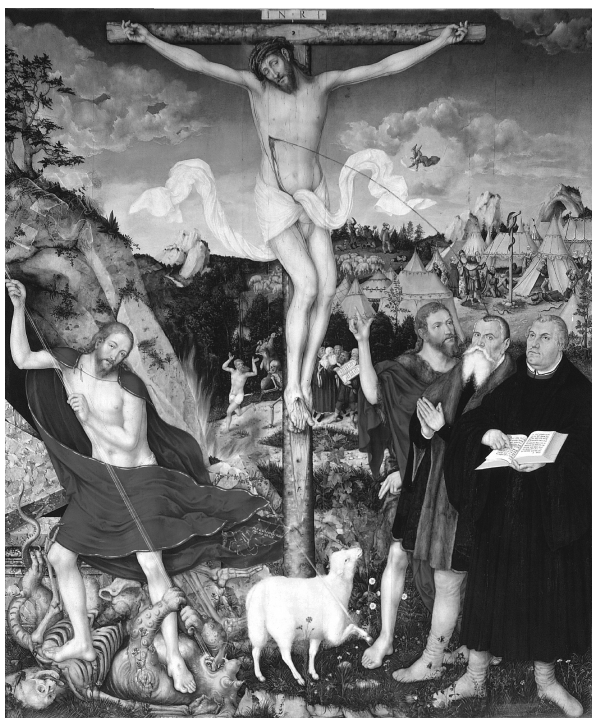


Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Reformation Sunday
27 October 2013



**If the Son sets you free,
you will be free indeed**

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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)
- ✠ You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.
- ❖ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

562 *Hymn: All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall*

184 *Confession and Absolution*

Catechism

P The sixth commandment:

C You shall not commit adultery.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we lead a chaste and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honour each other.

Introit (Ps. 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Ps. 119:46)



A I will also speak of your testimonies be- | fore
kings*

and shall not be | put to shame.

C I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my
mouth.

A My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;*
let the humble hear | and be glad.

C Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

A The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;*
none of those who take refuge in him
will | be condemned.

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 I will also speak of your testimonies be- | fore
kings*

and shall not be | put to shame.

186 *Kyrie & Gloria in excelsis*

189 *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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 Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds”(Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with

Him in His Kingdom and “*remain in the house forever*” (John 8:35). For He is “*a friend of tax collectors and sinners*” (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “*to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people*” (Rev. 14:6), “*the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law*” (Rom. 3:21), “*that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus*” (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, “*whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith*” (Rom. 3:25), “*you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free*” (John 8:31–32).

First Reading—Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgement has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Gradual (*Ps. 48:1a, 12–14a*)

**☒ Great is the Lord and greatly | to be
praised***

in the city | of our God!

**Walk about Zion, go around her, number
her | towers***

**consider well her ramparts, go
through her | citadels,**

**that you may tell the next gene- | ration*
that this is God, our God forever
and | ever.**

Epistle Reading—Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present

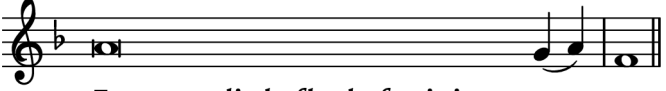
time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Alleluia & Verse (Luke 12:32)



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



Fear not, little flock, for it is
your Father's good pleasure*



To give you the king - dom.



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

Gospel Reading—John 8:31-36

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



C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. ³⁸I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

191 The Nicene Creed

656 Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sermon

192 *The Offertory*

Offering

193 *Prayer of the Church*

Each petition concludes with the following response:

P God, our refuge and strength,

G hear our prayer.

