

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Misericordias Domini  
*Third Sunday of Easter*  
22 April 2012



**The good shepherd lays down his life for the  
sheep**

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### **A note to visitors**

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.

### **The Offering**

At this time, members of this church are privileged to give to the Lord for the work of His church in this community and throughout the world. For God loves a cheerful giver. 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 before the Service of the Sacrament.

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**

It is our desire that all people receive the body and blood of our Lord at this altar! However, our Lord has told us in His Word that His body and blood, given into our mouths, are powerful and not to be given or received lightly or in a careless way. Therefore, in respecting the Word of the Lord that anyone who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner is doing harm to themselves, and that He desires that all who commune together be truly united in the confession of the truth, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the Lutheran Confessions and are under our pastor's care come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

All who are visiting us and who desire to commune with us are asked to first speak with our pastor before the service, so that all can make an informed decision about participating with us in our fellowship in this place. *We are not condemning anyone with this practice*; we seek only to follow the Word of the Lord and carry out responsible pastoral care.

**Thank you for honouring our beliefs.**

#### **A note on the service:**

*Both the hymns and the order of service are found in the Lutheran Service Book. The outline of the service is given in this bulletin. The congregation stands for the parts of the service printed in italics and sits for the rest.*

*The numbers in the bulletin refer to page numbers in the hymnal, where Psalm 1 is also page one, and the first hymn is 331, following page 330.*

*It helps to follow the service if you mark your place in the liturgy with this bulletin.*

#### *Explanation of Symbols:*

- C** Congregation
- P** Pastor (ordained)
- A** Assistant minister (ordained or lay)
- L** Liturgist (ordained or lay)
- ✠ You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.
- ❖ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

#### ***Liturgical Tidbits: What's with the Latin?***

*Quasimodo Geniti, Misericordia Domini, Jubilate, Cantate, Rogate.* These are the traditional names for the Sundays after Easter. Why and what do they mean?

The answer is simple: these Sundays get their names from the opening word or words of the Introit of the day. The Introits (or at least their opening sentence) have been more or less unchanged since the Middle Ages and were already centuries-old at the time of the Reformation. And so even as the language of worship gradually changed to the vernacular, the names of the Sundays stayed.

The same is true of the Sundays in Lent: *Invocavit, Reminiscere, Oculi, Laetare* and *Judica*.

So even if you don't know Latin, it should be fairly easy to work out what the names of the Sundays mean.

807 *Hymn: When Morning Gilds the Skies*

184 *Confession and Absolution*

### Catechism

**P** What benefits does Baptism give?

**C** It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

**P** Which are these words and promises of God?

**C** Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

*Introit* (Ps. 33:1, 18–20; antiphon: Ps. 33:5b, 6a)



**A** The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.\*

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- | luia.

**C** Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!\*

Praise befits the | upright.

**A** Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,\*

on those who hope in his | steadfast love,

**C** that he may deliver their | soul from death\* and keep them alive in | famine.

**A** Our soul waits | for the LORD;\*

he is our help | and our shield.

**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 earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.\*

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- | luia.

186 *Kyrie*

187 *Gloria in excelsis*

189 *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the perils of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### The Readings

#### *The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep*

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he

sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11-16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). *“For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls”* (1 Peter 2:25).

### **Old Testament reading—Ezekiel 34:11–16**

<sup>11</sup> [Thus] says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

### **740 Hymn: I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb**

#### **Epistle Reading—1 Peter 2:21–25**

<sup>21</sup> [To] this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup> When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

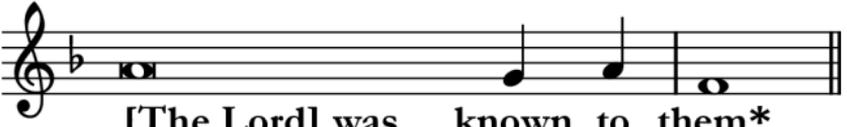
*Alleluia & Verse (Luke 24:35b; John 10:14)*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu -



ia. Al - le - lu - - ia.



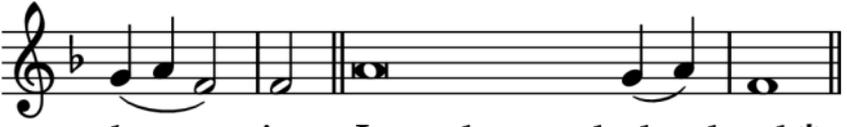
[The Lord] was known to them\*



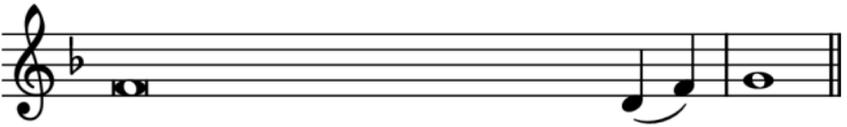
in the breaking of the bread.



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le -



lu - ia. I am the good shepherd.\*



I know my own and my own know me.



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu -



ia. Al - le - lu - - ia.

