

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church



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**The Lord had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.”**

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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.

**594 Hymn: God's Own Child****184 Confession and Absolution****Catechism**

**P** The Lord's Prayer, the Seventh Petition

**C** But deliver us from evil.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

**Introit** (Ps. 86:1, 7, 12–13; antiphon: Ps. 86:3, 5)



**A** Be gracious to me, | O Lord,\*

for to you do I cry | all the day.

For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,\*  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call  
up- | on you.

**C** Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer  
me,\*

for I am poor and | needy.

**A** In the day of my trouble I call up- | on you,\*  
for you | answer me.

**C** I give thanks to you, O Lord my God,  
with | my whole heart,\*

and I will glorify your name

for- | ever.

**A** For great is your steadfast | love towards  
me;\*

you have delivered my soul from the  
depths | of Sheol.

**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

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for to you do I cry | all the day.

**C** For you, O Lord, are good and  
for- | giving,\*

abounding in steadfast love to all who  
call up- | on you.

**186 Kyrie****187 Gloria in excelsis****189 Salutation and Collect of the Day**

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## The Readings

### *Jesus Calls forth Life from Death*

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, “*Young man, I say to you, arise.*” Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father “*is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think*” (Eph 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman’s son (2 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. “*To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*”

### **Old Testament reading—I Kings 17:17–24**

<sup>17</sup>After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. <sup>18</sup>And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” <sup>19</sup>And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. <sup>20</sup>And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” <sup>21</sup>Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” <sup>22</sup>And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. <sup>23</sup>And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” <sup>24</sup>And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

### **Gradual (Ps. 102:15–16)**

**☐ Nations will fear the name | of the LORD,\*  
and all the kings of the earth will fear  
your | glory.**

**For the LORD builds up | Zion;\*  
he appears in his | glory**

### **Epistle Reading—Ephesians 3:13–21**

<sup>13</sup>I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened

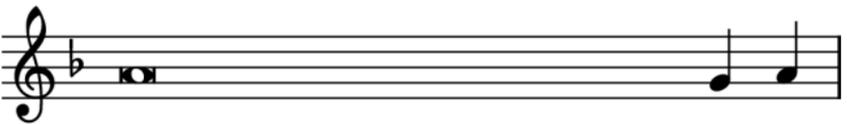
with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

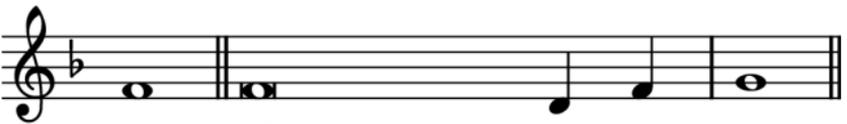
**Alleluia & Verse (Ps: 115:11)**



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



**You who fear the LORD, trust in the**



**LORD!\* He is their help and their shield.**



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

**Gospel Reading—Luke 7:11–17**

**L** The † holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.



**G Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

<sup>11</sup> Soon afterwards [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup> As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. <sup>13</sup> And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” <sup>14</sup> Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” <sup>15</sup> And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup> Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” <sup>17</sup> And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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



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

## 191 The Nicene Creed

### Hymn: In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my all in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone! —who took on flesh,  
Fulness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied—  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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### Sermon

## 192 The Offertory

### Offering

## 193 Prayer of the Church

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## 194 The Service of the Sacrament

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**Sunday School Presentation**

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**IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Members**

Ron

**Family and friends of members**

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Christ Church; Kent Mission; Prs. Ehlers & Kriger; Boor family (St. Andrew's); Van Fossan family

**The Church of God**

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Venezuela; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD**

**AUGSBURG CONFESSION**

**ARTICLE XX: GOOD WORKS**

Furthermore, we teach that it is necessary to do good works. This does not mean that we merit grace by doing good works, but because it is God's will. It is only by faith, and nothing else, that forgiveness of sins is apprehended. The Holy Spirit is received through faith, hearts are renewed and given new affections, and then they are able to bring forth good works. Ambrose says: "Faith is the mother of a good will and doing what is right." Without the Holy Spirit people are full of ungodly desires. They are too weak to do works that are good in God's sight. Besides, they are in the power of the devil, who pushes human beings into various sins, ungodly opinions, and open crimes. We see this in the philosophers, who, although they tried to live an honest life could not succeed, but were defiled with many open crimes. Such is human weakness, without faith and without the Holy Spirit, when governed only by human strength.

Therefore, it is easy to see that this doctrine is not to be accused of banning good works. Instead, it is to be commended all the more because it shows how we are enabled to do good works. For without faith, human nature cannot, in any way, do the works of the First or Second Commandment. Without faith, human nature does not call upon God, nor expect anything from Him, nor bear the cross .

Paragraph 27-37

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### The Week Ahead

Today	5pm	Pastor at Oxford Lutheran Mission
Tue	3.15pm	Drama Club (Orchard Lea Junior School)
Wed	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	3pm	Devotion at Merry Hall
	7.30pm	Ladies' ecumenical meeting (The Hub)
Thu	<i>No Bible Study!</i>	
Sat	10am-12	Harvest HubBub (The Hub)
Sun	10.30am	Morning Service— <i>Harvest Festival</i>
	1pm	Harvest Lunch (Scout Hall)

### Further ahead

2 Oct	3.15pm	Drama Club
3 Oct	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
4 Oct	7.45pm	Bible Study (Parsonage)
5–6 Oct	ELCE Annual Synod (East Kilbride)	
7 Oct	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

### **Next Sunday's Readings:**

**Deuteronomy 26:1–11; 2 Corinthians 9:6–15;  
Luke 12:13–21**

### **Daily Readings:**

Sun: Nehemiah 9:1–21 | Timothy 5:17–6:2 *Apology of the Augsburg Confession XIIb (VI): 16–24*

Mon: Neh 9:22–38 | Tim 6:3–21 *Ap XIIb (VI): 25–33*

Tue: Malachi 1:1–14 Matthew 3:1–17 *Ap XIIb (VI): 34–42*

Wed: Mal 2:1–3:5 Matt 4:1–11 *Ap XIIb (VI): 43–50*

Thu: Mal 3:6–4:6 Matt 4:12–25 *Ap XIIb (VI): 51–57*

Fri: Deuteronomy 1:1–18 Matt 5:1–20 *Ap XIIb (VI): 58–66*

Sat: Deut 1:19–36 Matt 5:21–48 *Ap XIIb (VI): 67–76*