

HARVEST FESTIVAL

30 SEPTEMBER 2012

Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Fareham





A note to visitors:

We are delighted to welcome you to our service to share God's good gifts to us. Please stay for the harvest lunch after the service.

The offering

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.*

Explanation of Symbols

	Congregation
	Pastor
	The sign of the cross may be made at this point
	Please stand

ORDER OF SERVICE

Stand

Opening Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

GreatIsThyFaithfulness.ly *Text: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866–1960)*

Music: William M. Runyan (1870–1957)

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession of Sin

A short explanation of the need for confession follows.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C Who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we take for refuge in Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, so that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in His name He has given power to become children of God. Whoever believes and is baptised shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

C Amen.

Hymn: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ComeYeThankful-m.ly *Text:Henry Alford (1810–71)*

Music: George J. Elvey (1816–93)

P Lord, have mercy.

C Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

A moment of silence for private prayer.

Almighty God, You crown the fields with Your blessing and permit us to gather in the fruits of the earth. As stewards of Your creation, may we receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your bounty with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament reading—Deuteronomy 26:1–11

When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³ And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' ⁴ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵ "And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶ And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labour. ⁷ Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹ And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and

worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹ And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

After the reading:

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading—2 Corinthians 9:6–15

⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

After the reading:

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Sing to the Lord of Harvest

SingToTheLordOfHarvest-m.ly Text: J.S. B. Monsell (1811–75)

Music: Henry T. Smart (1813–79)

Stand

Gospel Reading—Luke 12:13–21

P The ✠ Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord!**

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’” ¹⁸ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’” ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ!**

The Apostles’ Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

On 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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

ForTheBeauty-m.ly

5. For Thy Church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.
Refrain
6. For the martyrs' crown of light,
For Thy prophets' eagle eye,
For Thy bold confessors' might,
For the lips of infancy.
Refrain
7. For each perfect gift of Thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of Heaven.
Refrain

Text: Folliet S. Pierpoint (1835–1917)

Music: English melody adapted by Geoffrey Shaw (1879–1943)

Sermon

After the Sermon, the pastor may say:

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen

Sit

Offering Hymn: We Plough the Fields and Scatter

Visitors, please read the note on the offering on p. 3.

WePloughTheFields-m.ly *Text: M. Claudius (1740–1815); tr. J. Campbell*

Music: J.A.P. Schulz (1747–1800)

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Each prayer will end as follows:

L Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favour and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

Now Thank We-m.ly *Text: Martin Rinckart (1586–1649), tr. Catherine Winkworth*
Music: Johann Crüger (1598–1662)

P Go in peace!

C In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please stay behind for the Harvest Lunch!

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron

Family of members

Lucy, Diana; Megan; Alex, Sarah & family;

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly; Frank Knibbs; Helen Kriewaldt; Johann Wiebusch; Claire; Margaret & Patrick Tustin; Brian, Jan & family; Lisa; Julie; Cynthia; Marie & family; Sally; Claire and Phil; Julie Gardner; Christine; Georgie & Nigel; Rob; Gina; Graham; Carol; Steve; Holly & family; Brian & Kay; Debra; Janice; Mike; Kayleigh & unborn child; Ronnie; Pauline; Doug; family of †Charlie

ELCE

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church; Prs. Brammeier & Samiec; ELCE Synod; Boor family (St. Andrew's)

The Church of God

Lutheran Church of Guatemala; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; St. Peter & St. Paul CofE, Fareham

<p>A Reading From The Book Of Concord The Small Catechism II. The Creed: The First Article</p>	
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Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

Today	5pm	Pastor at Oxford Lutheran Mission
Tue	3.15pm	Drama Club (Orchard Lea Junior School)
Wed	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
Thu	7.45pm	Bible Study (The Parsonage)
Fri-Sat		ELCE Annual Synod (East Kilbride)
Sun	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

Further ahead

9 Oct	3.15pm	Drama Club
10 Oct	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
11 Oct	7.45pm	Bible Study (Parsonage)
18 Oct	10.30am	Morning Service (Scout Hall)
	4pm	Divine Service (Brighton Mission)

Next Sunday's Readings:

Deuteronomy 10:12-21; 1 Corinthians 1:4-9; Matthew 22:34-46

Daily Readings:

Sun:	Deuteronomy 1:37-2:15 Matthew 6:1-15 <i>Apology of the Augsburg Confession XIIb: 77-81</i>
Mon:	Deut 2:16-37 Matt 6:16-34 <i>Ap XIII (VII): 1-13</i>
Tue:	Deut 3:1-29 Matt 7:1-12 <i>Ap XIII (VII): 14-23</i>
Wed:	Deut 4:1-20 Matt 7:13-29 <i>Ap XIV: 24-28</i>
Thu:	Deut 4:21-40 Matt 8:1-17 <i>Ap XV (VIII): 1-12</i>
Fri:	Deut 5:1-21 Matt 8:18-34 <i>Ap XV (VIII): 13-21</i>
Sat:	Deut 5:22-6:9 Matt 9:1-17 <i>Ap XV (VIII): 22-30</i>

Our Saviour Lutheran Church Services and Activities

Services

Every Sunday 10.30 am
Advent & Lent

Main Service at the Scout Hall
Midweek Evening Service

Activities for Adults

Every Thursday 7.45 pm
On demand

Bible Study at the Parsonage
Adult instruction (see pastor for details)

Activities for Children

Every Sunday

Sunday School during the service

Tuesday 3.15 pm

Drama Club at Orchard Lea Jr. School

October & Easter Holidays

Holiday Club at the Scout Hall

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The pastor holds a weekly surgery at the Highlands Hub on Wednesdays 12.30–1.30pm. Anyone can drop in for a chat, for spiritual counselling or for confession and absolution.