

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Last Sunday of the Church Year 20 November 2016

Welcome to our visitors this morning. Please sign our visitors' book and stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

We believe that in Holy Communion, we eat and drink the true body and blood of Christ. During Communion, **everyone is welcome to come forward for a blessing.**

In keeping with the teaching of the New Testament, it is our practice to commune only those who have been confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England (or a sister Church) and are under the pastoral care of this congregation. If you are visiting and would like to receive the Sacrament today, please speak to the pastor **before the service.** Thank you for honouring our beliefs.

Today's hymns: 515, 516, 510, 514

Catechism Reading

P The Seventh Commandment

C **You shall not steal.**

P What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbour's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.**

Turn to the Introit on the laminated card.

Volunteer Rota

Today: Music: Hanna—Sunday School: Sarah & Daniel—Teas: Dot

Next week: Music: Calvin—Sunday School: Carol —Teas: Carol

Pre-Service Music:

J.S. Bach, *Chorale Prelude on "Wachet auf"* ('Wake, Awake', LSB 516)

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Frank; Diane (melanoma)

Family of members

Diana (old age); Roly (dementia); Rita Annis (health); Claire Annis (health); Shirley Thomas (breast cancer); Jack & Joan Fast (dementia & lung cancer); Doug (heart operation) & Myra; Anna

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Jim Ferguson (stroke); Eunice (cancer); Gus & Mae (health); Becky Varsogea (brain tumour); Claire & Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Bob Waters (cancer); Graham (cancer); John (cancer); Emma (cancer); Gina & family; Tim (health); Richard (mental

health); Katie (depression); Lynette Wiebusch (Alzheimer's)

Local Community

Caroline Deans (cancer); Leanne (health); Karen (depression); Karlton (depression); Tina (depression)

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St. Columba Lutheran Church, Pr. Edge; Pr. Edge (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer); baby Christian Graham (cancer)

The Church of God

The American Association of Lutheran Churches; Fareham Community Church; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION ARTICLE XVII: CHRIST'S RETURN TO JUDGEMENT

Our churches teach that at the end of the world Christ will appear for judgement and will raise all the dead. He will give the godly and elect eternal life and everlasting joys, but He will condemn ungodly people and the devils to be tormented without end.

Our churches condemn the Anabaptists, who think that there will be an end to the punishments of condemned men and devils.

Our churches also condemn those who are spreading certain Jewish opinions, that before the resurrection of the dead the godly shall take possession of the kingdom of the world, the ungodly being everywhere suppressed.

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HYMN OF THE DAY—WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING (LSB 516)

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying is as specific to the Last Sunday of the Church Year as is any hymn to any particular Sunday. Along with How Lovely Shines the Morning Star it is written by the Lutheran Pastor Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608) in 1599. These hymns are lovingly referred to as the King and Queen of the Chorales,

with *Wachet auf* (Wake, Awake...) being the King. In many countries, you will hear it in various arrangements associated with the Christian wedding.

Outside of its outstanding confession concerning the coming Christ it entails some beautiful hidden gems. Each stanza is written in the shape of a chalice, alluding to the Christ and the host of heaven we now participate with in the Lord's Supper. The German original contains three initials at the beginning of each stanza: 1-W, 2-Z, and 3-G. These correspond to the title (**G**raf zu **W**aldeck, Count of Waldeck) of Count Wilhelm Ernst a student of Nicolai's who had died a year before. The hymn's specific occasion for writing was a horrible plague that claimed thousands with as many as thirty people being buried each day. Their committals were said to be in the view of Nicolai's from his office window. Thus it serves as a comfort to the dying and their families, causing it to be appropriately heard not only at weddings but also funerals.

It is based primarily on Matthew 25; the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. The hymn makes the text seen to its hearers and leads one from the beckoning of the Word of God to the Supper to full participation with Christ and all the saints in heaven.

Rev. Adrian Sherrill

Important Note from the Treasurer

The new bank account has now been set up. If you have set up a standing order, or are making direct payments to the church, please start making payments to the new account:

Sort code: 40-52-40

Account number: 00030052

It would also be a great help if the treasurer was able to make payments directly to members' bank accounts instead of issuing cheques. Forms are available on the back table by the notice board.

Daily Readings:

Sun: Daniel 1:1-21 Matthew 28:1-20 *Apology of the Augsburg Confession XXVII (XIII):57-63*

Mon: Dan 2:1-23 Revelation 18:1-24 *Ap XXVII (XIII):64-69*

Tue: Dan 2:24-49 Rev 19:1-21 *Ap XXVIII (XIV):1-5*

Wed: Dan 3:1-30 Rev 20:1-15 *Ap XXVIII (XIV):6-10*

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

Fri: Dan 5:1-30 *Dan 7:1-8:27* Rev 21:9-27 *Ap XXVIII (XIV):15-19*

Sat: Dan 6:1-28 *Dan 9:1-27* Rev 22:1-21 *Ap XXVIII (XIV):20-27*

Sun: Isaiah 1:1-28 1 Peter 1:1-12 *Large Catechism Longer Preface:1-6*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Today	6 pm	Youth Club
Mon	7.30 pm	Fareham & Gosport Basics Bank AGM (St. John's Church, St. Michael's Grove)
Tue	<i>No Bible study</i>	
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)— <i>Ladies' Guild Mites</i>
	3 pm	Bible study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Oxford Mission

Next Month

29 Nov	7.30 pm	Bible study (The Parsonage)
30 Nov	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	7 pm	Advent Vespers (2 Southmead Road)
3 Dec	3.30 pm	Finnish Carol Service (St. Francis)
	5.30 pm	Saturday Supper (Scout Hall)
4 Dec	10.30 am	Divine Service— <i>Special Offering for Westfield House</i>
	6 pm	Youth Club (tbc)
6 Dec	7.30 pm	Bible study (The Parsonage)
7 Dec	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
	7 pm	Advent Vespers (2 Southmead Road)
11 Dec	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission (Pr. Didzis Stilve)
13 Dec	7.30 pm	Bible study (The Parsonage)
14 Dec	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	7 pm	Advent Vespers (2 Southmead Road)
18 Dec	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
20 Dec	7.30 pm	Bible study (The Parsonage)
21 Dec	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	7 pm	Advent Vespers (2 Southmead Road)
23 Dec	3 pm	Community Carol Service (Scout Hall)
24 Dec	11 pm	Divine Service—Midnight Mass (Scout Hall)
25 Dec	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Oxford Mission (Rev. A. Simojoki)