

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Today's Hymns: *As Under Her Protecting Wing* (insert), 743, 625, 642

Catechism

P What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C **It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.**

P Where is this written?

C **The holy Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul, write:**

“Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: ‘Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.’

“In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, ‘Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’ ”

Turn to the Introit on the laminated card.

Volunteer Rota

Today: Music: ??—Sunday School: Barbara & ??—Teas: Dot

Next week: Music: ??—Sunday School: Carol & Michelle—Teas: Andrew

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In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Cindy & Nikola; Žina; Rosemary

Family of members

Mason (road accident); Alex, Sarah & family; Ian (Parkinson's); Claire Anniss (health); Shirley Thomas (breast cancer); Jack & Joan Fast (dementia & lung cancer); Doug & Myra (health); Barry (old age)

Friends of members

Family of †Gus; Family of †Doris; Ilse Kelly (old age); Jim Ferguson (stroke); Dell (spinal injury); Becky Varsogea (brain tumour); Claire & Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Charlotte (cancer); John (cancer); Brian (cancer); Gina & family; Tim (health); Lynette Wiebusch (Alzheimer's); Janet (cancer); Miriam

(tumour); David, Michael, Fiona & family (health); Joan & her brother (health); Sally (recovering from operation)

Local Community

Tina (depression); Treacher family

ELCE

Oxford Lutheran Mission, Pr. Kriger; ELCE Central Office; Pr. Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer); family of †Raili Stewart

The Church of God

Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; Fareham Baptist New Life Church; Ilahi family, Jawid (persecution)

Thanksgiving

Charlotte; Jeannette Clough; Karran; Tressey;

Raili Stewart Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held for Raili Stewart on

Wednesday, 21 March, 2.30 pm,

at Christ Lutheran Church, Petts Wood.

If you would like to attend, please let the pastor know so that Christ Church can be notified of numbers. Likewise, if you would like to share a lift, speak to the pastor (there are two spaces left).

THE FAITH OF THE FATHERS
READINGS FROM THE CHURCH FATHERS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

“The wonder of the miracle of Jesus feeding the five thousand surpasses human understanding.” What is most amazing, however, is what this miracle teaches us about the compassion and grace of God in Christ. Just as the loaves and fish never seem to end, so Our Lord’s mercy more than covers our need, more than comforts us in distress. God’s forgiveness more than exceeds whatever sin we may have done. God’s compassion is greater than our greatest tribulation. Our heart’s desire, the needs of our body and soul, our Jesus meets—and then some.” (St. Hilary)

“Those who cling to Our Lord’s Word, He teaches how they ought to trust him. He doesn’t use many words, but rather by action and deed shows that He can create what we need to eat, so that we do not doubt or think that provision is up to us, but rather place our heart and trust in Him. Such faith will not be disappointed nor permit us to suffer want. He provides for all our needs and makes sure we are well fed in body and soul.” (Martin Luther)

“In today’s Gospel, before Our Lord feeds the five thousand, He tests Philip. He did this, not to learn something He did not know, but so that Philip might recognize the slowness of his faith. His Lord knew of this, but Philip did not. But after he is tested, Philip recognizes both the truth and the miracle, and so his faith is strengthened. For the same reason, Our Lord often tests our faith. His desire is not to embarrass us, but to urge us to remember that we can rely on Him in every need.” (St. Bede the Venerable)

“We who live in Christ and receive His Eucharist—the food of salvation—ask for this bread to be given to us every day. For Christ says, “Anyone who eats My bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world.” So we receive life when we approach His body and share in the communion. For this reason we should be apprehensive and pray that no one has to abstain from this communion, lest they be separated from the body of Christ and be far from salvation. Christ has warned of this: “If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you will have no life in you.” We pray for our daily bread, Christ, to be given to us. With his help, we who live and abide in him will never be separated from his body and his grace.” (St. Cyprian)

“By the miraculous feeding of the five thousand, Our Lord Jesus encourages us to partake of a spiritual food. And He teaches that we should seek and expect nourishment for the soul from Him. For when He explains this miracle, He calls himself the bread from heaven and the true food. And so He says: ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. Do not labour for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.’ ” (Martin Luther)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Today	3.30 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
Tue	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
Wed	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
	7 pm	Lenten Vespers
Sat	6 pm	Youth Club (tbc)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

Further Ahead

20 Mar	<i>No Bible study</i>	
21 Mar	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2.30 pm	Raili Stewart Memorial Service (Christ Church, Petts Wood)
	7 pm	Lenten Vespers
25 Mar	<i>CLOCKS MOVE FORWARD ONE HOUR</i>	
	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)— <i>Palm Sunday. Ladies' Guild Mites</i>
	3 pm	Bible study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
27 Mar	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
28 Mar	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Wisteria Lodge
29 Mar	7 pm	Divine Service—Maundy Thursday
30 Apr	12 noon	Good Friday Chief Service
31 Apr	tbc	Easter Vigil
1 Apr	9 am	Easter breakfast (Scout Hall)
	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

Daily Readings:

Sun:	Genesis 41:28–57	Mark 11:20–33	<i>Formula of Concord Solid Declaration III:1–7</i>
Mon:	Gen 42:1–34, 38	Mark 12:1–12	<i>FC SD III:8–17</i>
Tue:	Gen 43:1–28	Mark 12:13–27	<i>FC SD III:18–23</i>
Wed:	Gen 44:1–18, 32–34	Mark 12:28–44	<i>FC SD III:24–29</i>
Thu:	Gen 45:1–20, 24–28	Mark 13:1–23	<i>FC SD III:30–35</i>
Fri:	Gen 47:1–31	<i>Gen 48:1–49:28</i>	Mark 13:24–37 <i>FC SD III:36–43</i>
Sat:	Gen 49:29–50:7, 14–26	Mark 14:1–11	<i>FC SD III:44–53</i>
Sun:	Exodus 1:1–22	Mark 14:12–31	<i>FC SD III:54–58</i>