

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Holy Cross Day  
14 September 2014

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## **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: 421, 454 (insert), 534 (insert), 918

### Catechism

**P** The Creed, the Second Article

**C** And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Introit (*Ps. 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: Ps. 98:2*)



**A** The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of  
the | nations.

**C** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has  
done | marvellous things!\*  
His right hand and his holy arm have  
worked salva- | tion for him.

**A** With trumpets and the sound | of the horn\*  
make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!

**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.

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he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of  
the | nations.

### Collect of the Day

Merciful God, Your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading—Numbers 21:4–9

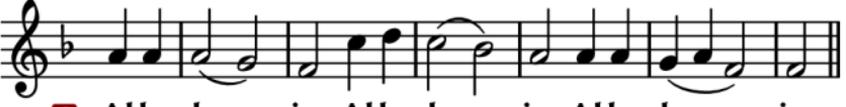
**Gradual** (*Is. 49:22a; Jn. 3:14b-15*)

**A** “Behold, I will lift up my hand to the | nations,\*  
and raise my signal to the peoples,” | says the  
LORD.

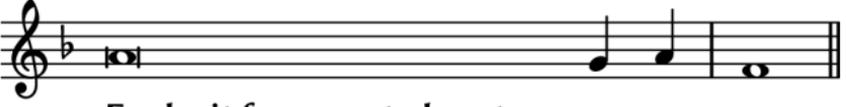
**C** So must the Son of Man be | lifted up,\*  
that whoever believes in him may have  
e- | ternal life.

**Epistle Reading—1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

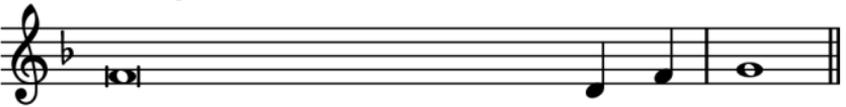
**Alleluia & Verse** (*Gal. 6:14*)



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



Far be it from me to boast  
except in the cross of our Lord Je - sus Christ,\*



by which the world has been  
crucified to me, and I to the world.



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

**Gospel Reading—John 12:20-33**

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**IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Members**

Ron; Frank; Averil; Carol F.

**Family of members**

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

**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, depres-  
sion); Rob (depression); Debra (depression); Bob Waters  
(cancer); Ronnie (cancer); Sally (health); Leanne  
(health); Bonnie & family of Ray & Doreen; Gina &  
family

**ELCE**

Ascension Lutheran Church, Pr. Samiec; Lizani Bessel  
(recovering from operation); Christa Jeynes (broken  
hip); Jean Quirk (health); Pr. McNally & Pr. Fry  
(health)

**The Church of God**

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paraguay; Fareham  
Baptist New Life Church; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James  
May; Pr. Roger Jones (stroke)

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

### AUGSBURG CONFESSION

#### ARTICLE IV: JUSTIFICATION

Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works. People are freely justified for Christ's sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favour and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake. By His death, Christ made satisfaction for our sins. God counts this faith God for righteousness in His sight (Romans 3 and 4).

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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

##### This Week

Today	4.30 pm	Service at Brighton Mission
Tue	8.45 am	Matins
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery at the Hub
	3 pm	Devotion at Merry Hall
	7 pm	Vespers
Thu	8.45 am	Matins
	3.15 pm	Drama Club at Orchard Lea
	7.30 pm	Bible study at the Parsonage
Fri	8.45 am	Matins
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service

##### This Month

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

3-4 Oct		ELCE Annual Synod (Ruislip)
5 Oct		Harvest Festival and lunch
14 Oct		Pester-a-Pastor in Winchester
27-29 Oct		Holiday Club

#### **Next Sunday's Readings:**

*Proverbs 4:10-23; Galatians 5:16-24; Luke 17:11-19*

#### **Daily Readings:**

Sun:	2 Chronicles 33:1-25 Colossians 1:24-2:7	<i>Apology of the Augsburg Confession XI: 60-67</i>
Mon:	2 Chr 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33 Col 2:8-23	<i>Ap XIIa (V): 1-10</i>
Tue:	2 Chr 35:1-7, 16-25 Col 3:1-25	<i>Ap XIIa (V): 11-27</i>
Wed:	2 Chr 36:1-23 Col 4:1-18	<i>Ap XIIa (V): 28-45</i>
Thu:	Nehemiah 1:1-2:10 1 Timothy 1:1-20	<i>Ap XIIa (V): 46-58</i>
Fri:	Neh 2:11-20; 4:1-6 1 Tim 2:1-15	<i>Ap XIIa (V): 59-67</i>
Sat:	Neh 4:7-23 1 Tim 3:1-16	<i>Ap XIIa (V): 68-82</i>
Sun:	Neh 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16 1 Tim 4:1-16	<i>Ap XIIa (V): 83-97</i>

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