

Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Sixth Sunday after Trinity
27 July 2014

Welcome!

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

Members of this church are privileged to give to the Lord for the work of His church in this community and throughout the world. *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 after the prayers.

Please don't worry if your child won't 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.

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.

Hymns: 700, 693, 617, 811

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.

Introit (*Ps. 28:1–2, 7; antiphon: Ps. 28:8–9*)



A The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.
Oh, save your people and bless your | heritage!*

Be their shepherd and carry them for | ever.

C To you, O | LORD, I call;*
my rock, be not | deaf to me,

A lest, if you be si- | lent to me,*
I become like those who go down | to the pit.

C Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I
cry to | you for help,*
when I lift up my hands towards your
most holy sanctu- | ary.

A The LORD is my strength | and my shield;*
in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped.

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 The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

C Oh, save your people and bless
your | heritage! *
Be their shepherd and carry them
for | ever.

Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading—Exodus 20:1–17

Gradual (*Ps. 90:13, 1, 2b*)

A Return, O LORD! | How long?
Have pity on your | servants!

C Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all
gene- | rations.
From everlasting to everlasting | you are
God.

Epistle Reading—Romans 6:3–11

and all afflictions, so that we may not run from these commandments or refuse them when God lays them upon us. ...

In this opinion there are many great and deadly errors, which would be too boring to list. Let the careful reader think only about this: If this is Christian righteousness, what difference is there between philosophy and Christ's teaching? If we merit forgiveness of sins by these acts, of what benefit is Christ? If we can be justified by reason and the works of reason, what need is there of Christ or regeneration [1 Peter 1:18–21]? ... It's as though Christ had come to deliver certain laws through which we might merit forgiveness of sins, as though we did not receive this freely because of His merits. Therefore, if we here accept the teaching of the adversaries—that by the works of reason we merit forgiveness of sins and justification—there will be no difference between righteousness of philosophers (or certainly of Pharisees) and of Christians.

Paragraph 5–16

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Today	5 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
Tue	8.45 am	Matins (St. Francis)
Wed	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
	12.45 pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	6.30 pm	Private Confession (St. Francis)
	7 pm	Vespers (St. Francis)
Thu	8.45 am	Matins (St. Francis)
Fri	8.45 am	Matins (St. Francis)
Sat	<i>No Saturday Supper</i>	
Sun	10.30 am	Morning Service (Scout Hall)

Next month

3–23 Aug	Pastor on leave	
10 Aug	10.30 am	Morning Service (Scout Hall)
17 Aug	10.30 am	Morning Service (Scout Hall)
24 Aug	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30 pm	Service at Brighton Mission
27 Aug	12.45 pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall

Next Sunday's Readings:

Genesis 2:7–17; Romans 6:19–23; Mark 8:1–9

Daily Readings:

Sun:	1 Samuel 12:1–25	Acts 22:30–23:11	<i>Apology of the Augsburg Confession IV (II): 88–97</i>
Mon:	1 Sam 13:1–18	Acts 23:12–35	<i>Ap IV (II): 98–106</i>
Tue:	1 Sam 14:47–15:9	Acts 24:1–23	<i>Ap IV (II): 107–114</i>
Wed:	1 Sam 15:10–35	Acts 24:24–25:12	<i>Ap IV (II): 115–121</i>
Thu:	1 Sam 16:1–23	Acts 25:13–27	<i>Ap V (III): 1–8 [122–129]</i>
Fri:	1 Sam 17:1–19	Acts 26:1–23	<i>Ap V (III): 9–14 [130–135]</i>
Sat:	1 Sam 17:20–47	Acts 26:24–27:8	<i>Ap V (III): 15–25 [136–146]</i>
Sun:	1 Sam 17:48–18:9	Acts 27:9–26	<i>Ap V (III): 26–37 [147–158]</i>

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