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Third Sunday after Trinity

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Hymns: 611, 608, 683, 922

Catechism Reading

P The Creed, the Third Article

C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

In Our Prayers

Members

John & Dot; Ron; Frank; Richard, Sindy & Nikola

Family of members

Anssi Simojoki (health); Patrick Rankin; Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; Roly (dementia); Jane (mental health); John (health); Philip (health)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Trevor (unemployed); Gus & Mae (health); Claire and Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Rob (depression); Bob Waters (cancer); Ronnie (cancer); Geoff

(cancer); Sally (health); Leanne (health); Gina & family; Rita Annis (health); Claire Annis (health); Julie Gardiner (health); Roger (cancer); Bobbie (health); Tim (health); Sarah & family (cancer)

ELCE

Brighton & Kent Lutheran Missions, Pr. Ehlers; Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Prs. Edge & Fry (health)

The Church of God

China Evangelical Lutheran Church; Holy Trinity CofE; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan

Hymn of the Day: Lord, to You I Make Confession (LSB 608)

There are two parts to confession: 1) to faithfully confess one's sins and 2) to receive absolution, that is, forgiveness of sins in Christ Jesus' name. Johann Frank's (1618–1677) hymn of confession is a sung confession of sins with trust that they are forgiven in him who suffered and died to rescue, save, reconcile, and set free the penitent sinner. This hymn is rightly used when we hear preached Jesus' teaching of lost sinners being found again (whether the lost sheep and coin being found in Luke 15:1–10 or the return of the lost son in Luke 15:11–32). Such is the case when one confesses and is absolved; that penitent is forgiven and restored to a right relationship with the heavenly Father by Christ's precious blood, as proclaimed by the pastor (John 20:19-23). The forgiven sinner's sins are cast into the deepest sea (referring to Holy Baptism) and he or she stands cleansed from all iniquity. Thanks be to God for His mercy to sinners.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THE AUSGURG CONFESSION ARTICLE XII: REPENTANCE

Of repentance our churches teach that for those who have fallen after Baptism there is remission of sins whenever they are converted and that the Church ought to impart absolution to those thus returning to repentance. Now, repentance consists properly of these two parts: One is contrition, that is, terrors smiting the conscience through the knowledge of sin; the other is faith, which is born of the Gospel, or of absolution, and believes that for Christ's sake, sins are forgiven, comforts the conscience, and delivers it from terrors. Then good works are bound to follow, which are the fruits of repentance.

They condemn the Anabaptists, who deny that those once justified can lose the Holy Ghost. Also those who contend that some may attain to such perfection in this life that they cannot sin.

The Novatians also are condemned, who would not absolve such as had fallen after Baptism, though they returned to repentance.

They also are rejected who do not teach that remission of sins comes through faith but command us to merit grace through satisfactions of our own.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This week

Today	6 pm	Youth Club
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
	7 pm	Divine Service (St. Francis): Nativity of John the Baptist
Thu	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
Sun	3 pm	Bible study (Oxford Mission)
	4.30 pm	Divine Service (Oxford Mission)

This Month

1 Jul	10:30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	7 pm	Divine Service (St. Francis): The Visitation (observed)
2 Jul	7.30 pm	Bible study (The Parsonage)
4 Jul	2 pm	<i>St. Peter's Lutheran Church 50th Anniversary</i>
	5.30 pm	Saturday Supper: Summer BBQ
5 Jul	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
8 Jul	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
9 Jul	7.30 pm	Bible study (The Parsonage)
12 Jul	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30 pm	Divine Service (Brighton Mission)
15 Jul	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
16 Jul	7.30 pm	Bible study (The Parsonage)
19 Jul	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
22 Jul	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
23 Jul–17 Aug		Pastor on annual leave

Daily Readings:

Sun: Proverbs 24:1–22 John 19:1–22 *Augsburg Confession IX–XI*
 Mon: Prov 25:1–22 *Prov 26:1–28* John 19:23–42 *AC XII–XIII*
 Tue: Prov 27:1–24 *Prov 28:1–29:27* John 20:1–18 *AC XIV–XVI*
 Wed: Prov 30:1–9, 18–33 John 20:19–31 *AC XVII–XIX*
 Thu: Prov 31:10–31 John 21:1–25 *AC XX:1–18*
 Fri: Josh 1:1–18 Acts 8:1–25 *AC XX:19–40*
 Sat: Josh 2:1–24 Acts 8:26–40 *AC XXI*
 Sun: Josh 3:1–17 Acts 9:1–22 *AC XXII*