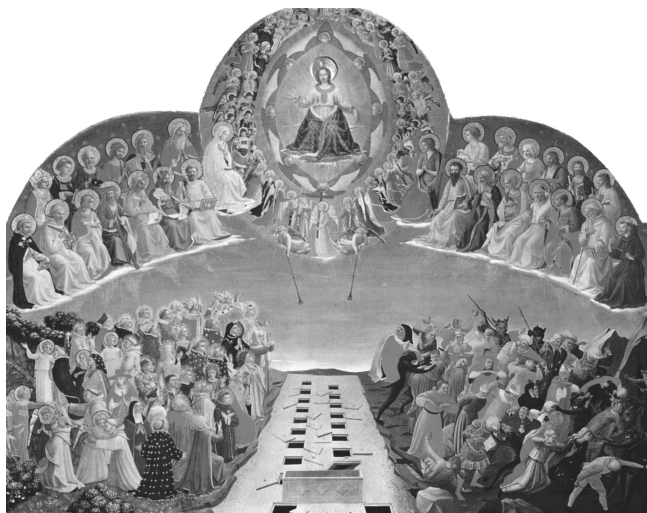


Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Second-Last Sunday of the Church
Year
18 November 2012



Fra Angelico, (1395-1455) *The Last Judgement*

**The Son of Man will come in his glory,
and all the angels with him**

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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.

Please also record your visit in the visitors' book at the back. If you would like a phone call or a pastoral visit, speak to the pastor or leave a note in the visitors' book.

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.

804 *Hymn: O Worship the King*184 *Confession and Absolution**Catechism*

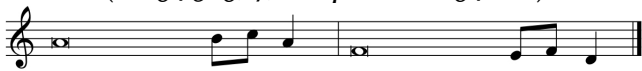
P What sins should we confess?

C Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

P Which are these?

C Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Introit (Ps. 54:3–5, 7; antiphon: Ps. 54:1–2)



A O God, save me, | by your name,*
and vindicate me | by your might.

C O God, | hear my prayer;*
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

A For strangers have risen against me; ruthless
men | seek my life;*
they do not set God be- | fore themselves.

C Behold, God is my | helper;*
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

A He will return the evil to my | enemies;*
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

C For he has delivered me from
every | trouble,*
and my eye has looked in triumph on
my | enemies.

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

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186 *Kyrie*187 *Gloria in excelsis*189 *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

O Lord, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Your just judgement, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You forever hereafter; through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Readings

Through a Living Faith, We Receive the Kingdom
“Behold, with the clouds of heaven there came One like a Son of Man” (Dan. 7:13). The Lord Jesus will return in glory on the Last Day with all His holy angels. “Before Him will be gathered all the nations ... And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left” (Matt. 25:3–33). Those on His left will be cast into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For they rejected Christ by failing to receive and support His brethren, that is, the preachers of the Gospel. But those on His right will inherit the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world. For they received and supported His brethren and believed what they preached. We believe in the promise of Christ’s coming, even it is delayed because of His long-suffering mercy. Conducting ourselves in godliness, knowing that this fallen creation will soon pass away, we look forward to “new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells” (2 Peter 3:13).

Old Testament Reading—Daniel 7:9–14

⁹“As I looked,
thrones were placed,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood
before him;
the court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened.

¹¹ “I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³ “I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

Gradual (*Ps. 50:4, 6*)

C He calls to the heav- | ens above*
and to the earth, that he may judge
his | people:

The heavens declare his | righteousness,*
for God him- | self is judge!

Epistle Reading—2 Peter 3:3–14

³[Know] this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” ⁵For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, ⁶and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. ⁷But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgement and destruction of the ungodly.

