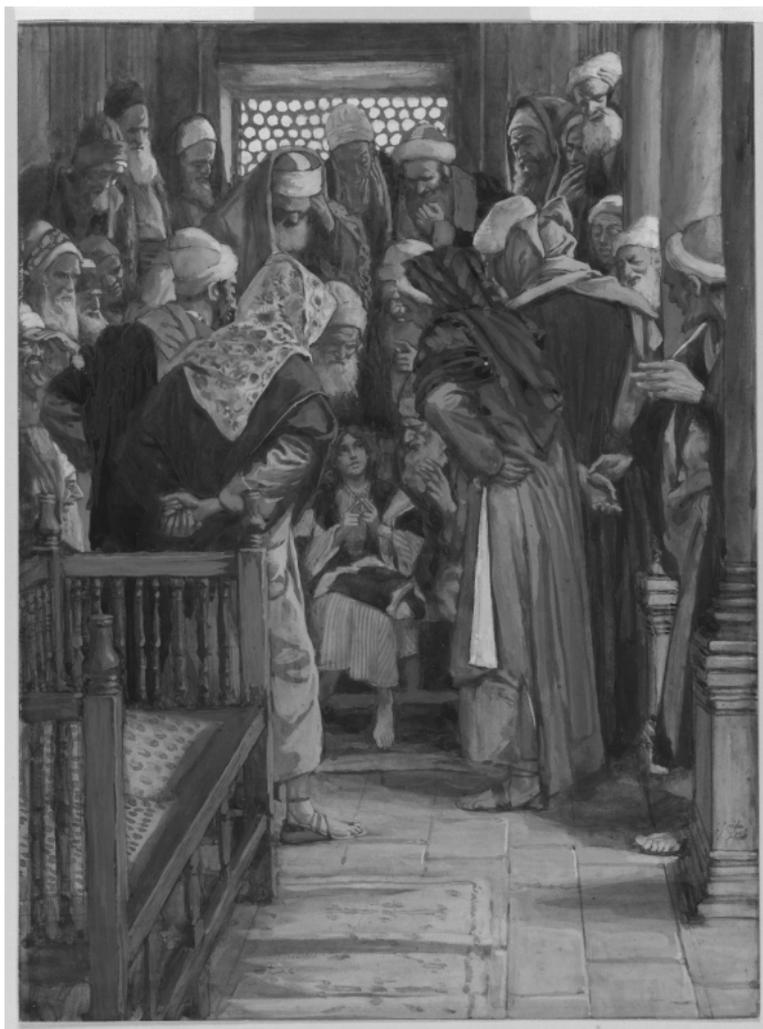


Our Saviour Lutheran Church



First Sunday after Epiphany
12 January 2014



James Tissot (1836-1902), *Jésus parmi les docteurs*

I must be in my Father's house

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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 after the prayers.

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.

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:

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 order of service, or to hymns in the hymnal.

It helps to follow the service if you mark your place in the liturgy with this bulletin.

Explanation of Symbols:

- C** Congregation
- P** Pastor
- A** Assisting minister
- ✠ 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

Booklet

397 *Hymn: As with Gladness*

2 *Confession and Absolution*

Catechism

P The Lord's Prayer, the Second Petition

C Thy kingdom come.

P What does this mean?

C The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

P How does God's kingdom come?

C God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Introit (Ps. 100:1–5; antiphon: Is. 6:1, Rev. 19:6)



A I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne high and | lifted up;*

and the train of his robe filled the | temple.
Then I heard the voice of a great
multitude | crying out,*

“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the
Al- | mighty reigns.”

C Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come
into his presence with | singing!

A Know that the LORD, | he is God!*

It is he who made us, and we are his; we
are his people, and the sheep of
his | pasture.

C Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and
his | courts with praise!*

Give thanks to him; | bless his name!

A For the LORD is good; his steadfast love
endures for- | ever,*

and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

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 Then I heard the voice of a great
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“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the
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3 *Kyrie & Gloria in excelsis*

3 *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You and grant that they both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; 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 Glory of the Lord Returns to the Temple in the Boy Jesus

In the days of Solomon, the Lord dwelt among His people in the temple. The glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord in the form of a cloud (1 Kings 8:6–13). Now Jesus, who is the glory of the Lord in the flesh, enters the temple to show that He Himself is the everlasting temple and dwelling place of God (Luke 2:41–52). Our young Lord, true man, subject to Mary and Joseph, reveals Himself also to be true God, whose father is not Joseph but the Almighty Father in heaven. Jesus does this at the time of the Passover. For He came to be the sacrificial Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Even as He was found by his parents after three days, so He would later rise from the dead on the third day that the favour of God might rest also upon us. It is by these mercies of God that we present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God through Christ (Rom. 12:1–5).

Old Testament Reading—1 Kings 8:6–13

⁶Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the Most Holy Place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. ⁷For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles. ⁸And the poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the Holy Place before the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day. ⁹There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses put there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the people of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, ¹¹so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

¹²Then Solomon said, “The LORD has said that he would dwell in thick darkness. ¹³I have indeed built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever.”

Gradual (*Ps. 72:18, 3*)

A Blessed be the LORD, the God of | Israel,*
who alone does | wondrous things.

