

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

The Parsonage, 65 Furzehall Avenue, Fareham, PO16 8UD

www.oslc.org.uk

Pastor: Rev. Tapani Simojoki

Tel: 01329 822832 Mob: 07825 447475 e-mail: pastor@oslc.org.uk

Second Sunday after Christmas

3 January 2021

We are delighted to have you with us this morning to receive the Lord's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation.

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.

Please do not worry if your child will not 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.**

Explanation of Symbols:

- C** Congregation
- P** Presiding minister
- L** Assisting minister
- I** Male/Low Voices
- II** Female/High Voices
- +† You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism
- ❖ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

Silent prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Saviour, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Scripture quotations are from The ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Fareham, is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England (ELCE) which is a registered charity in England and Wales (Registered number 220466) and Scotland (registered number SC041204). Registered Office: 28 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge CB3 0HH, England, UK. Hymns printed under One License No. A-729649, CCLI Licence No. 1331485, and PRS LOML Licence No. LE-0018878

RITE OF PREPARATION

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

A confessional address will follow, concluding as follows:

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the ✠ name of the Lord.

C Who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.

But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (*Ps. 8:1, 4-6; antiphon: Ps. 8:2*)

- L** Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes,*
to still the enemy and the avenger.
- I** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- II** What is man that you are mindful of him,*
and the son of man that you care for him?
- I** Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings*
and crowned him with glory and honour.
- II** You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;*
you have put all things under his feet.
- C** ❖ *Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,*
is now and will be forever. Amen.
- L** Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes,*
to still the enemy and the avenger.

KYRIE

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

- P** Glory be to God on high:
C and on earth peace, goodwill towards men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we ❖ *worship* Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.
- O Lord, the only-begotten Son, ❖ *Jesus* Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
❖ *receive our prayer.*

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy;
Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the ✠ glory of God the Father.

Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Silent prayer, concluding with the COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to Your good pleasure, that in the name of Your beloved Son we may be made to abound in good works; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE READINGS

FIRST READING—Genesis 46:1–7

After the Reading

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 77:11–20 (*antiphon: v. 13*)

L Your way, O God, is holy.*

What god is great like our God?

I I cry aloud to God,*

aloud to God, and he will hear me.

II In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;*

in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.

I When I remember God, I moan;*

when I meditate, my spirit faints.

II You hold my eyelids open;*

I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

- I** I consider the days of old,*
the years long ago.
- II** I said, "Let me remember my song in the night; let me meditate in my heart."*
- Then my spirit made a diligent search:
- I** "Will the Lord spurn forever,*
and never again be favourable?
- II** Has his steadfast love forever ceased?*
- Are his promises at an end for all time?
- I** Has God forgotten to be gracious?*
- Has he in anger shut up his compassion?"
- II** Then I said, "I will appeal to this,*
to the years of the right hand of the Most High."
- I** I will remember the deeds of the Lord;*
- yes, I will remember your wonders of old.
- II** I will ponder all your work,*
and meditate on your mighty deeds.
- I** Your way, O God, is holy.*
What god is great like our God?
- II** You are the God who works wonders;*
- you have made known your might among the peoples.
- I** You with your arm redeemed your people,*
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- II** When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they
were afraid;*
- indeed, the deep trembled.
- I** The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder;*
- your arrows flashed on every side.
- II** The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings
lighted up the world;*
- the earth trembled and shook.
- I** Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters;*
- yet your footprints were unseen.
- II** You led your people like a flock*
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.
- C** ❖ *Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,*
is now and will be forever. Amen.
- L** Your way, O God, is holy.*
What god is great like our God?

HOLY GOSPEL—Matthew 2:13–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

After the Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one ❖ *God*,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord ❖ *Jesus Christ*,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
❖ *and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;*
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is
❖ *worshipped* and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one Holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY—LSB 385 From East to West



① From east to west, from shore to shore, Let ev - 'ry heart a -
 ② Be - hold, the world's cre - a - tor wears The form and fash-ion
 ③ For this how won-drous - ly he wrought! A maid-en, in her
 ① She bowed her to the an-gel's word De - clar-ing what the



wake and sing The ho - ly child whom Ma - ry
 of our frame; Our ve - ry flesh our Mak - er
 low - ly place, Be - came, in ways be - yond all
 Fath - er willed, And sud - den - ly the prom - ised



bore, The Christ, the ev - er - last - ing King.
 shares, To save a fall - en world He came.
 thought, The cho - sen ves - sel of his grace.
 Lord That pure and hal - lowed tem - ple filled.

