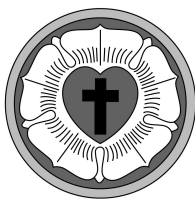


Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Oculi
(Third Sunday in Lent)
23 March 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: 594, 533, Glory Be to Jesus (insert), 738

Catechism

P What does such baptising with water indicate?

C It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity for ever.

P Where is this written?

C St Paul writes in Romans chapter six: “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

Introit (*Ps. 25:1–2, 17–18, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25: 15–16*)



A My eyes are ever | towards the Lord,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

C To you, | O LORD,*
I lift | up my soul.

A O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to
shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.

C The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;*
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.

A Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.

C Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!*
Let me not be put to shame, for I take
ref- | uge in you.

❖ *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 My eyes are ever | towards the Lord,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

C Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 8:16–24

Gradual (*Ps. 9:19, 3*)

A Arise, O LORD! Let not | man prevail;*
let the nations be judged be- | fore you!

C When my enemies | turn back,*
they stumble and perish before
your | presence.

Epistle Reading—Ephesians 5:1–9

Tract (*Ps. 123:1–3a*)

A To you I lift | up my eyes,*

O you who are enthroned in the | heavens!

C Behold, as the eyes of servants look to
the hand of their | master,*

so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
till he has mercy up- | on us.

Have mercy upon us, | O LORD,*

have mercy up- | on us.

Gospel Reading—Luke 11:14–28

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron; Barbara; Frank

Family of members

Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; Doris; Philippa;
family of †Derrick

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Trevor (unemployed); Claire and
Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer);
Johann Wiebusch (CP); Phil & Karen (distress); Rob
(depression); Debra (depression); Nigel (cancer); Lisa &
family (cancer); Ray, Doreen & family (cancer); David
Webb (cancer); Bob Waters (cancer); Ruth Simpson
(cancer); Ronnie (cancer); Caroline (recovering from
operation); Sally (health); Leanne (health); Gina &
family; Geoghegan family; Christine and family of
†Peter Watts; Sharon and family of †Ian

ELCE

Resurrection, Prs. Mumme, & Humann; Christa Jaynes
(broken hip); Quirk family; Pr. McNally; Pr. Fry Pr.
Jenks

The Church of God

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana; Catholic Parish
of Fareham and Portchester; Lutherans in Africa, Pr.
James May

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THE POWER AND PRIMACY OF THE POPE

To be unwilling to be judged by the Church or by anyone else is to make oneself God. ... Paul commands that godless teachers should be avoided and condemned as cursed. And he says, “Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers.... What fellowship has light with darkness?” (2 Corinthians 6:14).

... to be called schismatics is a serious matter. But divine authority commands everyone not to be allies and defenders of impiety ... In this, our consciences are excused well enough, for the errors of the kingdom of the pope are clear. Scripture with its entire voice cries out that these errors are a teaching of demons and of Antichrist. ... The doctrine of repentance has been utterly corrupted by the pope and his followers. They teach that sins are forgiven because of the value of our works. Then they tell us to doubt whether the forgiveness takes place. They nowhere teach that sins are forgiven freely for Christ’s sake, and that by this faith we obtain forgiveness of sins.

So they hide Christ's glory and rob consciences of firm consolation. They abolish true divine services (i.e., the exercises of faith struggling with despair). They have clouded over the doctrine about sin.

paragraph 41-45

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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
Sat	10 am	World Mission Festival (Petts Wood)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Mothering Sunday)
Further ahead		
1 Apr	3.15 pm	Xpression Drama Club
2 Apr	10:30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
	12.45 pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
3 Apr	7.45 pm	Budget meeting
30 Mar	10.30 am	Divine Service (Mothering Sunday)
3 Apr	7.45 pm	Budget meeting
27 Apr	9.30 am	Divine Service at St. Francis', Funtley

Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 16:2-21; Galatians 4:21-31; John 6:1-15

Daily Readings:

Sun: Genesis 27:30-45; 28:10-22 Mark 9:1-13 *Formula of Concord Solid Declaration II: 39-47*
 Mon: Gen 29:1-30 Mark 9:14-32 *FC SD II: 48-54*
 Tue: Gen 35:1-29 Mark 9:33-50 *FC SD II: 55-60*
 Wed: Gen 37:1-36 Mark 10:1-12 *FC SD II: 61-66*
 Thu: Gen 39:1-23 Mark 10:13-31 *FC SD II: 67-73*
 Fri: Gen 40:1-23 Mark 10:32-52 *FC SD II: 74-83*
 Sat: Gen 41:1-27 Mark 11:1-19 *FC SD II: 84-90*
 Sun: Gen 41:28-57 Mark 11:20-33 *FC SD III: 1-7*

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