

Brighton Lutheran Mission



**Transfiguration of Our Lord
9 February 2014**



Welcome to Brighton Lutheran Mission!

**May God bless you richly as we
gather together to receive His gifts.**

Please stay behind for a cup of tea or
coffee afterwards. This is followed
by a Bible study.

Holy Communion

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, we eat and drink the actual 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.

Therefore, we ask that only those who are instructed in the Lutheran Confessions and are under our pastor's spiritual care come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

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 from the pastor.

Thank you for honouring our beliefs.

Explanation of Symbols:

- P** Pastor
- C** Congregation
- ✠ You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.
- ❖ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

DIVINE SERVICE

BOOKLET

Hymns: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

(insert), 413, 631, 417

Catechism

- P** What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?
- C** These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins”, show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.
- P** How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?
- C** Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins”. These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins”.

Introit (*Ps. 84:1–2a, 4, 10–11; antiphon: Ps. 77:18*)



- A** Your lightnings lighted | up the world;*
the earth trem- | bled and shook.
- C** How lovely is your dwelling place,
O | LORD of hosts!*
My soul longs, yes, faints for the
courts | of the LORD;*
- A** Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!
- C** For a day in your courts is better than a
thousand | elsewhere.*
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the
house of my God than dwell in the
tents of | wickedness.
- A** For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD
bestows favour and | honour.*
No good thing does he withhold from
those who walk up- | rightly.
- 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 Your lightnings lighted | up the world;*
the earth trem- | bled and shook.

Collect of the Day

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading—Exodus 34:20–35

Gradual (*Ps. 45:2a, 110:1*)

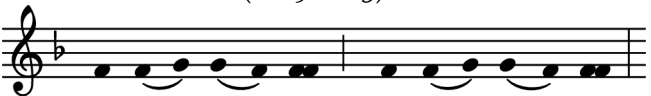
A You are the most handsome of the | sons of
men;*

grace is poured up- | on your lips.

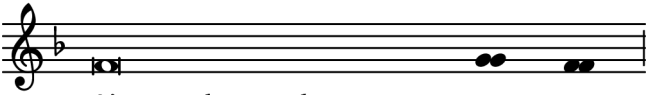
G The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at
my | right hand,*
until I make your enemies
your | footstool.

Epistle Reading—2 Peter 1:16–21

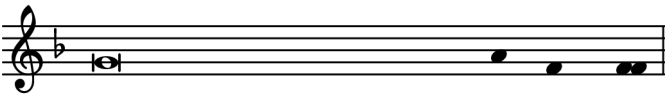
Alleluia & Verse (*Ps. 96:2–3*)



P Al - le - lu - ia! **G** Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing to the Lord;
tell of his salvation from day to



Declare his glory among
the nations, his marvellous
works among all the peo- ples!



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

Gospel Reading—Matthew 17:1–9

IN OUR PRAYERS

Barbara; Ipswich Lutheran Mission, Pr. Samiec; St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Pr. Van Fossan; ELCE Board for Youth, Youth Rallies; Barnes Conference; Pr. McNally (cancer); Pr. Fry (health) Holland Road Baptist Church, Pr. David Treneer; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
THE FORMULA OF CONCORD
ARTICLE II: FREE WILL

... The eternal Father calls down from heaven about His dear Son and about all who preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name, "Listen to Him" (Matthew 17:5).

All who want to be saved ought to listen to this preaching. For the preaching and hearing of God's Word are the Holy Spirit's instruments. By, with, and through these instruments the Spirit desires to work effectively, to convert people to God, and to work in them both to will and to do.

A person can hear and read this Word outwardly, even though he is not yet converted to God and regenerate. As said above, a person even since the fall has a free will to a certain extent in these outward things. So he can go to church and listen or not listen to the sermon.

God works through this means (i.e., the preaching and hearing of His Word). He breaks our hearts and draws us to Him. Through the preaching of the Law, a person comes to know his sins and God's wrath. He experiences in his heart true terrors, contrition, and sorrow. Through the preaching of, and reflection on, the Holy Gospel about the gracious forgiveness of sins in Christ, a spark of faith is kindled in him. This faith accepts the forgiveness of sins for Christ's sake and comforts itself with the Gospel promise. So the Holy Spirit (who does all this) is sent into the heart.

Paragraphs 51-56

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**God willing, the next service
will be held on
9 March 2014 at 4.30 pm
The next Bible study will be on
Friday, 28 February at 3 pm.**