

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Today's Hymns: *O Light of Light* (bulletin), 413, 414, 621, 417

### Catechism

**P** The Eighth Commandment

**C** You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

**P** What is this?

**C** We should fear and love God so that we do not lie about our neighbour, betray him, slander him, or give him a bad reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything.

*Turn to Confession and Absolution in the Order of Service.*

### Volunteer Rota

	Music:	Sunday School 1:	Sunday School 2:	Teas:
Today:	John	Carol	Hanna	Dot
Next week:	Daniel	Calvin	Michelle	Rosemary

### In Our Prayers

#### Members

Ron; Sindy & Nikola; Žina

#### Family of members

Alex, Sarah & family; Marie (health); Ian (Parkinson's); Claire Anniss (health); Doug & Myra (health); Jack Fast (dementia); Howard (health); Žanna (health); Rita (cancer); Steve (heart failure); Sheridan (health)

#### Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Becky Varsogea (brain tumour); Claire & Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Mick (terminal cancer); Charlotte (cancer); John & family (cancer); Brian (cancer); David (cancer); Tim (health); Lynette Wiebusch (Alzheimer's); Janet (cancer); Pauline (cancer); Sharon (brain tumour); Jenny (health); Michael

(health); Freddie & Grace (health); Anne & Richard (health); Albert (health)

#### Local Community

Tina (depression); Treacher family; Leanne (chronic pain); Alison (cancer)

#### ELCE

Ipswich Lutheran Mission, Pr. Samiec, ELCE Board for Youth & Youth Rally ; Pr. Roger and Emily Jones (health); Debbie Edge (recovery from surgery); Wendy Nicolson (cancer)

#### The Church of God

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; St. Peter & St. Paul CofE Amir family, Jawid (persecution)

## OPENING HYMN: O LIGHT OF LIGHT



1. O Light of light, by love in - clined, Je - su, Re -  
2. Thou who to raise our souls from hell Didst deign in  
3. More bright by day Thy face did show, Thy rai - ment  
4. Two pro - phets, that had faith to see, With Thine e -



deem - er of man - kind, With lov - ing - kind - ness  
flesh - ly form to dwell, Vouch - safe us, when our  
whit - er than the snow, When on the mount to  
lect found com - pa - ny, Where un - to each, di -



deign to hear From sup - pliant voic - es praise and prayer.  
race is run, In Thy fair bo - dy to be one.  
mor - tals blest Man's Mak - er Thou was man - i - fest.  
vine - ly shown, The God - head veiled in form was known.

5. The heav'ns above His glory named,  
The Father's voice the Son proclaimed;  
To whom, the King of glory now,  
All faithful hearts adoring bow.
6. May all who seek Thy praise aright  
Through purer lives show forth Thy light;  
So to the brightness of the skies  
By holy deeds our hearts shall rise.
7. Eternal God, to Thee we raise,  
The King of kings, our hymn of praise,  
Who Three in One and One in Three  
Doth live and reign eternally.

*Text: Anonymous (10<sup>th</sup> century); tr. Laurence Housman (1865–1959)*

*Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)*

### EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION

#### THE VENERABLE BEDE (354–430)

#### SERMON ON THE GOSPELS, HOMILY 1.24

If anyone asks what the Lord's garments, which became white as snow, represent typologically, we can properly understand them as pointing to the church of his saints [who] ... at the time of the resurrection will be purified from every blemish of iniquity and at the same time from all the darkness of mortality. Concerning the

Lord's garments the evangelist Mark remarks that "they became as bright as snow, such as no bleacher on earth can make them white". It is evident to everyone that there is no one who can live on earth without corruption and sorrow. So it is evident to all who are wise, although heretics deny it, that there is no one who can live on earth without being touched by some sin. But what a cleansing agent (that is, a teacher of souls or some extraordinary purifier of his body) cannot do on earth, that the Lord will do in heaven. He will purify the church, which is his clothing, "form all defilement of flesh and spirit," renewing [her] besides with eternal blessedness and light of flesh and spirit.

Thomas C. Oden & Christopher A. Hall (eds.), *Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture, New Testament II: Mark* (Downers Grove: IVP, 1998), 118.

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## The "Gesima" Season

The Liturgical preparation for Easter takes place through 3 periods or steps: pre-Lent, Lent and Passiontide. The first is the "-gesimas". These three Sundays before Lent constitute catechesis in the Grace of God in which that grace is examined from three perspectives:

**Septuagesima** (meaning "about 70 days")—Grace is undeserved.

The Collect for this Sunday implores God to graciously hear us, who are justly punished for our sin, so that we may be delivered by God's goodness. The goodness of God is emphasized in the parable (Matt 20:1-16), where all the labourers receive the reward because of the goodness of the landowner. So we too, receive the reward of eternal life, because God is good, and Another has borne the heat and burden of the day for us that we might have it.

**Sexagesima** (meaning "about 60 days")—Grace is passively received.

In the Collect, we pray to the God who sees that we put not our trust in anything we do, but mercifully defends us by His power. In the parable of the sower, the seed of God's Word is passively received in good and noble hearts.

**Quinquagesima** (meaning "about 50 days")—Grace is not easily understood.

In the Gospel, Jesus predicts His passion and the disciples "understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken." (Luke 18:34).

The three "Gesima" Sundays begin the Lenten Preparation for Easter. They take on the character of Lent, but mildly. The "Alleluias" are dropped, but pictures and Crosses remain unveiled and flowers may adorn the chancel. In the Gesimas, this provides a gradual progression of liturgical removals as we approach Passiontide.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### This Week

Today	3.30 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
Wed	10.45 pm	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
Thu	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth club

### Further Ahead

20 Feb	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
21 Feb	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
22–24 Feb		ELCE Youth Rally
24 Feb		<i>St. Matthias</i>
	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)—Ladies' Guild Mites
	3 pm	Bible study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Oxford Mission
27 Feb	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	5.30 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Hartwell Lodge
28 Feb	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	10.30 am	Bible study (Eastleigh)
2 Mar	5.30 pm	Community Fun Night (Scout Hall)
3 Mar	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
6 Mar	10.45 pm	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)

### Daily Readings:

Sun: Job 6:14–30 John 3:22–4:6 *Smalcald Articles III 1–II*

Mon: Job 7:1–21 John 4:7–26 *SA III III:1–9*

Tue: Job 8:1–22 John 4:27–45 *SA III III:10–19*

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

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

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

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

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

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