

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity 17 September 2017

Today's Hymns: 421, 713, 620, 811

Catechism

P The Tenth Commandment

C **You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, servants, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.**

P What is this?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not alienate, force or entice away our neighbour's wife, servants, or cattle, but urge them to stay and do their duty.**

Turn to the Introit on the laminated card.

Volunteer Rota

Today: Music: Barbara—Sunday School: Sarah & Erin—Teas: Averil

Next week: Music: ??—Sunday School: ?? & Carol—Teas: Dot

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Sindy & Nikola; Žina

Family of members

Roly (dementia); Ian (Parkinson's); Claire Anniss (health); Shirley Thomas (breast cancer); Jack & Joan Fast (dementia & lung cancer); Doug & Myra (health); Barry

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Jim Ferguson (stroke); Dell (spinal injury); Gus & Mae (health); Becky Varsogea (brain tumour); Claire & Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Charlotte (cancer); Graham (cancer); John (cancer); Brian (cancer); Wally & Yvonne (stroke); Doreen & Ray (health); Gina & family; Tim (health); Doris (health); Richard

(mental health); Lynette Wiebusch (Alzheimer's); Anne (recovering from cancer); Florrie (operation); Karran (broken leg)

Local Community

Leanne (health); Tina (depression); Treacher family; Zac (leukemia)

ELCE

Luther-Tyndale Memorial Church, Cheltenham Mission, Pr. Flor; Pr. Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer)

The Church of God

Confessional Lutheran Church of Chile; Holy Trinity CoffE; Ameer, Sana & daughters, Naveed, Jawid (persecution); Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan

HYMN OF THE DAY: FROM GOD CAN NOTHING MOVE ME (LSB 683)

This hymn was written by Ludwig Hembold (1532–98), a teacher, academic, poet and (in later life) pastor in central Germany. While he was serving as headmaster in Erfurt in 1563, a terrible plague broke out in the town, killing about 4,000 people. When a family of friends was about to flee the town, leaving the Hembolds behind, he wrote this hymn to console the two mothers about to be parted from one another.

The text is based on Ps. 73:23:

Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.

The author takes comfort in God's promise never to leave His own. Echoing the words of St. Paul in Romans 8, he reminds us that nothing can separate us from God's love—which is evident not only in all the earthly good we still enjoy but chiefly in all that Jesus Christ has done for us. Even if life should for a time be filled with suffering, God is faithful and He will eventually turn all sorrow into joy and, having destroyed death itself, give us eternal life.

The melody is a folk song that was very popular in France and elsewhere in the 16th and 17th centuries.

EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION

CYRIL OF JERUSALEM ON THE MYSTERIES IV

Christ on a certain occasion discoursing with the Jews said, "Unless you eat My flesh and drink My blood, you have no life in you." They not having heard His saying in a spiritual sense were offended, and went back, supposing that He was inviting them to eat flesh.

In the Old Testament also there was show bread; but this, since it belonged to the Old Testament, has come to an end; but in the New Testament there is Bread of heaven, and a Cup of salvation, sanctifying soul and body; for as the Bread corresponds to our body, so is the Word appropriate to our soul.

Consider therefore the Bread and the Wine not as bare elements, for they are, according to the Lord's declaration, the Body and Blood of Christ; for even though sense suggests this to you, yet let faith establish you. Judge not the matter from the taste, but from faith be fully assured without misgiving, that the Body and Blood of Christ have been granted to you.

Also the blessed David shall teach you the meaning of this, saying, "You prepare a table in the presence of my enemies." What he says means this: Before Your coming, the evil spirits prepared a table for men, polluted and defiled and full of devilish influence; but since Your coming, O Lord, You have prepared a table before me. When the man says to God, You have prepared before me a table, what other does

he indicate but that mystical and spiritual Table, which God has prepared for us over against, that is, contrary and in opposition to the evil spirits? And very truly; for that had communion with devils, but this with God. You have anointed my head with oil. With oil He anointed your head upon your forehead, for the seal which you have of God; that you may be made the engraving of the signet, Holiness towards God. And your cup intoxicates me, as very strong. You see that cup here spoken of, which Jesus took in His hands, and gave thanks, and said, “This is My blood, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

Adapted from *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, II:7, 151–152*

Reformation Celebrations and Events

22 Sep 7.30 pm	<i>A Monk's Tale</i>	Fareham Community Church. Tickets from the Hub, Holy Trinity and Café Imbizo
15 Oct 6 pm	Reformation talk by Pr. Simojoki, with Lutheran (LSB) Evening Prayer	St. Mary's, Portchester. The theme for the talk is “Christ Alone”
27 Oct 7 pm	Reformation Festival with <i>A Monk's Tale</i>	Luther-Tyndale Memorial Church, Kentish Town
29 Oct 10.30 am	Reformation Service	OSLC. A partial reconstruction of a communion service of the Reformation era.
29 Oct 6 pm	Performance of a Bach cantata for Reformation Day, with a talk by Pr. Simojoki	St. Mary's, Portchester. The theme for the talk is Luther's influence on church music
31 Oct 12 noon	Reformation lecture and service	Westminster Abbey. Tickets (free) available online

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

Today	12.15	Voters' Assembly & EGM
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 pm	Divine Service (St. Matthew)
Fri	7.30 pm	<i>A Monk's Tale</i> (Fareham Community Church)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Oxford Mission

Further Ahead

26 Sep	<i>No Bible study</i>	
27 Sep	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
29–30 Sep		ELCE Annual Synod (Resurrection, Cambridge)
27 Sep	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
29–30 Sep		ELCE Annual Synod (St. Peter's, Plymouth)
29 Sep	tbc	Divine Service—Michaelmas
1 Oct	10.30 am	Divine Service—Harvest Festival
		<i>Special Offering for Children's Outreach</i>
	12 noon	Harvest lunch
	6 pm	Youth Club
3 Oct	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
4 Oct	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
8 Oct	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

Daily Readings:

Sun:	2 Chronicles 36:1–23	<i>Philemon</i> 1–25	Colossians 4:1–18	<i>Apology of the Augsburg Confession Xlla (V):28–45</i>
Mon:	Nehemiah 1:1–2:10	<i>Haggai</i> 1:1–2:23	1 Timothy 1:1–20	<i>Ap Xlla (V):46–58</i>
Tue:	Neh 2:11–20; 4:1–6	1 Tim 2:1–15	<i>Ap Xlla (V):59–67</i>	
Wed:	Neh 4:7–23	1 Tim 3:1–16	<i>Ap Xlla (V):68–82</i>	
Thu:	Neh 5:1–16; 6:1–9, 15–16	1 Tim 4:1–16	<i>Ap Xlla (V):83–97</i>	
Fri:	Neh 7:1–4; 8:1–18	<i>Ezra</i> 1:1–10:19	1 Tim 5:1–16	<i>Ap XIIb (VI):1–15 [98–112]</i>
Sat:	Neh 9:1–21	1 Tim 5:17–6:2	<i>Ap XIIb (VI):16–24 [113–121]</i>	
Sun:	Neh 9:22–38	<i>Neh</i> 10:1–13:31	1 Tim 6:3–21	<i>Ap XIIb (VI):25–33 [122–130]</i>