

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity  
(Remembrance Sunday)  
10 November 2013



James Tissot (1836–1902), *The Golden Calf*

**False christs and false prophets will  
arise and perform great signs and  
wonders**

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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 a phone call or a pastoral visit, speak to the pastor or leave 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.

### **Holy Communion**

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, we eat and drink the true body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and the wine, according to Jesus' own words. We also believe that those who participate in Holy Communion in a particular congregation should be in agreement in the confession of the faith.

Therefore, we ask that only those who are instructed in the Lutheran Confessions and are under our pastor's spiritual care come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

If you are visiting us and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor *before the service*. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Our teaching on this matter is explained in more detail in the little leaflet, 'Why Closed Communion?', which is available at the back of the church.

**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.



**C** Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,\*  
all you who wait | for the LORD!

❖ *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** Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;\*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and  
from my perse- | cutors!

**C** O LORD, let me not be | put to shame,\*  
for I call up- | on you.

*186 Kyrie & Gloria in excelsis*

*189 Salutation and Collect of the Day*

Almighty God, we implore You, show Your mercy to Your humble servants that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may not be dealt with after the severity of Your judgement but according to Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **The Readings**

#### ***Faith Comes By Hearing the Word of Christ***

*“The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed”* (Luke 17:20). You must use your ears and not your eyes. For God’s kingdom in this world is one of faith, and faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ. The people of Israel, however, wanted to walk not by faith but by sight. When Moses delayed in coming down the mountain, they decided to make a visible god for themselves, the golden calf (Ex. 32:1). Upon such faithless and false worshippers God’s judgement comes. Only on the Last Day will our faith be turned to sight. *“For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man”* (Matt. 24:27). The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, and He will gather His people to Himself, both the living and the dead. In a world in which our days are few and full of trouble (Job 14:1), let us comfort one another with these words of the resurrection and the coming of our Lord Jesus.

#### **Old Testament Reading—Exodus 32:1–20**

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, “Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”<sup>2</sup> So Aaron said to them, “Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.”<sup>3</sup> So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron.<sup>4</sup> And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”<sup>5</sup> When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD.”<sup>6</sup> And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt

offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

<sup>7</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. <sup>8</sup>They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” <sup>9</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. <sup>10</sup>Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you.”

<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” <sup>14</sup>And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets that were written on both sides; on the front and on the back they were written. <sup>16</sup>The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. <sup>17</sup>When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is a noise of war in the camp.” <sup>18</sup>But he said, “It is not the sound of shouting for victory, or the sound of the cry of defeat, but the sound of singing that I hear.” <sup>19</sup>And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses’ anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. <sup>20</sup>He took the calf that they had made and burned it with fire and ground it to powder and scattered it on the water and made the people of Israel drink it.

**Gradual** (*Ps. 74:4, 2a*)

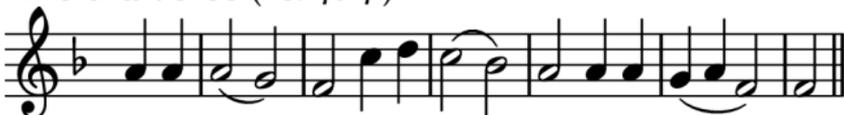
**☐ Your foes have roared in the midst of  
your | meeting place;\***  
    **they set up their own | signs for signs.**  
**Remember your congregation, which you  
have pur- | chased of old,\***  
    **which you have redeemed to be the  
tribe of your | heritage!**

**Epistle Reading—1 Thessalonians 4:13–18**

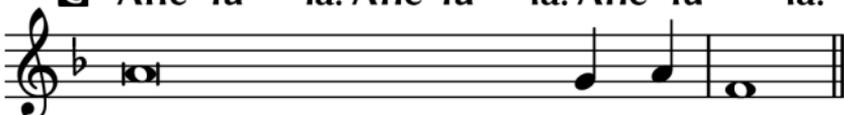
<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For

since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup> For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

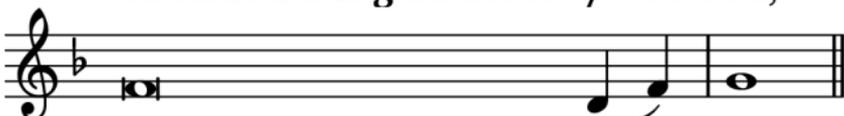
**Alleluia Verse** (*Ps. 46:4*)



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



**T**here is a river whose  
streams make glad the ci-ty of God,\*



the holy habitation of the Most High.



