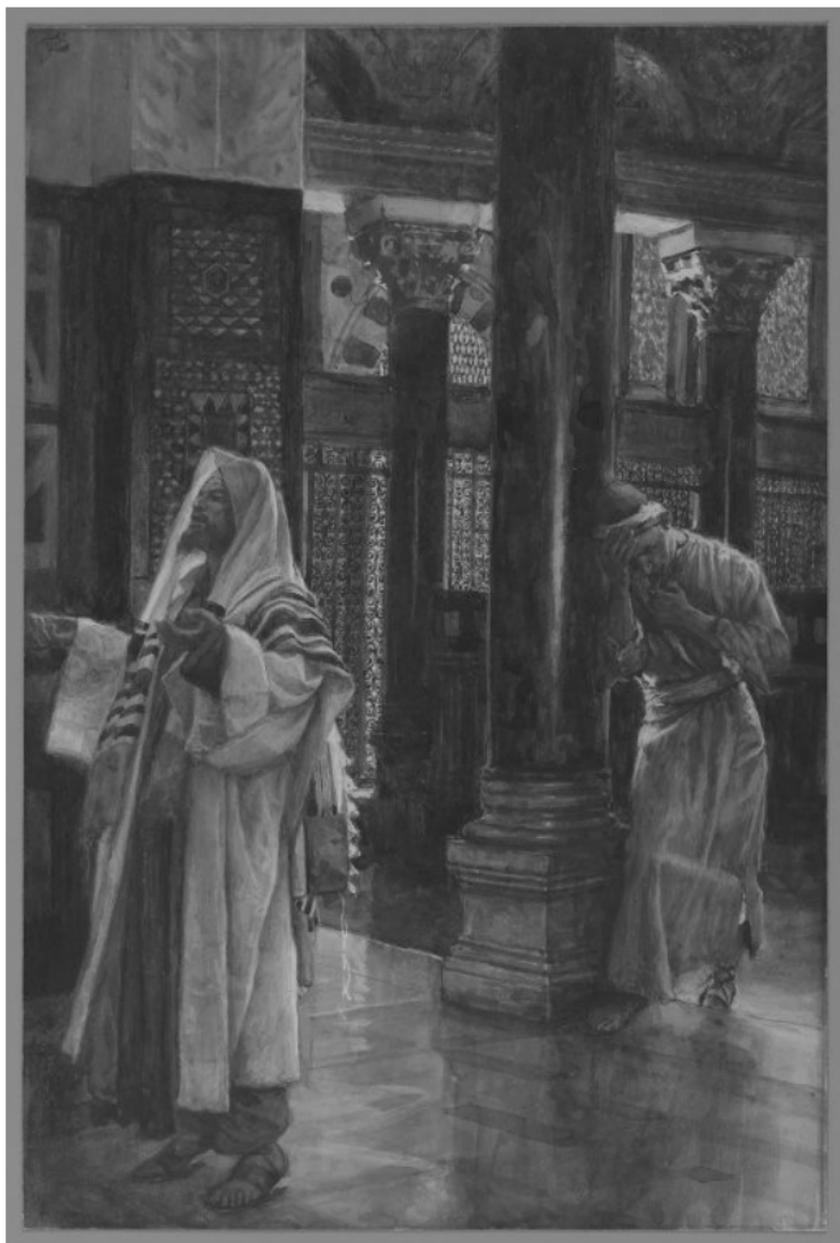


Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
19 August 2012



**For everyone who exalts himself will be
humbled, but the one who humbles himself
will be exalted**

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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 III

LSB 184

611 Hymn: Chief of Sinners though I Be

184 Confession and Absolution

Catechism

P The Second Petition

C Thy kingdom come.

P What does this mean?

C The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

P How does God's kingdom come?

C God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Introit (Ps. 68:1, 3, 7, 10, 19; antiphon: Ps. 68:5-6, 35)



A God is in His holy habi- | tation.*

He gives a home to the | desolate.

The God of Israel is He who | gives strength*
and power to His | people.

C Let God arise, Let His enemies
be | scattered;*

let those also who hate Him flee
be- | fore Him.

A But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice
be- | fore God;*

yes, let them rejoice ex- | ceedingly.

C O God, when you went out before
Your | people,*

you, O God, provided from Your
goodness | for the poor.

A Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us
with | benefits,*
the God of our sal- | vation!

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 God is in His holy habi- | tation.*
He gives a home to the | desolate.

C The God of Israel is He who | gives
strength*
and power to His | people.

