

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Second Sunday after Trinity
17 June 2012



**Go out to the highways and hedges and
compel people to come in, that my house
may be filled.**

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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.

Divine Service IV

LSB 203

916 Hymn: Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal

203 Confession and Absolution

Catechism

P The First Commandment

C You shall have no other gods.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

P The Second Commandment

C You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, practise witchcraft, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

P The Third Commandment

C Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Introit (Ps. 18:1-2, 27, 30, 49; antiphon: Ps. 18:18-19)



A The LORD was | my support.*

In the day of my ca- | lamity
he brought me out into a | broad place;*
he delivered me because He delight- | ed in
me.

C I will love You, O | LORD, my strength.*

The LORD is my rock and my | fortress.

A For You will save the humble | people,*
but will bring down | haughty looks.

C As for God, His way is | perfect;*
the word of the | LORD proves true.

A I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among
the | Gentiles,*
and sing praises | to Your name.

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 LORD was | my support.*
In the day of my ca- | lamity
He brought me out into a | broad place;*
He delivered me because He delight- | ed in
me.

204 *Kyrie*

204 *Gloria in excelsis*

205 *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

O Lord, since You never fail to help and govern those whom You nurture in Your steadfast fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

205 **The Readings**

The Gospel Call Goes Out to All

Wisdom has issued an invitation to the divine feast: “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight” (Prov. 9:5-6). This is the call of the Spirit of Christ to believe the Gospel and to receive His saving gifts in the Holy Supper. Many make excuses and reject this invitation, even as the Jews did in the days of Jesus, yet the Master’s house will be filled. The Gospel call therefore goes out to the lowly and despised, into the highways, even to all the Gentiles (Luke 14:15-24). For “you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ” (Eph. 2:13-22). In Christ, believing Jews and Gentiles are no longer strangers but fellow members of the household of God. The enmity of class and race is put to death through the cross. Having been reconciled in the one Body of Christ, we are enabled to love one another (1 John 3:13-18) as we await the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which will have no end.

Old Testament reading—Proverbs 9:1–10

Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.

2 She has slaughtered her beasts; she has
mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.

3 She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,

4 “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
To him who lacks sense she says,

5 “Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

6 Leave your simple ways, and live,

and walk in the way of insight.”

7 Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.

8 Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

205 Gradual (*Ps. 120:1–2*)

C In my distress I cried | to the LORD,*
and He | heard me.

Deliver my soul, O LORD, from | lying lips*
and from a de- | ceitful tongue.

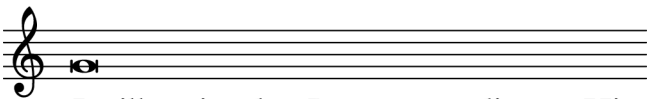
Second Reading—1 John 3:13–18

Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. ¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Alleluia and Verse (*Ps. 7:17*)



C Al - lelu-ia. Al - lelu-ia. Al - lelu-ia.



I will praise the LORD according to His



righteousness,* and will sing praise to the



name of the LORD Most High.



Al - lelu-ia. Al - lelu-ia. Al - lelu-ia.

206 *Gospel Reading—Luke 14:15–24*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the fourteenth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

When one of those who reclined at table with [Jesus] heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”¹⁶ But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many.¹⁷ And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’¹⁹ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’²⁰ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’²¹ So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’²² And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’²³ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ

206 *The Nicene Creed*

510 **Hymn: A Multitude Shall Come from the East and the West**

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering

623 **Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray**

208 *The Service of the Sacrament*

212 *Blessing*

644 *Hymn: The Church’s One Foundation*

Sunday School Presentation

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron

Family and friends of members

Lucy, Diana; Ilse Kelly; 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

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Evangelical Lutheran Church; Lutherans in Africa,
Pr. James May; Fareham Baptist New Life Church

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION ARTICLES VII & VIII: THE CHURCH

Just as the Church has the promise that it will always have the Holy Spirit, so it also has warnings that there will be wicked teachers and wolves. Yet, the Church in the proper sense has the Holy Spirit. Although wolves and wicked teachers run rampant in the Church, they are not properly Christ's kingdom. Just as Lyra also testifies when he says:

“The Church does not consist of people in power or ecclesiastical or secular dignity, because many princes and archbishops and others of lower rank have been found to have apostatized from the faith. Therefore, the Church consists of those persons in whom there is a true knowledge and confession of faith and truth.”

We have said nothing more in our Confession than what Lyra says here. ...

According to the Scriptures, we hold that the Church, properly called, is the congregation of saints who truly believe Christ's Gospel and have the Holy Spirit. We confess that in this life many hypocrites and wicked people are mixed in with these. They have the fellowship in outward signs, are members of the Church according to this fellowship in outward signs, and so hold offices in the Church (preach, administer the Sacraments, and bear the title and name of Christians). However, the fact that the Sacraments are administered by the unworthy does not detract from the Sacraments' power. Because of the call of the Church, the unworthy still represent the person of Christ and do not represent their own persons, as Christ testifies, “The one who hears you hears Me” (Luke 10:16). (Even Judas was sent to preach.) When they offer God's Word, when they offer the Sacraments, they offer them in the stead and place of Christ. Those words of Christ teach us not to be offended by the unworthiness of the ministers.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

Today	4.30pm	Joint service with St. Peter's (Weymouth)
20 June	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	3pm	Devotion at Merry Hall
21 June	7.45pm	Bible Study (Parsonage)
24 June	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	5pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission

Further ahead

25–27 June		Pastor's Study Week (Cambridge)
27 June		<i>No Pastor's Surgery</i>
28 June	7.45pm	Bible Study (Parsonage)
1 July	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
7 July	5.30pm	Saturday Supper (Scout Hall)
12 July	7.45pm	Voters' Assembly (Parsonage)
24 July—13 August		<i>Pastor on Annual Leave</i>

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 40:1–5; Acts 13:13–26; Luke 1:57–80

Daily Readings:

Sun: Proverbs 17:1–28 John 16:17–33 *Augsburg Confession I–II*

Mon: Prov 20:5–25 John 17:1–26 *AC III–IV*

Tue: Prov 22:1–21 John 18:1–14 *AC V–VI*

Wed: Prov 22:22–23:12 John 18:15–40 *AC VII–VIII*

Thu: Prov 24:1–22 John 19:1–22 *AC IX–XI*

Fri: Prov 25:1–22 John 19:23–42 *AC XII–XIII*

Sat: Prov 27:1–24 John 20:1–18 *AC XIV–XVI*