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

**Gospel Reading—Matthew 24:15–28**

**L** The ✠ holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.



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

<sup>15</sup> [Jesus said,] “So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), <sup>16</sup> then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. <sup>17</sup> Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, <sup>18</sup> and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. <sup>19</sup> And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! <sup>20</sup> Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. <sup>21</sup> For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. <sup>22</sup> And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. <sup>23</sup> Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. <sup>24</sup> For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. <sup>25</sup> See, I have told you beforehand. <sup>26</sup> So, if they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. <sup>27</sup> For as the lightning

comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup>Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

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



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

191 *The Nicene Creed*

658 **Hymn: Preserve Your Word, O Saviour**

**Sermon**

192 *The Offertory*

**Offering**

193 *Prayer of the Church*

194 *The Service of the Sacrament*

655 **Hymn: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

**Sunday School Presentation**

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

**Members**

Ron; Frank; Karina

**Family of members**

Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; Jean (fall)

**Friends of members**

Ilse Kelly (old age); Mike (unemployed); Trevor (unemployed); Claire and Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Margaret Tustin (Alzheimer's); Rob (depression); Debra (depression); Brian (depression); Dave (mental illness); Lisa & family (cancer); Ray, Doreen & family (cancer); David Webb (cancer); Bob Waters (cancer); Sally (health); Leanne (health); Beth (health); Julia (distress); Phil & Karen (distress); Gina & family; Bim (fall); Debra & Steve and all the family of †Reg

**ELCE**

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Pr. Ehlers; ELCE Executive Council; LWLGB; Quirk family

**The Church of God**

Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; St. John's CofE

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION ARTICLES IV & V

#### **Article IV: Justification.**

Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works. People are freely justified for Christ's sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favour and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake. By His death, Christ has made satisfaction for our sins. God counts this faith for righteousness in His sight (Romans 3 and 4).

#### **Article V: The Ministry.**

That we may obtain this faith, the ministry of teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted. Through the Word and Sacraments, as

through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given. He works faith, when and where it pleases God, in those who hear the Gospel, namely that God justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake. This happens not through our own merits, but for Christ's sake.

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

**Daily Services at St. Francis, Funtley**

Tue 8.45am Matins

Fri 8.45am Matins

**The Week Ahead**

Today 4.30pm Divine Service (Brighton Mission)

Tue 3.15pm Drama Club

Wed–Thu *Barnes Conference—No Bible study, Pastor's Surgery, daily services*

Thu 7.45 Voters' Assembly (Parsonage)

Sun 10.30am Divine Service (Scout Hall)

**Further ahead**

19 Nov 3.15pm Drama Club

20 Nov 10.30am Bible Study (Parsonage).

12.45pm Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)

2pm Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge

24 Nov 10.15am EGM (see below)

10.30am Divine Service (Scout Hall)

1 Dec Westfield House Special Offering (envelopes available from 10 November)

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

***Daniel 7:9–14; 2 Peter 3:3–14; Matthew 25:31–46***

***Daily Readings:***

Sun: Jeremiah 33:1–22 Matthew 27:11–32 *Apology of the Augsburg Confession XXVII (XIII): 34–39*

Mon: Jer 37:1–21 Matt 27:33–56 *Ap XXVII (XIII): 40–46*

Tue: Jer 38:1–28 Matt 27:57–66 *Ap XXVII (XIII): 47–56*

Wed: Daniel 1:1–21 Matt 28:1–20 *Ap XXVII (XIII): 57–63*

Thu: Dan 2:1–23 Revelation 18:1–24 *Ap XXVII (XIII): 64–69*

Fri: Dan 2:24–49 Rev 19:1–21 *Ap XXVIII (XIV): 1–5*

Sat: Dan 3:1–30 Rev 20:1–15 *Ap XXVIII (XIV): 6–10*

Sun: Dan 4:1–37 Rev 21:1–8 *Ap XXVIII (XIV): 11–14*

**EGM: Ratifying the alteration of the constitution**

At the Voters' Assembly on 16 May, the By-laws of the Constitution were altered. However, all changes to the constitution need to be approved at two consecutive duly called meetings. Therefore, the change will be brought to the Voters' Assembly next week and to an EGM to be held before the service on Sunday 24 November.