

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church



*Populus Zion*  
Second Sunday in Advent  
7 December

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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.**

## Unaccompanied Divine Service (Booklet)

Hymns: 338, 336, 525, 821

### Catechism

**P** What is Baptism?

**C** Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.

**P** Which is that word of God?

**C** Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

**Introit** (*Ps. 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Isa. 62:11b; 30:30, 29*)



**A** Say to the daughter of | Zion,\*

“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”

The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard\*

and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

**C** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!\*

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

**A** Restore | us, O God;\*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

**C** Turn again, O | God of hosts!\*

Look down from | heav'n, and see.

**A** But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,\*

the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!

**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.

**A** Say to the daughter of | Zion,\*

“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”

**C** The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard\*

and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

### Collect of the Day

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Old Testament Reading—Malachi 4:1–6

**Gradual** (*Ps. 50:2–3a, 5*)

**A** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | shines forth.\*

Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;

**C** “Gather to me my | faithful ones,\* who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!”

### Epistle Reading—Romans 15:4–13

**Alleluia & Verse** (*Ps. 50:2-3a, 5*)

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

The powers of the heavens will be shak - en,\*

and they will see the Son of Man  
coming in a cloud with power and great glo-ry.

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

The image shows musical notation for the Alleluia and Verse. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!' are written below the first staff. The second staff has a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics 'The powers of the heavens will be shak - en,\*' are written below the second staff. The third staff has a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics 'and they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glo-ry.' are written below the third staff. The fourth staff has a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!' are written below the fourth staff.

**Gospel Reading—Luke 21:25-36**

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Members**

Ron; Frank; John

**Family of members**

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

**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**

St. David Lutheran Church, Pr. Naumann; ELCE Salary  
Review Committee & Nominations Committee; *The  
British Lutheran*; Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Pr. Edge, Pr.  
McNally & Pr. Fry (health)

**The Church of God**

Living Word Church Fareham; Lutherans in Africa, Pr.  
James May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed  
Gurhan; Pr. Roger Jones (stroke)

**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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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

##### This Week

Today	EGM after the service 4.30 pm	Finnish Carol Service (SS P&P)
Wed	10.30 am 2 pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub) Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
Thu	7 pm	Vespers (2 Southmead Rd)
Sun	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	10.30 am 3.30 pm 5 pm	Divine Service (Scout Hall) Service at Brighton Mission Latvian Carols Service (Brighton)

##### This Month

20 Dec	6 pm	Carol Service (St. Francis)
21 Dec	10.30 am	Divine Service ( <i>venue tbc</i> )
24 Dec	11 pm	Midnight Mass (Scout Hall)
25 Dec	10 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
28 Dec	10.30 am	Morning Service (Scout Hall)

#### **Next Sunday's Readings:**

*Isaiah 40:1-8; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 11:2-10*

#### **Daily Readings:**

Sun: *Isaiah 24:1-13 1 John 1:1-2:14 Large Catechism I: 49-58*

Mon: *Is 24:14-25:12 1 John 2:15-29 LC I: 59-68*

Tue: *Is 26:1-19 1 John 3:1-24 LC I: 69-77*

Wed: *Is 26:20-27:13 1 John 4:1-21 LC I: 78-86*

Thu: *Is 28:14-29 1 John 5:1-21 2 John 3 John LC I: 87-95*

Fri: *Is 29:1-14 Jude 1-25 LC I: 96-102*

Sat: *Is 29:15-30:14 Revelation 1:1-19 LC I: 103-111*

Sun: *Is 30:15-26 Rev 2:1-29 LC I: 112-119*

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