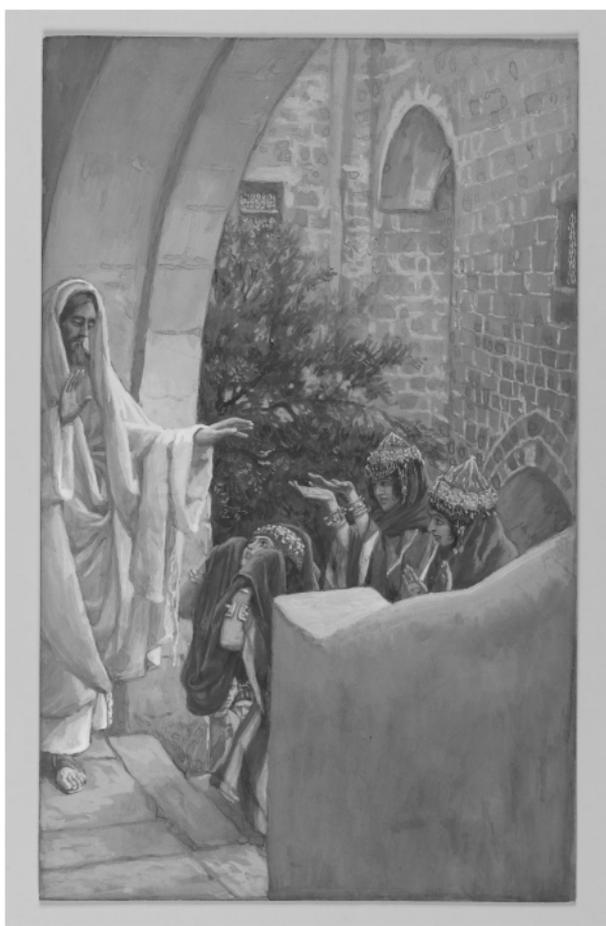


# Our Saviour Lutheran Church



*Reminiscere*  
Second Sunday in Lent  
24 February 2013



**O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for  
you as you desire.**

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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.

**Hymn: In Christ Alone**

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my all in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone! —who took on flesh,  
Fulness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied—  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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**184 Confession and Absolution****Catechism**

- P** The Tenth Commandment
- C** You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's.
- P** What does this mean?
- C** We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbour's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

**Introit** (Ps. 25:1–2a, 7–8, 11; antiphon: Ps. 25:6, 2b, 22)



**A** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and  
your | steadfast love,\*

for they have been | from of old.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.\*

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all  
his | troubles.

**C** To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.\*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not  
be | put to shame.

**A** Remember not the sins of my youth or my  
trans- | gressions;\*

according to your steadfast love remember  
me, for the sake of your goodness, | O  
LORD!

**C** Good and upright | is the LORD;\*

therefore he instructs sinners | in the  
way.

**A** For your name's sake, | O LORD,\*

pardon my guilt, for | it is great.

**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** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and  
your | steadfast love,\*

for they have been | from of old.

**C** Let not my enemies exult | over me.\*

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all  
his | troubles.

## 186 Kyrie

### 189 Salutation and Collect of the Day

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## The Readings

### *Holding God to His Word*

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22–32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21–28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you

as you desire” (Mt. 15:27–28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1–7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Rom. 5:1–5).

### Old Testament reading—Genesis 32:22–32

<sup>22</sup>The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” <sup>28</sup>Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,<sup>a</sup> for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel,<sup>b</sup> saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.” <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup>Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip on the sinew of the thigh.

<sup>a</sup> ‘Israel’ means ‘He strives with God’.

<sup>b</sup> ‘Peniel’ means ‘The face of God’

### Gradual (Ps. 25:17–18)

**☒ The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;\*  
bring me out of my dis-| tresses.**

**Consider my affliction and my | trouble,\*  
and forgive | all my sins.**

### Epistle Reading—1 Thessalonians 4:1–7

Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. <sup>2</sup>For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup>For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup>that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honour, <sup>5</sup>not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; <sup>6</sup>that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned

you. <sup>7</sup> For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

**Tract** (*Ps. 106:1-4*)

**A** Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD,  
for | he is good,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

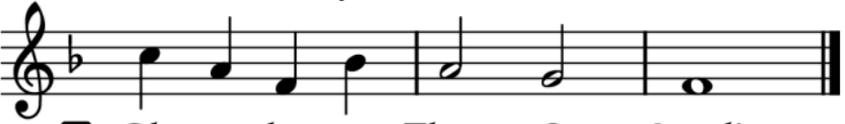
**C** Who can utter the mighty deeds | of the  
LORD,\*  
or declare | all his praise?

