Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Third Sunday after Trinity
16 June 2013

James Tissot (1836–1902), *La Drachme perdue*
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She seeks diligently until she has found it

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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.

686 Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

184 Confession and Absolution

Catechism

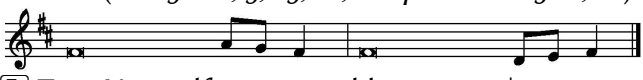
P What is Baptism?

C **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.**

P Which is that word of God?

C **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."**

Introit (*Ps. 25:1–2, 5, 15, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25:16, 18*)



L Turn Yourself to me, and have mer- | cy on me,*
for I am desolate and af- | flicted.
Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.

C **To You, O Lord, I lift | up my soul.***
O my God, I trust in You; Let me not | be ashamed.

L You are the God of my sal- | vation;*
on You I wait | all the day.

C **My eyes are ever | towards the Lord,***
for He shall pluck my feet out | of the net.

L Keep my soul, and de- | liver me;*
let me not be ashamed, for I put my | trust 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.

L Turn Yourself to me, and have mer- | cy on me,*
for I am desolate and af- | flicted.

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

186 Kyrie

187 Gloria in excelsis

189 Salutation and Collect of the Day

O God, the Protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Readings

Jesus Receives Sinners

"*This man receives sinners and eats with them*" (Luke 15:2). The Pharisees' statement of judgement against Jesus is in fact a proclamation of Gospel truth. For our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (Micah 7:18–20). "*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners*" (1 Tim. 1:15). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came only for sinners. Those like the older son (Luke 15:11–32), who think they are righteous of themselves, will not join in the heavenly celebration over the sinner who repents and so remain outside of the Father's house. Let us therefore be on guard against self–righteously trusting in our own merits. "*Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you*" (1 Peter 5:6). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.

Old Testament Reading—Micah 7:18–20

18 Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.
19 He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.
20 You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers
from the days of old.

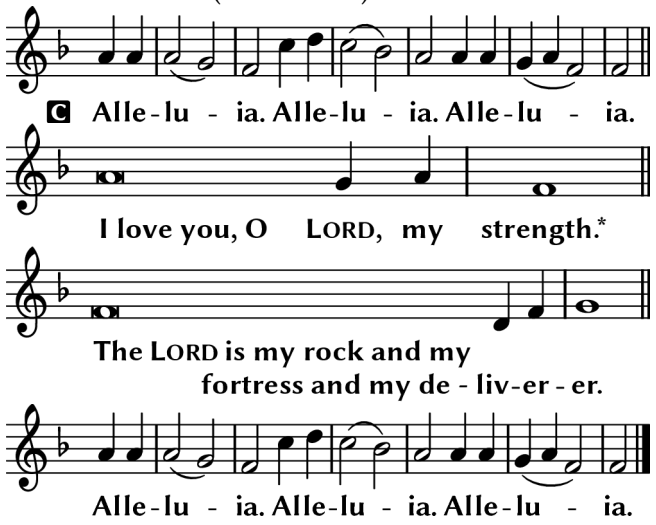
Gradual (*Ps. 55:22, 16, 18*)

C Cast your burden | on the LORD,*
and He shall sus- | tain you;
I will call upon God, and the LORD
shall | save me.*
He redeems my soul in | safety.

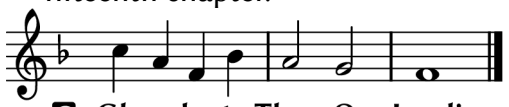
Epistle Reading—1 Peter 5:6–11

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia Verse (*Ps. 18:1–2a*)

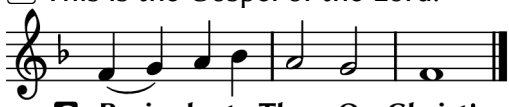


Gospel Reading—Luke 15:1–10

L The ☩ holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all
drawing near to hear [Jesus]. 2 And the Phar-
isees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This
man receives sinners and eats with them."

3 So he told them this parable: 4 "What man of
you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one
of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the
open country, and go after the one that is lost,
until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he
lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he
comes home, he calls together his friends and
his neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with
me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'
7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in
heaven over one sinner who repents than over
ninety-nine righteous persons who need no re-
pentance.