C Let the mountains bear prosperity for
the | people,*
and the hills, in | righteousness!

Epistle Reading—Romans 12:1–5

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by

testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Alleluia & Verse (Ps. 100:1–2a)

P Al - le - lu - ia! **C** Al - le - lu - ia!

C Make a joyful noise
to the LORD, all the earth!*

C Serve the Lord with glad - ness!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' with a 'P' (Psalms) and 'C' (Canticle) symbol. The second staff contains the lyrics 'Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!*' with a 'C' symbol. The third staff contains the lyrics 'Serve the Lord with glad - ness!' with a 'C' symbol. The fourth staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' with a double bar line at the end.

Gospel Reading—Luke 2:41–52

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

C Glory to You, O Lord!

⁴¹Now [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

5 *The Nicene Creed*

410 **Hymn: Within the Father's House**

Sermon

Hymn: Christ is the World's True Light



1. Christ is the world's true Light, Its
2. In Christ all rac - es meet, Their
3. One Lord, in one great name U -



cap - tain of sal - va - tion, The
an - cient feuds for - get - ting, The
nite us all who own Thee; Cast



Day - star clear and bright Of
whole round world com - plete, From
out our pride and shame That



ev - ery man and na - tion; New
sun - rise to its set - ting: When
hin - der to en - throne Thee; The



life, new hope a - wakes, Wher -
Christ is throned as Lord, Men
world has wait - ed long, Has



e'er - men own His sway: Free -
shall for - sake their fear, To
tra - vailed long in pain; To



dom her bond - age breaks, And
plough - share beat the sword, To
heal its an - cient wrong, Come,



night is turned to day.
prun - ing - hook the spear.
Prince of Peace, and reign.

Offering

- 7 *Prayer of the Church*
7 *The Service of the Sacrament*
12 *Benedicamus & Benediction*
816 *Hymn: From All That Dwell*

Sunday School Presentation

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron; Barbara; all who are travelling

Family of members

Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; Jean (broken hip)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Mike (unemployed); Trevor (unemployed); Claire and Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Phil & Karen (distress); Ginny (depression); Rob (depression); Debra (depression); Brian (depression); Nigel (cancer); Lisa & family (cancer); Ray, Doreen & family (cancer); David Webb (cancer); Bob Waters (cancer); Ruth Simpson (cancer); Ronnie (cancer); Caroline (tumour); Sally (health); Leanne (health); Gina & family; Bim (broken hip); Boz & baby Natalia; Malcolm Groom; family of †Margaret Tustin

ELCE

Bristol & Cheltenham Mission, Prs. Bessel & Flor, Commission on Theological & Social Concerns & ELCE University Students; Pr. McNally (cancer); Pr. Fry (health); Quirk family

The Church of God

Catholic Parish of Fareham and Portchester; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION ARTICLE III: THE SON OF GOD

Our churches teach that the Word, that is, the Son of God, assumed the human nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary. So there are two natures—the divine and the human—inseparably joined in one person. There is one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried. He did this to reconcile the Father to us and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of mankind.

He also descended into hell, and truly rose again the third day. Afterwards, He ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. There He reigns and has dominion over all creatures. He sanctifies those who believe in Him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts, to rule, comfort, and make them

alive. He defends them against the devil and the power of sin.

The same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead, and so forth, according to the Apostles' Creed.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES		
Daily Services at St. Francis, Funtley		
Tue	8.45 am	Matins
Wed	7 pm	Advent Vespers
Thu	8.45 am	Matins
Fri	8.45 am	Matins
The Week Ahead		
Today	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
Tue	3.15 pm	Drama Club at Orchard Lea Junior School
Wed	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
	12.45 pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Merry Hall & Hunters Lodge
Thu	7.45 pm	Voters' Assembly (Parsonage)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
Further ahead		
21 Jan	3.15 pm	Drama Club at Orchard Lea Junior School
22 Jan	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
	12.45 pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
26 Jan	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
1 Feb	5.30 pm	Saturday Supper (Westfield House night)
2 Feb	10.30 am	Divine Service—Westfield House Sunday
12-13 Feb		Barnes Conference

Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 33:12-23; Ephesians 5:22-33; John 2:1-11

Daily Readings:

Sun: Ezekiel 34:1-24 Romans 3:19-31 *Large Catechism III: 14-24*
 Mon: Ezek 36:13-28 Rom 4:1-25 *LC III: 25-34*
 Tue: Ezek 36:33-37:14 Rom 5:1-21 *LC III: 35-48*
 Wed: Ezek 37:15-28 Rom 6:1-23 *LC III: 49-58*
 Thu: Ezek 38:1-23 Rom 7:1-20 *LC III: 59-70*
 Fri: Ezek 39:1-10, 17-29 Rom 7:21-8:17 *LC III: 71-84*
 Sat: Ezek 40:1-4; 43:1-12 Rom 8:18-39 *LC III: 85-98*
 Sun: Ezek 44:1-16, 23-29 Rom 9:1-18 *LC III: 99-111*

**Westfield House Sunday, 1-2 February—
Accommodation needed**

Would you be able to accommodate one or more Westfield House students/staff overnight? Please let the pastor know if you can help.