*Gospel Reading—John 10:11–16*

**L** The † holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

<sup>11</sup> [Jesus said,] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the

Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

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



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

191 *The Nicene Creed*

709 Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd  
Is

Sermon

192 *The Offertory*

Offering

193 *Prayer of the Church*

637 Hymn: Draw Near and Take the Body  
of the Lord

194 *The Service of the Sacrament*

199 *Nunc Dimittis and Post-Communion  
Prayers*

202 *Blessing*

473 Hymn: *The Paschal Lamb that Sets Us  
Free*

Sunday School Presentation

## IN OUR PRAYERS

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Lucy, Diana; Alex, Sarah & family; Frank Knibbs; Helen Kriewaldt; Johann Wiebusch; Claire; Margaret & Patrick Tustin; Brian, Jan & family; Lisa; Julie; Cynthia; Marie & family; Sally; Claire and Phil; Julie Gardner; Christine; Georgie & Nigel; Doreen & family; David; Rob; Kelly Klages & baby; family of †Jean Walker

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Lutheran Church Australia; Pr. James May & family; Hill Park Baptist Church; Pr. Yousef Nadarkhani

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD**  
**FORMULA OF CONCORD: SOLID DECLARATION**  
**THE SUMMARY CONTENT, RULE, AND NORM**

*Our Lutheran Confessions provide the under-shepherds of Jesus, The Good Shepherd, with weapons to fight off false teaching wolves. They also provide a manual for the sheep to judge whether their pastor is truly Christ's under-shepherd, or merely a hired hand or even a wolf.*

It is not only necessary that the pure, wholesome doctrine be rightly presented for the preservation of pure doctrine and for thorough, permanent, godly unity in the Church, but it is also necessary that the opponents who teach otherwise be reprov'd (1 Timothy 3; [2 Timothy 3:16;] Titus 1:9). Faithful shepherds, as Luther says, should do both things: (a) feed or nourish the lambs and (b) resist the wolves. Then the sheep may flee from strange voices (John 10:5-12) and may separate the precious from the worthless (Jeremiah 15:19).

Regarding these matters, we have thoroughly and clearly told one another the following: a distinction should and must by all means be kept between (a) unnecessary and useless wrangling (the Church should not allow itself to be disturbed by this, since it destroys more than it builds up) and (b) when the kind of controversy arises that involves the articles of faith or the chief points of Christian doctrine. Then the false, opposite doctrine must be reprov'd for the defence of the truth.

The aforesaid writings offer the Christian reader—who delights in and has a love for the divine truth—clear and correct information about each and every disputed article of our Christian religion. They show what he should regard and receive as right and true according to God's Word of the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures. They also show what he should reject, shun, and avoid as false and wrong. The truth must be preserved distinctly and clearly and distinguished from all errors. Nothing must be hidden and concealed under common words. Therefore, we have clearly and directly declared ourselves to one another on the chief and most important articles taken one by one. At the present time these articles have come into controversy so that there might be a public, definite testimony, not only for those now living, but also for our descendants. We make known what is and should remain the unanimous understanding and judgement <decision> of our churches in reference to the articles in controversy.

Paragraphs 14-16

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### The Week Ahead

24 Apr	7.30pm	Ladies' Guild (Parsonage)
25 Apr	1pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	3pm	Devotion at Merry Hall
26 Apr	7.45pm	Bible Study (Parsonage)
28 Apr	10am–12	Ladies' Guild tabletop sale (The Hub)
29 Apr	10.30am	Morning Service (Scout Hall). <i>Mite Sunday.</i>

### Further ahead

2 May	1pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	7.30pm	Finance Meeting (Parsonage)
3 May	7.45pm	Bible Study (Parsonage)
5 May	5pm	BBQ at the Parsonage—farewell to the Varsogees
6 May	10.30am	Divine Service <b>at St. Francis, Funtley</b>
17 May	<i>Ascension Day Divine Service (venue and time tbc)</i>	
27 May	<i>Pentecost Day Divine Service: venue and time tbc (Scout Hall unavailable)</i>	

### Even Further Ahead:

Sat 16 June:	Congregational Life Conference in Fareham (Scout Hall)
Sun 17 June:	Joint service with St. Peter's in Weymouth

### Next Sunday's Readings:

**Isaiah 40:25–31; 1 Peter 2:11–20; John 16:16–22**

### Daily Readings:

Sun: Exodus 32:15–35 Luke 6:39–49 *Formula of Concord Solid Declaration VII: 73–76*

Mon: Ex 33:1–23 Luke 7:1–17 *FC SD VII: 77–84*

Tue: Ex 34:1–28 Luke 7:18–35 *FC SD VII: 85–90*

Wed: Ex 34:29–35:21 Luke 7:36–50 *FC SD VII: 91–103*

Thu: Ex 38:21–39:8, 22–23, 27–31 Luke 8:1–21 *FC SD VII: 104–106*

Fri: Ex 39:32–40:16 Luke 8:22–39 *FC SD VII: 107–115*

Sat: Ex 40:17–38 Luke 8:40–56 *FC SD VII: 116–123*

### Did you miss a service? Sermons on demand

Did you know that you can catch up on sermons from the comfort of your own home, provided you have internet access. Each week, the sermon is posted on the congregation's website, and you can listen to it there and then, or download it and listen where and when you want to. You can use your computer, an mp3 player or even your mobile phone (most new-ish phones).

Likewise, the service bulletin is posted together with the sermon.

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