

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Twelfth Sunday after Trinity 23 August 2015

Hymns: 908, 545, 634, 533

Catechism Reading

P The Lord's Prayer, the Fourth Petition:

C Give us this day our daily bread.

P What does this mean?

C God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realise this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

P What is meant by daily bread?

C Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbours, and the like.

In Our Prayers

Members

Dot; Ron; Frank

Family of members

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); Geoff (cancer); Sally (health); Leanne (health); Gina & family; Rita Anniss (health); Claire

Annis (health); Roger (cancer); Bobbie (health); Tim (health); Sarah & family (cancer); Rita Janes (cancer); family of †Ronnie

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pr. Stilve; Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Raili Stewart (health); Prs. Edge (health)

The Church of God

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil; St. Columba CofE; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
THE FORMULA OF CONCORD: EPITOME
ARTICLE VI: THE THIRD USE OF THE LAW

2. ... we believe, teach, and confess that the unregenerate will of mankind is not only turned away from God, but also has become God's enemy. So it only has an inclination and desire for that which is evil and contrary to God, as it is written in Genesis 8:21, "the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth." Romans 8:7 says, "The mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot." Just as a dead body cannot raise itself to bodily, earthly life, so a person who by sin is spiritually dead cannot raise himself to spiritual life. For it is written in Ephesians 2:5, "even when we were dead in our trespasses, [He] made us alive together with Christ." And 2 Corinthians 3:5 says, "Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God."

3. God the Holy Spirit, however, does not bring about conversion without means. For this purpose He uses the preaching and hearing of God's Word, as it is written in Romans 1:16, the Gospel "is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." Also Romans 10:17 says, "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." It is God's will that His Word should be heard and that a person's ears should not be closed (Psalm 95:8). With this Word the Holy Spirit is present and opens hearts, so that people (like Lydia in Acts 16:14) pay attention to it and are converted only through the Holy Spirit's grace and power, who alone does the work of converting a person. ⁶ For without His grace, and if He does not grant the increase, our willing and running, our planting, sowing, and watering (1 Corinthians 3:5-7)—are all nothing. As Christ says (in John 15:5), "apart from Me you can do nothing." With these brief words the Spirit denies free will its powers and ascribes everything to God's grace, in order that no one may boast before God (1 Corinthians 1:29).

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SYNOD 2015

The 61st Annual Synod of the ELCE will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Coventry, on 2–3 October 2015. The congregation need to send at least one lay delegate to the Synod, but as many as like may attend. You can attend either of the two days or both. Limited accommodation with members of Good Shepherd is available on a first-come-first-served basis.

If you are interested in attending, please make your interest known at the next Voters' Assembly. If you can't attend the Voters' Assembly, let the Pastor or Calvin (chairman) know before the meeting.

Please see the Synod notice on the notice board.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING, JULY 2015

A printed copy of the minutes for the ELCE and the ELCE Trust Ltd. is available at the back. If you would like a personal copy, please ask the Pastor.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This week

Today	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Oxford Mission
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
	7.30 pm	Bible study (The Parsonage)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

Next Month

2 Sep	7 pm	<i>Installation of Pr. Kriger at Resurrection LC, Cambridge</i>
3 Sep	7 pm	Christians Together in Fareham meeting
5 Sep	5.30 pm	Saturday Supper (Scout Hall)
6 Sep	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	12.15 pm	Voters' Assembly
9 Sep	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
12 Sep		<i>Executive Council Meeting</i> (Luther-Tyndale LC, Kentish Town)
13 Sep	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
16 Sep	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
19 Sep	2 pm	<i>Rededication of St. Timothy's LC, Sunderland</i>
20 Sep	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
23 Sep	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
27 Sep	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	3 pm	Bible study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Oxford Mission
30 Sep	7 pm	Divine Service (St. Francis)—Michaelmas

Daily Readings:

Sun:	1 Kings 3:1-15 1 Kng 3:16-4:34 2 Corinthians 1:1-22 <i>Apology of the Augsburg Confession V (III):153-159 [274-280]</i>
Mon:	1 Kng 5:1-18 1 Kng 6:1-7:50 2 Cor 1:23-2:17 Ap V (III):160-166 [281-287]
Tue:	1 Kng 7:51-8:21 2 Cor 3:1-18 Ap V (III):167-169 [288-290]
Wed:	1 Kng 8:22-30, 46-63 2 Cor 4:1-18 Ap V (III):170-176 [291-297]
Thu:	1 Kng 9:1-9; 10:1-13 2 Cor 5:1-21 Ap V (III):177-182 [298-303]
Fri:	1 Kng 11:1-26 2 Cor 6:1-18 Ap V (III):183-191 [304-312]
Sat:	1 Kng 11:42-12:19 2 Cor 7:1-16 Ap V (III):192-194 [313-315]
Sun:	1 Kng 12:20-13:5, 33-34 1 Kng 14:1-16:28 2 Cor 8:1-24 Ap V (III):195-204 [316-325]