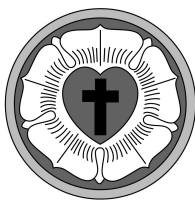


# Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
19 January 2014



James Tissot (1836–1902), *Les noces de Cana*

**You have kept the good wine until now**

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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:***

*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.

613 *Hymn: To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All*

184 *Confession and Absolution*

*Catechism*

**P** The Lord's Prayer, the Third Petition

**C** **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

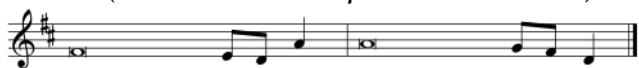
**P** What does this mean?

**C** **The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**

**P** How is God's will done?

**C** **God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.**

*Introit* (Ps. 66:1–5, 20; antiphon: Ps. 66:4, 92:1)



**A** All the earth worships you and sings  
prais- | es to you;\*

they sing praises | to your name.

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*

to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

**C** **Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\***  
**sing the glory of his name; give to**  
**him | glorious praise!**

**A** Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!\*

So great is your power that your enemies  
come cring- | ing to you.

**C** **All the earth worships you and sings**  
**prais- | es to you;\***

**they sing praises | to your name.”**

**A** Come and see what | God has done:\*

he is awesome in his deeds towards the  
chil- | dren of man.

**C** **Bless- | èd be God,\***

**because he has not rejected my prayer**  
**or removed his steadfast | love from me!**

❖ ***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** All the earth worships you and sings  
prais- | es to you;\*

they sing praises | to your name.

**☐ It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most  
High.**

**186 Kyrie & Gloria in excelsis**

**189 Salutation and Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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' First Miracle Reveals God's Glory**

*The coming of the Messianic kingdom means the restoration of creation. The sign of this restoration is that "the mountains shall drip sweet wine" (Amos 9:11–15). When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to restore creation and miraculously changes water into an abundance of the very best wine (John 2:1–11). With this sign, Christ manifests His glory. The "back" of God (Ex. 33:12–23) is revealed to those who believe. The hour will come when Jesus will again manifest His glory by taking creation's curse into His own body to release us from its power. The Bridegroom will give His life for the Bride (Eph. 5:22–32), and from His side will flow water and blood, the holy sacraments by which she is cleansed and made one with Him. Through this sacrificial love of Christ we are enabled to "love one another with brotherly affection ..." and to "outdo one another in showing honour" (Rom. 12:6–16).*

#### **Old Testament Reading—Exodus 33:12–23**

<sup>12</sup> Moses said to the LORD, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' <sup>13</sup> Now therefore, if I have found favour in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." <sup>14</sup> And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." <sup>15</sup> And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. <sup>16</sup> For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?" <sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." <sup>18</sup> Moses said, "Please show me your glory." <sup>19</sup> And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show

mercy. <sup>20</sup> But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” <sup>21</sup> And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup> Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

**Gradual** (*Ps. 107:20–21*)

**A** He sent out his word and | healed them,\*  
and delievered them from their  
de- | struction.

**C** Let them thank the LORD for his | stead-  
fast love,\*  
for his wondrous works to the  
chil- | dren of men.

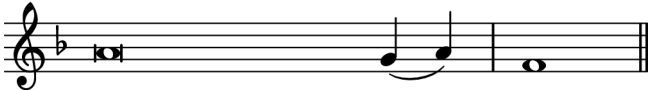
**Epistle Reading—Ephesians 5:22–33**

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Saviour. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. <sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

**Alleluia Verse** (*Ps. 148:2*)



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



Praise him, all his an - gels;\*



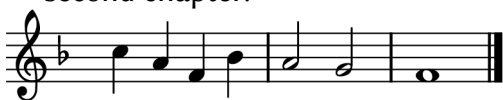
praise him, all his hosts.



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

## ***Gospel Reading—John 2:1–11***

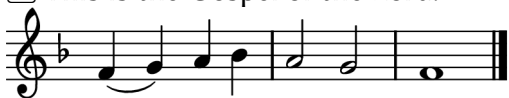
**P** The ✠ holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.



**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” <sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup>This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

**191** ***The Nicene Creed***

**394** **Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

**Sermon**

**192** ***The Offertory***

**Offering**

**193** ***Prayer of the Church***

**644** **Hymn: The Church’s One Foundation**

**194** ***The Service of the Sacrament***

**643** **Hymn: Sent Forth by God’s Blessing**

**Sunday School Presentation**

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### Members

Ron; Barbara; Frank

### 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; family of †Margaret Tustin

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### The Church of God

SS. Peter & Paul CofE; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THE FORMULA OF CONCORD: SOLID DECLARATION ARTICLE VIII: THE PERSON OF CHRIST

On account of this personal union and communion of the natures, Mary, the most blessed Virgin, did not bear a mere man. But, as the angel ‹Gabriel› testifies, she bore a man who is truly the Son of the most high God. He showed His divine majesty even in His mother's womb, because He was born of a virgin, without violating her virginity. Therefore, she is truly the mother of God and yet has remained a virgin.

He did all His miracles by the power of this personal union. He showed His divine majesty, according to His pleasure, when and as He willed. He did this not just after His resurrection and ascension, but also in His state of humiliation. For example:

- (a) At the wedding at Cana of Galilee
- (b) When He was twelve years old, among the learned
- (c) In the garden, when with a word He cast His enemies to the ground
- (d) In death, when He died not simply as any other man, but in and with His death conquered sin, death, devil, hell, and eternal damnation

The human nature alone would not have been able to do these miracles if it had not been personally united and had communion with the divine nature. Paragraph 24–25

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

**Daily Services at St. Francis, Funtley**

Tue	8.45 am	Matins
Wed	7 pm	Vespers
Thu	8.45 am	Matins
Fri	8.45 am	Matins

**The Week Ahead**

Today	6pm	Youth Club
Tue Jan	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 Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	5.30pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission

**Further ahead**

28 Jan	3.15 pm	Drama Club at Orchard Lea Junior School
29 Jan	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
	12.45 pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
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:***

***2 Kings 5:1–15a; Romans 12:16–21; Matthew 8:1–13***

***Daily Readings:***

Sun: Ezekiel 44:1–16, 23–29 Romans 9:1–18 *Large Catechism III: 99–111*  
Mon: Ezek 47:1–14, 21–23 Rom 9:19–33 *LC III: 112–124*  
Tue: Joel 1:1–20 Rom 10:1–21 *LC IV: 1–16*  
Wed: Joel 2:1–17 Rom 11:1–24 *LC IV: 17–31*  
Thu: Joel 2:18–32 Rom 11:25–12:13 *LC IV: 32–46*  
Fri: Joel 3:1–21 Rom 12:14–13:14 *LC IV: 47–55*  
Sat: Zechariah 1:1–21 Rom 14:1–23 *LC IV: 56–67*  
Sun: Zech 2:1–3:10 Rom 15:1–13 *LC IV: 68–86*

**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.