

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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## Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity 11 October 2015

**Hymns: 609, 708, 628, 652**

### Catechism Reading

**P** What benefits does Baptism give?

**C** It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

**P** Which are these words and promises of God?

**C** Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

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### In Our Prayers

#### Members

Ron; Frank

#### Family of members

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 & Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Rob (depression, cancer); Bob Waters (cancer); Geoff (cancer); Sally (health); Leanne (health); Gina & family; Rita Anniss (health); Claire

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

#### ELCE

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Pr. Effiong; Retired pastors (Prs. Brammeier, Jenks, McNally, Quirk, Smith); *The British Lutheran*; Wendy Nicolson (cancer)

#### The Church of God

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti; Catholic Parish of Fareham & Portchester; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan

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### Communion Anthem: J.S. Bach, Aria from Cantata No. 5

Ergieße dich reichlich, du göttliche Quelle,  
Ach, walle mit blutigen Strömen auf mich!

Es fühlet mein Herze die tröstliche Stunde,  
Nun sinken die drückenden Lasten zu Grunde,  
Es wäschet die sündlichen Flecken von sich.

*Pour yourself out abundantly, you divine spring,  
ah!, flow over me with streams of blood!*

*My heart feels the hour of consolation,  
now my crushing burdens sink to the ground,  
the stains of sin are washed away from me.*

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD**  
**THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION**  
**ARTICLE XX: GOOD WORKS**  
**THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT**

Our teachers are falsely accused of forbidding good works... . They have taught well what is pleasing to God in every station and vocation of life... .

... Furthermore, we teach that it is necessary to do good works. This does not mean that we merit grace by doing good works, but because it is God's will (Ephesians 2:10). It is only by faith, and nothing else, that forgiveness of sins is apprehended. The Holy Spirit is received through faith, hearts are renewed and given new affections, and then they are able to bring forth good works. Ambrose says: "Faith is the mother of a good will and doing what is right." Without the Holy Spirit people are full of ungodly desires. They are too weak to do works that are good in God's sight (John 15:5).

... Therefore, it is easy to see that this doctrine is not to be accused of banning good works. Instead, it is to be commended all the more because it shows how we are enabled to do good works. For without faith, human nature cannot, in any way, do the works of the First or Second Commandment (1 Corinthians 2:14). Without faith, human nature does not call upon God, nor expect anything from Him, nor bear the cross (Matthew 16:24). Instead, human nature seeks and trusts in human help. So when there is no faith or trust in God, all kinds of lusts and human intentions rule in the heart (Genesis 6:5). This is why Christ says, "Apart from Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). That is why the Church sings: "Lacking Your divine favour, there is nothing in man. Nothing in him is harmless." Paras. 1–2, 27–31, 35–40

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### **Hymn of the Day: Lord, Thee I love with All My Heart**

Martin Schalling's hymn is one of the most loved among confessional Lutherans today because it places the Christian's praise squarely in the midst of the struggle between the Spirit and the flesh that rages on in us. In the Gospel lesson for today Jesus demonstrates His love for us by forgiving our sins and bringing us ultimate victory over death. How can we receive this? Only through faith in Christ, and not by our natural powers. Now, having been loved by God, we are given the gift of loving Him in return. There is nothing greater than the first commandment: "I am the Lord, your God. You shall have no other gods." It contains all theology in it, and Schalling does a masterful job showing how a Christian should meditate on this commandment.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### This week

Today	4.30 pm	Divine Service & Bible study at Brighton Mission
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
	7.30 pm	Bible study at the Parsonage
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	3.30 pm	Joint service with St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Weymouth

### Next Month

21 Oct	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (The Parsonage)
25 Oct	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	3 pm	Bible study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Oxford Mission
28 Oct	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
	6.45 pm	Divine Service (St. Francis)—SS. Simon & Jude
30 Oct	10 am–2 pm	Holiday Club (Scout Hall)
	7 pm	<i>Reformation Celebration, Luther-Tyndale LC, Kentish Town</i>
31 Oct	5.30 pm	Saturday Supper (Scout Hall)

### Daily Readings:

Sun:	Deuteronomy 9:23–10:22	Matthew 11:20–30	<i>Apology of the Augsburg Confession XVIII (67-76); XIX (77)</i>
Mon:	Deut 11:1–25	Matt 12:1–21	<i>Ap XX:78–85</i>
Tue:	Deut 11:26–12:12	Matt 12:22–37	<i>Ap XX:86–92</i>
Wed:	Deut 12:13–32	Matt 12:38–50	<i>Ap XXI (IX):1–13</i>
Thu:	Deut 13:1–18	Matt 13:1–23	<i>Ap XXI (IX):14–20</i>
Fri:	Deut 14:1–2, 22–23, 14:28–15:15	Matt 13:24–43	<i>Ap XXI (IX):21–30</i>
Sat:	Deut 15:19–16:22	Matt 13:44–58	<i>Ap XXI (IX):31–37</i>
Sun:	Deut 17:1–20	Matt 14:1–21	<i>Ap XXI (IX):38–44</i>

## Weymouth Service

Our annual joint service with the congregation of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Plymouth, will take place next Sunday at 3.30 pm. As before, the venue is St. Nicholas' Church. The service will be followed by a shared meal.

The address for St. Nicholas:

Buxton Road  
Weymouth  
DT4 9PJ

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church to co-ordinate transport.