

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Rogate *Sixth Sunday of Easter* 1 May 2016

Hymns: 903, 766, 563, 821

Catechism Reading

P The Lord's Prayer, the Second Petition

C **Thy kingdom come.**

P What does this mean?

C **The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.**

P How does God's kingdom come?

C **God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.**

In Our Prayers

Members

Diane; Ron; Frank; Žina

Family of members

Debbie (health); Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; Roly (dementia); Jane (mental health); John (health); Philip (health); Rita Annis (health); Claire Annis (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); Caroline Deans (cancer);

Angela (tests); Janet (cancer); Sally (health); Leanne (health); Gina & family; Tim (health); Richard (mental health); Katie (depression)

ELCE

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Pr. Edge; Lutheran Radio UK; Wendy Nicolson (cancer); baby Christian Graham (cancer)

The Church of God

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

Volunteer Rota

Today: Music: Hanna—Sunday School: Sarah

Next week: Music: ??—Sunday School: Diane—Teas: Dot

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
THE LARGE CATECHISM
PART III: THE LORD’S PRAYER

We should be more encouraged and moved to pray because God has also added a promise and declared that it shall surely be done for us as we pray. He says in Psalm 50:15, “Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you.” And Christ says in the Gospel of St. Matthew, “Ask, and it will be given to you; ... for everyone who asks receives” (7:7–8). Such promises certainly ought to encourage and kindle our hearts to pray with pleasure and delight. For He testifies with His own Word that our prayer is heartily pleasing to Him. Furthermore, it shall certainly be heard and granted, in order that we may not despise it or think lightly of it and pray based on chance.

You can raise this point with Him and say, “Here I come, dear Father, and pray, not because of my own purpose or because of my own worthiness. But I pray because of Your commandment and promise, which cannot fail or deceive me.” Whoever, therefore, does not believe this promise must note again that he outrages God like a person who thoroughly dishonours Him and accuses Him of falsehood.

Besides this, we should be moved and drawn to prayer. For in addition to this commandment and promise, God expects us and He Himself arranges the words and form of prayer for us. He places them on our lips for how and what we should pray, so that we may see how heartily He pities us in our distress, and we may never doubt that such prayer is pleasing to Him and shall certainly be answered. This is a great advantage indeed over all other prayers that we might compose ourselves. For in our own prayers the conscience would ever be in doubt and say, “I have prayed, but who knows if it pleases Him or whether I have hit upon the right proportions and form?” Therefore, there is no nobler prayer to be found upon earth than the Lord’s Prayer. We pray it daily because it has this excellent testimony, that God loves to hear it. We ought not to surrender this for all the riches of the world.

Paragraph 19–23

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HYMN OF THE DAY: DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE (LSB 483)

“Repetition is the mother of learning,” they say. So we memorized Bible passages, the Catechism, and hymn verses by repeating them, line by line, until we knew them well. Why did we memorize them? So we could better internalize and believe and confess what the Bible teaches us.

Dr. Luther wrote the Catechism and his hymns to teach us, in memorable ways, the message of the Bible. He even wrote hymns to help us remember the message of each part of the Catechism.

Today’s chief hymn is one of those hymns, the one he wrote on The Lord’s Prayer. Each stanza is based on a line in the prayer, and helps us understand what we were memorizing when we learned his explanations of it from The Small Catechism. Whenever you feel like you’re just motoring through the prayer and don’t know what you’re praying, turn to this hymn. Here you will learn what goes into each phrase, you will learn what you should pray for in your own words, and your faith will be strengthened; perhaps you will even find yourself starting to think and talk as these hymns do. And if you have time this week, compare each stanza to each explanation. We are never done with learning what Jesus teaches us; you never know what He may teach you this time!

Rev. Brian Westgate

Congregational Life Conference

Please see the poster at the back of the church. Following the conference, Resurrection Lutheran Church are hosting a quiz night (including food & drink), to which everyone is warmly invited.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This week

Today	12.30 pm	Voters' Assembly (The Parsonage)
	6 pm	Youth Club
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
Thu	10.30 am	Bible Study (Parsonage)
	7 pm	Divine Service (Ascension)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4. 30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission

This Month

11 May	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
12 May	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
14 May		LWLGB Convention (Christ Church, Petts Wood)
15 May	10. 30 am	Divine Service—Pentecost (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
17–20 May		Christian Resources Exhibition (London Excel)
18 May	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
19 May	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
22 May	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
23–25 May		Pastors' Study Week (Westfield House)
26 May	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
29 May	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)— <i>Ladies' Guild Mites</i>
	6 pm	Youth Club

Daily Readings:

Sun:	Numbers 3:1–16, 39–48 Num 4:1–8:4 Luke 14:25–15:10 <i>Formula of Concord Solid Declaration VIII:88–96</i>
Mon:	Num 8:5–26 Luke 15:11–32 <i>FC SD IX; X:1–4</i>
Tue:	Num 9:1–23 Luke 16:1–18 <i>FC SD X:5–12</i>
Wed:	Num 10:11–36 Luke 16:19–31 <i>FC SD X:13–18</i>
Thu:	Num 11:1–23, 31–35 Luke 17:1–19 <i>FC SD X:19–25</i>
Fri:	Num 11:24–29; 12:1–16 Luke 17:20–37 <i>FC SD X:26–31</i>
Sat:	Num 13:1–3, 17–33 Luke 18:1–17 <i>FC SD XI:1–7</i>
Sun:	Num 14:1–25 Luke 18:18–34 <i>FC SD XI:8–13</i>