

Our Saviour Lutheran Church



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The Lord had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.”

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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:

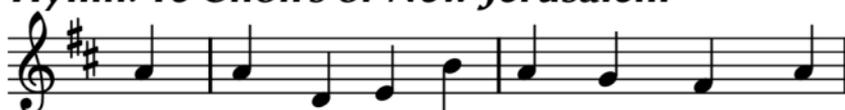
Both the hymns and the order of service are found in the Lutheran Service Book. The outline of the service is given in this bulletin. The congregation stands for the parts of the service printed in italics and sits for the rest.

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.

Hymn: Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

1. Ye choirs of new Je - ru - sa - lem, Your
2. How Ju-dah's li - on burst His chains, And
3. From hell's de-vour-ing jaws the pray A -
4. Tri - umph-ant in His glo - ry now His



sweet - est notes em - ploy, The
 crushed the ser - pent's head; And
 lone our Lead - er bore; His
 scep - tre rul - eth all, Earth,



Pas - chal vic - to - ry to hymn In
 brought with Him, from death's do-mains, The
 ran - somed hosts pur - sue their way Where
 heaven, and hell be - fore Him bow, And



strains of ho - ly joy.
 long - im - pri - soned dead.
 He hat gone be - fore.
 at His foot - stool fall.

- 5 While we, His soldiers, praise our King,
 His mercy we implore,
 Within His palace bright to bring
 And keep us evermore.

- 6 All glory to the Father be,
 All glory to the Son,
 All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,
 While endless ages run.

Text: Fulbert of Chartres (c. 1000); tr. Robert Campbell (1814–68); Music: H.J. Gauntlett (1805–76)

184 Confession and Absolution**Catechism**

P The First Commandment

C You shall have no other gods.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Introit (Ps. 86:1, 7, 12, 13; antiphon: Ps. 86:3, 5)

A Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*

for to you do I cry | all the day.

For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,*

abounding in steadfast love to all who call
 up- | on you.

C Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer
 me,*

for I am poor and | needy.

A In the day of my trouble I call up- | on you,*
for you | answer me.

C I give thanks to you, O Lord my God,
with | my whole heart,*
and I will glorify your name
for- | ever.

A For great is your steadfast | love towards me;*
you have delivered my soul from the
depths | of Sheol.

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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C For you, O Lord, are good and
for- | giving,*
abounding in steadfast love to all who
call up- | on you.

186 *Kyrie & Gloria in excelsis*

189 *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Readings

Jesus Calls forth Life from Death

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, “*Young man, I say to you, arise.*” Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father “*is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think*” (Eph. 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman’s son (2 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. “*To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*”

Old Testament Reading—1 Kings 17:17–24

¹⁷ After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸ And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” ¹⁹ And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his

own bed. ²⁰ And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” ²¹ Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” ²² And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³ And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” ²⁴ And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

Gradual (*Ps. 102:15–16*)

**☐ Nations will fear the name | of the LORD,*
and all the kings of the earth will fear
your | glory.**

**For the LORD builds up | Zion;*
he appears in his | glory**

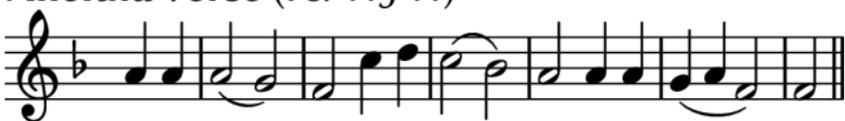
Epistle Reading—Ephesians 3:13–21

¹³ I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

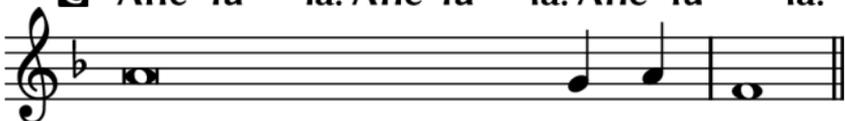
¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

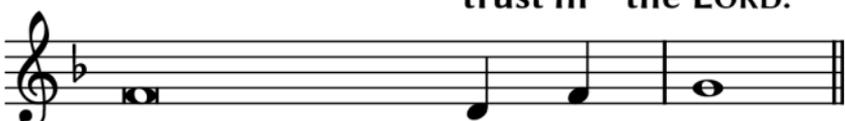
Alleluia Verse (*Ps. 115:11*)



☐ Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia.



