

Our Saviour Lutheran Church



The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day 25 December 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.

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: 373, 384, 386

Introit (*Ps. 98:1-4; antiphon: Is. 9:6*)



A For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*
and the government shall be upon
his | shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful | Counsellor,*
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of
Peace.

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

C He has remembered his steadfast love and
faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*
All the ends of the earth have seen the
salvation | of our God.

A Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

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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C and his name shall be called
Wonderful | Counsellor,*
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Collect of the Day

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-
begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the
bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading— Exodus 40:17–21, 34–38

Gradual (*Ps. 118:26a, 27a, 23*)

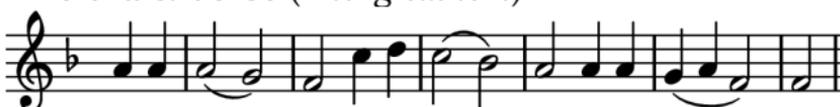
A Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the
LORD!*

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to
shine up- | on us.

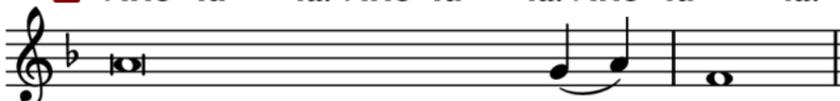
C This is the LORD's | doing;*
it is marvellous | in our eyes.

Epistle Reading—Titus 3:4–7

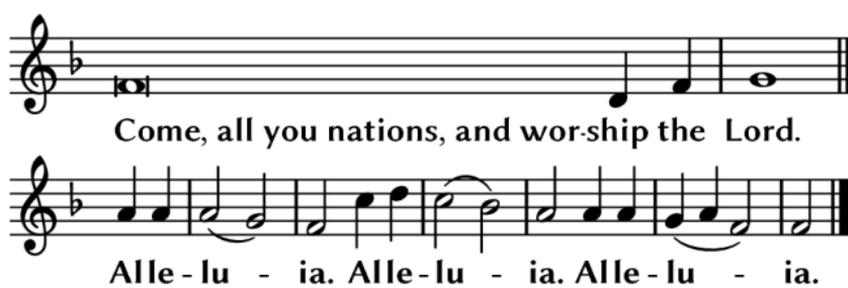
Alleluia & Verse (*Liturgical text*)



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



A holy day has dawned up - on us.*



Come, all you nations, and worship the Lord.

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

Gospel Reading—John 1:1–14

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)

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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)

Next Sunday's Readings:

Jeremiah 31:15–17; Revelation 14:1–5; Matthew 2:13–18

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