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfil his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

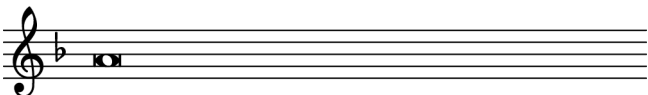
¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

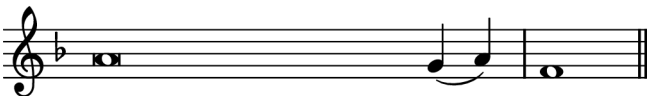
Alleluia & Verse (*Isa. 35:10*)



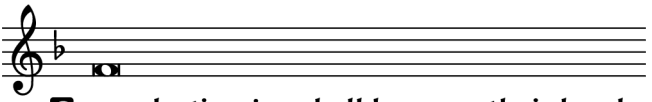
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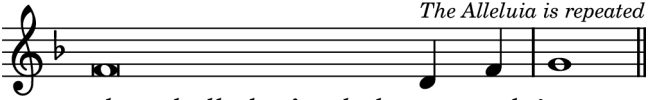
The ransomed of the LORD shall return



and come to Zion with sing - ing;



C everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;



The Alleluia is repeated

they shall obtain glad-ness and joy,

Gospel Reading—Matthew 25:31–46

L The ✠ holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter.

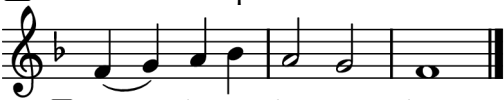


C Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

191 **The Nicene Creed**

508 **Hymn: The Day is Surely Drawing Near**
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Sunday School Presentation

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron, Forbes, Dot

Family of members

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

Friends of members

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

ELCE

St. Columba Lutheran Church, Prs. Samiec & McNally; ELCE Congregational Life Committee; Boor family (St. Andrew's)

The Church of God

Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Fareham Community Church

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

AUGSBURG CONFESSION

ARTICLE XXI: CHRIST'S RETURN TO JUDGEMENT

Our churches teach that at the end of the world Christ will appear for judgement and will raise all the dead. He will give the godly and elect eternal life and everlasting joys, but He will condemn ungodly people and the devils to be tormented without end.

Our churches condemn the Anabaptists, who think that there will be an end to the punishments of condemned men and devils.

Our churches also condemn those who are spreading certain Jewish opinions, that before the resurrection of the dead the godly shall take possession

of the kingdom of the world, the ungodly being everywhere suppressed.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

20–21 Nov Barnes Conference (St. Peter's, Plymouth)

No Bible Study / Pastor's Surgery

22 Nov 7.30pm Christians Together in Fareham meeting (Sacred Heart RC Church)

25 Nov 10.30am Divine Service (Last Sunday of the Church Year)

5pm Pastor at Oxford Mission

Further ahead

28 Nov 10.30am Bible Study (Parsonage)

12.30pm Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)

3pm Devotion (Merry Hall)

2 Dec 10.30am Divine Service (Scout Hall)

5 Dec 10.30am Bible Study (Parsonage)

12.30am Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)

7pm Advent Vespers (St. Francis, Funtley)

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 65: 17–25; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11;

Matthew 25:1–13

Daily Readings:

Sun: Jeremiah 37:1–21 Matthew 27:33–56 *Apology of the Augsburg Confession XXVII (XIII): 40–46*

Mon: Jer 38:1–28 Matt 27:57–66 *Ap XXVII (XIII): 47–56*

Tue: Daniel 1:1–21 Matt 28:1–20 *Ap XXVII (XIII): 57–63*

Wed: Dan 2:1–23 Revelation 18:1–24 *Ap XXVII (XIII): 64–69*

Thu: Dan 2:24–49 Rev 19:1–21 *Ap XXVIII (XIV): 1–5*

Fri: Dan 3:1–30 Rev 20:1–15 *Ap XXVIII (XIV): 6–10*

Sat: Dan 4:1–37 Rev 21:1–8 *Ap XXVIII (XIV): 11–14*

Advent Midweek Services

There will be a service of Vespers on each Wednesday during Advent. The services will be held at **St. Francis**, Funtley at **7 pm**. The theme for the midweek series is the Creed.

Christmas Day Lunch in Fareham 2012

Do you know someone who will be alone on Christmas Day? This is the third year *Christians Together in Fareham* and *Community Action Fareham* have organised a Christmas Day lunch for people who will be on their own on this special day.

If you know of anyone who you think would like to attend please pick up a form and return it by the 3rd December to Jennie Romecheva at Fareham Community Action.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the day please call **01329 223140** and leave your details.