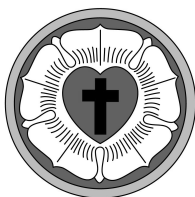


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Welcome to Brighton Lutheran Mission!

**May God bless you richly as we
gather together to receive His gifts.**

Please stay behind for a cup of tea or
coffee afterwards.

Holy Communion — A note to visitors

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.

If you are not communing with us today, please do come forward for a blessing.

Thank you for honouring our beliefs.

Explanation of Symbols:

- C** Congregation
- P** Pastor (ordained)
- A** Assistant minister (ordained or lay)
- L** Liturgist (ordained or lay)
- T** You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.
- ❖ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymn: Thou, Whose Almighty Word

1. Thou, whose almighty Word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And, where the Gospel's day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!
2. Thou, who didst come to bring
On Thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now, to all mankind,
Let there be light!
3. Spirit of truth and love,
Life giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth Thy flight;
Move on the water's face
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And, in earth's darkest place,
Let there be light!
4. Blessèd and holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, love, might!
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world far and wide,
Let there be light!

John Marriott (1780-1825)

Confession and Absolution

Catechism

P The Lord's Prayer, the Introduction

C **Our Father who art in heaven.**

P What does this mean?

C **With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

P The First Petition

C **Hallowed be Thy name.**

P What does this mean?

C God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

P How is God's name kept holy?

C God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Introit (Ps. 78:1-3, 4b; antiphon: Ps. 34:3b; 34:17; 48:14a)

P Say to my soul, "I am your salvation."*

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears.
He delivers them out of all their troubles.*

For this is God, our God forever and ever.

C Give ear, O my people, to my law;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

P I will open my mouth in a parable;*
I will utter dark sayings of old,

C which we have heard and known,*
and our fathers have told us.

P We will tell the generation to come the
praises of the LORD,*

and His strength and His wonderful works
that He has done.

C ❖ *Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen*

P Say to my soul, "I am your salvation."*

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troubles.*

For this is God, our God forever and
ever.

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; 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' Incarnation Secures for Us Life, Forgiveness, and Healing

The Lord does not require us to ascend to Him; in mercy He descends to us (Gen. 28:10-17). The ladder in Jacob's dream was not for climbing; it was the

means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfilment in Christ who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. *“The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”* (Matt. 9:1–8). The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man’s body. *“For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation”* (Small Catechism). The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. In holy absolution He raises up the new man (Eph. 4:22–28) and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day. Thus we say with Jacob, *“This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!”* (Gen. 28:17)

Old Testament reading—Genesis 28:10–17

¹⁰Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹²And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” ¹⁷And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

Gradual (Ps. 141:1–2)

☒ O Lord, I call upon you; hasten to me!*

Give ear to my voice when I call to you!

Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,*

and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

Epistle Reading—Ephesians 4:22–28

²²Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, cre-

ated after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbour, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labour, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

Alleluia and Verse (Ps. 98:1a)

C Alleluia! Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvellous things!
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading—Matthew 9:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

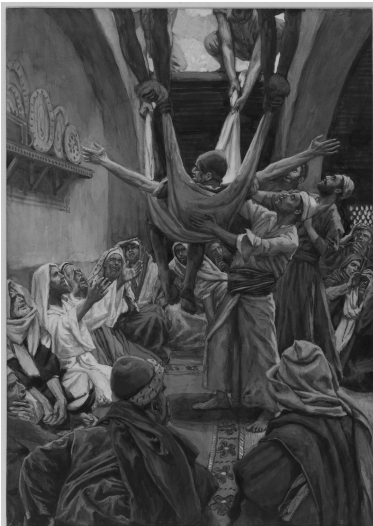
C Glory to You, O Lord.

And getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed over and came to his own city. ² And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” ³ And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” ⁴ But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? ⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” ⁷ And he rose and went home. ⁸ When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to You, O Christ

The Nicene Creed



Hymn: Thee Will I Love



1. Thee will I love, my Strength, my
2. Thee will I love, my Life, my
3. I thank Thee, Je - sus, Sun from
4. Oh, keep me watch-ful, then, and



Tow - er; Thee will I love, my
Sa - viour, Who art my best and
Heav - en, Whose ra-diance hath brought
hum - ble And suf - fer me no



Hope, my Joy; Thee will I
tru - est Friend; Thee will I
light to me; I thank Thee,
more to stray; Up - hold me



love with all my pow - er, With
love and praise for - ev - er, For
who hast rich - ly giv - en All
when my feet would stum - ble, And



ar - dour time will ne'er des - troy.
nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end;
that could make me glad and free;
keep me on the nar - row way.



Thee will I love, O Light Di -
Thee will I love with all my
I thank Thee that my soul is
Fill all my na - ture with Thy



vine, So long as life is mine.
heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art.
healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.
light, O Ra-diance strong and bright!

5. Oh, teach me, Lord, to love Thee truly
With soul and body, head and heart,
And grant me grace that I may duly
Practice fore'er love's sacred art.
Grant that my every thought may be
Directed e'er to Thee.
6. Thee will I love, my Crown of gladness;
Thee will I love, my God and Lord,
Amid the darkest depths of sadness,
Nor for the hope of high reward—
For Thine own sake, O Light Divine,
So long as life is mine.

Sermon

The Offertory

Offering

Prayer of the Church

The Service of the Sacrament

Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1. Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling
take leave.

The supper is ended.

Oh, now be extended

The fruits of this service in all who
believe.

The seed of His teaching,

Receptive souls reaching,

Shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace did invite us,

His love shall unite us

To work for God's kingdom and answer
His call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving

To God ever living,

The tasks of our everyday life we will
face.

Our faith ever sharing,

In love ever caring,

Embracing His children of each tribe and
race.

With Your feast You feed us,

With Your light now lead us;

Unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living

With praise and thanks giving

Give honour to Christ and His name that
we bear.

Omer E. Westendorf (1916–97).

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IN OUR PRAYERS

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Ipswich & Oxford Lutheran Missions; Prs. P. Fry,
D. Cowan

The Church of God

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; Lutherans in
Africa, Pr. James May; Holland Road Baptist
Church

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION ARTICLE XX: GOOD WORKS

Our teachers are falsely accused of forbidding good works. ... They have taught well what is pleasing to God in every station and vocation of life. ...

... 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 (Ephesians 2:10). 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 (John 15:5).

... 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 (1 Corinthians 2:14). Without faith, human nature does not call upon God, nor expect anything from Him, nor bear the cross (Matthew 16:24). Instead, human nature seeks and trusts in human help. So when there is no faith or trust in God, all kinds of lusts and human intentions rule in the heart (Genesis 6:5). This is why Christ says, "Apart from Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). That is why the Church sings: "Lacking Your divine favour, there is nothing in man. Nothing in him is harmless."

Paragraphs 1-2, 27-31, 35-40

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**God willing, the next service
will be held on**

11 November 2012 at 4.30pm