

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church



## The Nativity of Our Lord—Midnight Mass 24 December 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.

### **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: 412, 377, 363

Introit (*Ps. 2:1-2, 4-6; antiphon: liturgical text*)



**A** When all was still, and it was | midnight,\*  
your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from  
the | royal throne.

**C** Why do the | nations rage\*  
and the peoples | plot in vain?  
The kings of the earth set themselves, and  
the rulers take counsel to- | gether,\*  
against the LORD and against his  
a- | noointed.

He who sits in the | heavens laughs;\*  
the Lord holds them in de- | rision.  
Then he will speak to them | in his wrath,\*  
and terrify them in his fury, | saying,  
“As for me, I have | set my King\*  
on Zion, my | holy hill.”

❖ *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** When all was still, and it was | midnight,\*  
your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from  
the | royal throne.

### Collect of the Day

O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 9:2-7

Gradual (*Ps. 98:3b, 4a, 2*)

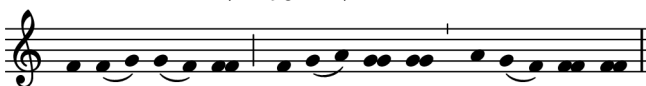
**A** All the ends of the earth have seen the  
salvation | of our God.\*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth.

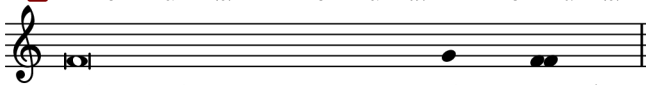
**C** The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*  
he has revealed his righteousness in the  
sight of the | nations.

### Epistle Reading—Titus 2:11-14

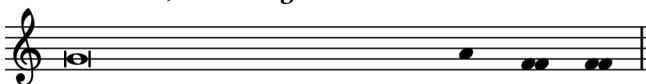
Alleluia & Verse (*Ps. 95:1, 6*)



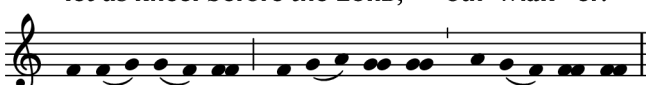
**C** Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!



Oh come, let us sing to the LORD.\*



Let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Mak - er!



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

## Gospel Reading—Luke 2:1–14

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### IN OUR PRAYERS

#### **Members**

Ron; Frank; John

#### **Family of members**

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

#### **Friends of members**

Ilse Kelly (old age); Trevor (unemployed); Mary  
(cancer); 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 Anniss (health); Clare  
Annis (cancer); Julie Gardiner (health)

#### **ELCE**

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bristol Mission, Pr. Bessel;  
ELCE Central Office; Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Pr.  
Edge, Pr. McNally & Pr. Fry (health)

#### **The Church of God**

Catholic Parish of Fareham & Portchester; International  
Lutheran Council; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May;  
Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan; Pr. Roger  
Jones (stroke)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### **This Week**

Thu	10 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
Sun	10.30 am	Morning Service (Scout Hall)— <i>Holy Innocents</i>

### **Next Month**

3 Jan	5.30 pm	Saturday supper
4 Jan	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	12.15 pm	Voters' Assembly
7 Jan	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	7 pm	Epiphany—Divine Service
8 Jan	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
11 Jan	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30 pm	Service at Brighton Mission
14 Jan	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
18 Jan	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
23 Jan	3 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
25 Jan	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	5 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
28 Jan	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
31 Jan	5.30 pm	Saturday Supper (with West- field House staff & students)
1 Feb	10.30 am	Divine Service (St. Francis— Westfield House Sunday)

### ***This Week's Readings:***

*Christmas Day: Exod. 40:17–21, 34–38; Tit. 3:4–7; Jn. 1:1–14*

*Holy Innocents: Jer. 31:15–17; Rev. 14:1–5; Matt. 2:13–18*

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