

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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## Sixth Sunday after Trinity 12 July 2015

**Hymns: 562, 579, *In Christ Alone*, 693**

### Catechism Reading

**P** The Lord's Prayer, the Second Petition

**C** **Thy kingdom come.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.**

**P** How does God's kingdom come?

**C** **God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.**

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### In Our Prayers

#### Members

John & Dot; Rosemary; Ron; Frank

#### Family of members

Patrick Rankin; Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; Roly (dementia); Jane (mental health); John (health); Philip (health)

#### Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Trevor (unemployed); Gus & Mae (health); Claire and Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Rob (depression); Bob Waters (cancer); Ronnie (cancer); Geoff (cancer); Sally (health); Leanne (health); Gina & family; Rita Anniss (health); Claire Anniss

(health); Julie Gardiner (health); Roger (cancer); Bobbie (health); Tim (health); Sarah & family (cancer); Rita Janes (cancer)

#### ELCE

Oxford Lutheran Mission; Pastors on CRM (Prs. Fry & Cowan); *The British Lutheran*; Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Raili Steward (health); Prs. Edge (health)

#### The Church of God

Evangelical Lutheran Church Synod of France; Hill Park Baptist Church; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan

## In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone!— who took on flesh, Full-ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in



song; This Cor - ner - stone, this so - lid Ground, Firm through the  
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, Scorned by the  
slain: Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day Up from the  
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -



fier - cest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of  
ones He came to save: Till on that cross as Je - sus  
grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to -  
mands my des - ti - ny. No power of hell, no scheme of



peace, When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - fort -  
died, The wrath of God was sa - tis - fied— For eve - ry  
ry Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am  
man, Can ev - er pluck me from His hand; Till He re -



er, my all in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.  
His and He is mine— Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
turns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD**  
**THE APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION**  
**ARTICLE V: LOVE AND FULFILLING THE LAW**

On this topic the adversaries quote against us: “If you would enter life, keep the commandments” (Matthew 19:17); likewise, “It is the doers of the law who will be justified” (Romans 2:13), and many other things about the Law and works. Before we reply to this, we must first *declare what we believe about love and the fulfilling of the Law*.

I will put My Law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:33)

Do we overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the Law. (Romans 3:31)

If you would enter life, keep the commandments. (Matthew 19:17)

But [if I] have not love, I gain nothing. (1 Corinthians 13:3)

These and similar sentences testify that we are to keep the Law when we have been justified by faith, and so grow in fulfilling the Law more and more (by the Spirit). Furthermore, we are not talking about ceremonies, but about the Law that addresses the movements of the heart, namely the Ten Commandments. 4] Faith brings the Holy Spirit and produces a new life in hearts. It must also produce spiritual movements in hearts. The prophet Jeremiah shows what these movements are when he says, “I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts” (Jeremiah 31:33). Therefore, when we have been justified by faith and regenerated, we begin to fear and love God, to pray to Him, to expect aid from Him, to give thanks and praise Him, and to obey Him in times of suffering. We also begin to love our neighbours, because our hearts have spiritual and holy movements.

These things cannot happen until we have been justified through faith and regenerated (we receive the Holy Spirit). That’s because the Law cannot be kept without Christ; likewise, the Law cannot be kept without the Holy Spirit. But the Holy Spirit is received through faith, as Paul declares in Galatians 3:14, “that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.” Also remember, how can the human heart love God while it knows that He is terribly angry and is oppressing us with earthly and endless distress? The Law always accuses us. It always shows that God is angry. God is not loved until we receive mercy through faith. Not until then does He become someone we can love.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### This week

Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30 pm	Divine Service (Brighton Mission)
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
Thu	7.30 pm	Bible study (The Parsonage)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club

### This Month

22 Jul	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
23 Jul–17 Aug		Pastor on annual leave

### Daily Readings:

Sun:	Judges 7:1–23	Judg 7:24–12:15	Galatians 1:1–24	Augsburg Confession XXVIII:61–78
Mon:	Judg 13:1–25	Ruth 1:1–4:22	Gal 2:1–21	AC Conclusion
Tue:	Judg 14:1–20	Gal 3:1–22	Apology of the Augsburg Confession Greeting:1–19	
Wed:	Judg 15:1–16:3	Gal 3:23–4:11	Ap I, II (I):1–4	
Thu:	Judg 16:4–30	Judg 17:1–21:25	Gal 4:12–31	Ap II (I):5–22
Fri:	1 Samuel 1:1–20	Gal 5:1–26	Ap II (I):23–34	
Sat:	1 Sam 1:21–2:17	Gal 6:1–18	Ap II (I):35–51	
Sun:	1 Sam 2:18–36	Acts 15:22–41	Ap III, IV (II):1–11	

### Reminder from the Nominations Committee

If you have been nominated for a post on a board or committee of the ELCE, please send your reply back to Mike Jennings ([mike@luthertyndale.org.uk](mailto:mike@luthertyndale.org.uk)) **no later than 15 July (this Wednesday)**.

### A note from Jacob and Laura

As you may know, Laura and I are due to marry this summer, Thursday 20 August. It would mean a great deal to us if our church family could join us for this special day, so please accept this message as a warm invitation to all to attend our service.

We are blessed to have Pastor Tapani leading the ceremony beginning at 12.30pm, however the service will be taking place in a church closer to home:

Holy Innocent's Church, Southwater, RH13 9BT.

We appreciate this is a distance to travel and so understand if you are unable to make the journey. We are greatly appreciative of all your support and well wishes for the beginning of our lives together.

Please feel free to ask us any further questions about the day by e-mail, mobile or on our home number: 01403 251364

*Jacob and Laura*