

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Third Sunday in Advent  
*Gaudete*  
14 December 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.**

Hymns: 345, 346, 620, *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Catechism

- P** What benefits does Baptism give?  
**C** It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.  
**P** Which are these words and promises of God?  
**C** Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

Introit (*Ps. 85:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Phil. 4:4–5*)



- A** Rejoice in the Lord | always;\*  
 again I will | say, Rejoice.  
 Let your reasonableness be known  
 to | everyone.\*  
 The Lord | is at hand.
- C** LORD, you were favourable | to your land;\*  
 you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.
- A** You forgave the iniquity of your | people;\*  
 you covered | all their sin.
- C** Will you not revive | us again,\*  
 that your people may re- | joice in you?
- A** Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,\*  
 for he will speak peace to his people, to his  
 saints; but let them not turn back to | folly.
- 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** Rejoice in the Lord | always;\*  
 again I will | say, Rejoice.
- C** Let your reasonableness be known  
 to | everyone.\*  
 The Lord | is at hand.

Collect of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

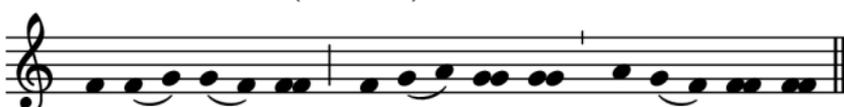
Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 40:1–8

Gradual (*Ps. 85:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Phil. 4:4–5*)

- A** You who are enthroned upon the  
 cherubim, | shine forth!\*
- Stir up Your might and come to | save us!
- C** Give ear, O Shepherd of | Israel,\*  
 You who lead Joseph | like a flock.

Epistle Reading—1 Corinthians 4:1–5

Alleluia & Verse (*Ps. 80:2*)



**C** Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!



Stir up Your might,\* and come to save us.



## Gospel Reading—Matthew 11:2–10

### IN OUR PRAYERS

#### Members

Ron; Frank; John

#### Family of members

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

#### 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 Anniss (health); Clare Anniss (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 THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

Here we have again the Word of God whereby He would encourage and urge us to true noble and sublime works, as gentleness, patience, and, in short, love and kindness to our enemies, and would ever remind us to reflect upon the First Commandment, that He is our God, that is, that He will help, assist, and protect us, in order that He may thus quench the desire of revenge in us.

This we ought to practise and inculcate, and we would have our hands full doing good works. But this would not be preaching for monks; it would greatly detract from the religious estate, and infringe upon the sanctity of Carthusians, and would even be regarded as forbidding good works and clearing the convents. For in this wise the ordinary state of Christians would be considered just as worthy, and even worthier, and everybody would see how they mock and delude the world with a false, hypocritical show of holiness, because they have given this and other commandments to the winds, and have esteemed them unnecessary, as though they were not commandments, but mere counsels; and have at the same time shamelessly proclaimed and boasted their hypocritical estate and works as the most perfect life, in order that they might lead a pleasant, easy life, without the cross and without patience, for which reason, too, they have resorted to the cloisters, so

that they might not be obliged to suffer any wrong from any one or to do him any good. But know now that these are the true, holy, and godly works, in which, with all the angels, He rejoices, in comparison with which all human holiness is but stench and filth, and, besides, deserves nothing but wrath and damnation.

Paragraphs 195–198

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<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES</b>		
<b>This Week</b>		
Today	3.30 pm	Service at Brighton Mission
	5 pm	Latvian Carols Service (Brighton)
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	7 pm	Vespers (2 Southmead Rd)
Thu	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
Sat	6 pm	Carol Service (St. Francis)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
<b>This Month</b>		
21 Dec	10.30 am	Divine Service ( <i>Venue: Titchfield Community Centre</i> )
22 Dec	2 pm	Carol singing at Willow Tree Lodge (Merry Hall tbc)
23 Dec	2 pm	Carol singing at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
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)
<b>Further ahead</b>		
3 Jan	5.30 pm	Saturday supper
4 Jan	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	12.15 pm	Voters' Assembly

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

*Deuteronomy 18:15–19; Philippians 4:4–7; John 1:19–28*

### ***Daily Readings:***

Sun: Isaiah 30:15–26 Revelation 2:1–29 *Large Catechism I: 112–119*

Mon: Is 30:27–31:9 Rev 3:1–22 *LC I: 120–128*

Tue: Is 32:1–20 Rev 4:1–11 *LC I: 129–140*

Wed: Is 33:1–24 Rev 5:1–14 *LC I: 141–149*

Thu: Is 34:1–2, 8–35:10 *Micah 1:1–7:20* Rev 6:1–17 *LC I: 150–157*

Fri: Is 40:1–17 Rev 7:1–17 *LC I: 158–166*

Sat: Is 40:18–41:10 Rev 8:1–13 *LC I: 167–178*

Sun: Is 42:1–25 Rev 9:1–12 *LC I: 179–188*

### **Venue for next Sunday's service:**

Garage Suite, Titchfield Community Centre, Mill Street, Titchfield, PO14 4AB

The doors will open at 10 am. The usual help with setting up will be much appreciated!

### **A Big "Kiitos" (Thank You)!**

Thank you to everyone who helped with refreshments at the Finnish carol service last Sunday. It was very much appreciated by all who came!

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