

Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
13 October 2013



**Friend, how did you get in here
without a wedding garment?**

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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! If they do want to move about, it's a good idea to take their shoes off.

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 actual 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.

Divine Service III

LSB 184

606 Hymn: I Lay My Sins on Jesus

184 Confession and Absolution

Catechism

P The Fourth Commandment

C Honour your father and your mother.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honour them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Introit (Ps. 48:1, 9–11; antiphon: Dan. 9:14; Prayer of Azariah)



A The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,*

for we have not obeyed his
com- | mandments.

Glorify your | name, O Lord;*
and deal with us according to your
great | mercy.

C Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*

in the city of our God, his
holy | mountain.

A We have thought on your steadfast | love, O God,*

in the midst of your | temple.

C As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.*

Your right hand is filled
with | righteousness.

A Let Mount Zi- | on be glad!*

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because
of your | judgements!

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 The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,*

for we have not obeyed his
com- | mandments.

C Glorify your | name, O Lord;*
and deal with us according to your
great | mercy.

186 Kyrie & Gloria in excelsis

189 Salutation and Collect of the Day

O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; 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 Invites Us to His Wedding Feast to Receive Abundant Righteousness

The Holy Spirit sounds forth the Gospel call: “See, I have prepared my dinner ... Come to the wedding feast”

(Matt. 22:1–14). But many reject this invitation in favour of worldly pursuits. And so the call goes out to others, both the good and the bad. For the wedding invitation is not based on the qualifications of those invited but on the basis of the merits and work of Christ. The feast is free: *“He who has no money, come, buy and eat ... delight yourselves in rich food.”* (Is. 55:1–9). Those rejecting the Spirit’s work shall experience God’s wrath and judgement. Those who are not clothed in Christ’s righteousness shall be cast into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us therefore seek the Lord while He may be found, for He will have mercy upon us. Let us redeem the time, being filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 5:15–21).

Old Testament reading—Isaiah 55:1–9

- “Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
2 Why do you spend your money for that
which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not
satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
3 Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting cov-
enant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
4 Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
5 Behold, you shall call a nation that you do
not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall
run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the
Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
6 “Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
7 let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have
compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly
pardon.
8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares
the LORD.
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Gradual (*Ps. 145: 15–16*)

C The eyes of all | look to you,*
and you give them their food in
due | season.

You open | your hand;*
you satisfy the desire of every | living
thing.

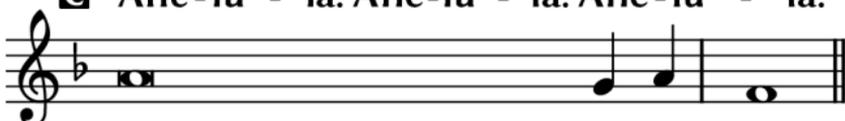
Epistle Reading—Ephesians 5:15–21

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

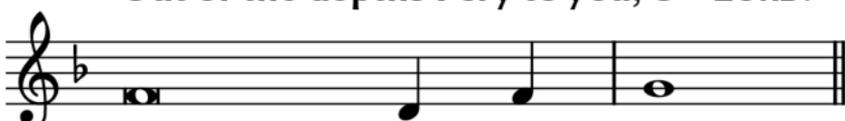
Alleluia Verse (*Ps. 130:1–2*)



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



Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!



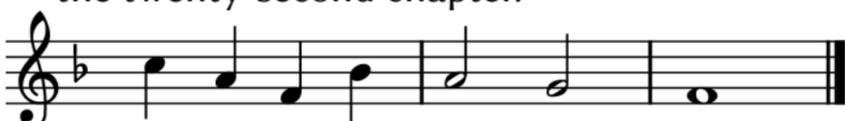
O LORD, hear my voice!



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

Gospel Reading—Matthew 22:1–14

L The ✠ holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his ser-

vants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

191 *The Nicene Creed*

633 **Hymn: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness**

Sermon

192 *The Offertory*

Offering

193 *Prayer of the Church*

525 **Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns**

194 *The Service of the Sacrament*

832 *Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign*

Sunday School Presentation

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron; Frank; Karina

Family of members

Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; Barbara & family of †Lucy

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); 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;
family of †Pat

ELCE

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Pr. Effiong; Quirk
family; Norma Rakow (illness & old age)

The Church of God

Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Lutheran
Church of Haiti; Fareham Community Church

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

THE FORMULA OF CONCORD

ARTICLE XI: ELECTION

God does not call without means, but through the Word. For He has commanded “that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name”. St. Paul also testifies in a similar way when he writes: “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God (2 Cor. 5:20). The King calls the guests that He wants to have at His Son’s wedding through the ministers He sent out (Matt. 22:14). He sends some at the first and some at the second, third, sixth, ninth, and even at the eleventh hour (Matt. 20:3–6).

Paragraph 27

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Liturgical Titbits: The Liturgical Compass

Traditionally, churches were built on an East-West axis, with the altar at the eastern end. This symbolises both Christ’s resurrection and His coming again in glory: the congregation comes from the West, the world on which the sun is slowly setting, and faces the rising sun to worship the Sun of Righteousness who rose on Easter morning with healing in His wings (Mal. 4:2). With their backs to the world, they face Him who will come again with glory.

This also explains why the Old Testament and Epistle are read from one side of the altar, and the Gospel (and sermon) from the other. The Gospel is traditionally read from the North side of the altar, as a reminder that Jesus, whose voice the Gospel is, shines as the Light of the world and so overcomes the powers of darkness (John 1:5).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

Today	4.30pm	Divine Service at Brighton Lutheran Mission
Tue	8.15am	Matins (St. Francis, Funtley)
	3.20pm	Drama Club
Wed	10.30am	Bible study (Parsonage)
	12.45pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge
	7pm	Vespers (St. Francis, Funtley)
Thu	8.15am	Matins (St. Francis, Funtley)
Fri	8.15am	Matins (St. Francis, Funtley)
Sun	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6pm	Youth Group

Further ahead

22 Oct	8.15am	Matins (St. Francis, Funtley)
	3.20pm	Drama Club
24 Oct	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 (St. Francis, Funtley)
Thu	8.15am	Matins (St. Francis, Funtley)
Fri	8.15am	Matins (St. Francis, Funtley)
Sun	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	5pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
30 Oct—1 Nov		Holiday Club
2 Nov	5.30pm	Bonfire Night

Next Sunday's Readings:

Genesis 1:1–2:3; Ephesians 6:10–17; John 4:46–51

Daily Readings:

Sun: Deuteronomy 11:26–12:12 Matthew 12:22–37 *Apology of the Augsburg Confession XX: 86–92*

Mon: Deut 12:13–32 Matt 12:38–50 *Ap XXI (IX): 1–13*

Tue: Deut 13:1–18 Matt 13:1–23 *Ap XXI (IX): 14–20*

Wed: Deut 14:1–2, 22–23, 14:28–15:15 Matt 13:24–43
Ap XXI (IX): 21–30

Thu: Deut 15:19–16:22 Matt 13:44–58 *Ap XXI (IX): 31–37*

Fri: Deut 17:1–20 Matt 14:1–21 *Ap XXI (IX): 38–44*

Sat: Deut 18:1–22 Matt 14:22–36 *Ap XXII (X): 1–8*

Sun: Deut 19:1–20 Matt 15:1–20 *Ap XXII (X): 9–17*