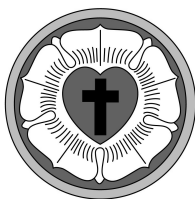


Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
16 September 2012



Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to 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 chil-

dren 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.

Explanation of Symbols:

- C** Congregation
- P** Pastor (ordained)
- A** Assistant minister (ordained or lay)
- L** Liturgist (ordained or lay)
- ✠ You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.
- ❖ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

Divine Service III

LSB 184

906 Hymn: A Day of Rest and Gladness

184 Confession and Absolution

Catechism

P The Lord's Prayer, Sixth Petition

C **And lead us not into temptation.**

P What does this mean?

C **God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us**

so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Introit (Ps. 86: 4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: Ps. 86: 1a, 2b, 3)



- A** Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—
you | are my God.
- C** Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.
- A** Gladden the soul of your | servant,*
for to you, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.
- C** Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.
- A** But you, O Lord, are a God merciful
and | gracious;*
turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,
- C** give your strength to your | servant,*
and save the son of your
maid- | servant.
- 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** Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—
you | are my God.

186 Kyrie

187 Gloria in excelsis

189 Salutation and Collect of the Day

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Readings

Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust

“You cannot serve God and money” (Matt. 6:24–34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of Mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God – that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8–16). He who feeds the

birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ's righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 5:25– 6:10).

Old Testament reading— Kings 17:8–16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah],
⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’ ” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Gradual (Ps. 118:8–9)

**☐ It is better to take refuge | in the LORD*
than to | trust in man.**

**It is better to take refuge | in the LORD*
than to trust in | princes.**

Epistle Reading—Galatians 5:25—6:10

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

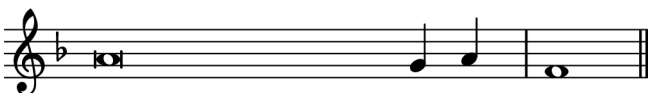
6 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbour. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶ One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

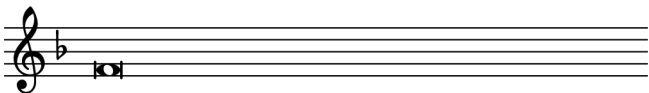
Alleluia & Verse (Ps. 95:1)



Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia.



Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;*



let us make a joyful noise to the



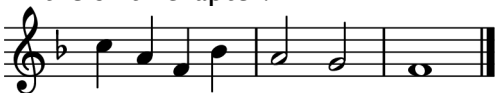
rock of our sal - va - tion.



Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia.

Gospel Reading—Matthew 6:24–34

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



Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

²⁴ [Jesus said.] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was

not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

191 The Nicene Creed

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me,
save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought
in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping,
thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Be thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour,
be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter,
be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of
my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Ancient Irish hymn; tr. Mary Byrne and versified by Eleanor Hull

Sermon

192 The Offertory

Offering

- 193** *Prayer of the Church*
- 637** **Hymn: Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord**
- 194** *The Service of the Sacrament*
- 199** *Nunc Dimittis and Post-Communion Prayers*
- 202** *Blessing*
- 797** *Hymn: Praise the Almighty, My Soul*
- Sunday School Presentation**
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<p>A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD</p> <p>LARGE CATECHISM</p> <p>PART III: THE LORD'S PRAYER</p>
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"Give us this day our daily bread"

It is well to impress all this upon the common people [Deuteronomy 6:7]: these things come from God and must be prayed for by us.

But this petition is especially directed also against our chief enemy, the devil. For all his thought and desire is to deprive us of all that we have from God or to hinder it. He is not satisfied to obstruct and destroy spiritual government by leading souls astray with his lies and bringing them under his power. He also prevents and hinders the stability of all government and honourable, peaceable relations on earth. There he causes so much contention, murder, treason, and war. He also causes lightning and hail to

destroy grain and cattle, to poison the air, and so on. In short, he is sorry if anyone has a morsel of bread from God and eats it in peace. If it were in his power and our prayer (next to God) did not prevent him, we would not keep a straw in the field, a farthing in the house, yes, not even our life for an hour. This is especially true of those who have God's Word and would like to be Christians.

You see, in this way, God wishes to show us how He cares for us in all our need and faithfully provides also for our earthly support. Paragraph 79–82

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

Today	5pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
Tue	3.15pm	Drama Club resumes (Orchard Lea Junior School)
Wed	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
Thu	7.45pm	Bible Study at the Parsonage
Sat	10am–12	Ladies' Guild Sale (The Hub)
		ELCE Children's Ministry Conference, Cardiff
Sun	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	5pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission

Further ahead

26 Sep	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	3pm	Devotion at Merry Hall
27 Sep		No Bible study
29 Sep	10am–12	Harvest HubBub (The Hub)
30 Sep		Harvest Festival and Lunch
5–6 Oct		ELCE Annual Synod
31 Oct—2 Nov		Holiday Club
3 Nov		Family Festival (Scout Hall)

Next Sunday's Readings:

1 Kings 17:7–24; Ephesians 3:13–21; Luke 7:11–17

Daily Readings:

Sun: 2 Chronicles 35:1–7, 16–25 Colossians 3:1–25 *Apology of the Augsburg Confession XIIa (V): 11–27*

Mon: 2 Chr 36:1–23 Col 4:1–18 *Ap XIIa (V): 28–45*

Tue: Nehemiah 1:1–2:10 1 Timothy 1:1–20 *Ap XIIa (V): 46–58*

Wed: Neh 2:11–20; 4:1–6 1 Tim 2:1–15 *Ap XIIa (V): 59–67*

Thu: Neh 4:7–23 1 Tim 3:1–16 *Ap XIIa (V): 68–82*

Fri: Neh 5:1–16; 6:1–9, 15–16 1 Tim 4:1–16 *Ap XIIa (V): 83–97*

Sat: Neh 7:1–4; 8:1–18 1 Tim 5:1–16 *Ap XIIb (VI): 1–15 [98–112]*