

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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## *Misericordias Domini*

### Third Sunday of Easter

5 May 2019

#### Today's Hymns:

461; *The Lord My Faithful Shepherd Is* (insert), 683; Alleluia, Alleluia (insert)

#### Catechism

**P** What is Confession?

**C** Confession consists of two parts. One is that we confess our sins. The other is that we receive absolution, or forgiveness, from the confessor, as from God Himself, by no means doubting but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

**P** Which sins should we confess?

**C** Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those of which we are unaware, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But before the confessor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

**P** Which are these?

**C** Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife or servant? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, lazy, angry, rude or quarrelsome? Have you hurt anyone by words or actions; have you have stolen, neglected or wasted anything, or done any harm?

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

#### Volunteer Rota

	Music:	Sunday School 1:	Sunday School 2:	Teas:
Today:	John		Diane	Dot
Next week:				

## In Our Prayers

### Members

Ron; Cindy & Nikola; Žina

### Family of members

Helen (health); Holly (health); Alex, Sarah & family; Marie (health); Geoffrey (depression); Ian (Parkinson's); Claire Annis (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); Claire & Phil (health); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Steve (stroke, heart failure); Charlotte (cancer); John & family (cancer); Brian (cancer); Tim (health); Lynette Wiebusch

(Alzheimer's); Janet (cancer); Pauline (cancer); Sharon (brain tumour); Jenny (health); Michael (health); Freddie & Grace (health); Anne & Richard (health); Jean (health); Albert (health); Tressey (mental health); family of †David

### ELCE

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Pr. Edge; LWLGB Convention; Pr. Roger and Emily Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer)

### The Church of God

Lutheran Church in Korea; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; Holy Trinity CofE; Amir family, Jawid (persecution)

## Marriage Enrichment Course:Volunteers Wanted

*From Christians Together in Fareham:*

For many years, Christians Together in Fareham have run a marriage preparation course called 'Love and Cherish'.

More recently, some of the people involved have been discussing the possibility of starting a marriage enrichment course—tentatively called "From This Day Forward". The idea would be to run a 4-evening course with the final evening incorporating a celebratory meal.

We are hoping to hold our first course proper in the Autumn term. The course will be similar in style to "Love and Cherish".

**We would like to run a pilot** on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019 to ensure the course material will work. However, for this to work we will need couples prepared to attend for the day version of the course. Ideally, we are hoping to have at least *one couple from each church* attend this so that they can help us refine the course and maybe become champions for it in your congregation.

*If you are interested in taking part, please write to Paul O'Beirne (paul@obeirne.org.uk) or Richard Wadsworth (richardw@farehamcommunitychurch.com).*

## ISRAEL 2020 UPDATE

The organisers are still 5 or 6 people short of the minimum number to make the trip viable.

A decision will be made in the next few weeks whether to go ahead. *If you would like to go, please let Pr. Jon Ehlers know **as soon as possible**.*

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### GETTING INTO THE CATECHISM CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Our churches teach that private Absolution should be retained in the churches, although listing all sins is not necessary for Confession. For, according to the Psalm, it is impossible. “Who can discern his errors?” (Psalm 19:12).

*The Augsburg Confession, Article 11: Confession*

Our churches teach that there is forgiveness of sins for those who have fallen after Baptism whenever they are converted. The Church ought to impart Absolution to those who return to repentance. Now, strictly speaking, repentance consists of two parts. One part is contrition, that is, terrors striking the conscience through the knowledge of sin. The other part is faith, which is born of the Gospel or the Absolution and believes that for Christ’s sake, sins are forgiven. It comforts the conscience and delivers it from terror. Then good works are bound to follow, which are the fruit of repentance.

*The Augsburg Confession, Article 12: Repentance, paragraphs 1–6*

Absolution, or the Power of the Keys, is an aid against sin and a consolation for a bad conscience; it is ordained by Christ in the Gospel. Therefore, Confession and Absolution should by no means be abolished in the Church. This is especially for the sake of timid consciences and untrained young people, so they may be examined and instructed in Christian doctrine.

But the listing of sins should be free to everyone, as to what a person wishes to list or not to list. For as long as we are in the flesh, we will not lie when we say, “I am a poor man, full of sin”; “I see in my members another law”; and such (Romans 7:23). Since private Absolution originates in the Office of the Keys, it should not be despised, but greatly and highly esteemed, along with all other offices of the Christian Church.

*The Smalcald Articles, Part III, Article 8: Confession, paragraphs 1–2*

From Paul McCain, ed., Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2005), 35–38, 280.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### This Week

Today	12.30 pm	Church Council Meeting
	6 pm	Youth Club
Wed	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
Thu	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
Sat		Lutheran Women's League of Great Britain Conference (St. Andrew's, Ruislip)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service
	3.30 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission

### Further Ahead

13–15 May Pastors' Study Week

16 May	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
19 May	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)—Pentecost
	12.15 pm	Voters' Assembly (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
22 May	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Hartwell Lodge
23 May	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
26 May	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)—Holy Trinity. <i>Ladies' Guild Mites</i>
	3 pm	Bible study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission

### Daily Readings:

Sun: Exodus 32:15–35 Luke 6:39–49 *Formula of Concord Solid Declaration VII:73–76*

Mon: Ex 33:1–23 Luke 7:1–17 *FC SD VII:77–84*

Tue: Ex 34:1–28 Luke 7:18–35 *FC SD VII:85–90*

Wed: Ex 34:29–35:21 Ex 35:22–38:20 Luke 7:36–50 *FC SD VII:91–103*

Thu: Ex 38:21–39:8, 22–23, 27–31 Luke 8:1–21 *FC SD VII:104–106*

Fri: Ex 39:32–40:16 Luke 8:22–39 *FC SD VII:107–115*

Sat: Ex 40:17–38 *Leviticus 1:1–7:38* Luke 8:40–56 *FC SD VII:116–123*

Sun: Leviticus 8:1–13, 30–36 Luke 9:1–17 *FC SD VII:124–128*

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