

Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Septuagesima
16 February 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

807, 555

(All: 1–2, 9–10 || women: 3, 5, 7 || men: 4, 6, 8)

761, 924

Catechism

P The Lord's Prayer, the Seventh Petition**C** But deliver us from evil.**P** What does this mean?

C We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

Introit (*Ps. 18:1–2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: Ps. 18:5–6a*)



A The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*
the snares of death con- | fronted me.
In my distress I called up- | on the LORD;*
From his temple he | heard my voice.

C I love you, O | LORD, my strength.*
The LORD is my rock and my fortress
and my de- | liverer,

A For you save a humble | people,*
but the haughty eyes | you bring down.

C You have equipped | me with strength*
and made my way | blameless.

A For this I will praise you, O LORD, among
the | nations,*
and sing | to your 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*

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Collect of the Day

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading—Exodus 17:1–7

Gradual (*Ps. 9:9–10, 18–19a*)

A The LORD is a stronghold for | the oppressed,*
a stronghold in times of | trouble.

C And those who know your name put
their | trust in you,*
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken
those who | seek you.

A For the needy shall not always be for- | got-
ten,*
and the hope of the poor shall not perish
for- | ever.

C Arise, | O LORD!*
Let not | man prevail.

Epistle Reading—1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5

Tract (*Psalm 130:1–4*)



A Out of the depths I cry to | you, O LORD!
O Lord, | hear my voice!

C Let your ears be at- | tentive*
to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!

A If you, O LORD, should mark in- | iquities,*
O Lord, | who could stand?

C But with you there is for- | givenness,*
that you | may be feared.

Gospel Reading—Matthew 20:1–16

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron; Barbara; Frank

Family of members

Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Mike (unemployed); Trevor (unemployed); Claire and Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Phil & Karen (distress); 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); family of †Toni

ELCE

Kent Lutheran Mission; St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Pr. Van Fossan; LWLGB; *The British Lutheran* Pr.

McNally (cancer); Pr. Fry (health)

The Church of God

Fareham Baptist New Life Church; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
THE APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION
ARTICLE V: LOVE AND THE FULFILLING OF THE LAW

We teach that rewards have been offered and promised for the works of believers. We teach that good works have merit, not for forgiveness of sins, for grace, or for justification (for these we receive only through faith), but for other rewards, bodily and

spiritual, in this life and after this life. For Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3:8, "Each will receive his wages according to his labour." There will be different rewards according to different labours. But forgiveness of sins is given alike and equal to all people, just as Christ is one, and is offered freely to all who believe that for His sake their sins are forgiven. Therefore, forgiveness of sins and justification are received only through faith, not because of any works. Paragraph 73

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Daily Services at St. Francis', Funtley

Tue *No service*
 Wed *No service*
 Thu 8.45 am Matins
 Fri 8.45 am Matins

The Week Ahead

Tue–Wed Pastor on leave
 No Bible study/Pastor's Surgery
 Sun 10.30 am Divine Service (Scout Hall)
 5 pm Pastor at Oxford Mission

Further ahead

26 Feb 10:30 am Bible study (Parsonage)
 12.45 pm Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
 2 pm Devotion at Willow Tree
 Lodge & Merry Hall
 1 Mar 5.30 pm Saturday Supper
 2 Mar 10:30 am Divine Service (Scout Hall)
 6 pm Youth Club
 13 Mar 7.45 pm Voters' Assembly

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 55:10–13; 2 Cor. 11:19–12:9; Luke 8:4–15

Daily Readings:

Sun: Job 12:1–6, 12–25 John 5:30–47 *Smalcald Articles III VIII*
 Mon: Job 13:1–12 John 6:1–21 *SA III IX–XIII*
 Tue: Job 13:13–28 John 6:22–40 *SA III XIV–XV*
 Wed: Job 14:1–22 John 6:41–59 *Formula of Concord Epitome*
 Summary: 1–8
 Thu: Job 15:1–23, 30–35 John 6:60–71 *FC Ep I: 1–10*
 Fri: Job 16:1–21 John 7:1–13 *FC Ep I: 11–25*
 Sat: Job 17:1–16 John 7:14–31 *FC Ep II: 1–6*
 Sun: Job 18:1–21 John 7:32–53 *FC Ep II: 7–19*

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