② He shrank not from the oxen's stall, ③ And while the angels in the sky
 He lay within the manger bed, Sang praise above the silent field,
 And He whose bounty feedeth all To shepherds poor the Lord Most High,
 At Mary's breast Himself was fed. The one great Shepherd, was revealed.

△ ① All glory for this blessed morn
 To God the Father ever be;
 All praise to thee, O Virgin-born,
 All praise, O Holy Ghost, to Thee.

Text: Coelius Sedulius (?-c. 450); tr. John Ellerton (1826-93)

Music: Germany (1524), based on a mediæval melody

SERMON

After the SERMON, the pastor says:

P The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

G Amen.

stand

OFFERTORY

C Create in me a clean heart, O God
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Cindy & Nikola; Žina; Reg; Carol

Family of members

Holly (health); Mike (Alzheimer's); Geoffrey & family; Ian (Parkinson's); Doug & Myra (health); Howard (health); Žanna (health); Sheridan (health); Holly; Rita (cancer); Diana (Rett Syndrome); Decerie (leukemia); Julie & Bethany, Jack (Covid-19); Alice & baby Max

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Claire & Phil (health); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Charlotte (cancer); John & family (cancer); Tim (health); Pauline (cancer); Sharon (brain tumour); Joby Beresford (cancer); Christine (health); Serena (cancer); Jenny (health); Michael (health); Freddie & Grace (health); John (health); Phillip (mental health); Matt (brain surgery); Martin (tumour); Ken (health); ; Tressey (health); Val (stroke); Emily (Tourette's); Lena (brain tumour)

ELCE

Ascension Lutheran Church, Pr. Samiec; ELCE Restructuring Process; Pr. Roger and Emily Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Ingrid Flor (cancer); Anja & Neil (health)

The Church of God

Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Congo; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; St. John's CofE; Amiir & Sana Ilahi

The World

Covid-19 pandemic; the Uighur people (China); the Yazidi people (Iraq)

Thanksgiving

Rob; Greg

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C **It is meet and right so to do.**

The PROPER PREFACE appropriate to the day or season is spoken or chanted:

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

- C** ❖ *Holy, holy holy
Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed † is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Let us pray:
C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but † deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace..

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

If you are visiting us, please read the note about Communion on the front page of this service booklet.

Silent prayer before receiving the Sacrament:

Dear Saviour, I come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink Your holy Body and Blood. Let me find favour in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

After the distribution, please Stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace*
according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,*
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people.
a Light to lighten the Gentiles*
and the glory of Thy people Israel.
❖ *Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be*
world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

- P** O give thanks to the Lord for He is good.
C And His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank you that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with Thy Spirit

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you † peace.

C Amen.

Sit after the candles are extinguished

Silent prayer after worship:

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshipped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Wed	7 pm	Divine Service—Epiphany (Titchfield Evangelical Church)
Thu	1.15 pm	Bible Study (Titchfield Evangelical Church/Zoom)
	6.45 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Catisfield Memorial Hall)

Further Ahead

17 Jan	3 pm	Voters' Assembly (Zoom)
--------	------	-------------------------

Daily Readings:

Today	Isaiah 63:1–14 Luke 2:21–40 <i>Large Catechism I:324–333</i>
Mon	Is 63:15–65:2 Luke 2:41–52 <i>LC II:1–8</i>
Tue	Is 65:8–25 Luke 3:1–20 <i>LC II:9–24</i>
Wed	Is 66:1–20 Luke 3:21–38 <i>LC II:25–33</i>
Thu	Ezekiel 1:1–14, 22–28 <i>Habakkuk 1:1–3:19 Rom 1:1–17 LC II:34–46</i>
Fri	Ezek 2:1–3:11 Rom 1:18–32 <i>LC II:47–54</i>
Sat	Ezek 3:12–28 <i>Ezek 4:1–11:25 Rom 2:1–16 LC II:55–62</i>
Sun	Ezek 18:1–4, 19–32 <i>Ezek 19:1–24:27 Rom 2:17–29 LC II:63–70</i>