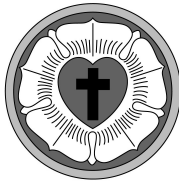
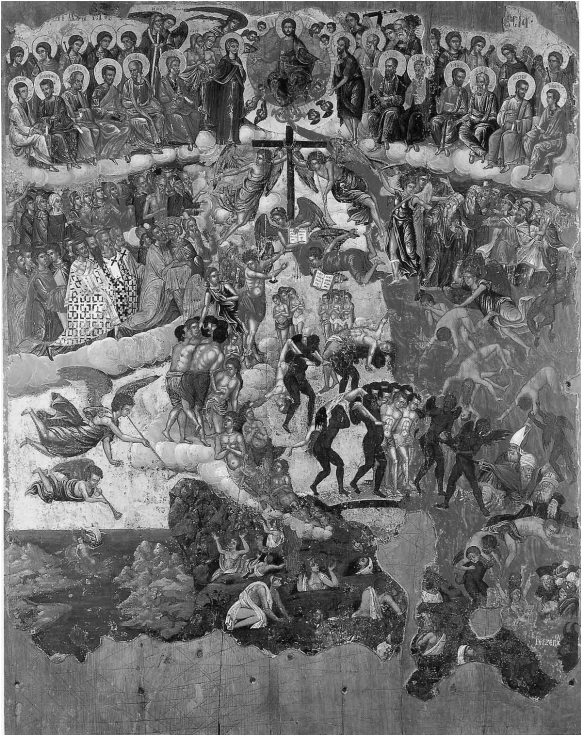


Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Populus Zion
(Second Sunday in Advent)
9 December 2012



Your redemption is drawing near

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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

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, we eat and drink the true body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and the wine, according to Jesus' own words. We also believe that those who participate in Holy Communion in a particular congregation should be in agreement in the confession of the faith.

Therefore, we ask that only those who are instructed in the Lutheran Confessions and are under our pastor's spiritual care come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

If you are visiting us and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor *before the service*. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Our teaching on this matter is explained in more detail in the little leaflet, 'Why Closed Communion?', which is available at the back of the church.

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.

331 *Hymn: The Advent of Our King*203 *Confession and Absolution**Catechism*

- P** The Sacrament of the Altar: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?
- C** These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins”, show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.
- P** How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?
- C** Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins”. These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins”.

Introit (Ps. 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Isa. 20:29, 30; 62:11)



- A** Say to the daughter of | Zion,*
 “Behold, your sal- | vation comes”
 The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*
 and shall have glad- | ness of heart.
- C** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who
 lead Joseph | like a flock!*
- You who are enthroned upon the
 cherubim, | shine forth.
- A** Restore us, | O God;*
 let your face shine, that we | may be saved!
- C** Turn again, O | God of hosts!*
- Look down from | heav’n, and see.
- A** But let your hand be on the man of
 your | right hand,*
 the son of man whom you have made
 strong | for yourself!
- 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** Say to the daughter of | Zion,*
 “Behold, your sal | vation comes”
- C** The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*
 and shall have glad- | ness of heart.

204 *Kyrie*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel

205 *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

205 The Readings

The Lord Comes on the Last Day

The day on which our Lord returns will be a “*great and awesome day*” (Mal. 4:5). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of judgement that will “*set them ablaze*” (Mal. 4:1). The signs preceding this Day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: “. . . *straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near*” (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us “*through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures*” (Rom. 15:4) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus’ coming. Then, by God’s grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.

Old Testament—Malachi 4:1–6

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³ And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴ “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵ “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

C Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God | shines forth.*

Our God comes; he does not
keep | silence;

“Gather to me my | faithful ones,*
who made a covenant with me
by | sacrifice!”

Epistle Reading—Romans 15:4-13

⁴[Whatever] was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the
Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”

¹⁰And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

¹²And again Isaiah says,

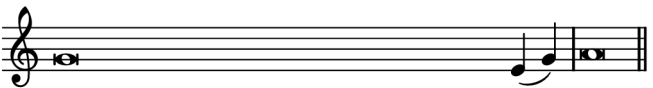
“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

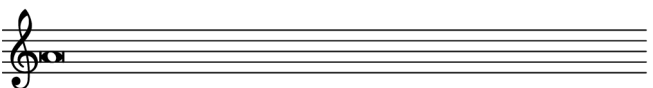
Alleluia and Verse (Luke 21:26b-27)



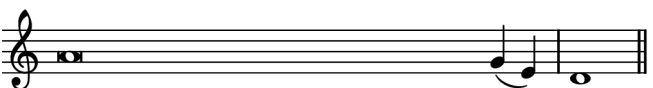
C Al - le-lu-ia. Al - le-lu-ia. Al - le-lu-ia.



