

Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
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**Everyone who exalts himself will be
humbled, and he who humbles himself
will be exalted**

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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.

Catechism

P The Second Commandment

C You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, practise witchcraft, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Introit (Ps. 119:1–2, 5–6; antiphon: Ps. 119:137, 124)



the table with you. “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 14:1–11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbled Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, “*Friend, move up higher,*” giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding feast which has no end.

Old Testament Reading—Proverbs 25:6–14

6 Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence

or stand in the place of the great,

7 for it is better to be told, “Come up here,” than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen

8 do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end,

when your neighbour puts you to shame?

9 Argue your case with your neighbour himself,

and do not reveal another’s secret,

10 lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,

and your ill repute have no end.

11 A word fitly spoken

is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

12 Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprov- er to a listening ear.

13 Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him;

he refreshes the soul of his masters.

14 Like clouds and wind without rain

is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

Gradual (Ps. 33:12, 6)

☩ Blessed is the nation whose God | is the LORD,*

the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!

By the word of the LORD the heav- | ens were made,*

and by the breadth of his mouth | all their host.

Epistle Reading—Ephesians 4:1–6

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Alleluia Verse (Ps. 116:1)



C Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia.
I love the LORD,*
because he has heard my voice
and my pleas for mer - cy.
Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia.

Gospel Reading—Luke 14:1–11

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



C Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honour, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes

he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you. “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

191 *The Nicene Creed*

853 **Hymn: How Clear Is Our Vocation**

Sermon

192 *The Offertory*

Offering

193 *Prayer of the Church*

617 **Hymn: O Lord, We Praise Thee**

194 *The Service of the Sacrament*

935 *Hymn: Tell Out, My Soul*

Sunday School Presentation

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron; Frank; Karina

Family of members

Lucy, Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; Harbin family (†Jerry); 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); Rob (depression); Debra (depression); Dave (mental illness); Claire (leukaemia); Lisa & family (cancer); Sally (health); Leanne (health); Beth (health); Julia (distress); Phil & Karen (distress); Pat (cancer)

ELCE

Ascension Lutheran Church, Pr. Samiec; Quirk family; Pr. Edge (illness); Norma Rakow (illness & old age)

The Church of God

Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Evangelical Lutheran Church—Peru; Hill Park Baptist Church

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
THE LARGE CATECHISM
THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

So when someone asks you, “What is meant by the commandment: You shall sanctify the holy day?” Answer like this, “To sanctify the holy day is the same as to keep it holy.” “But what is meant by keeping it holy?” “Nothing else than to be occupied with holy words, works, and life.” For the day needs no sanctification for itself. It has been created holy in itself. But God desires the day to be holy to you. Therefore, it becomes holy or unholy because of you, whether you are occupied on that day with things that are holy or unholy.

How, then, does such sanctification take place? Not like this: sitting behind the stove and doing no rough work, or adorning ourselves with a wreath and putting on our best clothes. But as said above, we occupy ourselves with God’s Word and exercise ourselves in the Word.

Indeed, we Christians ought always to keep such a holy day and be occupied with nothing but holy things. This means we should daily be engaged with God’s Word and carry it in our hearts and upon our lips. ...

God’s Word is the true “holy thing” [*Heiligtum*; relic] above all holy things. Yes, it is the only one we Christians know and have. Though we had the bones of all the saints or all holy and consecrated garments upon a heap, still that would not help us at all. All that stuff is a dead thing that can sanctify no one. But God’s Word is the treasure that sanctifies everything. By the Word even all the saints themselves were sanctified. Whenever God’s Word is taught, preached, heard, read, or meditated upon, then the person, day, and work are sanctified. This is not because of the outward work, but because of the Word, which makes saints of us all. Therefore, I constantly say that all our life and work must be guided by God’s Word, if it is to be God-pleasing or holy. Where this is done, this commandment is in force and being fulfilled.

Paragraph 87–89, 91–92

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

Today	5pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
Tue	8.15am	Matins at St. Francis, Funtley
	3.20pm	Drama Club
Wed	10.30am	Bible study (Parsonage)
	12.45pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge
	3pm	Devotion at Merry Hall
	7pm	Vespers at St. Francis, Funtley
Thu	8.15am	Matins at St. Francis, Funtley
Fri	8.15am	Matins at St. Francis, Funtley
	3pm	Bible study at Brighton Lutheran Mission
Sun	10.30am	Harvest Festival and lunch

Further ahead

1 Oct	3.20pm	Drama Club
2 Oct	10.30am	Bible study (Parsonage)
	12.45pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
3 Oct	7.30pm	EGM (The Parsonage)
6 Oct	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

Next Sunday's Readings:

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3; Revelation 12:7-12; Matthew 18:1-11

Daily Readings:

Sun: Nehemiah 7:1-4; 8:1-18 1 Timothy 5:1-16 *Apology of the Augsburg Confession XIIb (VI): 1-15*

Mon: Neh 9:1-21 1 Tim 5:17-6:2 *Ap XIIb (VI): 16-24*

Tue: Neh 9:22-38 1 Tim 6:3-21 *Ap XIIb (VI): 25-33*

Wed: Malachi 1:1-14 Matthew 3:1-17 *Ap XIIb (VI): 34-42*

Thu: Mal 2:1-3:5 Matt 4:1-11 *Ap XIIb (VI): 43-50*

Fri: Mal 3:6-4:6 Matt 4:12-25 *Ap XIIb (VI): 51-57*

Sat: Deuteronomy 1:1-18 Matt 5:1-20 *Ap XIIb (VI): 58-66*

Sun: Deut 1:19-36 Matt 5:21-48 *Ap XIIb (VI): 67-76*

Midweek Services

Initially, the schedule of mid-week services at St. Francis, Funtley, will be as follows. This schedule may be subject to change. Any changes will be announced in advance.

Tuesday	8.15 am	Matins
Wednesday	7 pm	Vespers
Thursday	8.15 am	Matins
Friday	8.15 am	Matins