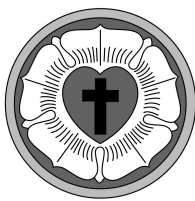


Our Saviour Lutheran Church



First Sunday in Advent
Ad te levavi
30 November 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.

Unaccompanied Divine Service (Booklet)

Hymns: 343, 332, 624, 805

Catechism

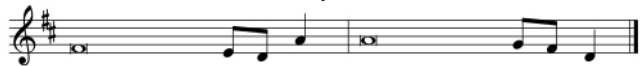
P The Lord's Prayer, the Conclusion

C Amen.

P What does this mean?

C This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so".

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



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

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

Let not my enemies exult | over me.*

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

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

A 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.

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

for I | wait for you.

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

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.

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.

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.

Old Testament reading—Jeremiah 23:5-8

Gradual (*Ps. 25:3-4*)

A None who wait for you shall be | put to shame;*
they shall be ashamed who are
wantonly | treacherous.

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

Epistle Reading—Romans 13:11-14

Alleluia & Verse (*Ps. 85:7*)

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!
Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,*
and grant us your sal - va - tion.
Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The first staff is a treble clef with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody for the first line of the Alleluia. The second staff is a bass clef with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody for the first line of the Verse. The third staff is a bass clef with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody for the second line of the Verse. The fourth staff is a treble clef with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody for the second line of the Alleluia. The lyrics are written below the corresponding staves.

Gospel Reading—Matthew 21:1–9

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron; Frank; John; Calvin

Family members

Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; 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 (depression); Rob (depression); Bob Waters
(cancer); Ronnie (cancer); Sally (health); Leanne (health);
Bonnie & family of Ray & Doreen; Gina & family; Rita
Annis (health); Clare Annis (cancer); Julie Gardiner
(health)

ELCE

St. Columba's Lutheran Church, Pr. Edge; ELCE
Congregational Life Committee; Wendy Nicolson
(cancer); Pr. McNally & Pr. Fry (health)

The Church of God

Fareham Methodist Church; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James
May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan; Pr.
Roger Jones (stroke)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
THE APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION
ARTICLE IV: JUSTIFICATION

In order that the subject might be made quite clear, we have shown well enough so far, both from testimonies of Scripture and arguments derived from Scripture, that we receive forgiveness of sins for Christ's sake through faith alone. We have shown that through faith alone we are justified, that is, unrighteous people are made righteous, or regenerated. How necessary the knowledge of this faith is can be easily judged. Because Christ's office is recognized in this alone, we receive Christ's benefits by this alone. Only this teaching brings sure and firm consolation to pious minds. In the Church there must be the teaching by which the pious may receive the sure hope of salvation. For the adversaries give people bad advice when they tell them to doubt

whether they receive forgiveness of sins. How will such persons sustain themselves in death who have heard nothing of this faith and think that they ought to doubt whether they receive forgiveness of sins? Besides, it is necessary that the Gospel be kept in Christ's Church, namely, the promise that sins are freely forgiven for Christ's sake.

Paragraph 117–120

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Today	6 pm	Youth Club
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	7 pm	Vespers (tbc)
Thu	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	12 noon	EGM (See note below)
	4.30 pm	Finnish Carol Service (SS P&P)

Next Month

14 Dec	3.30 pm	Service at Brighton Mission
	5 pm	Latvian Carols Service (Brighton)
20 Dec	6 pm	Carol Service (St. Francis)
21 Dec	10.30 am	Divine Service (<i>venue tbc</i>)
24 Dec	11 pm	Midnight Mass (Scout Hall)
25 Dec	10 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
28 Dec	10.30 am	Morning Service (Scout Hall)

Next Sunday's Readings:

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

Daily Readings:

Sun: Isaiah 6:1–7:9 1 Peter 2:13–25 *Large Catechism Short Preface: 1–13*

Mon: Is 7:10–8:8 1 Pet 3:1–22 *LC Short Preface: 14–28*

Tue: Is 8:9–9:7 1 Pet 4:1–19 *LC I: 1–12*

Wed: Is 9:8–10:11 1 Pet 5:1–14 *LC I: 13–23*

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

Fri: Is 11:1–12:6 2 Pet 2:1–22 *LC I: 30–40*

Sat: Is 14:1–23 2 Pet 3:1–18 *LC I: 41–48*

Sun: Is 24:1–13 1 John 1:1–2:14 *LC I: 49–58*

Extraordinary General Meeting

There will be an EGM after the service on Sunday 7 December. This is to discuss requests from Oxford Mission and Westfield House to buy some of the pastor's time, and the postponement of the notice of reduced hours given to the pastor at the last Voters' Assembly.

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