

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

*St. Matthew*

21 September 2014

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## 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.**

**Divine Service III**

**LSB 184**

Hymns: 606, 895, 625, 794

Catechism

**P** The Creed, the Third Article:

**C** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the for-



## Gradual (Ps. 92:1–2)

**A** It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;  
**C** to declare your steadfast love in the | morn-  
ing,\*  
and your faithful- | ness by night.

## Epistle Reading—Galatians 5:16–24

### Alleluia & Verse (Ps. 65:1)



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Praise is due to you, O God, in Zi - on,\*  
and to you shall vows be per - formed.  
Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Gospel Reading—Luke 17:11–19

### IN OUR PRAYERS

#### Members

Ron; Frank; Averil; Carol F.

#### Family of members

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

#### Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Trevor (unemployed); Mary (health); Gus and Mae (health); Claire and Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Karen & Phil (bereavement, depression); Rob (depression); Debra (depression); Bob Waters (cancer); Ronnie (cancer); Sally (health); Leanne (health); Bonnie & family of Ray & Doreen; Gina & family

#### ELCE

Luther Tyndale Memorial Church, Cheltenham Lutheran Mission, Pr. Flor; *The British Lutheran*; Lizani Bessel (recovering from operation); Christa Jeynes (broken hip); Jean Quirk (health); Pr. McNally & Pr. Fry (health)

#### The Church of God

Evangelical Lutheran Church Peru; Hill Park Baptist Church; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Pr. Roger Jones (stroke)

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION ARTICLES VII & VIII: THE CHURCH

But the Church is not only the fellowship of outward objects and rites, as other governments, but at its core, it is a fellowship of faith and of the Holy Spirit in hearts. Yet this fellowship has outward marks so that it can be recognized. These marks are the pure doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments in accordance with the Gospel of Christ. This Church alone is called Christ's body, which Christ renews, sanctifies, and governs by His Spirit. Paul testifies about this when he says, "And gave Him as head over all things to the Church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all" (Ephesians 1:22–23). Those in whom Christ does not act are not the members of Christ. The adversaries admit this too. The wicked are "dead" mem-

bers of the Church. We wonder why the adversaries have found fault with our description that speaks of living members. Neither have we said anything new. Paul has defined the Church precisely in the same way, that it should be cleansed in order to be holy. He adds the outward marks, the Word and Sacraments. For he says:

Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that He might present the Church to Himself in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. (Ephesians 5:25-27) Para. 5-7

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<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES</b>		
<b>This Week</b>		
Today	12 noon	ELCE Annual Synod nominations and resolutions meeting
	6 pm	Youth Club
Tue	8.45 am	Matins
Wed	9 am	Holiday Club planning meeting (Higgins)
	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery at the Hub
	3 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge <i>No Vespers</i>
Thu	8.45 am	Matins
	3.15 pm	Drama Club at Orchard Lea
	7.30 pm	Bible study at the Parsonage
Fri	8.45 am	Matins
	3 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service
	5 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
<b>This Month</b>		
26 Sep	3 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
28 Sep	5 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
<b>Further ahead</b>		
3-4 Oct		ELCE Annual Synod (Ruislip)
5 Oct		Harvest Festival and lunch
14 Oct		Pester-a-Pastor in Winchester
27-29 Oct		Holiday Club

**Next Sunday's Readings:**

1 Kings 17:8-16; Galatians 5:25-6:10; Matthew 6:24-34

**Daily Readings:**

Sun: Nehemiah 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16 1 Timothy 4:1-16 *Apology of the Augsburg Confession Xlla (V): 83-97*  
 Mon: Neh 7:1-4; 8:1-18 1 Tim 5:1-16 *Ap XIIb (VI): 1-15*  
 Tue: Neh 9:1-21 1 Tim 5:17-6:2 *Ap XIIb (VI): 16-24*  
 Wed: Neh 9:22-38 1 Tim 6:3-21 *Ap XIIb (VI): 25-33*  
 Thu: Mal 1:1-14 Matt 3:1-17 *Ap XIIb (VI): 34-42*  
 Fri: Mal 2:1-3:5 Matt 4:1-11 *Ap XIIb (VI): 43-50*  
 Sat: Mal 3:6-4:6 Matt 4:12-25 *Ap XIIb (VI): 51-57*  
 Sun: Deut 1:1-18 Matt 5:1-20 *Ap XIIb (VI): 58-66*

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