

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Today's hymns: 693, 555, *Supplement p. 54, 924*

Catechism

- P** The Lord's Prayer, the Third Petition
C **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**
P What does this mean?
C **The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**
P How is God's will done?
C **God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.**

Turn to the Introit on the laminated card.

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Sindy & Nikola

Family of members

Roly (dementia); Rita Annis (health); Claire Annis (health); Shirley Thomas (breast cancer); Jack & Joan Fast (dementia & lung cancer); Doug (heart operation) & Myra; Anssi (septicaemia)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Jim Ferguson (stroke); Eunice (cancer); Gus & Mae (health); Becky Varsogea (brain tumour); Claire & Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Bob Waters (cancer); Graham (cancer); John (cancer); Brian (cancer); Wally & Yvonne (stroke); Gina

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

Local Community

Caroline Deans (cancer); Leanne (health); Tina (depression); Treacher family

ELCE

Kent Lutheran Mission, Pr. Ehlers; Lutheran Women's League of Great Britain; Pr. Edge (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer); baby Christian Graham (cancer)

The Church of God

SS Peter & Paul CoffE; Ameer, Sana & daughters, Naveed (persecution); Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan

Volunteer Rota

Today: Music: Barbara—Sunday School: Sarah—Teas: Carol
Next week: Music: ??—Sunday School: Calvin & Carol—Teas: Rosemary

EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION

GEORG VON ANHALT

FOURTH SERMON ON THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR (1549)

It was highly necessary to instruct the people that the true worship and honour of Christ and of his Holy Sacrament does not consist in such external gestures or services alone, also that our dear Lord Christ did not institute this venerable Sacrament for the sake of seeing and worshipping or being present there for that purpose, but so that we would partake of it, as the Lord's words say, "Take, eat; take, drink," etc. These words have power and avail so much as to say, "This is My body; this is My blood; this do in remembrance of Me." ... Therefore, the Word is most important, through the power of which, from the institution of the Lord, the true body and blood of Christ are there. The Word teaches us what kind of treasure we have there, what we should use it for, and why Christ is there, so that true invocation and spiritual worship are enkindled in us.

Now, here we are not saying that one should not worship our dear Lord Jesus Christ in this Sacrament, being present, or that one should not hold this Sacrament with all honour and reverence. On the contrary, since these divine, almighty, true words are believed, all of this follows of itself, and not only in external gestures but also both externally and, first and foremost, in the heart, spirit, and truth. On account of this, such adoration of Christ is not thereby cancelled, but much rather, confirmed. For where the Word is rightly seen, considered, and believed, the adoration of the Sacrament will happen of itself. For whoever believes that Christ's body and blood are there (as there is plenty of evidence so to believe, and it is necessary so to believe), he cannot, to be sure, deny his reverence to the body and blood of Christ without sin. For I must confess that Christ is there when His body and blood are there. His words do not lie to me, and He is not separate from His body and blood.



Africanus Comes, Pzepofitus wazdeburgensis.

Georg III of Anhalt-Dessau (1507–53) was a German prince and priest who began his life in the ministry as an opponent of the Reformation but who by 1530 had become a Lutheran. From 1542 onwards, he also served as bishop. His life and work were marked both by profound personal piety and by a great desire for unity and peace, as a result of which he went about the reformation of the church in his principality carefully, avoiding unnecessary changes and unnecessary quarrels. The sermon from which this extract is taken was written to strengthen the Lutherans in his lands in the face of coming persecution. After it was written, he retired.

Youth Rally—Meal after Church

The eleven youngsters plus two of the leaders attending the youth rally will be joining us for worship on Sunday 26 February. They will travel home after the service.

It is customary for the hosting congregation to feed the youth before they set off for their journeys home. It would be lovely if we as many members as possible were able to stay behind after church for a sandwich lunch with the youth. A sign-up sheet will be posted next week.

Church Bank Account

If you haven't already, please can you make sure that all Standing Orders and other direct payments to the church bank account are now sent to:

SORT CODE: 40-52-40

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00030052

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

Tue	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
Thu	7.30 pm	Christians Together in Fareham AGM (Holy Trinity)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

Further Ahead

19 Feb	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
21 Feb	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
22 Feb	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
	6.45 pm	Divine Service (St. Matthias observed)
24 Feb	<i>St. Matthias</i>	
24–26 Feb		ELCE Youth Rally
26 Feb	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)— <i>Ladies' Guild Mites</i>
	3 pm	Bible study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
28 Feb	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
1 Mar	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	7 pm	Divine Service—Ash Wednesday
4 Mar	5.30 pm	Saturday Social (Scout Hall)

Daily Readings:

Sun: Job 8:1–22 John 4:27–45 *Smalcald Articles III III:10–19*

Mon: Job 9:1–35 John 4:46–54 *SA III III:20–28*

Tue: Job 10:1–22 John 5:1–18 *SA III III:29–45*

Wed: Job 11:1–20 John 5:19–29 *SA III IV–VII*

Thu: Job 12:1–6, 12–25 John 5:30–47 *SA III VIII*

Fri: Job 13:1–12 John 6:1–21 *SA III IX–XIII*

Sat: Job 13:13–28 John 6:22–40 *SA III XIV–XV*

Sun: Job 14:1–22 John 6:41–59 *Formula of Concord Epitome Summary:1–8*