

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Hymns: 902, 659, 629, 533

Catechism Reading

P The Ninth Commandment

C **You shall not covet your neighbour's house.**

P What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbour's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.**

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); Bob
Waters (cancer); Geoff (cancer); Caroline

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

ELCE

The congregations, missions & pastors of
the ELCE; Pr. Ehlers; ELCE Salary
Review Committee; Wendy Nicolson
(cancer); Pr. Edge (health)

The Church of God

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

Volunteer Rota

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

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

The rota is beginning to look quite empty again for coming weeks. If you are able to help, please sign up on the notice board at the back of the hall.

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

1. We believe, teach, and confess that, even though people who are truly believing and truly converted to God have been freed and exempted from the curse and coercion of the Law, they are still not without the Law on this account. They have been redeemed by God's Son in order that they may exercise themselves in the Law day and night (Ps. 119). Even our first parents before the fall did not live without Law. They had God's Law written into their hearts, because they were created in God's image (Gen. 1:26–27; 2:16–17; 3:3).

2. We believe, teach, and confess that the preaching of the Law is to be encouraged diligently. This applies not only for the unbelieving and impenitent, but also for true believers, who are truly converted, regenerate, and justified through faith.

3. Although believers are regenerate and renewed in the spirit of their mind, in the present life this regeneration and renewal is not complete. It is only begun. Believers are, by the spirit of their mind, in a constant struggle against the flesh. They struggle constantly against the corrupt nature and character, which cleaves to us until death. This old Adam still dwells in the understanding, the will, and all the powers of humanity. It is necessary that the Law of the Lord always shine before them, so that they may not start self-willed and self-created forms of serving God drawn from human devotion. The Law of the Lord is also necessary so that the old Adam may not use his own will, but may be subdued against his will. This happens not only by the warning and threatening of the Law, but also by punishments and blows, so that a person may follow and surrender himself as a captive to the Spirit (see 1 Cor. 9:27; Rom. 6:12; 7: 12; Gal. 5; 6:14; Ps. 119; Heb. 13:21; 12:1.).

4. Now, consider the distinction between the works of the Law and the fruit of the Spirit. We believe, teach, and confess that the works of the Law are those that are done according to the Law. They are called works of the Law as long as they are only forced out of a person by teaching the punishment and threatening of God's wrath.

5. Fruits of the Spirit, however, are the works wrought by God's Spirit, who dwells in believers. The Spirit works through the regenerate. These works are done by believers because they are regenerate <spontaneously and freely>. They act as though they knew of no command, threat, or reward. In this way God's children live in the Law and walk according to God's Law. St. Paul calls this the "law of Christ" and the "Law of my mind" in his letters (see Rom. 7:23–25; 8:7; 8:2). Para. 2–6

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord of Our Life

Jesus Christ, the Lord Who has the words of eternal life (John 6:68). Christ is the One who defeats Satan, the accuser, and helps His saints (Revelation 12:10). Though they are surrounded by foes with unfurled banners, yet the Lord's banner of love waves over his Church (Song of Solomon 2:4) and preserves her. Though darkness surrounds the believers, His light of the Gospel shines through the darkness. Though the Church is assaulted by devils, still the Lord's armour (Ephesians 6) defends her. This hymn is unusual in that the second stanza of the text is sturdy and loud; the text then tapers off from billows to prayers for peace. He brings His peace to our hearts, to the Church, to the world, and to the fullness of heaven.

Rev. Thomas E. Lock

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
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

Daily Readings:

Sun: Genesis 27:30–45; 28:10–22 Mark 9:1–13 *Formula of Concord Solid Declaration II:39–47*

Mon: Gen 29:1–30 *Gen 29:31–34:31* Mark 9:14–32 *FC SD II:48–54*

Tue: Gen 35:1–29 Mark 9:33–50 *FC SD II:55–60*

Wed: Gen 37:1–36 Mark 10:1–12 *FC SD II:61–66*

Thu: Gen 39:1–23 Mark 10:13–31 *FC SD II:67–73*

Fri: Gen 40:1–23 Mark 10:32–52 *FC SD II:74–83*

Sat: Gen 41:1–27 Mark 11:1–19 *FC SD II:84–90*

Sun: Gen 41:28–57 Mark 11:20–33 *FC SD III:1–7*

Voters' Assembly & Annual General Meeting

The Voters' Assembly and AGM will be held next Sunday after the service at Barbara's house (2 Southmead Road). All **agenda items** should be sent to Calvin by **Tuesday**. All **reports** should be circulated to members by **Wednesday**.

The AGM will need to elect a new **secretary**, and a new **chairman** (for one year, to complete the final year of the current chairman's term). All nominations should be passed on to the secretary (Sarah). This includes anyone who wants to put their name forward for either post.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This week

Today	3 pm	Bible study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	7 pm	Lenten Vespers (St. Francis)
Thu	1.30 pm	Bible Study (Parsonage)
Sat	5.30 pm	Saturday Supper (Scout Hall)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	12.30 pm	AGM & Voters' Assembly (2 Southmead Road)
	6 pm	Youth Club

Next Month

9 Mar	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
	7 pm	Lenten Vespers (St. Francis)
10 Mar	1.30 pm	Bible Study (Parsonage)
13 Mar	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Lutheran Mission
16 Mar	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	6.45 pm	Divine Service (St. Francis)—Annunciation of Our Lord
17 Mar	10.30 am	Bible Study (Parsonage)— <i>Please note the unusual time!</i>
19 Mar	<i>ELCE Executive Council Meeting (Christ Church, Petts Wood)</i>	
20 Mar	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)— <i>Palm Sunday</i>
	6 pm	Youth Club
24 Mar	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
24 Mar	7 pm	Divine Service (St. Francis)—Maundy Thursday
25 Mar	12 noon	Good Friday Chief Service
26 Mar	8 pm	Easter Vigil
27 Mar	<i>CLOCKS MOVE FORWARD ONE HOUR</i>	
	9 am	Easter breakfast
	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission