

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Today's hymns: *Christ, the Word of God Incarnate* (bulletin), 413, 639, 417

Catechism

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.**

Turn to the Introit on the laminated card.

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Sindy & Nikola; David & Diane & family

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

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

Ipswich Lutheran Mission, Pr. Samiec; ELCE Board for Youth & Youth Rallies; Barnes Conference; Pr. Edge (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer); baby Christian Graham (cancer)

The Church of God

Catholic Parish of Fareham & Portchester; Ameer, Sana & daughters, Naveed (persecution); Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan

Volunteer Rota

Today: Music: Calvin—Sunday School: Barbara & Michelle—Teas: Carol

Next week: Music: Barbara—Sunday School: Sarah & ??—Teas: Diane

Music during Communion: Arvo Pärt, *Nunc Dimittis*

EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION**ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM****HOMILY 46, ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 6**

Let us then return from that table like lions breathing fire, having become terrible to the devil; thinking on our Head, and on the love which He has shown for us. Parents often entrust their offspring to others to feed. “But I,” says He, “do not so: I feed you with My own flesh, desiring that you all be nobly born, and holding forth to you good hopes for the future. For He who gives out Himself to you here, much more will do so hereafter. I have willed to become your Brother, for your sake I shared in flesh and blood, and in turn I give out to you the flesh and the blood by which I became your kinsman.”

This blood causes the image of our King to be fresh within us, produces beauty unspeakable, permits not the nobleness of our souls to waste away, watering it continually, and nourishing it. The blood derived from our food becomes not at once blood, but something else; whereas this blood does not so, but immediately waters our souls, and works in them some mighty power. This blood, if rightly taken, drives away devils, and keeps them afar off from us, while it calls to us Angels and the Lord of Angels. For wherever they see the Lord’s blood, devils flee, and Angels run together. This blood poured forth washed clean all the world; many wise sayings did the blessed Paul utter concerning it in the Epistle to the Hebrews. This blood cleansed the secret place, and the Holy of Holies. And if the type of it had such great power in the temple of the Hebrews, and in the midst of Egypt, when smeared on the door-posts, much more the reality. This blood sanctified the golden altar; without it the high priest dared not enter into the secret place. This blood consecrated priests, this in types cleansed sins. But if it had such power in the types, if death so shuddered at the shadow, tell me how would it not have dreaded the very reality? This blood is the salvation of our souls, by this the soul is washed, by this is beautiful, by this is inflamed, this causes our understanding to be more bright than fire, and our soul more beaming than gold; this blood was poured forth, and made heaven accessible.

OPENING HYMN: CHRIST, THE WORD OF GOD INCARNATE



1. Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of Ab - ra - ham;
2. Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bo - dy, food for soul;
3. Christ, the shoot that springs tri - umph - ant From the stump of Jes - se's tree;
4. Christ, our good and faith - ful Shep - herd, Watch - ing all your lambs and sheep;



Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther, Per - fect God, the great I AM;
Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en, Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole.
Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly.
Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold, Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep.



Christ, the light, You shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all;
Feed us with the food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be;
Graft us in - to You, O Sav - iour; Prune our hearts so we re - main
When we stray, Good Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home;



Light our path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
Quench our thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
Fruit - ful branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
Lamb of God, our Shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear your voice a - lone.

5. Christ, the way that leads unfailing
To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father,
Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
There to share Your wedding feast.
6. Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Today	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)—Westfield House Sunday
	3.30 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
Mon	2.45 pm	Funeral of Diana Lusby (Portchester Crematorium)
Tue	<i>No Bible study</i>	
Tue–Wed		Barnes Conference (Cambridge)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

Next Month

14 Feb	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
15 Feb	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
16 Feb	7.30 pm	Christians Together in Fareham AGM (Holy Trinity)
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)
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 Night (Scout Hall)

Daily Readings:

Sun:	Job 2:1–3:10 John 1:19–34 <i>Smalcald Articles II II:1–10</i>
Mon:	Job 3:11–26 John 1:35–51 <i>SA II II:11–24</i>
Tue:	Job 4:1–21 John 2:1–12 <i>SA II II:25–29; III</i>
Wed:	Job 5:1–27 John 2:13–25 <i>SA II IV:1–9</i>
Thu:	Job 6:1–13 John 3:1–21 <i>SA II IV:10–16</i>
Fri:	Job 6:14–30 John 3:22–4:6 <i>SA III I–II</i>
Sat:	Job 7:1–21 John 4:7–26 <i>SA III III:1–9</i>
Sun:	Job 8:1–22 John 4:27–45 <i>SA III III:10–19</i>