

Our Saviour Lutheran Church



First Sunday after the Epiphany
11 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: 402, 410, 652, 941

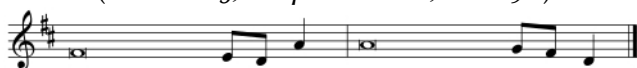
Catechism

P What is Confession?

C Confession has two parts.

First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Introit (*Ps. 100:1–5; antiphon: Is. 6:1, Rev. 19:6*)



A I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne high and | lifted up;*
and the train of his robe filled the | temple.
Then I heard the voice of a great
multitude | crying out,*

“Alleluia! For the Lord our God the
Al- | mighty reigns.”

C Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the
earth!*

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into
his presence with | singing!

A Know that the LORD, | he is God!*

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are
his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.

C Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and
his | courts with praise!*

Give thanks to him; | bless his name!

A For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures
for- | ever,*

and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

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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and | lifted up;*
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Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You and grant that they both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; 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—1 Kings 8:6–13

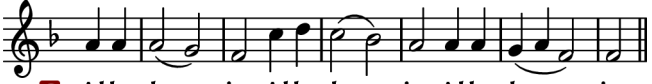
Gradual (*Ps. 72:18, 3*)

A Blessed be the LORD, the God of | Israel,*
who alone does | wondrous things.

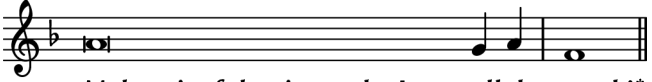
C Let the mountains bear prosperity for
the | people,*
and the hills, in | righteousness!

Epistle Reading—Romans 12:1–5

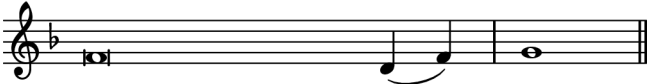
Alleluia & Verse (*Ps. 100:1–2a*)



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



Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!*



Serve the LORD with glad - ness!



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Gospel Reading—Luke 2:41–52

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron; Frank

Family of members

Patrick Rankin; 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
Annis (health); Clare Annis (cancer); Julie Gardiner
(health)

ELCE

Bristol & Cheltenham Lutheran Missions, Prs. Bessel &
Flor; ELCE Commission on Theological and Social
Concerns; Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Pr. Edge, Pr.
McNally & Pr. Fry (health)

The Church of God

Catholic Parish of Fareham & Portchester; Lutherans in
Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Christian Mission,
Mohamed Gurhan

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
THE LARGE CATECHISM
THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT**

To the position of fatherhood and motherhood God has given special distinction above all positions that are beneath it: He does not simply command us to love our parents, but to honour them. Regarding our brothers, sisters, and neighbours, in general, He commands nothing more than that we love them. In this way He separates and distinguishes father and mother from all other persons upon earth and places them at His side. For it is a far higher thing to honour someone than to love someone, because honour includes not only love, but also modesty, humility, and submission to a majesty hid-

den in them. Honour requires not only that parents be addressed kindly and with reverence, but also that, both in the heart and with the body, we demonstrate that we value them very highly, and that, next to God, we regard them as the very highest. For someone we honour from the heart we must also truly regard as high and great.

Paragraph 105–107

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES		
This Week		
Today	4.30 pm	Service at Brighton Mission
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
Thu	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
Sat	ELCE Treasurers' Conference (Luther-Tyndale)	
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
This Month		
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:

Exodus 33:12–23; Ephesians 5:22–33; John 2:1–11

Daily Readings:	
Sun:	Ezekiel 33:1–20 Romans 3:1–18 <i>Large Catechism III: 1–13</i>
Mon:	Ezek 34:1–24 Rom 3:19–31 <i>LC III: 14–24</i>
Tue:	Ezek 36:13–28 Rom 4:1–25 <i>LC III: 25–34</i>
Wed:	Ezek 36:33–37:14 Rom 5:1–21 <i>LC III: 35–48</i>
Thu:	Ezek 37:15–28 Rom 6:1–23 <i>LC III: 49–58</i>
Fri:	Ezek 38:1–23 Rom 7:1–20 <i>LC III: 59–70</i>
Sat:	Ezek 39:1–10, 17–29 Rom 7:21–8:17 <i>LC III: 71–84</i>
Sun:	Ezek 40:1–4; 43:1–12 <i>Ezek 40:5–42:20; 43:13–27 Rom 8:18–39 LC III: 85–98</i>

**Westfield House Sunday
Accommodation needed**

Would you be able to accommodate one or more Westfield House students/staff overnight, 31 January to 1 February?
Please let the pastor know if you can help.

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