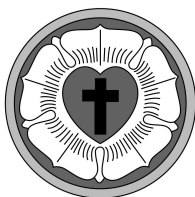


Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Ad te levavi
First Sunday in Advent
2 December 2012



Lift up your heads, you mighty gates!

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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.

343 Hymn: Prepare the Royal Highway

Reception to Membership of Frank Knibbs

184 Confession and Absolution

Catechism

P What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

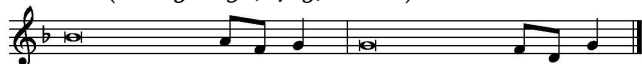
C It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

P Where is this written?

C The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St Paul write:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Introit (Ps. 25:1-3a, 4-5, 21-22)



A To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not
be | put to shame.

C Let not my enemies exult | over me.*

Indeed, none who wait for you shall
be | put to shame

A Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*
teach me | your paths.

C Lead me in your truth and teach me, for
you are the God of my sal- | vation;*
for you I wait all the | day long.

A May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve
me,*

for I | wait for you.

C Redeem Israel, | O God,*
out of all his | troubles.

❖ *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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O my God, in you I trust; let me not
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C Let not my enemies exult | over me.*

Indeed, none who wait for you shall
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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 And ransom captive Israel
 That mourns in lonely exile here
 Until the Son of God appear.
 Rejoice! Rejoice!
 Emmanuel shall come to thee,
 O Israel

189 *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Readings***The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us***

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. “Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey” (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be “The LORD is our Righteousness” (Jer. 23:5–6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ’s body and blood, we also sing, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for “our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed” (Rom. 13:11).

Old Testament reading—Jeremiah 23:5–8

⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

⁷“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ ⁸but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

Psalm 24**Epistle Reading—Romans 13:11–14**

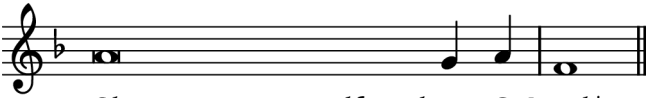
¹¹[You] know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

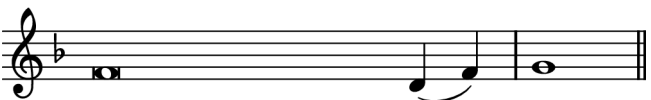
Alleluia & Verse (Ps. 85:7)



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



Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,*



and grant us your sal - va - tion."



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

Gospel Reading—Matthew 21:1–9

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



C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

191 *The Nicene Creed*

332 Hymn: Saviour of the Nations, Come
Sermon

192 *The Offertory*

Offering

193 *Prayer of the Church*

334 Hymn: O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

194 *The Service of the Sacrament*

Sup. 4 Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Sunday School Presentation

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron, Forbes, Dot; Frank

Family of members

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

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Paul (homeless); 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); Margaret & family of †Philip

ELCE

St. David Lutheran Church, Pr. Naumann; ELCE Salary Review Committee; *The British Lutheran*; Boor family (St. Andrew's)

The Church of God

Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Catholic Parish of Fareham and Portchester

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

ARTICLE V: THE MINISTRY So 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 good news 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. Our churches condemn the Anabaptists and others who think that through their own preparations and works the Holy Spirit comes to them without the external Word.

ARTICLE VII: THE CHURCH Our churches teach that one holy Church is to remain forever. The Church is the congregation of saints in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered. For the true unity of the Church it is enough to agree about the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments. It is not necessary that human traditions, that is, rites or ceremonies instituted by men, should be the same everywhere. As Paul says, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all" (Ephesians 4:5-6).

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NOTICE BOARD:

Our Saviour on Air!

Starting today, Pastor Tapani will be presenting a weekly programme on Lutheran Radio UK, introducing a cantata written by J.S. Bach for each Sunday of the Church Year. You can listen live, or afterwards, by visiting:

www.lutheranradio.co.uk.

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.

From the trustees of "The Well".

Many of you will know that "The Well's" previous tenants vacated the shop at the end of April and that the property has been empty since then. We are pleased to announce that the shop has now been leased to a local charity, "The Rainbow Centre", which helps children with cerebral palsy and adults with similar neurological issues caused by a variety of conditions including stroke, Multiple Sclerosis or Parkinson's. It would be good if the Christian community could help the Rainbow to establish their charity shop by donating second-hand or unused items for sale, and perhaps by popping in and browsing their shelves for bargains.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

Tue	3.15pm	Drama Club
Wed	10.30am	Bible Study (Parsonage)
	12.30am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	7pm	Advent Vespers (St. Francis, Funtley)
Sun	10.30am	Morning Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission

Further ahead

11 Dec	3.15pm	Drama Club
12 Dec	10.30am	Bible Study (Parsonage)
	12.30am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2pm	Carol Singing at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
	7.30pm	Advent Vespers (St. Francis, Funtley)
16 Dec	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	12.15 am	Advent drinks at the Parsonage
19 Dec	10.30am	Bible Study (The Parsonage)
	12.30am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	3pm	Carol Singing (Merry Hall)
	7pm	Advent Vespers (St. Francis, Funtley)
22 Dec	4pm	Finnish Carol Service (Holy Trinity)
23 Dec	10am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	11.15am	Children's Carol Service
24 Dec	11pm	Midnight Mass (Scout Hall)
25 Dec	10am	Christmas Morning Divine Service (Scout Hall)

Next Sunday's Readings:

Malachi 4:1-6; Romans 15:4-13; Luke 21:25-36

Daily Readings:

Sun: Isaiah 8:9-9:7 1 Peter 4:1-19 *Large Catechism I: 1-12*

Mon: Is 9:8-10:11 1 Pet 5:1-14 *LC I: 13-23*

Tue: Is 10:12-27a, 33-34 2 Pet 1:1-21 *LC I: 24-29*

Wed: Is 11:1-12:6 2 Pet 2:1-22 *LC I: 30-40*

Thu: Is 14:1-23 2 Pet 3:1-18 *LC I: 41-48*

Fri: Is 24:1-13 1 John 1:1-2:14 *LC I: 49-58*

Sat: Is 24:14-25:12 1 John 2:15-29 *LC I: 59-68*

Liturgical Tidbits: The Liturgical Compass

Traditionally, churches were built on an East-West axis, with the altar at the eastern end. This symbolises both Christ's resurrection and His coming again in glory: the congregation facing the rising sun as they worship the Sun of Righteousness who rose on Easter morning with healing in His wings (Mal. 4:2).

This also explains why the Old Testament and Epistle are read from one side of the altar, and the Gospel (and sermon) from the other. The Gospel is traditionally read from the North side of the altar, as a reminder that Jesus, whose voice the Gospel is, shines as the Light of the world and so overcomes the powers of darkness (John 1:5).