**You who fear the LORD,
trust in the LORD.***



He is their help and their shield.



Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia.

Gospel Reading—Luke 7:11–17

P The ✠ holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.



C Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

¹¹ Soon afterwards [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” ¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” ¹⁷ And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

191 *The Nicene Creed*

760 **Hymn: What God Ordains Is Always Good**

Sermon

192 *The Offertory*

Offering

193 *Prayer of the Church*

458 **Hymn: Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands**

Verses 1, 2, 5–7

194 *The Service of the Sacrament*

818 **Hymn: In Thee Is Gladness**

Sunday School Presentation

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron; Frank; Karina

Family of members

Lucy, Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; Jerry Harbin; Morris family

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Paul (homeless); Mike (unemployed); Trevor (unemployed); Claire and Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Margaret Tustin (Alzheimer's, bereavement); Rob (depression); Debra (depression); Dave (mental illness); Claire (leukaemia); Lisa & family (cancer); Sally (health); Leanne (health); Julia (distress); Phil & Karen (distress); Pat (cancer)

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Luther –Tyndale Memorial Lutheran Church, Cheltenham Lutheran Mission; Pr. Flor; St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pr. Van Fossan; *The British Lutheran*; Quirk family; Pr. Edge (illness); Norma Rakow (illness & old age)

The Church of God

Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paraguay; Fareham Baptist New Life Church

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION ARTICLE XX: GOOD WORKS

Furthermore, we teach that it is necessary to do good works. This does not mean that we merit grace by doing good works, but because it is God's will. It is only by faith, and nothing else, that forgiveness of sins is apprehended. The Holy Spirit is received through faith, hearts are renewed and given new affections, and then they are able to bring forth good works. Ambrose says: "Faith is the mother of a good will and doing what is right." Without the Holy Spirit people are full of ungodly desires. They are too weak to do works that are good in God's sight. Besides, they are in the power of the devil, who pushes human beings into various sins, ungodly opinions, and open crimes.³³ We see this in the philosophers, who, although they tried to live an honest life could not succeed, but were defiled with many open crimes. Such is human weakness, without faith and without the Holy Spirit, when governed only by human strength.

Therefore, it is easy to see that this doctrine is not to be accused of banning good works. Instead, it is to be commended all the more because it shows how we are enabled to do good works. For without faith, human nature cannot, in any way, do the works of the First or Second Commandment. Without faith, hu-

man nature does not call upon God, nor expect anything from Him, nor bear the cross. Paragraph 27-37

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

Tue	3.20pm	Drama Club (Orchard Lea Junior School)
Wed	10.30am	Bible study (Parsonage)
	12.45pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
Sun	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	5pm	Pastor at Oxford Lutheran Mission

Further ahead

24 Sep	3.20pm	Drama Club
25 Sept	10.30am	Bible study (Parsonage)
	12.45pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge
	3pm	Devotion at Merry Hall
29 Sep	10.30am	Harvest Festival and lunch
4-5 Oct	<i>ELCE Synod (St. Timothy's, Sunderland)</i>	

Next Sunday's Readings:

Proverbs 25:6-14; Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 14:1-11

Daily Readings:

Sun: 2 Chronicles 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33 Colossians 2:8-23 *Apo-logy of the Augsburg Confession Xlla (V): 1-10*

Mon: 2 Chr 35:1-7, 16-25 Col 3:1-25 *Ap Xlla (V): 11-27*

Tue: 2 Chr 36:1-23 Col 4:1-18 *Ap Xlla (V): 28-45*

Wed: Nehemiah 1:1-2:10 1 Timothy 1:1-20 *Ap Xlla (V): 46-58*

Thu: Neh 2:11-20; 4:1-6 1 Tim 2:1-15 *Ap Xlla (V): 59-67*

Fri: Neh 4:7-23 1 Tim 3:1-16 *Ap Xlla (V): 68-82*

Sat: Neh 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16 1 Tim 4:1-16 *Ap Xlla (V): 83-97*

Sun: Neh 7:1-4; 8:1-18 Tim 5:1-16 *Ap Xllb (VI): 1-15*

Coming soon: Weekday Services

From next week, a regular schedule of weekday services will begin, to be held at St. Francis, Funtley. Mostly, these will be early morning Matins Services, starting around 8.15am. The details will be fixed and announced by next Sunday.

The services will be open to the public, and all members of Our Saviour are invited and encouraged to attend as they have opportunity.