617 Hymn: O Lord, We Praise Thee

194 *The Service of the Sacrament*

199 *Nunc Dimittis and Post-Communion Prayers*

202 *Blessing*

794 *Hymn: The Lord, My God, Be Praised*

Sunday School Presentation

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron; Frank; Karina

Family of members

Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; Jacob (burns)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Mike (unemployed); Trevor (unemployed); Claire and Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Margaret Tustin (Alzheimer's); Rob (depression); Debra (depression); Brian (depression); Dave (mental illness); Claire (leukaemia); Lisa & family (cancer); Ray, Doreen & family (cancer); David Webb (cancer); Sally (health); Leanne (health); Beth (health); Julia (distress); Phil & Karen (distress); Gina & family

ELCE

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of England, all her pastors, Pr. Jon Ehlers; Quirk family; Norma Rakow (illness & old age)

The Church of God

Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Lutheran Church—Canada; St. Peter & St. Paul CofE

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION
ARTICLE IV: JUSTIFICATION

Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works. People are freely justified for Christ's sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favour and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake. By His death, Christ made satisfaction for our sins. God counts this faith for righteousness in His sight (Romans 3 and 4).

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When You're Not There

If I decided one Sunday just to skip Church that week, do you think anyone would notice? Ah, you say, but you're the pastor. Yes, they'd notice. I agree. They would. But it also makes a difference when YOU decide to skip Church this Sunday.

Each Sunday is a gathering of the family—and when a beloved family member doesn't show up for the family gathering and meal at Christmas or Easter or Thanksgiving, there's a hole, a gap, a pain that everyone feels. We're all the less for that person not being with us to revel in the celebration of that day. Their absence diminishes the joy of the family. So when you choose to skip on Sunday, when you don't come together with your church family to join in offering the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and to receive the gifts your Lord has for you, it's not just you that miss out. Your extended family—the Church—misses out. They are diminished by your decision to absent yourself. The singing is that much quieter. The "amens" that much softer. The spot where you usually sit and stand reminds us all of your absence.

Surely old Richard John Neuhaus was dead right on this: Christian discipleship should begin with a very simple commitment that any given Lord's Day will find you in the assembly of God's people, singing His praise, offering your prayers, receiving His gifts. The *only* reasons for missing is because you're too sick to be present or because you're away travelling—and even in the latter case, blessed are you if you find the family gathered in that location and join with them.

"Let us consider how to stir one another up to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:25 "I was glad when they said to me: Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122:1

Pastor William Weedon

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

Today	5pm	Pastor at Oxford Lutheran Mission
Tue	8.15am	Matins (St. Francis, Funtley)
Wed	7pm	Vespers (St. Francis, Funtley)
Wed–Fri		Holiday Club—No morning services, Bible study or Pastor’s Surgery
Sat	5.30pm	Saturday Supper: Bonfire Night
Sun	10.30am	Divine Service (<i>All Saints</i>)

Further ahead

5 Nov	3.15pm	Drama Club
6 Nov	10.30am	Bible Study (Parsonage).
	12.45pm	Pastor’s Surgery (The Hub)
9 Nov	10am-4pm	LWLGB Workshop (Scout Hall)
10 Nov	11am	Divine Service (<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>)
	4.30pm	Divine Service (Brighton Mission)
14 Nov	7.45pm	Voters’ Assembly (Parsonage)

Next Sunday’s Readings:

Revelation 7:9–17; 1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12

Daily Readings:

Sun: Deuteronomy 29:1–29 Matthew 18:21–35 *Apology of the Augsburg Confession XXIII (XI): 60–71*

Mon: Deut 30:1–20 Matt 19:1–15 *Ap XXIV (XII): 1–8*

Tue: Deut 31:1–29 Matt 19:16–30 *Ap XXIV (XII): 9–15*

Wed: Deut 31:30–32:27 Matt 20:1–16 *Ap XXIV (XII): 16–21*

Thu: Deut 32:28–52 Matt 20:17–34 *Ap XXIV (XII): 22–26*

Fri: Deut 34:1–12 Matt 21:1–22 *Ap XXIV (XII): 27–29*

Sat: Jeremiah 1:1–19 Matt 21:23–46 *Ap XXIV (XII): 30–34*

Sun: Jer 3:6–4:2 Matt 22:1–22 *Ap XXIV (XII): 35–40*

Remembrance Sunday: Change of Service Time

10 November is Remembrance Sunday. In order to mark the act of remembrance at the proper time of 11 am, without disrupting the service itself, the morning service on that day will start 30 minutes later than usual.