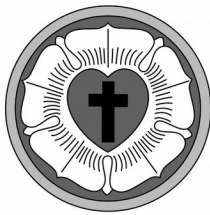


# Brighton Lutheran Mission



Third Sunday in Advent  
*Gaudete*  
14 December 2014

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**Welcome to Brighton Lutheran Mission!**

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

Please join us for a cup of tea or  
coffee after the service..

## **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: 345, 346, *Rejoice, the Lord Is King***

**Catechism**

**P** The Seventh Commandment

**C** You shall not steal.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbour's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

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



**P** 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.

You forgave the iniquity of your | people;\*  
you covered | all their sin.

Will you not revive | us again,\*

that your people may re- | joice in you?

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.

❖ *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.

**P** Rejoice in the Lord | always;\*  
again I will | say, Rejoice.

**C** Let your reasonableness be known to | every-  
one.\*

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*)

**P** 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.



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

### Gospel Reading—Matthew 11:2-10

## IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Pr. Stilve; ELCE  
Commission on Theological and Social Concerns; Prs.  
Edge, McNally & Fry (health); Holland Road Baptist  
Church, Pr. David Treneer; Lutherans in Africa, Pr.  
James May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed  
Gurhan

### 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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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**  
**What's happening in Fareham?**

**This Week**

Today	5 pm	Latvian Carol Service
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)

**This Month**

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)

**Further ahead**

3 Jan	5.30 pm	Saturday supper
4 Jan	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
12.15 pm		Voters' Assembly

**Venue for next Sunday's service in Fareham:**

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

The doors will open at 10 am.

**God willing, the next service  
will be held on  
11 January at 4.30 pm**

**There is no Bible study this month.  
The next Bible study will be on  
Friday, 23 January at 3 pm.**