

Our Saviour Lutheran Church



**Last Sunday of the Church Year
23 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.

Hymns: 337, 516, 510, 818

Catechism

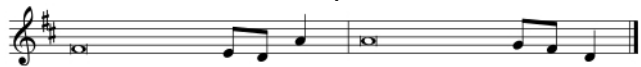
P The Lord's Prayer, the Seventh Petition

C But deliver us from evil.

P What does this mean?

C We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

Introit (*Ps. 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Is. 35:10*)



A The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;*

everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads;
they shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

C O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*

let me know how fleet- | ing I am!

A Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.*

Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!

C And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*

My hope | is in you.

A Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

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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Collect of the Day

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 65:17–25

Gradual (*Ps. 45:14–15*)

A In many-coloured robes the king's daughter is led | to the king,*

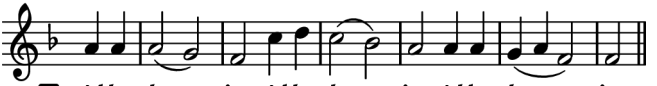
with her virgin companions following

be- | hind her.

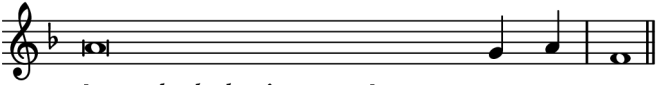
C With joy and gladness they are | led along*
as they enter the palace | of the king.

Epistle Reading—1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

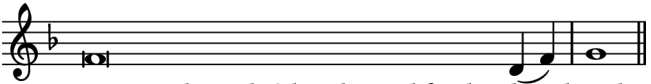
Alleluia & Verse (Rev. 21:2)



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



I saw the holy city, new Jeru - salem, coming down out of hea - ven from God,*



prepared as a bride adorned for her hus-band.



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

Gospel Reading—Matthew 25:1-13

Communion music:

O Jesu, nomen dulce (Schütz)

O Jesus, sweet name!

Admirable name!

Comforting name!

What truly is sung more sweetly?

What is heard more pleasantly?

What is thought of more dear?

Who but Jesus, God's Son?

O name of Jesus, true food of the soul!

Honey in my mouth, song in my ear,

source of delight in my heart!

Therefore your name, sweetest Jesus,

I will carry in my mouth into eternity!

Psalm 23 (Rutter)

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron; Frank; John

Family of 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. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Pr. Stilve; ELCE Board for

Overseas Missions; Westfield House, Preceptor Humann,

Principal Lumley, staff & students; Wendy Nicolson

(cancer); Pr. Edge, Pr. McNally & Pr. Fry (health)

The Church of God

Hill Park Baptist Church; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James

May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan; Pr.

Roger Jones (stroke)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

ARTICLE XXI: THE INVOCATION OF SAINTS

Hilary [of Poitiers] says of the foolish virgins:

As the foolish virgins could not go forth with their lamps extinguished, they sought those who were prudent to lend them oil; to whom they replied that they could not give the oil because there might not be enough for all. In other words, no one can be aided by the works and merits of another, because it is necessary for everyone to buy oil for his own lamp. Para. 30

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Today	5 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
Tue	8.45 am	Matins (St. Francis)
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
	7 pm	Vespers (St. Francis)
Thu	8.45 am	Matins (St. Francis)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
Fri	8.45 am	Matins (St. Francis)
	3 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
Sat		Pastor at Finnish Carol Service in Leicester
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

Next Month

3 Dec	7pm	First Advent service
7 Dec	4.30 pm	Finnish Carol Service (SS P&P)
14 Dec	3.30 pm	Service at Brighton Mission
	5 pm	Latvian Carols Service (Brighton)
20 Dec	6 pm	Carol Service (St. Francis)
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:

Jeremiah 23:5-8; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 21:1-9

Daily Readings:

Sun: Daniel 3:1-30 Revelation 20:1-15 *Apology of the Augsburg Confession XXVIII (XIV): 6-10*

Mon: Dan 4:1-37 Rev 21:1-8 *Ap XXVIII (XIV): 11-14*

Tue: Dan 5:1-30 Rev 21:9-27 *Ap XXVIII (XIV): 15-19*

Wed: Dan 6:1-28 Rev 22:1-21 *Ap XXVIII (XIV): 20-27*

Thu: Isaiah 1:1-28 1 Peteter 1:1-12 *Large Catechism Longer Preface: 1-6*

Fri: Is 2:1-22 1 Pet 1:13-25 *LC Longer Preface: 7-13*

Sat: Is 5:1-25 1 Pet 2:1-12 *LC Longer Preface: 14-20*

Sun: Is 6:1-7:9 1 Pet 2:13-25 *LC Short Preface: 1-13*

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