

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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## The Circumcision and Name of Jesus

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We are delighted to have you with us this morning to receive the Lord's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation.

### **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.

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.**

### *Explanation of Symbols:*

- C** Congregation
- P** Presiding minister
- L** Assisting minister
- A** Group I (during singing)
- I** Group II (during singing)
- II** Group III (during singing)
- ✠ You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism
- ❖ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

#### *Silent prayer before worship:*

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Saviour, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

# RITE OF PREPARATION

## INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*A confessional address will follow, concluding as follows:*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the ✠ name of the Lord.

**C** Who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C** And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.

But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**INTROIT** (*Ps. 40:6–8; antiphon: Ps. 40:16*)

- L** May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;\*  
may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the Lord!”
- I** Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear.\*  
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.
- II** Then I said, “Behold, I have come;”  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- I** I desire to do your will, O my God;\*  
your law is within my heart.”
- G**✠ *Glory be to the Father and to the Son\**  
*and to the Holy Spirit;*  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now and will be forever. Amen.
- A** May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;\*  
may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the Lord!”

## KYRIE

- G** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

- P** Glory be to God on high:  
**G** and on earth peace, goodwill towards men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, ✠ *Jesus Christ;*  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy;  
Thou only art the Lord.

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the ✠ glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

*Silent prayer, concluding with the COLLECT OF THE DAY:*

Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Saviour, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

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## **THE READINGS**

### **FIRST READING—Numbers 6:22–27**

*After the Reading*

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 8** (*antiphon: v. 9*)

**L** O LORD, our Lord,\*

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**I** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!\*

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**II** Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes,\*

to still the enemy and the avenger.

**I** When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,\*  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**II** what is man that you are mindful of him,\*  
and the son of man that you care for him?

**I** Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings\*  
and crowned him with glory and honour.



She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Je - sus,\*

for he will save his people from their sins

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## HOLY GOSPEL—Luke 2:21

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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

*After the Reading*

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

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

## NICENE CREED

**C** I believe in one ✠ *God*,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord ✠ *Jesus Christ*,  
 the only-begotten Son of God,  
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light,  
 very God of very God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father,  
 by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 ❖ *and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;*  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
 and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is  
 ❖ *worshipped and glorified,*  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one Holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

**HYMN OF THE DAY—LSB 524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

A How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In  
 I It makes the woun - ded spir - it whole And  
 II Dear name! The rock on which I build, My  
 A O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My  
 a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the  
 shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing  
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my  
 heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.  
 hung - ry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.  
 treas - ury filled With bound - less stores of grace.  
 way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

**I** How weak the effort of my heart,  
How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

**II** Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death!

*Text: John Newton (1725–1807), alt. Music: Alexander Reinagle (1799–1877)*

## SERMON

*After the SERMON, the pastor says:*

**P** The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

*stand*

## OFFERTORY



**A** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God. And re-new a right spir-it with -  
in me. **I** Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy  
Ho-ly Spir-it from me. **II** Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-  
vat-ion, and up-hold me with Thy free Spir - it.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### In Our Prayers

#### Members

Ron; Cindy & Nikola; Žina; Reg; Carol

#### Family of members

Holly (health); Mike (Alzheimer's); Geoffrey & family; Ian (Parkinson's); Doug & Myra (health); Howard (health); Žanna (health); Sheridan (health); Holly; Rita (cancer); Diana (Rett Syndrome); Decerie (leukemia); Julie & Bethany, Jack (Covid-19); Alice & baby Max

## **Friends of members**

Ilse Kelly (old age); Claire & Phil (health); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Charlotte (cancer); John & family (cancer); Tim (health); Pauline (cancer); Sharon (brain tumour); Joby Beresford (cancer); Christine (health); Serena (cancer); Jenny (health); Michael (health); Freddie & Grace (health); John (health); Phillip (mental health); Matt (brain surgery); Martin (tumour); Ken (health); ; Tressey (health); Val (stroke); Emily (Tourette's); Lena (brain tumour)

## **ELCE**

Westfield House, faculty, staff & students; Pr. Roger and Emily Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Ingrid Flor (cancer); Anja & Neil (health)

## **The Church of God**

Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; St, John's CofE; Amiir & Sana Ilahi

## **The World**

Covid-19 pandemic; the Uighur people (China); the Yazidi people (Iraq)

## **Thanksgiving**

Rob; Greg

# **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Stand*

## **PREFACE**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- G** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- G** **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The PROPER PREFACE appropriate to the day or season is spoken or chanted:*

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

## **SANCTUS**

- G** **✠ Holy, holy holy**  
*Lord God of Sabaoth;*  
*heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.*  
*Hosanna in the highest.*  
**Blessed ✠ is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Let us pray:

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but ✠ deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and  
ever. Amen.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace..

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION

*If you are visiting us, please read the note about Communion on the front page of this service booklet.*

*Silent prayer before receiving the Sacrament:*

*Dear Saviour, I come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink Your holy Body and Blood. Let me find favour in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name.  
Amen.*

*After the distribution, please Stand.*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

- G** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace\*  
according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,\*  
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people.  
a Light to lighten the Gentiles\*  
and the glory of Thy people Israel.
- ❖ *Glory be to the Father and to the Son\**  
*and to the Holy Ghost;*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be\*  
world without end. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING

**P** O give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

**G** And His mercy endureth forever.

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank you that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And with Thy Spirit

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God!

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you ✠ peace.

**G** Amen.

*Sit after the candles are extinguished*

*Silent prayer after worship:*

*Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshipped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*