

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Invocavit (*First Sunday in Lent*) 14 February 2016

Hymns: 418, 656 (*Bulletin*), 630, 424

Catechism Reading

P The Seventh Commandment

C **You shall not steal.**

P What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbour's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.**

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); families
of †Gerry and of †Shirley

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Trevor (unemployed);
Gus & Mae (health); Claire & Phil
(health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast
cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Bob

Waters (cancer); Geoff (cancer); Caroline
Deans (cancer); Richard (mental health);
Sally (health); Leanne (health); Gina &
family; Tim (health); family of †Rob

ELCE

Kent Lutheran Mission, Pr. Ehlers;
LWLGB; Family Barnes Conference;
Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Pr. Edge
(health)

The Church of God

Living Word Church Fareham; Lutherans
in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Christian
Mission, Mohamed Gurhan

Volunteer Rota

Today: Music: Hanna—Sunday School: Barbara—Teas: Carol C.
Next week: Music: Carol—Sunday School: Calvin—Teas: Sarah

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD



1. A might - y fort - ress is our God, A trust - y
2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our
3. Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger
4. The Word they still shall let re - main Nor a - ny



shield and wea - pon; He helps us free from ev' - ry
loss ef - fect - ed; But for us fights the Va - liant
to de - vour us. We tremb - le not, we fear no
thanks have for it; He's by our side up - on the



need That hath us now o'er-tak - en. The old e - vil foe
One, Whom God Him - self e - lec - ted. Ask ye, Who is this?
ill, They shall not o - ver-pow'r us. This world's prince may still
plain With His good gifts and Spir - it. And take they our life,



Now means dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might Are
Je - sus Christ it is. Of Sa - ba - oth Lord, And
Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none, He's
Goods, fame, child, and wife, Let these all be gone, Our



his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his e - qual.
there's none oth - er God; He holds the field for - ev - er.
judged; the deed is done; One lit - tle word can fell him.
vic - t'ry has been won; The King - dom ours re - main - eth.

Text & Music: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Composite

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

LARGE CATECHISM

PART IV: BAPTISM

To be baptised in God's name is to be baptised not by men, but by God Himself. Therefore, although it is performed by human hands, it is truly God's own work. From this fact everyone may readily conclude that Baptism is a far higher work than any work performed by a man or a saint. For what work can we do that is greater than God's work?

But here the devil is busy to fool us with false appearances and lead us away from the God's work to our own works. ... We all think much more of the things that we do and merit ourselves. But the Scriptures teach this: Even though we collect in one pile the works of all [saints], however splendidly they may shine, they would not be as noble and good as if God should pick up a single straw. Why? Because the person [of God] is nobler and better. Here, then, we must not judge the person according to the works, but the works according to the person (Matthew 7:16–20), from whom they must get their nobility. But insane reason will not consider this. Because Baptism does not shine like the works that we do, it is valued as nothing.

From this now learn a proper understanding of the subject and how to answer the question of what Baptism is. It is not mere ordinary water, but water comprehended in God's Word and command and sanctified by them (Ephesians 5:26–27). So it is nothing other than a divine water. Not that the water in itself is nobler than other water, but that God's Word and command are added to it.

It is pure wickedness and blasphemy of the devil that now our “new spirits” mock at Baptism, leaving God's Word and institution out of it. They look on Baptism in no other way than as water that is taken from the well ...

Understand the difference, then. Baptism is quite a different thing from all other water. This is not because of its natural quality but because something more noble is added her. God Himself stakes His honour, His power and His might on it. Therefore, Baptism is not only natural water, but a divine, heavenly, holy, and blessed water, and whatever other terms we can find to praise it. This is all because of the Word, which is a heavenly, holy Word, which no one can praise enough. For it has, and is able to do, all that God is and can do (Isaiah 55:10–11).

Paragraphs 10–17

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Midweek services and Bible studies during Lent

During Lent, the Bible study will be held on **Thursdays** at 1.30 pm at the Parsonage.

An evening service will be held at St. Francis' Church, Funtley, **every Wednesday**, except in Holy Week (when it will be on Thursday).

Date	Time	Service
17 Feb	7 pm	Vespers (First Commandment)
24 Feb	7 pm	Vespers (Second & Third Commandments)
2 Mar	7 pm	Vespers (Fourth Commandment)
9 Mar	7 pm	Vespers (Fifth–Tenth Commandments)
16 Mar	6.45 pm	Divine Service—The Annunciation (observed)
24 Mar	7 pm	Divine Service—Maundy Thursday
25 Mar	12 noon	Good Friday Chief Service
26 Mar	8 pm	The Vigil of Easter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This week

Today	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Lutheran Mission
Mon–Wed		Family Barnes Conference
Wed	7 pm	Lenten Vespers (St. Francis)
Thu	1.30 pm	Funeral of Rob Langley (Wickham Road Cemetery)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club

This Month

24 Feb	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
	7 pm	Lenten Vespers (St. Francis)
25 Feb	1.30 pm	Bible Study (The Parsonage)
28 Feb	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)—Ladies' Guild Mites
	3 pm	Bible study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
6 Mar	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)— <i>Mothering Sunday</i>

Daily Readings:

Sun: Genesis 4:1–26 Mark 2:18–28 *Formula of Concord Solid Declaration I:1–4*

Mon: Gen 6:1–7:5 Mark 3:1–19 *FC SD I:5–15*

Tue: Gen 7:11–8:12 Mark 3:20–35 *FC SD I:16–32*

Wed: Gen 8:13–9:17 *Gen 9:18–11:26* Mark 4:1–20 *FC SD I:33–42*

Thu: Gen 11:27–12:20 Mark 4:21–41 *FC SD I:43–49*

Fri: Gen 13:1–18 *Gen 14:1–24* Mark 5:1–20 *FC SD I:50–57*

Sat: Gen 15:1–21 Mark 5:21–43 *FC SD I:58–62*

Sun: Gen 16:1–9, 15–17:22 Mark 6:1–13 *FC SD II:1–4*