The powers of the heavens will be shak-en,*



and then they will see the Son of Man coming



in a cloud with power and great glo - ry.

The Alleluia is repeated

206 Gospel Reading—Luke 21:25–36

P The ✠ Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-first chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁵ [Jesus said, “There] will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ**

206 The Apostles’ Creed

**336 Hymn: Lo, He Comes with Clouds
Descending**

Sermon

Offering

334 Hymn: O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

288 The Litany

212 Blessing

**924 Hymn: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your
Blessing**

Sunday School Presentation

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron, Forbes, Dot, Frank

Family of members

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

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Paul (homeless); 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); Dave (mental illness); Claire (leukemia); Brian, Jan & family (cancer); Don & Julie Gardner (cancer); Graham (tumour); Ronnie (cancer); Lisa & children (cancer); Steve (cancer); Carol (cancer); Baby Thomas (operation); Christine (recovering from operation); John & family of †Helen

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church; Pr. Jackson; ELCE Commission on Theological and Social Concerns; Boor family (St. Andrew's)

The Church of God

Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; St. Peter & St. Paul CofE

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THE LARGE CATECHISM PART II: THE CREED, THIRD ARTICLE

While sanctification has begun and is growing daily, we expect that our flesh will be destroyed and buried with all its uncleanness. Then we will come forth gloriously and arise in a new, eternal life of entire and perfect holiness. For now we are only half pure and holy. So the Holy Spirit always has some reason to continue His work in us through the Word. He must daily administer forgiveness until we reach the life to come. At that time there will be no more forgiveness, but only perfectly pure and holy people. We will be full of godliness and righteousness, removed and free from sin, death, and all evil, in a new, immortal, and glorified body.

You see, all this is the Holy Spirit's office and work. He begins and daily increases holiness upon earth through these two things: the Christian Church and the forgiveness of sin. But in our death He will accomplish it altogether in an instant and will forever preserve us therein by the last two parts of the Creed.

Now this is the article of the Creed that must always be and remain in use. For we have already received creation. Redemption, too, is finished. But the Holy Spirit carries on His work without ceasing to the Last Day. For that purpose He has appointed a congregation upon earth by which He speaks and does everything. For He has not yet brought together

all His Christian Church or granted all forgiveness. Therefore, we believe in Him who daily brings us into the fellowship of this Christian Church through the Word. Through the same Word and the forgiveness of sins He bestows, increases, and strengthens faith. So when He has done it all, and we abide in this and die to the world and to all evil, He may finally make us perfectly and forever holy. Even now we expect this in faith through the Word. para 57–62

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

Tue	3.15pm	Drama Club end of term (display at 3.45)
Wed	10.30am	Bible Study (Parsonage)
	12.30am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2pm	Carol Singing at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
	7.30pm	Advent Vespers (St. Francis, Funtley)
Sun	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	12.15 am	Advent drinks at the Parsonage

Further ahead

19 Dec	10.30am	Bible Study (The Parsonage)
	12.30am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	3pm	Carol Singing (Merry Hall)
	7pm	Advent Vespers (St. Francis, Funtley)
22 Dec	4pm	Finnish Carol Service (Holy Trinity)
23 Dec	10am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	11.15am	Children's Carol Service
24 Dec	11pm	Midnight Mass (Scout Hall)
25 Dec	10am	Christmas Morning Divine Service (Scout Hall)

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 40:1–8; 1 Corinthians 4:1–5;

Matthew 11:2–10

Daily Readings:

Sun: Isaiah 26:1–19 1 John 3:1–24 *Large Catechism I: 69–77*

Mon: Is 26:20–27:13 1 John 4:1–21 *LC I: 78–86*

Tue: Is 28:14–29 2 John 3 John 5:1–21 *LC I: 87–95*

Wed: Is 29:1–14 Jude 1–25 *LC I: 96–102*

Thu: Is 29:15–30:14 Revelation 1:1–19 *LC I: 103–111*

Fri: Is 30:15–26 Rev 2:1–29 *LC I: 112–119*

Sat: Is 30:27–31:9 Rev 3:1–22 *LC I: 120–128*