

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Hymns: 545, 696, 617, 757

Catechism Reading

P The Lord's Prayer, the Conclusion

C Amen.

P What does this mean?

C This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so".

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Frank; Žina

Family of members

Debbie (health); Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; Roly (dementia); Jane (mental health); John (health); Philip (health); Rita Anniss (health); Claire Anniss (health); Joan Fast (lung cancer); Doug (heart operation) & Myra

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Trevor (unemployed); Jim Ferguson (stroke); Gus & Mae (health); Claire & Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Bob Waters (cancer); Caroline Deans (cancer); Janet (cancer); Graham (cancer); Sally (health); Leanne (health); Gina &

family; Tim (health); Richard (mental health); Katie (depression); Karen (depression); Lynette Wiebusch (Alzheimer's)

ELCE

Brighton & Kent Lutheran Missions, Pr. Ehlers; Pr. Edge (health); Pr. Jamie Kriger (recovering from operation); Wendy Nicolson (cancer); baby Christian Graham (cancer); family of †Bill Quirk

The Church of God

Jean Finkenstadt (heart operation); China Evangelical Lutheran Church; Hill Park Baptist Church; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan

Volunteer Rota

Today: Music: Hanna—Sunday School: Sarah & Hanna—Teas: Carol

Next week: Music: Carol—Sunday School: Calvin & Michelle—Teas: Anne

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

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

This part now applies to our poor miserable life. Although we have and believe God's Word, do and submit to His will, and are supported by His gifts and blessings, our life is still not sinless. We still stumble daily and transgress because we live in the world among people. They do us much harm and give us reasons for impatience, anger, revenge, and such. Besides, we have the devil at our back. He attacks us from every side and fights—as we have heard—against all the previous petitions. So it is not possible to stand firm at all times in such a constant conflict.

There is here again great need for us to call upon God and to pray, "Dear Father, forgive us our trespasses." It is not as though He did not forgive sin without and even before our prayer. (He has given us the Gospel, in which is pure forgiveness before we prayed or ever thought about it.) But the purpose of this prayer is that we may recognize and receive such forgiveness. 89] The flesh in which we daily live is of such a nature that it neither trusts nor believes God (Romans 7:14-18). It is ever active in evil lusts and devices, so that we sin daily in word and deed (Genesis 6:5), by what we do and fail to do (James 2:15-16). By this the conscience is thrown into unrest, so that it is afraid of God's wrath and displeasure. So it loses the comfort and confidence derived from the Gospel. Therefore it is always necessary that we run here and receive consolation to comfort the conscience again.

But this should serve God's purpose of breaking our pride and keeping us humble. God has reserved this right for Himself: if anyone wants to boast of his godliness and despise others, that person is to think about himself and place this prayer before his eyes. He will find that he is no better than others (Romans 12:3) and that in God's presence all must tuck their tails and be glad that they can gain forgiveness. Let no one think that as long as he lives here he can reach such a position that he will not need such forgiveness (1 John 1:8). In short, if God does not forgive without stopping, we are lost.

Paragraphs 88–91

HYMN OF THE DAY: O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD (LSB 696)

Johann Heermann (1585–1647) was a Lutheran pastor in Silesia during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). During his time as pastor many of his congregation died from pestilence, especially during 1631. It is no wonder that Pastor Heermann could write such words as comfort as are found in this hymn.

We find true comfort in the merciful God alone, in the fountain ever flowing! A prayer for all times is for a “healthy frame,” not only to be healthy, but also to help others through one’s calling and vocation. It is so tempting to curse, swear, or speak out of turn; these betray a mistrust that God would actually work good in this vale of tears. Only forgiveness won by Jesus on the cross can set aside this mistrust. The final two stanzas are pure comfort, echoing the *Nunc dimittis* (Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace). Death for the Christian body is but sleep; the Christian soul does not die, but immediately is drawn to heaven at the death of the body. Christians now commend themselves to their Savior. Then, in splendor, Christians will rejoice over their salvation with all those who love his name.

Rev. Thomas E. Lock

**A Special Date for Your Diaries:
Family Fun Day—3–6 pm, 9 July**

The Mission Committee propose that we hold a family fun day on the afternoon of Saturday, 9 July. This would be an opportunity for us to bring together members of our community for a few hours’ of fun and games, together with food and drink.

The plan is to send an invitation to all the families whose children have been in our recent holiday clubs, but also to invite other family and friends.

We are planning to hold the event at the park by Fareham Leisure Centre. Guests are invited to bring a picnic for themselves; we will provide some additional refreshments.

We will also organise games and activities (e.g. rounders).

A sign-up sheet will appear on the noticeboard by next week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Today	6 pm	Youth Club
Mon–Tue		Pastor in Scotland
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor’s Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
	6.45 pm	Divine Service (St. Francis): Nativity of John the Baptist (obs.)
Thu	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Oxford Mission (Pr. Flor)

This Month

29 Jun	10:30 am	Pastor’s Drop-in (The Hub)
	6.45 pm	Divine Service (St. Francis): SS Peter & Paul
30 Jun	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
3 Jul	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)—The Visitation
	12.15 pm	Voters’ Assembly
	6 pm	Youth Club
6 Jul	10.30 am	Pastor’s Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
7 Jul	10.30 am	Bible study (The Parsonage)
9 Jul	3–6 pm	Family Fun Day
10 Jul	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission

Daily Readings:

Sun: Proverbs 22:1–21 John 18:1–14 *Augsburg Confession V–VI*

Mon: Prov 22:22–23:12 John 18:15–40 *AC VII–VIII*

Tue: Prov 24:1–22 John 19:1–22 *AC IX–XI*

Wed: Prov 25:1–22 *Prov 26:1–28* John 19:23–42 *AC XII–XIII*

Thu: Prov 27:1–24 *Prov 28:1–29:27* John 20:1–18 *AC XIV–XVI*

Fri: Prov 30:1–9, 18–33 John 20:19–31 *AC XVII–XIX*

Sat: Prov 31:10–31 John 21:1–25 *AC XX:1–18*

Sun: Joshua 1:1–18 Acts 8:1–25 *AC XX:19–40*