

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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Hymns: 609, 696, 528, 692

Catechism Reading

P The Lord's Prayer, the Introduction

G **Our Father who art in heaven.**

P What does this mean?

G **With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

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 Anniss (health); Claire Anniss (health); Julie Gardiner (health); Roger (cancer); Bobbie (health); Tim (health); Sarah & family (cancer); Rita Janes (cancer); David Clarke (cancer)

ELCE

Luther-Tyndale Memorial Church, Pr. Flor; Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Prs. Edge & Fry (health)

The Church of God

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Belgium; St. John's CofE; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan

Hymn of the Day: O God, My Faithful God (LSB 696)

Johann Heermann (1585–1647) was a Lutheran pastor in Silesia during the Thirty Years' War (1618–48). During his time as pastor many of his congregation died from pestilence, especially during 1631. It is no wonder that Pastor Heermann could write such words as comfort as are found in this hymn.

We find true comfort in the merciful God alone, in the fountain ever flowing! A prayer for all times is for a “healthy frame”, not only to be healthy, but also to help others through one’s calling and vocation. It is so tempting to curse, swear, or speak out of turn; these betray a mistrust that God would actually work good in this vale of tears. Only forgiveness won by Jesus on the cross can set aside this mistrust. The final two stanzas are pure comfort, echoing the *Nunc dimittis* (Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace). Death for the Christian body is but sleep; the Christian soul does not die, but immediately is drawn to heaven at the death of the body. Christians now commend themselves to their Savior. Then, in splendor, Christians will rejoice over their salvation with all those who love his name.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD FORMULA OF CONCORD SOLID DECLARATION ARTICLE IV: GOOD WORKS

... it is God’s will, order, and command that believers should walk in good works. Truly good works are not those that everyone does himself from a good intention, or which are done according to human traditions, but those that God Himself has prescribed and commanded in His Word. Also, truly good works are done not by our own natural powers, but in this way: when a person is reconciled with God through faith and renewed by the Holy Spirit...

... the good works of believers are pleasing and acceptable to God (although in this flesh they are impure and incomplete). They are acceptable for the sake of the Lord Christ, through faith, because the person is acceptable to God. ...

Faith must be the mother and source of works that are truly good and well pleasing to God, which God will reward in this world and in the world to come. This is why St. Paul calls them true fruit of faith, also fruit of the Spirit. Para. 7–9

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St. Peter's Lutheran Church—50th Anniversary

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Plymouth, will be celebrating their 50th anniversary next Saturday, 4 July, with a service of thanksgiving. The service starts at 2 pm. If you are planning to attend, please let them know as soon as possible. See the congregational directory, or speak to the pastor, for contact details.

Saturday Supper, with a Guest Speaker

Next Saturday, 4 July, we will have our annual summer BBQ as our Saturday Supper. We will have a special guest to speak to us: Sue Elgie, the Chair of Trustees of CedarOak, a local Christian charity specialising in crisis pregnancy support.

Do join us, and bring a friend or two!

Please bring something to cook on the barbeque, something to go with it (salad, rolls, bread, etc.), and some dessert. If everyone brings enough for 1½ people, we will have plenty!

Voters' Assembly

Please note that the voters' assembly will be held next Sunday after the service.

Any *agenda items* should be sent to the Chairman, Calvin Thomas (e-mail: calvinthomas@gmail.com), by *Tuesday*.

All *reports* should be circulated, if possible, by *Thursday*.

A Very Special Date for Your Diaries: Jacob & Laura

Jacob and Laura are getting married at 12 noon on Thursday 20 August at Holy Innocents' Church, Southwater, near Horsham. Details to follow soon.

Please keep Jacob and Laura in your prayers as they prepare for the wedding and for marriage.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This week

Today	3 pm	Bible study (Oxford Mission)
	4.30 pm	Divine Service (Oxford Mission)
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
	7 pm	Divine Service (St. Francis): The Visitation (observed)
Thu	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
Sat	2 pm	<i>St. Peter's Lutheran Church 50th Anniversary</i>
	5.30 pm	Saturday Supper: Summer BBQ with guest speaker
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	12.15 pm	Voters' Assembly
	6 pm	Youth Club

Next Month

8 Jul	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
9 Jul	<i>No Bible study</i>	
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
26 Jul	10.30 am	Morning Service (Scout Hall)
2 Aug	10.30 am	Divine Service with Pr. Graham Jenks (Scout Hall)

Daily Readings:

Sun: Joshua 3:1–17 Acts 9:1–22 *Augsburg Confession XXII*

Mon: Josh 4:1–24 Acts 9:23–43 *AC XXIII*

Tue: Josh 5:1–6:5 Acts 10:1–17 *AC XXIV:1–20*

Wed: Josh 6:6–27 Acts 10:18–33 *AC XXIV:21–41*

Thu: Josh 7:1–26 Acts 10:34–48 *AC XXV*

Fri: Josh 8:1–28 Acts 11:1–18 *AC XXVI:1–20*

Sat: Josh 10:1–25 *Josh 10:28–22:34* Acts 11:19–30 *AC XXVI:21–45*

Sun: Josh 23:1–16 Acts 12:1–25 *AC XXVII:1–23*