

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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## The Transfiguration of Our Lord 17 January 2016

**Hymns: 873, 413, 414, 417**

### Catechism Reading

**P** The Third Commandment

**C** Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

### Volunteer Rota

Today: Music: Daniel—Sunday School: Calvin—Teas: Averil

Next week: Music: David—Sunday School: Diane—Teas: Sarah

### In Our Prayers

#### Members

Ron; Frank; Carol

#### 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 (cancer); Bob Waters (cancer); Geoff (cancer); Rita Janes (cancer); Caroline

Deans (cancer); Richard (mental health); Sally (health); Leanne (health); Gina & family; Tim (health); family of †Sarah

#### ELCE

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Pr. Samiec; ELCE Committee on Worship; ELCE University students; Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Pr. Stilve & family

#### The Church of God

Fareham Baptist New Life Church; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD**  
**FORMULA OF CONCORD: SOLID DECLARATION**  
**ARTICLE II: FREE WILL**

The eternal Father calls down from heaven about His dear Son and about all who preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name, “Listen to Him” (Matthew 17:5).

All who want to be saved ought to listen to this preaching. For the preaching and hearing of God’s Word are the Holy Spirit’s instruments. By, with, and through these instruments the Spirit desires to work effectively, to convert people to God, and to work in them both to will and to do.

A person can hear and read this Word outwardly, even though he is not yet converted to God and regenerate. As said above, a person even since the fall has a free will to a certain extent in these outward things. So he can go to church and listen or not listen to the sermon.

God works through this means (i.e., the preaching and hearing of His Word). He breaks our hearts and draws us to Him. Through the preaching of the Law, a person comes to know his sins and God’s wrath. He experiences in his heart true terrors, contrition, and sorrow. Through the preaching of, and reflection on, the Holy Gospel about the gracious forgiveness of sins in Christ, a spark of faith is kindled in him. This faith accepts the forgiveness of sins for Christ’s sake and comforts itself with the Gospel promise. So the Holy Spirit (who does all this) is sent into the heart.

... If a person will not listen to preaching or read God’s Word, but despises God’s Word and community, and so dies and perishes in his sins, he cannot comfort himself with God’s eternal election or receive His mercy. For Christ, in whom we are chosen, offers to all people His grace in the Word and holy Sacraments. He sincerely wants it to be heard. He has promised that where two or three are gathered together in His name and have His holy Word, He will be in their midst.

Paragraphs 51–57

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## Hymn of the Day: O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair

This mediæval hymn is found in the *Sarum Breviary*, a service book for the Daily Office (Matins, Vespers, etc.) following the form of worship at Salisbury Cathedral, which was used in most of England until the Reformation. The *Sarum Breviary* included a large number of hymns not known from elsewhere, including this one for the Feast of the Transfiguration. Its author is not known.

The text is simple yet profound. On the surface, it comes across as a simple summary of the events of the Transfiguration. However, throughout the narrative, the unknown poet adds comments that explain the meaning and significance of what the disciples witnessed.

This hymn was translated by John Mason Neale (1818–66), who rendered dozens of ancient hymns from Latin and Greek into English in order to restore them to common use in the English-speaking church. The version we have today is a slightly abbreviated and altered form of Neale's translation.

The tune is a 15<sup>th</sup> century English ballad known as the Agincourt Carol, celebrating Henry V's 1415 victory over the French. The name 'Deo Gratias' ('Thanks be to God') comes from the refrain of the ballad.



## BIBLE STUDY IS BACK

Our weekly Bible study will resume this Wednesday. The Bible study meets at 7.30 pm at the Parsonage.

The current topic is the letter to the Romans. This week, we will study the second half of chapter 6.

It might be an idea to read the chapter before we meet, as a refresher. If you have the time, why not read the first six chapters?

As always, the Bible study will be live online and you can join it via a computer, tablet or smartphone. Speak to the pastor to find out more.

A recording of the evening's discussion will be posted on the church website for listening on demand.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### This week

Today	6 pm	Youth Club
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	7. 30 pm	Bible study (The Parsonage)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	3 pm	Bible study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission

### Next Month

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
3 Feb	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	7.30 pm	Bible Study (Parsonage)
7 Feb	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
10 Feb	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
	6.45 pm	Divine Service (St. Francis)—Ash Wednesday
14 Feb	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Lutheran Mission
15–16 Feb		Family Barnes Conference
17 Feb	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	7 pm	Lenten Vespers (St. Francis)
21 Feb	10. 30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
23 Feb	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
	7 pm	Lenten Vespers (St. Francis)

### **Daily Readings:**

Sun:	Ezekiel 39:1–10, 17–29 Romans 7:21–8:17 <i>Large Catechism III:71–84</i>
Mon:	Ezek 40:1–4; 43:1–12 <i>Ezek 40:5–42:20; 43:13–27</i> Rom 8:18–39 <i>LC III:85–98</i>
Tue:	Ezek 44:1–16, 23–29 Rom 9:1–18 <i>LC III:99–111</i>
Wed:	Ezek 47:1–14, 21–23 Rom 9:19–33 <i>LC III:112–124</i>
Thu:	Joel 1:1–20 Rom 10:1–21 <i>LC IV:1–16</i>
Fri:	Joel 2:1–17 Rom 11:1–24 <i>LC IV:17–31</i>
Sat:	Joel 2:18–32 Rom 11:25–12:13 <i>LC IV:32–46</i>
Sun:	Joel 3:1–21 Rom 12:14–13:14 <i>LC IV:47–55</i>