186 *Kyrie*

187 *Gloria in excelsis*

189 *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Readings

The Lord Lifts Up the Lowly

“And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard” (Gen. 4:1-15). For unlike Abel, Cain’s offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9-14). “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Eph. 2:1-10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Cor. 15:1-10). Therefore, “everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Old Testament reading—Genesis 4:1–15

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have produced a man with the help of the LORD.”² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground,⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And

the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Gradual (*Ps. 28:7, 1*)

☐ My heart trusted in God, and | I am helped;*

therefore my heart greatly re- | jices.

To You I will cry, O | LORD my Rock;*

**Hear the voice of my supplications when
I | cry to You.**

Epistle Reading—1 Corinthians 15:1–15

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace

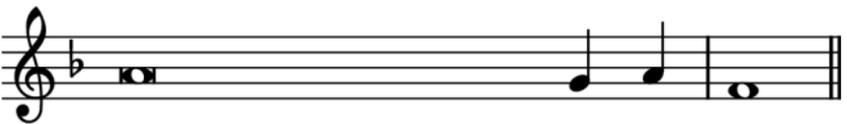
of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

Alleluia & Verse (Ps. 90:1)



C Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia.



Lord, You have been our dwelling place*



in all gene - ra - tions.



Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia.

Gospel Reading—Luke 18:9–14

L The ✠ holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

⁹ [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

191 *The Nicene Creed*

559 Hymn: Oh, How Great Is Your
Compassion

Sermon

192 *The Offertory*

Offering

193 *Prayer of the Church*

630 Hymn: Now, My Tongue, the Mystery
Telling

194 *The Service of the Sacrament*

199 *Nunc Dimittis and Post-Communion
Prayers*

202 *Blessing*

793 *Hymn: Praise, My Soul, the King of
Heaven*

Sunday School Presentation

IN OUR PRAYERS

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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

THE SMALCALD ARTICLES

PART III ARTICLE XIII: HOW ONE IS JUSTIFIED BEFORE GOD AND DOES GOOD WORKS

I do not know how to change in the least what I have previously and constantly about justification. Namely, that through faith, as St. Peter says, we have new and clean hearts, and God will and does account us entirely righteous and holy for the sake of Christ, our Mediator. Al-

though sin in the flesh has not yet been completely removed or become dead, yet He will not punish or remember it.

Such faith, renewal, and forgiveness of sins are followed by good works. What is still sinful or imperfect in them will not be counted as sin or defect, for Christ's sake. The entire man, both his person and his works, is declared to be righteous and holy from pure grace and mercy, shed upon us and spread over us in Christ. Therefore, we cannot boast of many merits and works, if they are viewed apart from grace and mercy. As it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:31); namely, that he has a gracious God. For with that, all is well. We say, besides, that if good works do not follow, the faith is false and not true. Para. 1-4

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

22 Aug	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	3pm	Devotion at Merry Hall
23 Aug	7.45pm	Bible Study (The Parsonage)
26 Aug	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	5pm	Pastor at Oxford Lutheran Mission

Further ahead

29 Aug	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
30 Aug	7.45pm	Bible Study (The Parsonage)
1 Sep	5.30pm	Saturday Supper (Scout Hall)
2 Sep	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
22 Sep		<i>Ladies' Guild Sale (The Hub)</i>
		<i>ELCE Children's Ministry Conference, Cardiff</i>
30 Sep		<i>Harvest Festival and Lunch</i>
5-6 Oct		<i>ELCE Annual Synod</i>
31 Oct—2 Nov		<i>Holiday Club</i>
3 Nov		<i>Family Festival (Scout Hall)</i>

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 29:17-24; 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Mark 7:31-37

Daily Readings:

Sun:	2 Samuel 11:1-27	1 Corinthians 11:17-34	<i>Apology of the Augsburg Confession V (III): 137-139</i>
Mon:	2 Sam 12:1-25	21 Cor 12:1-13	<i>Ap V (III): 140-143</i>
Tue:	1 Kng 1:1-4, 15-35	1 Cor 12:14-31	<i>Ap V (III): 144-147</i>
Wed:	1 Kng 2:1-27	1 Cor 13:1-13	<i>1 Cor 14:1-16:23 Ap V (III): 148-152</i>
Thu:	1 Kng 3:1-15	2 Cor 1:1-22	<i>Ap V (III): 153-159</i>
Fri:	1 Kng 5:1-18	2 Cor 1:23-2:17	<i>Ap V (III): 160-166</i>
Sat:	1 Kng 7:51-8:21	2 Cor 3:1-18	<i>Ap V (III): 167-169</i>