

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Hymns: 540, 683, 845, 685

Catechism Reading

P The Lord's Prayer, the Fifth Petition

C **And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

P What does this mean?

C **We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.**

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 Anniss (health); Roger (cancer); Bobbie (health); Tim (health); Sarah & family (cancer); Rita Janes (cancer)

ELCE

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

The Church of God

Lutheran Church of the Republic of Chile; Holy Trinity CofE; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
THE FORMULA OF CONCORD: SOLID DECLARATION
ARTICLE V: LAW AND GOSPEL

As the distinction between the Law and the Gospel is a special brilliant light, which serves to the end that God's Word may be rightly divided, and the Scriptures of the holy prophets and apostles may be properly explained and understood, we must guard it with especial care, in order that these two doctrines may not be mingled with one another, or a law be made out of the Gospel, whereby the merit of Christ is obscured and troubled consciences are robbed of their comfort, which they otherwise have in the holy Gospel when it is preached genuinely and in its purity, and by which they can support themselves in their most grievous trials against the terrors of the Law.

Therefore, we unanimously believe, teach, and confess that the Law is properly a divine doctrine, in which the righteous, immutable will of God is revealed, what is to be the quality of man in his nature, thoughts, words, and works, in order that he may be pleasing and acceptable to God; and it threatens its transgressors with God's wrath and temporal and eternal punishments. ...

Thus, the Law reproves unbelief, namely, when men do not believe the Word of God. Now, since the Gospel, which alone properly teaches and commands to believe in Christ, is God's Word, the Holy Ghost, through the office of the Law, also reproves unbelief, that men do not believe in Christ, although it is properly the Gospel alone which teaches concerning saving faith in Christ.

However, now that man has not kept the Law of God, but transgressed it, his corrupt nature, thoughts, words, and works fighting against it, for which reason he is under God's wrath, death, all temporal calamities, and the punishment of hell-fire, the Gospel is properly a doctrine which teaches what man should believe, that he may obtain forgiveness of sins with God, namely, that the Son of God, our Lord Christ, has taken upon Himself and borne the curse of the Law, has expiated and paid for all our sins, through whom alone we again enter into favor with God, obtain forgiveness of sins by faith, are delivered from death and all the punishments of sins, and eternally saved.

... Therefore every penitent sinner ought to believe, that is, place his confidence in the Lord Christ alone.

Paragraphs 1, 17, 19–20, 22

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HYMN SUMMARY: Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me (LSB 683)

Paul Gerhardt (1607–76) scarcely needs an introduction among Lutherans, who for generations have loved his hymns. Today's hymn of the day is actually a summary of Gerhardt's original, written by the founder of Methodism, John Wesley (1703–91). He uses a different meter from what Gerhardt chose, and from that summary the *LSB* contains four verses. Gerhardt's original had sixteen verses. One such missing verse, which I have gathered from a translation other than Wesley's goes like this:

My Saviour, Thou in love and grief
Didst go to peril, death and loss,
Yea, as a murderer and thief,
Mocked, spat on, wounded on the cross;
Ah, let Thy wounds pierce deep in me
That I Thy love may always see.

The hymn speaks of God's love, which is shown in the actions of the Good Samaritan of today's Gospel. Jesus is the Good Samaritan who does what the Law cannot, binds up our wounds and places us in the church to be taken care of. There is no love that we can show to our neighbor without knowing Christ's love first. While interpreting Wesley's summary, we should keep in mind that faith receives this love by means of God's Word, as Gerhardt originally described.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

The regular meeting of the Voters' Assembly will take place after the service next Sunday (6 September) at the Scout Hall. Please forward any items for the *Agenda* to *Calvin* by Wednesday. Likewise, please send *reports* to *Sarah* by Wednesday for distribution.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This week

Wed	10.30 am 7 pm 7.30 pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub) <i>Installation of Pr. Kriger at Resurrection LC, Cambridge</i> Bible study (The Parsonage)
Thu	7 pm	Christians Together in Fareham meeting
Sat	5.30 pm	Saturday Supper (Scout Hall)
Sun	10.30 am 12.15 pm	Divine Service (Scout Hall) Voters' Assembly

Next Month

9 Sep	10.30 am 2 pm 7.30 pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub) Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge Bible study (Parsonage)
12 Sep	<i>Executive Council Meeting</i>	<i>(Luther-Tyndale LC, Kentish Town)</i>
13 Sep	10.30 am 4.30 pm	Divine Service (Scout Hall) Divine Service at Brighton Mission
16 Sep	10.30 am 7.30 pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub) 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 2 pm 7.30 pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub) Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall Bible study (Parsonage)
27 Sep	10.30 am 3 pm 4.30 pm	Divine Service (Scout Hall) Bible study at Oxford Mission Divine Service at Oxford Mission
30 Sep	7 pm	Divine Service (St. Francis)—Michaelmas

Daily Readings:

Sun:	1 Kings 12:20–13:5, 33–34 1 Kng 14:1–16:28 2 Corinthians 8:1–24 <i>Apology of the Augsburg Confession</i> V (III):195–204 [316–325]
Mon:	1 Kng 16:29–17:24 2 Cor 10:1–13:13 2 Cor 9:1–15 Ap V (III):205–212 [326–333]
Tue:	1 Kng 18:1–19 Eph 1:1–23 Ap V (III):213–222 [334–343]
Wed:	1 Kng 18:20–40 Eph 2:1–22 Ap V (III):223–234 [344–355]
Thu:	1 Kng 19:1–21 1 Kng 20:1–22:53 Eph 3:1–21 Ap V (III):235–240 [356–361]
Fri:	2 Kng 2:1–18 Eph 4:1–24 Ap V (III):241–248 [362–369]
Sat:	2 Kng 2:19–25; 4:1–7 Eph 4:25–5:14 Ap V (III):249–256 [370–377]
Sun:	2 Kng 4:8–22, 32–37 Eph 5:15–33 Ap V (III):257–261 [378–382]