

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church



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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.

### **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

### *Hymn: God Moves in a Mysterious Way*



1. God moves in a mys - te - rious way His
2. Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But
3. His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast, Un -



won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps  
trust Him for His grace; Be - hind a frown - ing  
fold - ing eve - ry hour; The bud may have a



in the sea And rides up - on the storm.  
pro - vi - dence Faith sees a smil - ing face.  
bit - ter taste, But sweet will be the flower.

4. Blind unbelief is sure to err  
And scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter,  
And He will make it plain.
5. Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
The clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy and shall break  
In blessings on your head.

## 203 *Confession and Absolution*

### *Catechism*

**P** The Ninth Commandment

**C** You shall not covet your neighbour's house.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbour's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

**P** The Tenth Commandment

**C** You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbour's

wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

**P** What does God say about all these commandments?

**C** He says, “I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

*Introit (Ps. 27:1, 11–12, 14; antiphon: Ps. 27:7, 9)*



**L** Hear, O LORD, when I cry | with my voice!\*  
Have mercy also upon me, and | answer me.  
You have | been my help;\*  
do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of  
my sal- | vation.

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

**L** Teach me Your | way, O LORD,\*  
and lead me in a | smooth path.

**C** Do not deliver me to the will of my  
adver- | saries;\*  
for false witnesses have risen a- | gainst me.

**L** Wait on the LORD; be of good | courage,\*  
and He shall streng- | then your heart.

**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

**L** Hear, O LORD, when I cry | with my voice!\*  
Have mercy also upon me, and | answer me.

**C** You have | been my help;\*  
do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of  
my sal- | vation.

204 *Kyrie*

204 *Gloria in excelsis*

205 *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love towards You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## 205 The Readings

### *Jesus Makes Fishers of Men*

The Lord called fishermen to be fishers of men (Luke 5:1-11). The net they would use is the message of the cross, which is foolishness and a stumbling block to the world (1 Cor. 1:18-25). The power of God to save is not in spectacular signs like wind and fire and earthquakes (1 Kings 19:11-21), nor is it to be found in human intelligence and wisdom. The power of God to save comes in the still, small voice of the preaching of Christ crucified. In worldly darkness the disciples could catch nothing. But in the light of Christ, whose Word was attached to the water, the boats were filled with fish. So it is that in Baptism you have been drawn in to the ship of the Church. Though the nets are breaking and some who hear the Word do not believe, pastors continue to cast the net of the Gospel and the Sacraments, that Christians may abide in the boat of the Church and that we may be ready to give a defence to everyone who asks a reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:8-15).

### **Old Testament Reading—1 Kings 19:11–21**

<sup>11</sup>And God said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup>And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. <sup>13</sup>And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup>And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. <sup>16</sup>And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

<sup>19</sup>So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was ploughing with twelve yoke of

oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. <sup>20</sup> And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup> And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

### **Psalmody—Ps. 16**

1. Lord, when the storms of life arise  
be near to keep me yet,  
my chosen portion and my prize  
in whom alone my refuge lies,  
on whom my hope is set,  
on whom my hope is set.
2. In God alone securely stand  
his saints for ever blest,  
who shelter safe beneath his hand  
as in a fair and pleasant land,  
and in his presence rest,  
and in his presence rest.
3. Lord of our life, our strength and stay,  
whom yet unseen we love,  
uphold us in the narrow way  
and guide our footsteps night and day  
with wisdom from above,  
with wisdom from above.
4. So shall the path of life be shown,  
the prayers of faith ascend;  
until we know as we are known,  
and sing before the Father's throne  
the songs that never end,  
the songs that never end.

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926– )*  
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### **Epistle Reading—1 Peter 3:8–15**

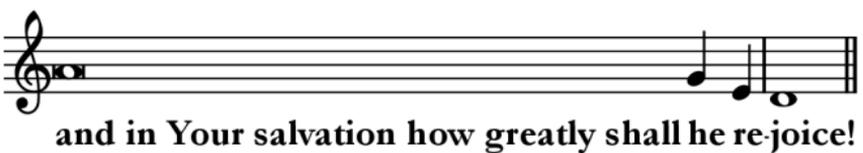
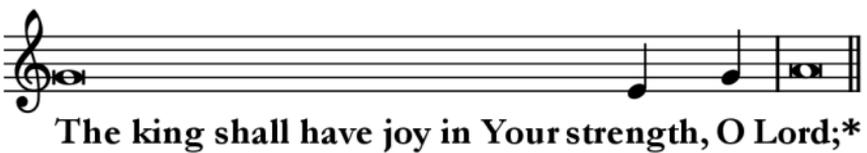
<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. <sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. <sup>10</sup> For

