

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church



**Sexagesima**  
**23 February 2014**

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## **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: 904, 824, 634, 582

### Catechism

**P** The Lord's Prayer, the Conclusion

**C** Amen.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so”.

**Introit** (*Ps. 44:1–2, 7–8; antiphon: Ps. 44:23, 25a, 26a*)



**A** Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?\*

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!

For our soul is bowed down | to the dust;\*

Rise up; come | to our help!

**C** O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,\*

what deeds you performed in their

days, in the | days of old:

**A** you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you | planted;\*

you afflicted the peoples, but them you | set

free;

**C** But you have saved us | from our foes\*

and have put to shame those who | hate us.

**A** In God we have boasted con- | tinually,\*

and we will give thanks to your name

for- | ever.

**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 God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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—Isaiah 55:10–13

**Gradual** (*Ps. 83:18, 13*)

**A** Let your enemies know that you alone, whose name | is the LORD,\*

are the Most High over| all the earth.

**C** O my God, make them like | whirling dust;\*

like chaff be- | fore the wind.

### Epistle Reading—2 Corinthians 11:19–12:9

**Tract** (*Ps. 60:1–2, 5*)

**A** O God, you have rejected us, broken our  
de- | fences;\*  
you have been angry; oh, re- | store us.

**G** You have made the land to quake; you have  
torn it | open;\*

repair its breaches, for it | totters.

That your beloved ones may be de- | livered,\*  
give salvation by your right hand  
and | answer us!

**Gospel Reading—Luke 8:4–15**

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**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;

**ELCE**

Luther–Tyndale Memorial Church, Pr. Flor; St.  
Andrew’s Lutheran Church, Pr. Van Fossan; ELCE  
Congregational Life Committee; Quirk family; Pr.  
McNally (cancer); Pr. Fry (health); Pr. Jenks (heart  
attack)

**The Church of God**

Hill Park Baptist Church; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James  
May

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD**

**LARGE CATECHISM**

**PART II: THE CREED, ARTICLE III**

Neither you nor I could ever know anything about Christ, or believe on Him, and have Him for our Lord, unless it were offered to us and granted to our hearts by the Holy Spirit through the preaching of the Gospel. The work of redemption is done and accomplished. Christ has acquired and gained the treasure for us by His suffering, death, resurrection, and so on. But if the work remained concealed so that no one knew about it, then it would be useless and lost. So that this treasure might not stay buried, but be received and enjoyed, God has caused the Word to go forth and be proclaimed. In the Word He has the Holy Spirit bring this treasure home and make it our own. Therefore, sanctifying is just bringing us to Christ so we receive this good, which we could not get ourselves.

Where the Spirit does not cause the Word to be preached and roused in the heart so that it is understood, it is lost. This was the case under the papacy, where faith was entirely put under the bench. No one recognized Christ as his Lord or the Holy Spirit as his Sanctifier. That is, no one believed that Christ is our Lord in the sense that

He has gained this treasure for us, without our works and merit, and made us acceptable to the Father. What, then, was lacking? This: the Holy Spirit was not there to reveal it and cause it to be preached. But men and evil spirits were there. They taught us to obtain grace and be saved by our works. There is no Christian Church in that. For where Christ is not preached, there is no Holy Spirit who creates, calls, and gathers the Christian Church, without which no one can come to Christ the Lord. Paragraphs 38–45

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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 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
Tue	3.15 pm	Xpression Drama Club
Wed	10:30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
	12.45 pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
Fri	3pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
Sat	5.30 pm	Saturday Supper
Sun	10:30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club

#### Further ahead

4 Mar	3.15 pm	Xpression Drama Club
5 Mar	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
	12.45 pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	7 pm	Ash Wednesday Divine Service
9 Mar	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton

### **Next Sunday's Readings:**

**1 Samuel 16:1–13; 1 Corinthians 13:1–13; Luke 18:31–43**

#### **Daily Readings:**

Sun: Job 18:1–21 John 7:32–53 *Formula of Concord Epitome II: 7–19*  
 Mon: Job 19:1–12, 21–27 John 8:1–20 *FC Ep III: 1–11*  
 Tue: Job 20:1–23, 29 John 8:21–38 *FC Ep III: 12–23; IV: 1–4*  
 Wed: Job 21:1–21 John 8:39–59 *FC Ep IV: 5–19*  
 Thu: Job 30:16–31 John 9:1–23 *FC Ep V*  
 Fri: Job 31:1–12, 33–40 John 9:24–41 *FC Ep VI*  
 Sat: Job 33:1–18 John 10:22–42 *FC Ep VII: 21–42*  
 Sun: Job 33:19–34:9 John 11:1–16 *FC Ep VIII: 1–9*

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