**A** Blessèd are they who observe | justice,\*  
who do righteousness | at all times!

**C** Remember me, O LORD, when you show  
favour to your | people;\*  
help me when you | save them.

**Gospel Reading—Matthew 15:21-28**

**L** The ✠ holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,  
the fifteenth chapter.



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

<sup>21</sup> And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” <sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” <sup>24</sup> He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup> And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup> She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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



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

**191** *The Nicene Creed*

**615** **Hymn: When in the Hour of Deepest Need**

**Sermon**

**192** *The Offertory*

**Offering**

**193** *Prayer of the Church*

**433** **Hymn: Glory Be to Jesus**

**194** *The Service of the Sacrament*

199 *Nunc Dimittis and Post-Communion Prayers*

202 *Blessing*

922 *Hymn: Go My Children, with My Blessing*

## **Sunday School Presentation**

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### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

#### **Members**

Ron, Forbes, Frank

#### **Family of members**

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

#### **Friends of members**

Ilse Kelly (old age); Paul (homeless); Mike (health);

Claire and Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke);

Johann Wiebusch (CP); Margaret & Patrick Tustin

(Alzheimer's); Rob (depression); Debra

(depression); Dave (mental illness); Claire

(leukaemia); Don & Julie Gardner (cancer);

Graham (tumour); Ronnie (cancer); Lisa & children

(cancer); Steve (cancer); Baby Thomas (health)

#### **ELCE**

Luther Tyndale Memorial Lutheran Church, Pr.

Flor; ELCE Congregational Life Committee;

Norma Rakow (illness & old age); family of †Betty

Shaw (Redeemer)

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

India Evangelical Lutheran Church; Lutherans in

Africa, Pr. James May; Hill Park Baptist Church

### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD**

#### **FORMULA OF CONCORD: EPITOME**

#### **ARTICLE III: THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF FAITH BEFORE GOD**

... We unanimously believe, teach, and confess that Christ is our Righteousness neither according to His divine nature alone nor according to His human nature alone. But it is the entire Christ who is our Righteousness according to both natures. In His obedience alone, which as God and man He offered to the Father even to His death, He merited for us the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. ...

2. We believe, teach, and confess what our righteousness before God is this: God forgives our sins out of pure grace, without any work, merit, or worthiness of ours preceding, present, or following. He presents and credits to us the righteousness of Christ's obedience. Because of this righteousness, we are received into grace by God and regarded as righteous.

3. We believe, teach, and confess that faith alone is the means and instrument through which we lay hold of Christ. So in Christ we lay hold of that righteousness that benefits us before God, for whose sake this faith is credited to us for righteousness (Romans 4:5).

4. We believe, teach, and confess that this faith is not a bare knowledge of Christ's history, but it is God's gift. By this gift we come to the right knowledge of Christ as our Redeemer in the Word of the Gospel. And we trust in Him that for the sake of His obedience alone we have—by grace—the forgiveness of sins and are regarded as holy and righteous before God the Father and are eternally saved. ...

We believe, teach, and confess that many weaknesses and defects cling to the true believers and truly regenerate, even up to the day they are buried. Still, they must not on that account doubt either their righteousness, which has been credited to them through faith, or the salvation of their souls. They must regard it as certain that for Christ's sake, according to the promise and immovable Word of the Holy Gospel, they have a gracious God. Paragraph 3-9

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

#### The Week Ahead

Today	5pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
Tue	3.15pm	Drama Club
Wed	10.30am	Bible Study (Parsonage)
	12.30am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	3pm	Devotion at Merry Hall
	7pm	Advent Vespers (St. Francis, Funtley)
Sat	5.30pm	Saturday Supper (potluck). Photos from Israel (?)
Sun	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

#### Further Ahead

5 Mar	3.15pm	Drama Club
6 Mar	10.30am	Bible Study (Parsonage)
	12.30am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	7pm	Advent Vespers (St. Francis, Funtley)
10 Mar	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
17 Mar	10.30am	Divine Service— <i>Mothering Sunday</i>

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

***Exodus 8:16-24; Ephesians 5:1-9; Luke 11:14-28***

#### ***Daily Readings:***

Sun: Genesis 16:1-9, 15-17:22 Mark 6:1-13 *Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration II: 1-4*

Mon: Gen 18:1-15 Gen 18:16-20:18 Mark 6:14-34 *FC SD II: 5-8*

Tue: Gen 21:1-21 Mark 6:35-56 *FC SD II: 9-13*

Wed: Gen 22:1-19 Mark 7:1-23 *FC SD II: 14-17*

Thu: Gen 24:1-31 Mark 7:24-37 *FC SD II: 18-23*

Fri: Gen 24:32-52, 61-67 Mark 8:1-21 *FC SD II: 24-26*

Sat: Gen 27:1-29 Mark 8:22-38 *FC SD II: 27-38*