

Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Transfiguration of Our Lord 9 February 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.

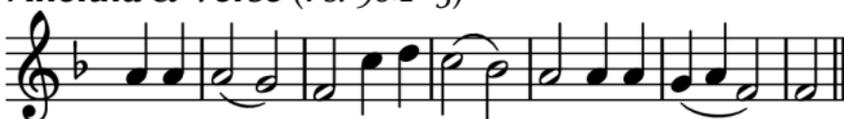
Our teaching on this matter is explained in more detail in the little leaflet, 'Why Closed Communion?', which is available at the back of the church.

Thank you for honouring our beliefs.

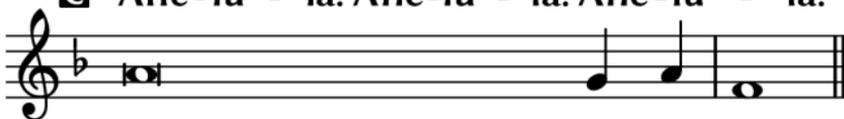
until I make your enemies
your | footstool.

Epistle Reading—2 Peter 1:16–21

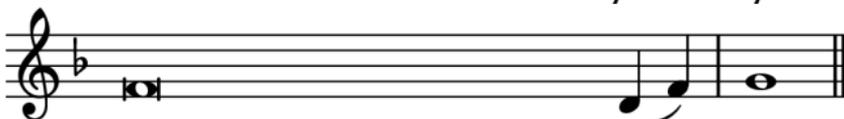
Alleluia & Verse (Ps. 96:2–3)



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



**Sing to the Lord;
tell of his salvation from day to day.***



**Declare his glory among
the nations, his marvellous
works among all the peo - ples!**



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Gospel Reading—Matthew 17:1–9

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron; Barbara; Frank

Family of members

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

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Mike (unemployed); Trevor (unemployed); Claire and Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Phil & Karen (distress); Ginny (depression); Rob (depression); Debra (depression); Brian (depression); Nigel (cancer); Lisa & family (cancer); Ray, Doreen & family (cancer); David Webb (cancer); Bob Waters (cancer); Ruth Simpson (cancer); Ronnie (cancer); Caroline (tumour); Sally (health); Leanne (health); Gina & family; Bim (broken hip); Boz & baby Natalia

ELCE

Ipswich Lutheran Mission, Pr. Samiec; St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Pr. Van Fossan; ELCE Board for Youth, Youth Rallies; Barnes Conference; Pr. McNally (cancer); Pr. Fry (health)

The Church of God

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

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
THE FORMULA OF CONCORD
ARTICLE II: FREE WILL**

... The eternal Father calls down from heaven about His dear Son and about all who preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name, "Listen to Him" (Matthew 17:5).

All who want to be saved ought to listen to this preaching. For the preaching and hearing of God's Word are the Holy Spirit's instruments. By, with, and through these instruments the Spirit desires to work effectively, to convert people to God, and to work in them both to will and to do.

A person can hear and read this Word outwardly, even though he is not yet converted to God and regenerate. As said above, a person even since the fall has a free will to a certain extent in these outward things. So he can go to church and listen or not listen to the sermon.

God works through this means (i.e., the preaching and hearing of His Word). He breaks our hearts and draws us to Him. Through the preaching of the Law, a person comes to know his sins and God's wrath. He experiences in his heart true terrors, contrition, and sorrow. Through the preaching of, and reflection on, the Holy Gospel about the gracious forgiveness of sins in Christ, a spark of faith is kindled in him. This faith accepts the forgiveness of sins for Christ's sake and comforts itself with the Gospel promise. So the Holy Spirit (who does all this) is sent into the heart.

Paragraphs 51-56

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tue	8.45 am	Matins
Wed	<i>No service</i>	
Thu	<i>No service</i>	
Fri	8.45 am	Matins

The Week Ahead

Today	4.30 pm	Service at Brighton Mission
Tue Feb	3.15 pm	Drama Club at Orchard Lea Junior School
Wed–Thu	Barnes Conference	
	<i>No Bible study or Pastor's Surgery</i>	
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service

Further ahead

18–19 Feb	Pastor on leave	
23 Feb	10.30 am	Divine Service
1 Mar	5.30 pm	Saturday Supper
13 Mar	7.45 pm	Voters' Assembly

Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 17:1-7; 1 Cor. 9:24-10:5; Matthew 20:1-16

Daily Readings:

Sun:	Job 6:1-13	John 3:1-21	<i>Smalcald Articles II IV: 10-16</i>
Mon:	Job 6:14-30	John 3:22-4:6	<i>SA III I-II</i>
Tue:	Job 7:1-21	John 4:7-26	<i>SA III III: 1-9</i>
Wed:	Job 8:1-22	John 4:27-45	<i>SA III III: 10-19</i>
Thu:	Job 9:1-35	John 4:46-54	<i>SA III III: 20-28</i>
Fri:	Job 10:1-22	John 5:1-18	<i>SA III III: 29-45</i>
Sat:	Job 11:1-20	John 5:19-29	<i>SA III IV-VII</i>
Sun:	Job 12:1-6, 12-25	John 5:30-47	<i>SA III VIII</i>

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