

Our Saviour Lutheran Church



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Seventh Sunday of Easter
20 May 2012



**You also will bear witness, because you have
been with me from the beginning**

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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.

501 *Hymn: Come Down, O Love Divine*

184 *Confession and Absolution*

Catechism

P What is the Office of the Keys?

C The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

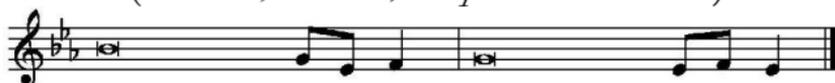
P Where is this written?

C This is what St John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

P What do you believe according to these words?

C I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

Introit (Ps. 27:1, 11–12 ; antiphon: Ps. 27:7–9)



A Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Alle- |
luia.*

Your face, LORD, I will seek. Do not hide
Your face from me. Alle- | luia.

C The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation;*
whom | shall I fear?

A The LORD is the strength | of my life;*
of whom shall I | be afraid?

C Teach me Your | way, O LORD,*
do not deliver me to the will of my
adver- | saries;

A for false witnesses have risen a- | gainst me,*
and such as breathe out | violence.

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 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Alle- |
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Your face from me. Alle- | luia.

186 *Kyrie*

187 *Gloria in excelsis*

189 *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Readings

The Spirit of Truth Bears Witness to Jesus

The Spirit of Truth bears witness to Jesus, who is the truth. But the world does not receive the truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His Church. *“The hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God”* (John 16:2). Yet it is by Jesus’ suffering and death that we are saved. Therefore we rejoice to share in His sufferings, that we may also share in His resurrection glory (1 Pet. 4:7-14). Through the ministry of the Spirit of Truth, we are cleansed from the deceit of our idols and given a new heart and a new spirit, the heart and Spirit of Christ (Ezek. 36:22-28). He now works in us fervent, self-giving love for one another, love which covers a multitude of sins, *“that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen”* (1 Pet. 4:11).

Old Testament reading—Ezekiel 36:22–28

²²“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Psalm 51

Epistle Reading—Acts 1 Peter 4:7–11

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

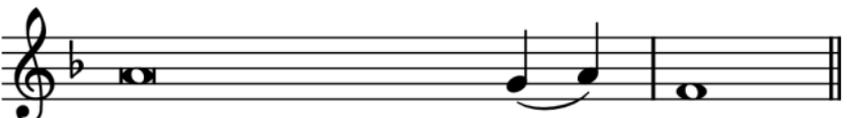
Alleluia & Verse (Psalm 47:8, John 14:18, 28; 16:22)



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



ia. Al - le - lu - - ia.



God reigns over the na - tions;*



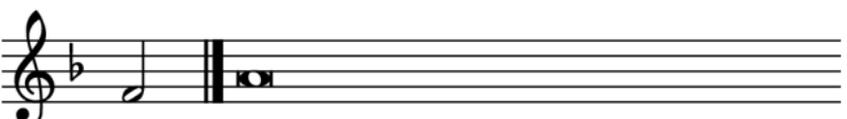
God sits on His ho - ly throne.



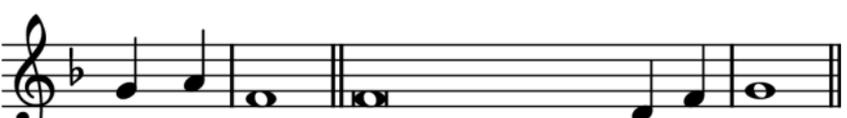
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ia. I will not leave you as orphans; I am going away, and I will



come to you;* and your hearts will re-joice.



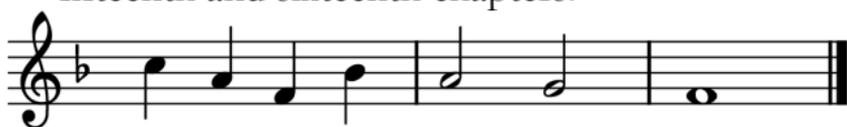
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Gospel Reading—John 15:26—16:4

L The † holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters.

