

Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Second Sunday after Christmas
4 January 2015

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.

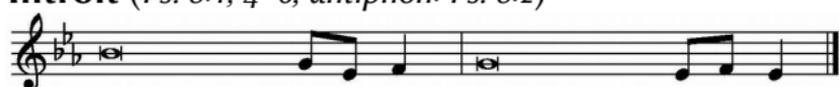
Thank you for honouring our beliefs.

Hymns: 389, 385, 621, 718

Catechism

- P** What does such baptising with water indicate?
- C** It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity for ever.
- P** Where is this written?
- C** St Paul writes in Romans chapter six: “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

Introit (*Ps. 8:1, 4–6; antiphon: Ps. 8:2*)



- A** Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because | of your foes,*
to still the enemy and the a- | venger.
- C** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name
in | all the earth!*
- You have set your glory above
the | heavens.
- A** What is man that you are mind- | ful of him,*
and the son of man that you | care for him?
- C** Yet you have made him a little lower than the
heavenly | beings*
and crowned him with glory and | honour.
- A** You have given him dominion over the works | of
your hands;*
- you have put all things un- | der his feet.
- 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** Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have
established strength because | of your foes,*
to still the enemy and the a- | venger.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

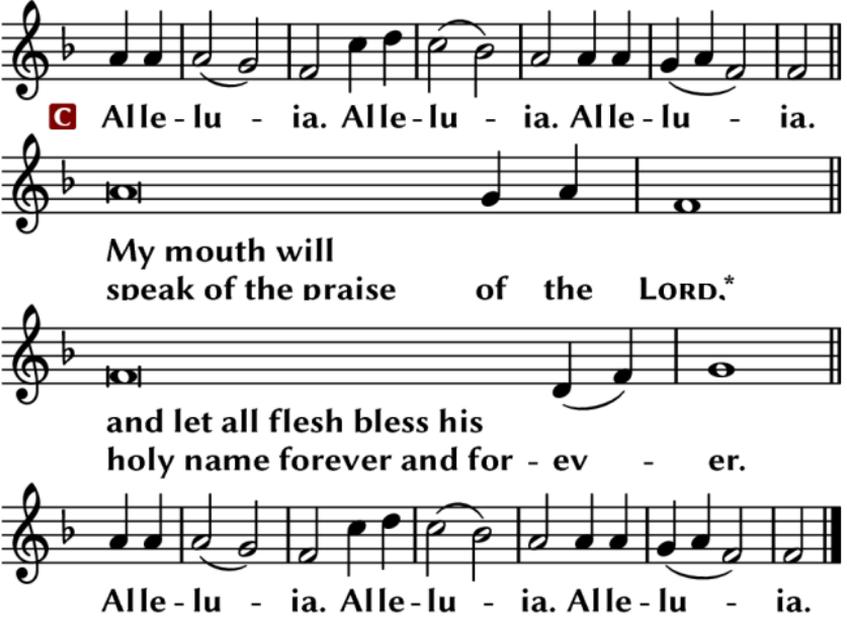
Old Testament Reading—Genesis 46:1–7

Gradual (*Ps. 106:47; Is. 63:16b*)

- A** Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from
among the | nations,*
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory | in your praise.
- C** You, O LORD, are our | Father,*
our Redeemer from of old | is your name.

Epistle Reading—1 Peter 4:12–19

Alleluia & Verse (Ps. 145:21)



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

My mouth will
speak of the praise of the LORD.*

and let all flesh bless his
holy name forever and for - ev - er.

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

Gospel Reading—Matthew 2:13–23

Communion Anthem:

Christopher Tye (1505–72), Agnus Dei from Missa Euge bone
IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron; Frank

Family of members

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

Friends of members

Rosemary (flu); 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

Ascension Lutheran Church, Pr. Samiec; ELCE Executive
Council; Wendy Nicolson (cancer); family of †Anthony
Bottrall; Pr. Edge, Pr. McNally & Pr. Fry (health)

The Church of God

Fareham Community Church; Lutherans in Africa, Pr.
James May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
LARGE CATECHISM
THE LORD'S PRAYER: THE SEVENTH PETITION

But deliver us from evil. Amen.

... we finally sum it all up and say, "Dear Father, grant that we be rid of all these disasters." But there is also included in this petition whatever evil may happen to us under the devil's kingdom: poverty, shame, death, and, in short, all the agonizing misery and heartache of which there is such an unnumbered multitude on the earth. Since the devil is not only a liar, but also a murderer, he constantly seeks our life. He wreaks his vengeance whenever he can afflict our bodies with misfortune and harm. ... So there is nothing for us to do upon earth but to pray against this arch-enemy without stopping. For unless God preserved us, we would not be safe from this enemy even for an hour.

... But all depends upon this, that we learn also to say “Amen.” This is nothing else than the word of undoubting faith, which does not pray on a dare but knows that God does not lie to him. For He has promised to grant it. Therefore, where there is no such faith, there cannot be true prayer either.

Paragraph 112,114–116, 119–120

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES		
This Week		
Today	12.15 pm	Voters’ Assembly
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor’s Surgery (The Hub)
	7 pm	Epiphany—Divine Service
Thu	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30 pm	Service at Brighton Mission
This Month		
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 Westfield House staff & students)
1 Feb	10.30 am	Divine Service (St. Francis—Westfield House Sunday)

Next Sunday’s Readings:

1 Kings 8:6–13; Romans 12:1–5; Luke 2:41–52

Daily Readings:

Sun: Isaiah 63:15–65:2 Luke 2:41–52 *Large Catechism II: 1–8*
 Mon: Is 65:8–25 Luke 3:1–20 *LC II: 9–24*
 Tue: Is 66:1–20 Luke 3:21–38 *LC II: 25–33*
 Wed: Ezekiel 1:1–14, 22–28 *Habakkuk* Romans 1:1–17 *LC II: 34–46*
 Thu: Ezek 2:1–3:11 Rom 1:18–32 *LC II: 47–54*
 Fri: Ezek 3:12–28 *Ezek 4:1–11:25* Rom 2:1–16 *LC II: 55–62*
 Sat: Ezek 18:1–4, 19–32 *Ezek 19–24* Rom 2:17–29 *LC II: 63–70*
 Sun: Ezek 33:1–20 Rom 3:1–18 *LC III: 1–13*

The Pastor’s Time—Changes from January ’14

From January, the pastor will be working part-time for Westfield House, Cambridge, as an adjunct tutor, as well as providing increased pastoral care at Oxford Lutheran Mission.

As a result, he will be serving the congregation part-time until May. In practice, his preparation and contact time with Westfield House will fall on Monday and Tuesday each week. On those days, he will only be available to the congregation in cases of emergency.

This also means that, as he will be working a 6-day week, he will be entitled to an additional 14 days of annual leave (not including Sundays).

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