that you are forgiven in heaven. This is not because of your forgiving. For God forgives freely and without condition, out of pure grace, because He has so promised, as the Gospel teaches. But God says this in order that He may establish forgiveness as our confirmation and assurance, as a sign alongside of the promise, which agrees with this prayer in Luke 6:37, “Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” Therefore, Christ also repeats it soon after the Lord’s Prayer, and says in Matthew 6:14, “For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,” and so on.

This sign is therefore attached to this petition. When we pray, we remember the promise and think, “Dear Father, for this reason I come and pray for You to forgive me, not so that I can make satisfaction or can merit anything by my works. I pray because You have promised and attached the seal to this prayer that I should be as sure about it as though I had Absolution pronounced by You Yourself.” For Baptism and the Lord’s Supper—appointed as outward signs—work as seals. In the same way also, this sign can serve to confirm our consciences and cause them to rejoice. It is especially given for this purpose, so that we may use and practice forgiveness every hour, as a thing that we have with us at all times.

Paragraph 93-98

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

4 July	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
5 July	7.45pm	Bible Study (Parsonage)
7 July	5.30pm	Saturday Supper (Scout Hall)
8 July	10.30am	Morning Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mis- sion

Further ahead

11 July	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
12 July	7.45pm	Voters' Assembly (Parsonage)
15 July	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
24 July—13 August		<i>Pastor on Annual Leave</i>

Next Sunday's Readings:

1 Kings 19:11–21; 1 Peter 3:8–15; Luke 5:1–11

Daily Readings:

Sun: Joshua 6:6–27 Acts 10:18–33 *Augsburg Confession XXIV: 21–41*

Mon: Josh 7:1–26 Acts 10:34–48 *AC XXV*

Tue: Josh 8:1–28 Acts 11:1–18 *AC XXVI: 1–20*

Wed: Josh 10:1–25 Acts 11:19–30 *AC XXVI: 21–45*

Thu: Josh 23:1–16 Acts 12:1–25 *AC XXVII: 1–23*

Fri: Josh 24:1–31 Acts 13:1–12 *AC XXVII: 24–43*

Sat: Judges 2:6–23 Acts 13:13–41 *AC XXVII: 44–62*

Saturday (Fish) Supper

On 7 July, we will be enjoying our next Saturday supper here at the Scout Hall.

The main course will be fish & chips, with homemade desserts. Since the food will be ordered in advance, please let **Anne Ennew** know if you are planning to attend. Don't forget to tell her about any guests you are planning to invite!

