

Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Third Sunday after the Epiphany
26 January 2014

Welcome!

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

Members of this church are privileged to give to the Lord for the work of His church in this community and throughout the world. *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 don't worry if your child won't 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.

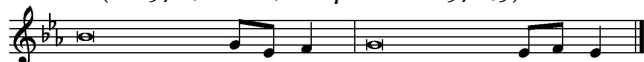
Thank you for honouring our beliefs.

Hymns: 915, 545, 629, 632

Catechism

- P** The Lord's Prayer, the Fourth Petition
C Give us this day our daily bread.
P What does this mean?
C God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realise this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.
P What is meant by daily bread?
C Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbours, and the like.

Introit (*Ps. 97:1, 10–12; antiphon: Ps. 97:6,9*)



- A** The heavens proclaim his | righteousness,*
 and all the peoples see his | glory.
 For you, O LORD, are most high over | all the
 earth;*
 you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.
- C** The LORD reigns, let the | earth rejoice;*
 let the many coast- | lands be glad!
- A** O you who love the LORD, hate | evil!*
 He preserves the lives of his saints; he deliv-
 ers them from the hand of the | wicked.
- C** Light is sown for the | righteous,*
 and joy for the up- | right in heart.
- A** Rejoice in the LORD, O you | righteous,*
 and give thanks to his | holy name!
- 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 heavens proclaim his | righteousness,*
 and all the peoples see his | glory.
- C** For you, O LORD, are most high over | all the
 earth;*
 you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your So, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading—2 Kings 5:1–15

Gradual (*Ps. 102:15–16*)

- A** Nations will fear the name | of the LORD,*
 and all the kings of the earth will fear
 your | glory.

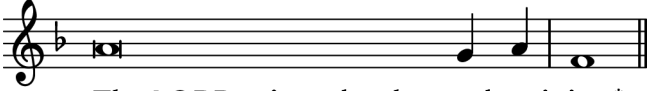
C For the LORD builds up | Zion;*
he appears in his | glory.

Epistle Reading—Romans 12:16–21

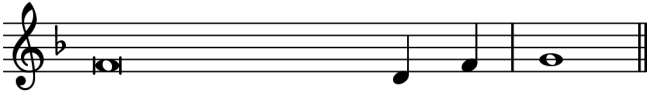
Alleluia & Verse (Ps. 97:1)



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



The LORD reigns, let the earth re-joice;*



let the many coast - lands be glad!



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

Gospel Reading—Matthew 8:1–13

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

ELCE

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Pr. Samiec; St.

Andrew's Lutheran Church, Pr. Van Fossan; ELCE

Committee on Worship; Pr. McNally (cancer); Pr. Fry

(health); Quirk family

The Church of God

St. Columba CofE; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

FORMULA OF CONCORD, SOLID DECLARATION

ARTICLE I: ORIGINAL SIN

Original sin is like a spiritual poison and leprosy, as Luther says. It has poisoned and corrupted the whole human nature. So we cannot show and point out to the eye, human nature by itself or original sin by itself. Nevertheless, there is the corrupt nature, or essence of the corrupt person (body and soul—the person himself) whom God has created. (Original sin dwells in a person. It also corrupts the nature and essence of the entire person.) And there is *original* sin, which dwells in human nature or essence and corrupts it. They are not one and the same thing. For example, in outward leprosy the body that is leprous and the leprosy on or in the body are not one thing, properly speaking. But a distinction

must also be maintained between our nature as created and preserved by God (in which sin is indwelling) and original sin (which dwells in the nature). These two things can, and must, be considered, taught, and believed separately according to Holy Scripture.

Furthermore, the chief articles of our Christian faith drive and compel us to preserve this distinction. For instance, in the article of creation, Scripture testifies that God has created human nature not only before the fall, but that it is God's creature and work also since the fall.

Paragraph 33-34

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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	5.30pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
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)
Sat	5.30 pm	Saturday Supper (Westfield House night)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service—Westfield House Sunday
Further ahead		
4 Feb	3.15 pm	Drama Club at Orchard Lea Junior School
5 Feb	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
	12.45 pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
9 Feb	10.30 am	Divine Service—Westfield House Sunday
12-13 Feb		Barnes Conference
<i>No Bible study or Pastor's Surgery</i>		

Next Sunday's Readings:

1 Samuel 1:21-28; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-32

Daily Readings:

Sun: Zechariah 2:1-3:10 Romans 15:1-13 *Large Catechism IV: 68-86*
 Mon: Zech 4:1-5:11 Rom 15:14-33 *LC V: 1-14*
 Tue: Zech 6:1-7:14 Rom 16:17-27 *LC V: 15-30*
 Wed: Zech 8:1-23 2 Timothy 1:1-18 *LC V: 31-41*
 Thu: Zech 9:1-17 2 Tim 2:1-26 *LC V: 42-57*
 Fri: Zech 10:1-11:3 2 Tim 3:1-18 *LC V: 58-74*
 Sat: Zech 11:4-17 2 Tim 4:1-18 *LC V: 75-87*
 Sun: Zech 12:1-13:9 Titus 1:1-2:6 *Smalcald Articles Preface: 1-7*

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