

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Twentieth Sunday after Trinity  
21 October 2012



Francisco José de Goya y Lucientes (1746–1828), *The Parable of the Guests at the Wedding*

**For many are called, but few are chosen**

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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.***

#### ***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.

578 *Hymn: Thy Strong Word*184 *Confession and Absolution**Catechism*

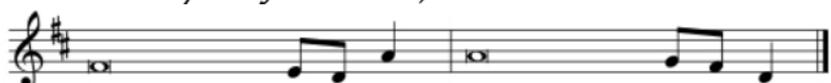
**P** What benefits does Baptism give?

**C** It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

**P** Which are these words and promises of God?

**C** Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

*Introit* (Ps. 48:1, 9–11; antiphon: Dan. 9:14; Prayer of Azariah)



**A** The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,\*

for we have not obeyed his  
com- | mandments.

Glorify your name, | O Lord;\*

and deal with us according to your  
great | mercy.

**C** Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised\*

in the city | of our God, his holy  
mountain.

**A** We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,\*

in the midst of your | temple.

**C** As your name, O God, so your praise  
reaches to the ends | of the earth.\*

Your right hand is filled  
with | righteousness.

**A** Let Mount Zion | be glad!\*

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because  
of your | judgements!

**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** The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,\*

for we have not obeyed his  
com- | mandments.

**P** Glorify your name, | O Lord;\*

and deal with us according to your  
great | mercy.

186 *Kyrie*187 *Gloria in excelsis*

## 189 *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **The Readings**

#### ***Jesus Invites Us to His Wedding Feast to Receive Abundant Righteousness***

The Holy Spirit sounds forth the Gospel call: “*See, I have prepared my dinner ... Come to the wedding feast*” (Matt. 22:1–14). But many reject this invitation in favour of worldly pursuits. And so the call goes out to others, both the good and the bad. For the wedding invitation is not based on the qualifications of those invited but on the basis of the merits and work of Christ. The feast is free: “*He who has no money, come, buy and eat ... delight yourselves in rich food.*” (Is. 55:1–9). Those rejecting the Spirit’s work shall experience God’s wrath and judgement. Those who are not clothed in Christ’s righteousness shall be cast into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us therefore seek the Lord while He may be found, for He will have mercy upon us. Let us redeem the time, being filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 5:15–21).

#### **Old Testament reading—Isaiah 55:1–9**

“Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that  
which is not bread,  
and your labour for that which does not  
satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting cov-  
enant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> Behold, you shall call a nation that you do  
not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall  
run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the  
Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

- 6 “Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;
- 7 let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have  
compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly  
pardon.
- 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares  
the LORD.
- 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**Gradual** (*Ps. 145: 15–16*)

**C** The eyes of all | look to you,\*  
and you give them their food in  
due | season.  
You open | your hand;\*  
you satisfy the desire of every | living  
thing.

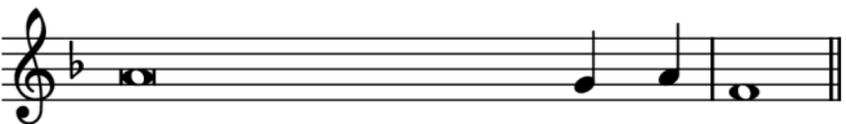
**Epistle Reading—Ephesians 5:15–21**

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

**Alleluia & Verse** (*Ps. 130:1–2*)



**C** Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia.



Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD



O LORD, hear my voice!



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

## ***Gospel Reading—Matthew 22:1–14***

**L** The ✠ holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



**C** Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, <sup>3</sup>and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ <sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ <sup>10</sup>And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup>And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

**191** *The Nicene Creed*

**648** **Hymn: Glorious Things of You are Spoken**

**Sermon**

**192** *The Offertory*

**Offering**

**193** *Prayer of the Church*

- 821 **Hymn: Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs**
- 194 *The Service of the Sacrament*
- 199 *Nunc Dimittis and Post-Communion Prayers*
- 202 *Blessing*
- 670 *Hymn: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

## **Sunday School Presentation**

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### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

#### **Members**

Ron, Forbes, Rob

#### **Family of members**

Lucy, Diana (old age); Megan (pregnancy); Alex, Sarah & family; Jeff Harbin(cancer)

#### **Friends of members**

Ilse Kelly (old age); Frank Knibbs (back); Marie & family (distress); Brian & Kay (distress); Mike (health); Kayleigh & unborn child (health); Pauline (health); Cynthia (health); Claire and Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Margaret & Patrick Tustin (Alzheimer's); Rob (depression); Claire (leukemia); Brian, Jan & family (cancer); Don & Julie Gardner (cancer); Graham (tumour); Ronnie (cancer); Lisa & children (cancer); Julie; Sally; Christine; Carol; Steve; Holly & family; Debra; Janice

#### **ELCE**

ELCE congregations and pastors; Brighton Mission; Boor family (St. Andrew's)

#### **The Church of God**

Lutheran Church—Canada; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; St. John's CofE

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

God does not call without means, but through the Word. For He has commanded “that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name”. St. Paul also testifies in a similar way when he writes: “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God (2 Cor. 5:20). The King calls the guests that He wants to have at His Son's wedding through the ministers He sent out (Matt. 22:14). He sends some at the first and some at the second, third, sixth, ninth, and even at the eleventh hour (Matt. 20:3–6).

Paragraph 27

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### The Week Ahead

Tue	3.15pm	Drama Club
Wed	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery
	3pm	Devotion at Merry Hall
Thu	7.45pm	Bible Study (The Parsonage)
Fri	7pm	Reformation Festival (Luther Tyndale, Kentish Town)
Sun	10.30am	Divine Service— <i>Reformation Sunday</i> (Scout Hall)
	5pm	Pastor at Oxford Lutheran Mission

### Further ahead

30 Oct		Ladies' Guild Dinner
31 Oct—2 Nov		Holiday Club
1 Oct		<i>No Bible study</i>
3 Nov	4–6pm	Family Festival & bonfire (Scout Hall)
4 Nov	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
7 Nov	10.30am	Bible Study (Parsonage). <i>See notice below.</i>
11 Nov	10.30am	Morning Service (Remembrance Sunday) Divine Service (Brighton Mission)

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

***Revelation 14:6–7; Romans 3:19–28;***

***John 8:31–36***

### **Daily Readings:**

Sun: Deuteronomy 20:1–20 Matthew 15:21–39 *Apology of the Augsburg Confession XXIII (XI): 1–6*

Mon: Deut 21:1–23 Matt 16:1–12 *Ap XXIII (XI): 7–17*

Tue: Deut 24:10–25:10 Matt 16:13–28 *Ap XXIII (XI): 18–27*

Wed: Deut 25:17–26:19 Matt 17:1–13 *Ap XXIII (XI): 28–39*

Thu: Deut 27:1–26 Matt 17:14–27 *Ap XXIII (XI): 40–49*

Fri: Deut 28:1–22 Matt 18:1–20 *Ap XXIII (XI): 50–59*

Sat: Deut 29:1–29 Matt 18:21–35 *Ap XXIII (XI): 60–71*

### ***Change in Bible Study time***

After Half Term, the Bible Study will move from Thursday night to Wednesday morning. Next week's Bible study is at the usual time, and there is no Bible Study during Half Term. Starting on 7 November, Bible study will be at 10.30 am on every Wednesday.