

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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## *Rorate Coeli* (Fourth Sunday in Advent) 20 December 2015

**Hymns: 334, 357, 352, 352**

### **Catechism Reading**

- P** What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?
- C** These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins”, show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.
- P** How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?
- C** Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins”. These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins”.

### **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

O come, O Come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lowly exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee,  
O Israel

### **Volunteer Rota**

Today:	Music: Daniel—Sunday School: Calvin—Teas: Anne
Next week:	Music: Elias—Sunday School: Sarah—Teas: Sarah

## In Our Prayers

### Members

Ron; Frank

### Family of members

Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family;

Roly (dementia); Jane (mental health);

John (health); Philip (health); Rita Anniss (health); Claire Anniss (health)

### Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Trevor (unemployed);

Gus & Mae (health); Claire & Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast

cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Rob

(depression, cancer); Richard (mental

health); Bob Waters (cancer); Geoff

(cancer); Sally (health); Leanne (health);

Gina & family; Tim (health); Sarah &

family (cancer); Rita Janes (cancer);

Caroline Deans (cancer)

### ELCE

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bristol

Lutheran Mission, Pr. Bessel; ELCE

Central Office; Wendy Nicolson (cancer)

### The Church of God

Catholic Parish of Fareham & Portchester;

International Lutheran Council;

Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May;

Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed

Gurhan

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

### THE LARGE CATECHISM

#### THE THIRD COMMANDMENTS

Note, therefore, that the force and power of this commandment lies not in the resting, but in the sanctifying, so that a special *holy exercise* belongs to this day. For other works and occupations are not properly called holy exercises, unless the person is holy first. But here a work is to be done by which a person is himself made holy. This is done (as we have heard) only through God's Word. For this reason, particular places, times, persons, and the entire outward order of worship have been created and appointed, so that there may be order in public practice.

So much depends upon God's Word. Without it, no holy day can be sanctified. Therefore, we must know that God insists upon a strict observance of this commandment and will punish all who despise His Word and are not willing to hear and learn it, especially at the time appointed for the purpose.

Paragraphs 94–95

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## HYMN OF THE DAY: O COME, O COME EMMANUEL (LSB357)

An unknown author of the 12th century brings us one of Christendom's most beloved Advent hymns. Each stanza is taken from the Book of Isaiah proclaiming different titles for the Son of God.

In fine print LSB includes this note "This hymn is based on seven ancient antiphons that were used at Vespers during the last seven days of Advent." (An antiphon is a short verse which aids in establishing the theme of the day. It is often sung at the beginning and again at the end of a Psalm, such as the Introit.)

Each of the seven 'O' antiphons was appointed for a different day between 17–23 December, culminating with "Emmanuel". The first letters of the antiphons formed an acrostic: read backwards, they spell "ERO CRAS", meaning "Tomorrow I will come"—an answer to the prayer of this hymn.

**Emmanuel** – "God with us," – "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Emmanuel." (Isaiah 7:14)

**Wisdom from on high** – "And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding..." (11:2)

**Lord of Might** – "For the LORD is our Judge; the LORD is our Lawgiver; the LORD is our King; He will save us." (33:22)

**Branch of Jesse's tree** – "There shall come forth a Shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch from his roots shall bear Fruit." (11:1)

**Key of David** - And I will place on His shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. (22:22)

**Dayspring from on high** - The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has Light shined. (9:2)

**King of Peace** - For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (9:6)

*Rev. Adrian N. Sherrill*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### This week

Tue	11 am	Christmas Carols at Merry Hall
	2:30 pm	Christmas Carols at Willow Tree Lodge
Wed	2 pm	Christmas Carols at Kiln Lodge
	3 pm	Christmas Carols at Hunters Lodge
	7 pm	Advent Vespers (St. Francis)
Thu	11 pm	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
Fri	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
Sun	10 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

### Next Month

2 Jan	5.30 pm	Saturday Supper (Scout Hall)
3 Jan	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
6 Jan	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	6.45 pm	Divine Service (St. Francis) — Epiphany
10 Jan	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	12.15 pm	Voters' Assembly
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Lutheran Mission
13 Jan	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
	6.45 pm	Divine Service (St. Francis) — Baptism of Our Lord
17 Jan	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)—Transfiguration
	6 pm	Youth Club
20 Jan	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	7.30 pm	Bible study at the Parsonage
24 Jan	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	3 pm	Bible study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
27 Jan	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
	7.30 pm	Bible study at the Parsonage
30 Jan	5.30 pm	Saturday Supper (Scout Hall) with Westfield House Students
31 Jan	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)—Westfield House Sunday

### **Daily Readings:**

Sun: Isaiah 40:18–41:10 Revelation 8:1–13 *Large Catechism I:167–178*

Mon: Is 42:1–25 Rev 9:1–12 *LC I:179–188*

Tue: Is 43:1–24 Rev 9:13–10:11 *LC I:189–198*

Wed: Is 43:25–44:20 Rev 11:1–19 *LC I:199–210*

Thu: Is 44:21–45:13, 20–25 *Daniel 10:1–12:13 and Isaiah 48:1–22* Rev 12:1–17 *LC I:211–221*

Fri: Is 49:1–18 Matthew 1:1–17 *LC I:222–233*

Sat: Is 49:22–26; 50:4–51:8, 12–16 Matt 1:18–25 *LC I:234–244*

Sun: Is 51:17–52:12 Matt 2:1–12 *LC I:245–253*