

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Populus Zion Second Sunday of Advent 4 December 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: 334, 336, Supplement 63, Supplement 7

Catechism Reading

P The Ninth Commandment

C **You shall not covet your neighbour's house.**

P What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbour's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.**

Turn to the Introit on the laminated card.

O Come, O Come Immanuel

O come, O Come, Emmanuel,

And ransom captive Israel

That mourns in lowly exile here

Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee,

O Israel!

Volunteer Rota

Today: Music: Hanna—Sunday School: Calvin & Michelle —Teas: Anne
Next week: Music: Elias—Sunday School: Barbara & Carol —Teas: Averil

The Volunteer Rota for 2017 is now on the notice board, ready to be filled.

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Frank; Diane (melanoma); Sindy Steinberga & Nikola

Family of members

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

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); family & friends of †Fraser

Local Community

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

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pr. Stilve; Pr. Edge (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer); baby Christian Graham (cancer)

The Church of God

The Lutheran Ministerium & Synod—USA; SS Peter & Paul CofE; Naveed (persecution); Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

THE LARGE CATECHISM

PART II: THE CREED, THIRD ARTICLE

While sanctification has begun and is growing daily, we expect that our flesh will be destroyed and buried with all its uncleanness. Then we will come forth gloriously and arise in a new, eternal life of entire and perfect holiness. For now we are only half pure and holy. So the Holy Spirit always has some reason to continue His work in us through the Word. He must daily administer forgiveness until we reach the life to come. At that time there will be no more forgiveness, but only perfectly pure and holy people. We will be full of godliness and righteousness, removed and free from sin, death, and all evil, in a new, immortal, and glorified body.

You see, all this is the Holy Spirit's office and work. He begins and daily increases holiness upon earth through these two things: the Christian Church and the forgiveness of sin. But in our death He will accomplish it altogether in an instant and will forever preserve us therein by the last two parts of the Creed.

Now this is the article of the Creed that must always be and remain in use. For we have already received creation. Redemption, too, is finished. But the Holy Spirit carries on His work without ceasing to the Last Day. For that purpose He has appointed a congregation upon earth by which He speaks and does everything. For He has not yet brought together all His Christian Church or granted all forgiveness. Therefore, we believe in Him who daily brings us into the fellowship of this Christian Church through the Word. Through the same Word and the forgiveness of sins He bestows, increases, and strengthens faith. So when He has done it all, and we abide in this and die to the world and to all evil, He may finally make us perfectly and forever holy. Even now we expect this in faith through the Word.

para 57–62

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A Second Bible Study

So that as many people as possible are able to attend Bible study, from January Bible study will run twice every week: on a Tuesday evening and during the day on another day. It will be the same study on both occasions.

There are questionnaires on the back table. Please complete one and give it to the pastor so that we can find the most suitable time for the daytime study.

Many thanks!

A Big “Thank You”

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Finnish Carol Service a success yesterday. Over 40 people attended the service and everyone seems to have enjoyed themselves very much.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Tue	7.30 pm	Bible study (The Parsonage)
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
	7 pm	Advent Vespers (2 Southmead Road)
Sat	3.30 pm	Finnish Carol Service (St. Francis)
	5.30 pm	Saturday Supper (Scout Hall)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission (Pr. Didzis Stilve)

Next Month

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)
	3.30 pm	Bible study at Oxford Lutheran Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Oxford Lutheran Mission
20 Dec	2 pm	Carol Singing at Care Homes (tbc)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (The Parsonage)
21 Dec	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Carol Singing at Care Homes (tbc)
	7 pm	Advent Vespers (2 Southmead Road)
23 Dec	2.30 pm	Community Carol Service (Scout Hall)— <i>NB THE EARLIER TIME</i>
24 Dec	11 pm	Divine Service—Midnight Mass (Scout Hall)
25 Dec	10 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
26-30 Dec		Pastor on annual leave
1 Jan	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

Daily Readings:

Sun:	Isaiah 10:12–27a, 33–34	2 Peter 1:1–21	<i>Large Catechism I:24–29</i>
Mon:	Is 11:1–12:6	2 Pet 2:1–22	<i>LC I:30–40</i>
Tue:	Is 14:1–23	2 Pet 3:1–18	<i>LC I:41–48</i>
Wed:	Is 24:1–13	1 John 1:1–2:14	<i>LC I:49–58</i>
Thu:	Is 24:14–25:12	<i>Obadiah 1–21</i>	1 John 2:15–29 <i>LC I:59–68</i>
Fri:	Is 26:1–19	1 John 3:1–24	<i>LC I:69–77</i>
Sat:	Is 26:20–27:13	1 John 4:1–21	<i>LC I:78–86</i>
Sun:	Is 28:14–29	2 <i>John 1–13</i> ; 3 <i>John 1–15</i>	1 John 5:1–21 <i>LC I:87–95</i>