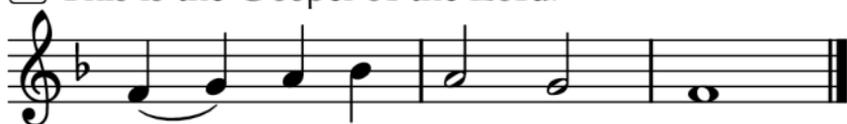


C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

²⁶ [Jesus said,] [“W]hen the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

16 “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ² They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³ And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴ But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

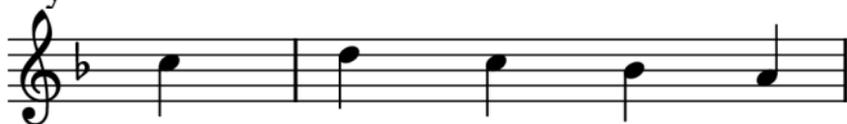
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

191 The Nicene Creed

Hymn



1. Christ is the world's Re -
2. Christ has our host sur -
3. Down through the realm of
△ 4. All glo - ry to the



deem - er, The lov - er of the
round - ed With clouds of mar - tyrs
dark - ness He strode in vic - to -
Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten



pure, The Fount of heaven - ly
bright, Who wave their palms in
ry, And at the hour ap -
One; All hon - our be to



wis - dom, Our trust and hope se -
tri - umph, And fire us for the
point - ed He rose tri - um - phant -
Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten



cure; The Ar - mour of His
 fight. Then Christ the cross as -
 ly. And now, to heaven as -
 Son; And to the Ho - ly



sol - diers, The Lord of earth and
 cend - ed, To save a world un -
 cend - ed, He sits up - on the
 Spir - it— The per - fect Tri - ni -



sky; Our Health while we are
 done, And, suffer - ing for the
 throne Whence He had ne'er de -
 ty. Let all the worlds give



liv - ing, Our Life when we shall die.
 sin - ful, Our full re - demp - tion won.
 part - ed, His Fa - ther's and His own.
 an - swer, A - men! So let it be.

Sermon

192 *The Offertory*

Offering

193 *Prayer of the Church*

629 **Hymn: What Is This Bread?**

194 *The Service of the Sacrament*

825 *Hymn: Rise, Shine, You People*

Sunday School Presentation

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron

Family and friends of members

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; Rob; Gina; Pauline; Rob; Gina; Graham; Carol; Bonnie

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Gutnius Lutheran Church, Papua New Guinea; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; St. Peter & St. Paul CofE

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
THE FORMULA OF CONCORD, SOLID DECLARATION
ARTICLE VIII: THE PERSON OF CHRIST

The human nature, after the resurrection from the dead, is exalted above all creatures in heaven and on earth. He did not lay aside His human nature, but retains it to eternity. He has the full possession and use of the divine majesty according to His received human nature. ...

Now He has ascended to heaven, not merely as any other saint, but as the apostle testifies, above all heavens. He also truly fills all things, being present everywhere, not only as God, but also as man. He rules from sea to sea and to the ends of the earth, as the prophets predict and the apostles testify. He did this everywhere with them and confirmed their word with signs. This did not happen in an earthly way. As Dr. Luther explains, this happened according to the way things are done at God's right hand. "God's right hand" is no set place in heaven ... It is nothing other than God's almighty power, which fills heaven and earth. ... By this communicated power ... He can be and is truly present with His body and blood in the Holy Supper. He has pointed this out for us by His Word. ... For in Him the divine and the human nature are personally united with each other. So in Christ "the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" (Colossians 2:9).

Par. 26-30

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

21 May	7.30pm	Christians Together in Fareham Mission Supper (Community Church, West Street)
23 May	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	3pm	Devotion at Merry Hall
24 May	7.45pm	Bible Study (The Parsonage)
27 May	9am	Divine Service (St. Francis, Funtley). <i>Please note the time and venue!</i>
	5pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission

Further ahead

2 June	5.30	Saturday Supper (tbc)
16 June		Congregational Life Conference
17 June		Joint service with St. Peter's in Weymouth

Next Sunday's Readings:

Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-13; John 14:23-31

Daily Readings:

Sun: Numbers 14:1-25 Luke 18:18-34 *Formula of Concord Solid Declaration XI: 8-13*

Mon: Num 14:26-45 Luke 18:35-19:10 *FC SD XI: 14-26*

Tue: Num 16:1-22 Luke 19:11-28 *FC SD XI: 27-32*

Wed: Num 16:23-40 Luke 19:29-48 *FC SD XI: 33-37*

Thu: Num 16:41-17:13 Luke 20:1-18 *FC SD XI: 38-44*

Fri: Num 20:1-21 Luke 20:19-44 *FC SD XI: 45-52*

Sat: Num 20:22-21:9 Luke 20:45-21:19 *FC SD XI: 53-64*