

Our Saviour Lutheran Church



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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.

Divine Service III

LSB 184

Hymn: Thou Whose Almighty Word

- 1 Thou, Whose Almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight,
Hear us, we humbly pray;
And, where the Gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!
- 2 Thou Who didst come to bring
On Thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now, to all mankind
Let there be light!
- 3 Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth Thy flight!
Move on the waters' face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And, in earth's darkest place,
Let there be light!

4 Holy and Blessed Three,
 Glorious Trinity,
 Wisdom, Love, Might;
 Boundless as ocean's tide,
 Rolling in fullest pride
 Through the world, far and wide,
 Let there be light!

Text: John Marriott (1780–1825)

184 Confession and Absolution

Catechism

P The fifth commandment:

C You shall not murder.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbour in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

Introit (Ps. 119:1, 38–40; antiphon: Apocryphal Esther 13:9–11)



A The whole world is | in your pow'r;*

O Lord, King Almighty, no one
 can | gainsay you.

For you have made | heav'n and earth;*
 you are | Lord of all!

C Confirm to your servant your | promise,*
 that you | may be feared.

A Turn away the reproach | that I dread,*
 for your just de- | crees are good.

C Behold, I long for your | precepts;*
 in your righteousness | give me life!

*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 whole world is | in your pow'r;*
 O Lord, King Almighty, no one
 can | gainsay you.

C For you have made | heav'n and earth;*
 you are | Lord of all!

186 Kyrie & Gloria in excelsis

189 Salutation and Collect of the Day

O Lord, keep Your household the Church in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in 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

God Declares Us Righteous Unsheathing His Word Against All Evil

“Let there be light,’ and there was light” (Gen. 1:1–2:3). The Father speaks, and it is so. His Word accomplishes what it says. He created all things out of nothing through His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father’s creative Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, that He might restore fallen creation and save fallen man. To the nobleman whose son was deathly ill, Jesus says, “Go; your son will live” (John 4:46–54). And in the very hour Jesus spoke, the

nobleman's son was made well. The Word of Christ still accomplishes what it says. In baptism, absolution, and the Lord's Supper, He declares His life-giving forgiveness to you, and it is so. This saving Word of God is the sword of the Spirit by which you are able to fight off all the onslaughts of the devil (Eph. 6:10–17). *“Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.”*

Old Testament Reading—Genesis 1:1–2:3

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²² And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹ And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Gradual (*Ps. 90:1–2*)

**☐ Lord, you have been our | dwelling place*
in all gener- | ations.**

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or
ever you had formed the earth | and the
world,***

**from everlasting to everlasting | you are
God.**

Epistle Reading—Ephesians 6:10–17

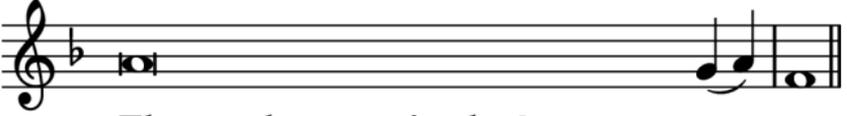
¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil

day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Alleluia Verse (Ps. 125:1)

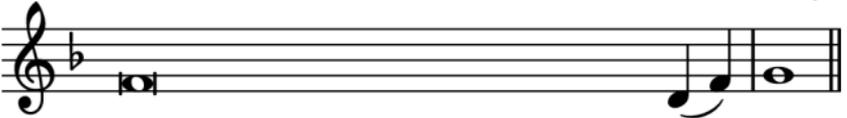


C Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia.



Those who trust in the LORD

are like mount Zi - on,*



which cannot be moved,

but abides forev - er.



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

Gospel Reading—John 4:46–51

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



C Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

⁴⁶So [Jesus] came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. ⁴⁷When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸So Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.” ⁴⁹The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. ⁵¹As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

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Sunday School Presentation

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron; Frank; Karina

Family of members

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

Ipswich & Oxford Lutheran Missions; Pr. P. Fry, Pr. Cowan; Quirk family; Norma Rakow (illness & old age)

The Church of God

Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; Catholic Parish of Fareham and Portchester

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

LARGE CATECHISM

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.

... This commandment now leads us forward and directs the mouth and tongue to God. For the first things that spring from the heart and show themselves are words

Besides this you must also know how to use God's name rightly. For when He says, "You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain," He wants us to understand at the same time that His name is to be used properly. For His name has been revealed and given to us so that it may be of constant use and profit. So it is natural to conclude that since this commandment forbids using the holy name for falsehood or wickedness, we are, on the other hand, commanded to use His name for truth and for all good This commandment also applies to right teaching and to calling on His name in trouble or praising and thanking Him in prosperity, and so on. All of this is summed up and commanded in Psalm 50:15, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me." For all this is bringing God's name into the service of truth and using it in a blessed way. In this way His name is hallowed, as we pray in the Lord's Prayer

This is also a blessed and useful habit and very effective against the devil. He is ever around us and lies in wait to bring us into sin and shame, disaster and trouble. But he hates to hear God's name and cannot remain long where it is spoken and called upon from the heart. Indeed, many terrible and shocking disasters would fall upon us if God did not preserve us by our calling upon His name... . To confuse the devil, I say, we should always have this holy name in our mouth, so that the devil may not be able to injure us as he wishes. Paragraph 49–50, 63–64, 72

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

Today	6pm	Youth Group
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 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	<i>CLOCKS CHANGE—END OF SUMMER TIME</i>	
	10.30am	Divine Service (<i>Reformation</i>)
	5pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission

Further ahead

29 Oct	8.15am	Matins (St. Francis, Funtley)
30 Oct—1 Nov	Holiday Club— No daily services	
2 Nov	5.30pm	Saturday Supper: Bonfire Night
3 Nov	10.30am	Divine Service (<i>All Saints</i>)
7 Nov	7.45pm	Voters' Assembly (Parsonage)
9 Nov	10am–4pm	LWLGB Workshop (Scout Hall)
10 Nov	11am	Divine Service (<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>)

Next Sunday's Readings:

Revelation 14:6–7; Romans 3:19–28; John 8:31–36

Daily Readings:

Sun:	Deuteronomy 19:1–20	Matthew 15:1–20	<i>Apology of the Augsburg Confessions XXII (X): 9–17</i>
Mon:	Deut 20:1–20	Matt 15:21–39	<i>Ap XXIII (XI): 1–6</i>
Tue:	Deut 21:1–23	Matt 16:1–12	<i>Ap XXIII (XI): 7–17</i>
Wed:	Deut 24:10–25:10	Matt 16:13–28	<i>Ap XXIII (XI): 18–27</i>
Thu:	Deut 25:17–26:19	Matt 17:1–13	<i>Ap XXIII (XI): 28–39</i>
Fri:	Deut 27:1–26	Matt 17:14–27	<i>Ap XXIII (XI): 40–49</i>
Sat:	Deut 28:1–22	Matt 18:1–20	<i>Ap XXIII (XI): 50–59</i>
Sun:	Deut 29:1–29	Matt 18:21–35	<i>Ap XXIII (XI): 60–71</i>