

Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
7 September 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: 907, 578, 531, 917

Catechism

P The Creed, the First Article

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

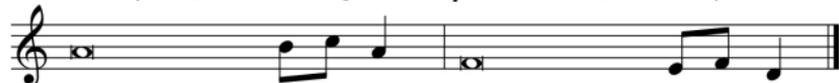
He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Introit (*Ps. 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: Ps. 70:1-2a*)



A Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*

O LORD, make haste to | help me!

Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion*
who | seek my life!

C Let them be turned back and brought to dis- | honour*

who de- | sire my hurt!

A May all who seek | You rejoice*

and be | glad in You.

C You are my help and my de- | liverer;*

O LORD, do | not delay!

❖ *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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Collect of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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—Isaiah 29:17-24

Gradual (*Ps. 34:1-2*)

A I will bless the LORD | at all times;*

His praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

**☐ My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;*
let the humble hear | and be glad.**

Epistle Reading—2 Corinthians 3:4–11

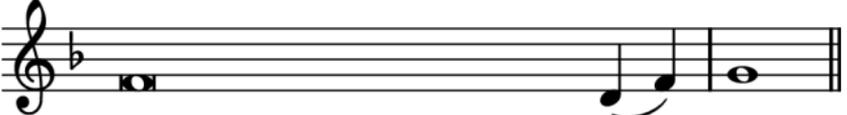
Alleluia & Verse (Ps. 81:1)



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



Sing aloud to God our strength;*



shout for joy to the God of Ja - cob.



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

Gospel Reading—Mark 7:31–37

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron; Frank; Averil

Family of members

Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; Doris (old age); Roly (dementia)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Trevor (unemployed); Mary (health); Gus and Mae (health); Claire and Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Karen & Phil (bereavement, depression); Rob (depression); Debra (depression); Bob Waters (cancer); Ronnie (cancer); Sally (health); Leanne (health); Bonnie & family of Ray & Doreen; Gina & family

ELCE

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Pr. Edge; Lutheran Radio UK Lizani Bessel (operation on Monday); Christa Jeynes (broken hip); Jean Quirk (health); Pr. McNally & Pr. Fry (health)

The Church of God

Lutheran Synod of Mexico; St. John's CofE; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Pr. Roger Jones (stroke)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

FORMULA OF CONCORD: EPITOME

ARTICLE II: FREE WILL

2. ... we believe, teach, and confess that the unregenerate will of mankind is not only turned away from God, but also has become God's enemy. So it only has an inclination and desire for that which is evil and contrary to God Just as a dead body cannot raise itself to bodily, earthly life, so a person who by sin is spiritually dead cannot raise himself to spiritual life. For it is written in Ephesians 2:5, "even when we were dead in our trespasses, [He] made us alive together with Christ." ...

3. God the Holy Spirit, however, does not bring about conversion without means. For this purpose He uses the preaching and hearing of God's Word ... It is God's will that His

Word should be heard and that a person's ears should not be closed (Psalm 95:8). With this Word the Holy Spirit is present and opens hearts, so that people ... pay attention to it and are converted only through the Holy Spirit's grace and power, who alone does the work of converting a person. For without His grace, and if He does not grant the increase, our willing and running, our planting, sowing, and watering are all nothing. As Christ says, "apart from Me you can do nothing". With these brief words the Spirit denies free will its powers and ascribes everything to God's grace, in order that no one may boast before God (1 Corinthians 1:29). Paragraph 3-6

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Today	12.15 pm	Voters' Assembly
Tue	8.45 am	Matins
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery at the Hub
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
	7 pm	Vespers
Thu	8.45 am	Matins
	7.30 pm	Bible study at the Parsonage
Fri	8.45 am	Matins
Sat		Children's Ministry Conference (Coventry)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service—Holy Cross Day
	4.30 pm	Service at Brighton Mission

This Month

17 Sep	3 pm	Devotion at Merry Hall
24 Sep	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge
26 Sep	3 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
28 Sep	5 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission

Further ahead

3-3 Oct	ELCE Annual Synod	
5 Oct	Harvest Festival and lunch	

Next Sunday's Readings:

2 Chronicles 28:8-15 Galatians 2:15-22; Luke 10:23-37

Daily Readings:

Sun:	2 Kings 4:38-5:8 Ephesians 6:1-24 <i>Apology of the Augsburg Confession V: 262-268</i>	
Mon:	2 Kng 5:9-27 Philippians 1:1-20 <i>Ap V: 269-279</i>	
Tue:	2 Kng 6:1-23 2 Phil 1:21-2:11 <i>Ap VII & VIII: 1-15</i>	
Wed:	2 Kng 9:1-13; 10:18-29 Phil 2:12-30 <i>Ap VII & VIII: 16-24</i>	
Thu:	2 Chronicles 29:1-24 Phil 3:1-21 <i>Ap VII & VIII: 25-35</i>	
Fri:	2 Chr 31:1-21 <i>Hosea 1-14</i> Phil 4:1-23 <i>Ap VII & VIII 36-50</i>	
Sat:	2 Chr 32:1-22 <i>Jonah 1-4</i> Colossians 1:1-23 <i>Ap IX (51-53), X (54-57), XI: 58-59</i>	
Sun:	2 Chr 33:1-25 Col 1:24-2:7 <i>Ap XI: 60-67</i>	

Pastor's Surgery: Change of time

Please note that the pastor's surgery at the Hub has moved to the earlier time of 10.30 am on Wednesdays.

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