

Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity
Remembrance Sunday
11 November 2012



James Tissot (1836-1902), *Le denier de César*

**Render to Caesar the things that are
Caesar's, and to God the things that are
God's.**

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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. Please also record your visit in the visitors' book at the back.

If you would like the pastor to contact you, please speak to him after the service, or make a note in the visitors' book.

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.

**The service this morning is preceded by the
Act of Remembrance**

P Let us remember before God, and commend to his safe keeping, those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of the peoples of the world.

A They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

R **We will remember them**

Then shall follow a two-minute silence

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, in Your mercy You govern and guide the nations of this world. We give you thanks for all who have laid down their lives in defence of others, and for the freedom and prosperity gained by their sacrifice. Govern and guide all people by Your word that peace may abound, and that we may be brought at last into Your kingdom of peace, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C Amen.

733 *Hymn: O God, our help in ages past*

219 *Opening Versicles and Responses*

220 *Venite*

Antiphon: **L** Glorious is God with His angels and saints

C O come, let us worship Him.

Psalm 111

714 *Hymn: Who Trusts in God*

205 *The Readings*

Render to God the things of God

When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom incarnate, walked “*in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice*” (Prov. 8:20) and discerned that wisdom “*is better than jewels*” and “*better than gold, even fine gold*” (Prov. 8:11, 19). When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our “*end is destruction*” (Phil. 3:19). However, our humble and prudent Lord has rendered “*to God the things that are God’s*” (Matt.

22:21), namely, perfect fear, love, and trust, as well as the complete sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also rendered to Caesar the things of honour and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the cross. The true “*riches and honour are with [Him],*” because “*enduring wealth and righteousness*” (Prov. 8:18) are found in our heavenly citizenship from which “*we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.*” He “*will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself*” (Phil. 3:20-21).

Old Testament Reading—Proverbs 8:11–22

- ¹¹ Wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.
- ¹² “I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,
and I find knowledge and discretion.
- ¹³ The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.
- ¹⁴ I have counsel and sound wisdom;
I have insight; I have strength.
- ¹⁵ By me kings reign,
and rulers decree what is just;
- ¹⁶ by me princes rule,
and nobles, all who govern justly.
- ¹⁷ I love those who love me,
and those who seek me diligently find me.
- ¹⁸ Riches and honour are with me,
enduring wealth and righteousness.
- ¹⁹ My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,
and my yield than choice silver.
- ²⁰ I walk in the way of righteousness,
in the paths of justice,
- ²¹ granting an inheritance to those who love me,
and filling their treasuries.
- ²² “The LORD possessed me at the beginning
of his work,
the first of his acts of old.”

Epistle Reading—Philippians 3:17–21

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Gospel Reading—Matthew 22:15–22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marvelled. And they left him and went away.

221 *Responsory*

Catechism

P What is Confession?

C Confession has two parts.

First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Sermon

422 Offering Hymn & Offering

223 *Te Deum*

227 *Prayers*

228 *Collect of the Day*

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offences that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Intercessions and Thanksgiving

228 *Benedicamus and Benediction*

805 *Hymn: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron, Forbes, Dot

Family of members

Lucy, Diana (old age); Megan (pregnancy); Alex, Sarah & family; Jerry Harbin (cancer)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Frank Knibbs (back); Marie & family (distress); Brian & Kay (distress); Mike (health); Kayleigh & unborn child (health); Cynthia (health); Claire and Phil (health); Pauline (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Margaret & Patrick Tustin (Alzheimer's); Rob (depression); Debra (depression); Claire (leukemia); Brian, Jan & family (cancer); Don & Julie Gardner (cancer); Graham (tumour); Ronnie (cancer); Lisa & children (cancer); Steve (cancer); Christine (recovering from operation)

ELCE

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Pr. Van Fossan; ELCE Board for Overseas Missions; Boor family (St. Andrew's)

The Church of God

Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Fareham Methodist Church

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
THE APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION
ARTICLE XVI: POLITICAL ORDER

... Christ's kingdom allows us outwardly to use legitimate political ordinances of every nation in which we live, just as it allows us to use medicine or the art of building, or food, drink, and air. Neither does the Gospel offer new laws about the public state, but commands that we obey present laws, whether they have been framed by heathens or by others. It commands that in this obedience we should exercise love. ... Our theologians have written more fully about these subjects. They have done so because the monks spread many deadly opinions in the Church. They called holding property in common the governance of the Gospel. They said that not holding property, or not acquitting oneself at law, were evangelical counsels. These opinions greatly cloud over the Gospel and the spiritual kingdom and are dangerous to the commonwealth. For the Gospel does not destroy the state or the family, but rather approves them and asks us obey them as a divine ordinance, not only because of punishment, but also on account of conscience.

... The Gospel does not introduce laws about the public state, but is the forgiveness of sins and the beginning of a new life in the hearts of believers. Besides, the Gospel not only approves outward governments, but also subjects us to them (Romans 13:1). In a similar way we have been necessarily placed under the laws of seasons, the changes of winter and summer, as divine ordinances. The Gospel forbids private remedy. Christ instils this often so that the apostles do not think they should seize the governments from those who held otherwise, just as the Jewish people dreamed about the kingdom of the Messiah. Christ did this so that the apostles might know they should teach that the spiritual kingdom does not change the public state. ... the Gospel brings eternal righteousness to hearts, while it outwardly approves the public state. paragraphs 54-60

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

Today	4.30pm	Divine Service (Brighton)
Tue	3.15pm	Drama Club
Wed	10.30am	Bible Study (Parsonage)
	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
Sun	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

Further ahead

20–21 Nov Barnes Conference (St. Peter's, Plymouth)

No Bible Study / Pastor's Surgery

22 Nov 7.30pm Christians Together in Fareham meeting

25 Nov 10.30am Divine Service (Last Sunday of the Church Year)

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 51:9–16; Colossians 1:9–14; Matthew 9:18–26

Daily Readings:

Sun: Jeremiah 23:21–40 Matthew 25:31–46 *Apology of the Augsburg Confession XXVII (XIII): 1–8*

Mon: Jer 25:1–18 Matt 26:1–19 *Ap XXVII (XIII): 9–10*

Tue: Jer 26:1–19 Matt 26:20–35 *Ap XXVII (XIII): 11–17*

Wed: Jer 29:1–19 Matt 26:36–56 *Ap XXVII (XIII): 18–23*

Thu: Jer 30:1–24 Matt 26:57–75 *Ap XXVII (XIII): 24–27*

Fri: Jer 31:1–17, 23–34 Matt 27:1–10 *Ap XXVII (XIII): 28–33*

Sat: Jer 33:1–22 Matt 27:11–32 *Ap XXVII (XIII): 34–39*

Advent Midweek Services

There will be a service of Vespers on each Wednesday during Advent. The services will be held at **St. Francis, Funtley at 7 pm**. The theme for the midweek series is the Creed.

Christmas Day Lunch in Fareham 2012

Do you know someone who will be alone on Christmas Day? This is the third year *Christians Together in Fareham* and *Community Action Fareham* have organised a Christmas Day lunch for people who will be on their own on this special day.

If you know of anyone who you think would like to attend please pick up a form and return it by the 3rd December to Jennie Romecheva at Fareham Community Action.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the day please call **01329 223140** and leave your details.