

Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Laetare
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Jesus then took the loaves, and distributed them to those who were seated

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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.

901 *Hymn: Open Now the Gates of Beauty*

184 *Confession and Absolution*

Catechism

P The Creed, the first article

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Introit (Ps. 122:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Isaiah 66:10a, 11a)



A Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*
all you who | love her;
that you may nurse and be | satisfied*
from her con- | soling breast.

C I was glad when they | said to me,*
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”

A Our feet have been | standing*
within your gates, O Jer- | usalem!

C Pray for the peace of Jer- | usalem!*
“May they be secure who | love you!

A For my brothers and com- | panions’ sake*
I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”

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 Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*
all you who | love her;

C that you may nurse and be | satisfied*
from her con- | soling breast.

186 *Kyrie*

189 *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Readings

The Lord Feeds His People

The Lord provided bread from heaven for His people in the wilderness (Ex. 16:2–21). Now He who is Himself the living bread from heaven miraculously provides bread for the five thousand (John 6:1–15). This takes place near the time of the Passover, after a great multitude had followed Jesus across the sea, and when He went up on a mountain. Seen in this way, Jesus is our new and greater Moses, who releases us from the bondage of Mount Sinai and makes us free children of the promise (Gal. 4:21–31). Five loaves become twelve baskets—that is, the five books of Moses find their goal and fulfilment in Christ, whose people continue steadfastly in the doctrine and fellowship of the twelve apostles, and in the breaking and receiving of the bread of life, which is the body of Christ together with His precious blood, and in the prayers (Acts 2:41–47). So it is that God’s people “*shall not hunger or thirst*” (Is. 49:8–13). For He abundantly provides for us in both body and soul.

Old Testament Reading—Exodus 16:2–21

² And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³ and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.”

⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸ And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.” ⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

¹⁰ And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ And the LORD said to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³ In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp.

¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” ¹⁷And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. ¹⁹And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.” ²⁰But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

Gradual (*Ps. 122:1, 7*)

☩ I was glad when they | said to me,*
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”
**Peace be with- | in your walls*
and security within your | towers!**

Epistle Reading—Galatians 4:21–31

²¹Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? ²²For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ²³But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. ²⁴Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. ²⁵Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷For it is written, “Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labour! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband.” ²⁸Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. ³⁰But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” ³¹So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

Tract (*Ps. 125:1–2, 5b*)

☩ Those who trust in the LORD are like
Mount | Zion,*
which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.
☩ As the mountains surround Jer- | usalem,
so the LORD surrounds his | people,*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.
Peace be upon | Israel!

Gospel Reading—John 6:1–15

L The ✠ holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.



C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³ Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.

⁵ Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!” ¹⁵ Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

191 *The Nicene Creed*

743 **Hymn: Jesus, Priceless Treasure**

Sermon

192 *The Offertory*

Offering

193 *Prayer of the Church*

642 **Hymn: O Living Bread from Heaven**

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422 *Hymn: On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

Sunday School Presentation

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron, Forbes, Frank

Family of members

Lucy, Diana (old age); 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 (recovering from cancer); Baby Thomas (health); family of †Alyssa

ELCE

Oxford Lutheran Mission; Pr. Smith, Pr. Quirk; ELCE Central Office; Norma Rakow (illness & old age); family of †Chris Sloan

The Church of God

India Evangelical Lutheran Church; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Living Word Church (Catisfield)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

THE LARGE CATECHISM

ARTICLE V: THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

“Now, what is the Sacrament of the Altar?”

Answer, “It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, in and under the bread and wine, which we Christians are commanded by Christ’s Word to eat and to drink.” Just as we have said that Baptism is not simple water, so here also we say that though the Sacrament is bread and wine, it is not mere bread and wine, such as are ordinarily served at the table. But this is bread and wine included in, and connected with, God’s Word.

It is the Word, I say, that makes and sets this Sacrament apart. So it is not mere bread and wine, but is, and is called, Christ’s body and blood. For it is said, “When the Word is joined to the element or natural substance, it becomes a Sacrament.” This saying of St. Augustine is so properly and so well put that he has scarcely said anything better. The Word must make a Sacrament out of the element, or else it remains a mere element. Now, it is not the word or ordinance of a prince or emperor. But it is the Word of the grand Majesty, at whose feet all creatures should fall and affirm it is as He says, and accept it with all reverence, fear, and humility.

With this Word you can strengthen your conscience and say, “If a hundred thousand devils, together with all fanatics, should rush forward, crying, ‘How can bread and wine be Christ’s body and blood?’ and such, I know that all spirits and scholars together are not as wise as is the Divine Majesty in His little finger”. Now here stands Christ’s Word, “Take, eat; this is My body ... Drink of it, all of you; this is My blood of the new testament,” and so on. Here we stop to watch those who will call themselves His masters and make the matter different

from what He has spoken. ... What Christ's lips say and speak, so it is. He can never lie or deceive. para 8-13

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES		
The Week Ahead		
Today	4.30pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
Tue	3.15pm	Drama Club
Wed	10.30am	Bible Study (Parsonage)
	12.30am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
	7pm	Lenten Vespers (St. Francis, Funtley)
Thu	7.45pm	Voters' Assembly (Parsonage)
Sun	10.30am	Divine Service
Further ahead		
19 Mar	3.15pm	Drama Club
20 Mar	10.30am	Bible Study (Parsonage)
	7pm	Lenten Vespers
21 Mar	10/11am	Drama Club show at Orchard Lea Junior/Infant School
24 Mar	10.30am	Divine Service— <i>Palm Sunday</i>
	5pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission

Next Sunday's Readings:

Genesis 22:1-14; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 8:46-59

Daily Readings:	
Sun:	Genesis 41:28-57 Mark 11:20-33 <i>Formula of Concord Solid Declaration III: 1-7</i>
Mon:	Gen 42:1-34, 38 Mark 12:1-12 <i>FC SD III: 8-17</i>
Tue:	Gen 43:1-28 Mark 12:13-27 <i>FC SD III: 18-23</i>
Wed:	Gen 44:1-18, 32-34 Mark 12:28-44 <i>FC SD III: 24-29</i>
Thu:	Gen 45:1-20, 24-28 Mark 13:1-23 <i>FC SD III: 30-35</i>
Fri:	Gen 47:1-31 Mark 13:24-37 <i>FC SD III: 36-43</i>
Sat:	Gen 49:29-50:7, 14-26 Mark 14:1-11 <i>FC SD III: 44-53</i>

Services and Events in Holy Week

Day	Time	Event	Venue
Maundy Thursday	7pm	Divine Service	St. Francis
Good Friday	10.30am	Gathering for refreshments	The Hub
	11.30am	Procession to Scout Hall	
	12 noon	Chief Service	Scout Hall
Holy Saturday	10am-12	Easter Craft Club	Scout Hall
Easter Sunday	9am	Easter Breakfast	Scout Hall
	10.30am	Divine Service	Scout Hall