

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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## Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

6<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Today's Hymns: 490, 758, 625, 818

### Catechism

**P** The Lord's Prayer: The Introduction

**C** Our Father who art in heaven.

**P** What is this?

**C** Here God tenderly urges us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that we may ask Him confidently and with full conviction, as dear children ask their dear father.

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

### In Our Prayers

#### Members

Ron; Sindy & Nikola; Žina; Reg; Mike

#### Family of members

Ava (bone infection); Holly (health); Mike (Alzheimer's); Geoffrey (depression); Ian (Parkinson's); Doug & Myra (health); Jack Fast (dementia); Howard (health); Žanna (health); Sheridan (health); Rossella (health), Marian (old age); Holly

**ELCE**  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Pr. Samiec; Pr. Roger and Emily Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer)

#### Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Claire & Phil (health); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Charlotte (cancer); John & family (cancer); Brian (cancer); Tim (health); Lynette Wiebusch (Alzheimer's); Janet (cancer); Pauline (cancer); Sharon (brain tumour); Joby Beresford (cancer);

Bobbie (heart attack); Jenny (health); Michael (health); Freddie & Grace (health); Anne, Clive & Richard (health); Albert (health); Doreen (health)

**The Church of God**  
Lutheran Church Synod of Nicaragua; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; Hill Park Baptist Church; Amir family

#### Thanksgiving

Claire Annis

### Volunteer Rota

	Music:	Sunday School 1:	Sunday School 2:	Teas:
Today:	Calvin	John	Erin	Sarah
Next week:	John	Barbara	Sarah	Anne

## **HYMN SUMMARY: THE WILL OF GOD IS ALWAYS BEST**

Albrecht von Preussen was the first ruler to establish Lutheranism as the official religion of his realm. He was convinced of the Gospel by Martin Luther during a visit to Saxony. His hymn is a contemplation on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Thy will be done". We confess in Luther's Small Catechism that God's will is done "when God breaks and hinders every evil counsel and intention which would not let us hallow the name of God nor let His kingdom come, such as the will of the devil, the world, and our flesh; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until our end. This is His gracious and good will."

Death is the ultimate question concerning God's will. Is it God's will that we die? We know that the wages of sin is death, but we also know that God does not desire the death of a sinner, but that he turns from his evil way and live. It was God's will to send his Son Jesus to taste death for us everyone (Heb. 2:9). And it is this Son, who is our brother, who raised the son of the widow of Nain. It is only through Christ that we can say, "Thy will be done", because he himself fulfilled God's will for us in his own body through death and resurrection. This hymn can only be sung with this knowledge in the back of our minds.

The melody for this hymn is a simplified version of a secular song by the early Renaissance composer Claudin de Sermisy (the original version of the tune is used for LSB 714). de Sermisy was a composer of a large body of sacred music, but he is particularly well known as the composer of nearly 200 *chansons*.

## **Extraordinary General Meeting of the Voters' Assembly**

At the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England, Resolution 5 was adopted by a majority. Since this resolution effects a change in the constitution of the ELCE, it needed to pass by a majority of 2/3 (which it did).

Moreover, every congregation has the right to lodge a vote of dissent against this decision. Should at least one quarter of congregations lodge a vote of dissent, the resolution will not become effective. Any such dissent must be communicated to the secretary of the Executive Council by 30 October.

Therefore, an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Voters' Assembly of Our Saviour Lutheran Church is to be held on Sunday 13 October, following Divine Service. The only agenda item in this meeting will be whether the congregation will lodge a dissent against Resolution 5.

The text of the Resolution is given below:

### **5. Restructure Resolution (Submitted by the Executive Council)**

Whereas the Christian Church is defined as the body of believers gathered around the Gospel rightly taught and the Sacraments correctly administered (CA VII); and

Whereas the ELCE comprises congregations which subscribe to the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired and infallible Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and practice and to the Symbolical books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as a true statement and exposition of the Holy Scriptures, to wit: The Apostles' Creed, The Nicene Creed, The Athanasian Creed, The Unaltered Augsburg Confession, The Apology of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, The Smalcald Articles, The Small Catechism, The Large Catechism and The Formula of Concord; and

Whereas the ELCE exists within temporal structures; and

Whereas the ELCE needs to restructure in conformity with British legislation and the guidance of the Charity Commission;

Be it resolved that the ELCE become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation of member CIOs from the following: - individual congregations of the ELCE; and - other CIOs which operate as auxiliaries of the Church (for example and not limited to education and social care).

Be it further resolved that all the Governing Documents pertaining to the Church, and to the charities, and to the relationships within the ELCE CIO be presented at the next Synod for adoption.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### This Week

Today	6 pm	Youth Club
Wed	10.30 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)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	12.20 pm	EGM of the Voters' Assembly (see p. 3 of this bulletin)
	3.30 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine service at Brighton Mission

### Further Ahead

16 Oct	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
17 Oct	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
18 Oct		<i>St. Luke</i>
20 Oct	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	12.15 pm	Church Council Meeting
	6 pm	Youth Club
24 Oct	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Hartwell Lodge
25–27 Oct		Pastor in Norway
25 Oct	7.30 pm	Reformation Service at Luther Tyndale (Kentish Town)
27 Oct	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)—Reformation Sunday
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Oxford Mission (Pr. Kriger)

### Daily Readings:

Sun:	Deuteronomy 5:22–6:9	Matthew 9:1–17	<i>Apology of the Augsburg Confession XV (VIII):22–30</i>
Mon:	Deut 6:10–25	Matt 9:18–38	<i>Ap XV (VIII):31–44</i>
Tue:	Deut 7:1–19	Matt 10:1–23	<i>Ap XV (VIII):45–52</i>
Wed:	Deut 8:1–20	Matt 10:24–42	<i>Ap XVI:53–60</i>
Thu:	Deut 9:1–22	Matt 11:1–19	<i>Ap XVI:61–65; XVII (66)</i>
Fri:	Deut 9:23–10:22	Matt 11:20–30	<i>Ap XVIII (67–76); XIX (77)</i>
Sat:	Deut 11:1–25	Matt 12:1–21	<i>Ap XX:78–85</i>
Sun:	Deut 11:26–12:12	Matt 12:22–37	<i>Ap XX:86–92</i>

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