- “Whoever desires to love life  
and see good days,  
let him keep his tongue from evil  
and his lips from speaking deceit;  
<sup>11</sup> let him turn away from evil and do good;  
let him seek peace and pursue it.  
<sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are on the right-  
eous,  
and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

<sup>13</sup> Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

*Alleluia and Verse (Ps. 21:1)*



**206** *Gospel Reading—Luke 5:1–11*

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

**G** *Glory to You, O Lord.*

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, <sup>2</sup> and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. <sup>4</sup> And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup> And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup> And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. <sup>7</sup> They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from

now on you will be catching men.”<sup>11</sup> And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ

206 *The Apostles' Creed*

578 Hymn: Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the  
Darkness

Sermon

Offering

783 Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be

*Prayer of the Church*

212 *Blessing*

824 Hymn: May God Bestow on Us His  
Grace

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

They have condemned Article VII of our Confession, in which we said that the Church is the congregation of saints. The adversaries have added a long essay stating that the wicked are not to be separated from the Church, since John the Baptist has compared the Church to a threshing floor on which wheat and chaff are heaped together (Matthew 3:12), and Christ has compared it to a net in which there are both good and bad fish (Matthew 13:47). This is a true saying: “There is no remedy against the attacks of the slanderer.” Nothing can be spoken with such care that it can escape ridicule. For this reason we have added Article VIII. Let no one think

that we separate the wicked and hypocrites from the outward fellowship of the Church, or that we deny power to Sacraments administered by hypocrites or wicked men. There is no need here of a long defence against this slander ...

But the Church is not only the fellowship of outward objects and rites, as other governments, but at its core, it is a fellowship of faith and of the Holy Spirit in hearts. Yet this fellowship has outward marks so that it can be recognized. These marks are the pure doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments in accordance with the Gospel of Christ. This Church alone is called Christ's body, which Christ renews, sanctifies, and governs by His Spirit. Paul testifies about this when he says, "And gave Him as head over all things to the Church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all" (Ephesians 1:22-23). Those in whom Christ does not act are not the members of Christ. The adversaries admit this too. The wicked are "dead" members of the Church. We wonder why the adversaries have found fault with our description that speaks of living members. Neither have we said anything new. Paul has defined the Church precisely in the same way, that it should be cleansed in order to be holy. He adds the outward marks, the Word and Sacraments. For he says:

Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that He might present the Church to Himself in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. (Ephesians 5:25-27) Par. 1-7

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<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES</b>		
<b>The Week Ahead</b>		
Today	4.30pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
11 July	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
12 July	7.45pm	Voters' Assembly (Parsonage)
15 July	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
<b>Further ahead</b>		
18 July	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	3pm	Devotion at Merry Hall
19 July	7.45pm	Bible Study (Parsonage)
22 July	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
24 July—13 August		<i>Pastor on Annual Leave</i>
29 July	10.30am	Morning Service (Scout Hall)
4 Aug		<i>No Saturday Supper</i>
5 Aug	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall), led by Pr. Graham Jenks
12 Aug	10.30am	Morning Service (Scout Hall)
19 Aug	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

**Next Sunday's Readings:**

**Exodus 20:1–17; Romans 6:3–11; Matthew 5:20–26**

**Daily Readings:**

Sun: Judges 3:7–31 Acts 13:42–52 *Augsburg Confession XXVIII: 1–18*

Mon: Judg 4:1–24 Acts 14:1–18 *AC XXVIII: 19–29*

Tue: Judg 6:1–24 Acts 14:19–15:5 *AC XXVIII: 30–42*

Wed: Judg 6:25–40 Acts 15:6–21 *AC XXVIII: 43–60*

Thu: Judg 7:1–23 Galatians 1:1–24 *AC XXVIII: 61–78*

Fri: Judg 13:1–25 Gal 2:1–21 *AC Conclusion*

Sat: Judg 14:1–20 Gal 3:1–22 *Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Greeting: 1–19*