8 "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if
she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and
sweep the house and seek diligently until she
finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls
together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Re-
joice with me, for I have found the coin that I
had lost.' 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before
the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

191 The Nicene Creed

609 Hymn: Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

Sermon

192 The Offertory

Offering

193 Prayer of the Church

625 Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

194 The Service of the Sacrament

Distribution Music:
G.F. Handel: He Shall Feed His Flock (Isa 40:11; Matt 11:28–29)

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,
and He shall gather the lambs with His arm,
and carry them in His bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

Come unto Him all ye that labour,
come unto Him that are heavy laden,
and He will give you rest.

Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him,
for He is meek and lowly of heart,
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me,
save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the
day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping,
thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3. Be thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour,
be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter,
be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward,
great Power of my power.

4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
Great Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish 8th century, trans. Mary Byrne and versified by Eleanor Hull

Sunday School Presentation

In Our Prayers

Members
Ron, Forbes, Frank

Family of members
Lucy, Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; Jerry Harbin (recovering from operation)

Friends of members
Ilse Kelly (old age); Paul (homeless); Mike (health); Claire and Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Margaret & Patrick Tustin (Alzheimer's); Rob (depression); Debra (depression); Dave (mental illness); Claire (leukaemia); Don & Julie Gardner (cancer); Lisa & family (cancer); Baby Thomas (health); Sally (health); Julia (distress)

ELCE
Bristol & Ipswich Mission; Prs. Bessel & Samiec; Norma Rakow (illness & old age)

The Church of God
Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Lanka Lutheran Church; St. Columba CofE

A Reading From The Book Of Concord
The Large Catechism
Part II, Article I

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

We could say much here, if we were to wander, about how few people believe this article. For we all pass over it, hear it, and say it. Yet we do not see or consider what the words teach us. For if we believed this teaching with the heart, we would also act according to it. We would not strut about proudly, act defiantly, and boast as though we had life, riches, power, honour, and such, of ourselves. We would not act as though others must fear and serve us, as is the practice of the wretched, perverse world. The world is drowned in blindness and abuses all the good things and God's gifts only for its own pride, greed, lust, and luxury. It never once thinks about God, so as to thank Him or acknowledge Him as Lord and Creator.

This article ought to humble and terrify us all, if we believed it. For we sin daily with eyes, ears, hands, body and soul, money and possessions, and with everything we have. This is especially true of those who fight against God's Word. Yet Christians have this advantage: they acknowledge that they are duty bound to serve God for all these things and to be obedient to Him.

We ought, therefore, daily to recite this article. We ought to impress it upon our mind and remember

it by all that meets our eyes and by all good that falls to us. Wherever we escape from disaster or danger, we ought to remember that it is God who gives and does all these things. In these escapes we sense and see His fatherly heart and His surpassing love toward us. In this way the heart would be warmed and kindled to be thankful, and to use all such good things to honour and praise God.

We have most briefly presented the meaning of this article. This is how much is necessary at first for the most simple to learn about what we have, what we receive from God, and what we owe in return. This is a most excellent knowledge but a far greater treasure. For here we see how the Father has given Himself to us, together with all creatures, and has most richly provided for us in this life. We see that He has overwhelmed us with unspeakable, eternal treasures by His Son and the Holy Spirit, as we shall hear. Paragraph 20–24

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Dates for Your Diaries

The Week Ahead

Wed	10.30am	Bible Study (Parsonage)
	12.30am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	3pm	Devotion (Merry Hall)
Sun	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	5pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission

Further ahead

24–26 June		Pastors' Study Week (Cambridge)
26 June	*No Bible study*	
30 June	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30pm	Joint service with St. Peter's LC (Weymouth)

Next Sunday's Readings:

Genesis 50:15–21; Romans 8:18–23; Luke 6:36–42

Daily Readings:

Sun: Proverbs 16:1–24 John 16:1–16 *Augsburg Confession Preface: 12–24*
Mon: Prov 17:1–28 John 16:17–33 *AC I–II*
Tue: Prov 20:5–25 John 17:1–26 *AC III–IV*
Wed: Prov 22:1–21 John 18:1–14 *AC V–VI*
Thu: Prov 22:22–23:12 John 18:15–40 *AC VII–VIII*
Fri: Prov 24:1–22 John 19:1–22 *AC IX–XI*
Sat: Prov 25:1–22 John 19:23–42 *AC XII–XIII*