

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
18 January 2015

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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: 394, 644, 652, 922

### Catechism

- P** What sins should we confess?
- C** Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.
- P** Which are these?
- C** Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

**Introit** (*Ps. 66:1–5, 20; antiphon: Ps. 66:4, 92:1*)



- A** All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;\*  
they sing praises to your name.  
It is good to give thanks to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.
- C** Shout for joy to God, all the earth;\*  
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!
- A** Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!\*"  
So great is your power that your enemies  
come cringing to you.
- C** All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;\*  
they sing praises to your name."
- A** Come and see what God has done:\*  
he is awesome in his deeds towards the children of man.
- C** Blessed be God,\*  
because he has not rejected my prayer or  
removed his steadfast love from me!
- 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.
- A** All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;\*  
they sing praises to your name.
- C** It is good to give thanks to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

### Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament Reading—Exodus 33:12–33**

**Gradual** (*Ps. 107:20–21*)

- A** He sent out his word and | healed them,\*  
and delivered them from their de- | struction.
- C** Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast  
love,\*  
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren  
of men.

**Epistle Reading—Ephesians 5:22–33**

**Alleluia & Verse** (*Ps. 148:2*)

**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Praise him, all his an - gels;\*  
praise him, all his hosts.  
Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.' The second staff contains 'Praise him, all his an - gels;\*'. The third staff contains 'praise him, all his hosts.'. The fourth staff contains 'Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.'. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, following the rhythm of the lyrics.

**Gospel Reading—John 2:1–14**

IN OUR PRAYERS

**Members**

Ron; Frank; Carol

**Family of members**

Patrick Rankin; 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**

Bristol & Cheltenham Lutheran Missions, Prs. Bessel & Flor; ELCE Commission on Theological and Social Concerns; Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Pr. Edge, Pr. McNally & Pr. Fry (health)

**The Church of God**

Catholic Parish of Fareham & Portchester; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD  
THE LARGE CATECHISM  
THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT**

But this commandment is aimed directly at the state of marriage and gives us an opportunity to speak about it. First, understand and mark well how gloriously God honours and praises this estate. For by His commandment He both approves and guards it. He has approved it above in the Fourth Commandment, “Honour your father and your mother.” But here He has (as we said) hedged it about and protected it. Therefore, He also wishes us to honour it and to maintain and govern it as a divine and blessed estate because, in the first place, He has instituted it before all others. He created man and woman separately, as is clear. This was not for lewdness, but so

that they might live together in marriage, be fruitful, bear children, and nourish and train them to honour God.

Therefore, God has also most richly blessed this estate above all others. In addition, He has bestowed on it and wrapped up in it everything in the world, so that this estate might be well and richly provided for. Married life is, therefore, no joke or presumption. It is an excellent thing and a matter of divine seriousness. For marriage has the highest importance to God so that people are raised up who may serve the world and promote the knowledge of God, godly living, and all virtues, to fight against wickedness and the devil.

I have always taught that this estate should not be despised nor held in disrepute, as is done by the blind world and our false Church leaders. Marriage should be regarded as it is in God's Word, where it is adorned and sanctified. It is not only placed on an equality with other estates, but it comes first and surpasses them all—emperor, princes, bishops, or whoever they please. ... Therefore, it is not a peculiar estate, but the most common and noblest estate that runs through all Christendom. Yes, it extends through all the world.

Paragraph 206–212

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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Today	6 pm	Youth Club
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
Thu	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
Fri	3 pm	Bible Study at Brighton Mission
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	5 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
<b>This Month</b>		
28 Jan	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
31 Jan	5.30 pm	Saturday Supper (with Westfield House staff & students)
1 Feb	10.30 am	Divine Service (St. Francis—Westfield House Sunday)

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

*Exodus 34:19–35; 2 Peter 1:16–21; Matthew 17:1–9*

#### **Daily Readings:**

Sun: Ezek 40:1–4; 43:1–12 Ezek 40:5–42:20; 43:13–27 Rom 8:18–39 LC III: 85–98  
Mon: Ezek 44:1–16, 23–29 Rom 9:1–18 LC III: 99–111  
Tue: Ezek 47:1–14, 21–23 Rom 9:19–33 LC III: 112–124  
Wed: Joel 1:1–20 Rom 10:1–21 LC IV: 1–16  
Thu: Joel 2:1–17 Rom 11:1–24 LC IV: 17–31  
Fri: Joel 2:18–32 Rom 11:25–12:13 LC IV: 32–46  
Sat: Joel 3:1–21 Rom 12:14–13:14 LC IV: 47–55  
Sun: Zech 1:1–21 Rom 14:1–23 LC IV: 56–67

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