

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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## Cantate

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

24 April 2016

**Hymns: 528, 556:1–6, 556:7–10; 792**

### Catechism Reading

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

**C** **Hallowed be Thy name.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.**

**P** How is God's name kept holy?

**C** **God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!**

### In Our Prayers

#### Members

Diane; Ron; Frank

#### Family of members

Debbie (health); Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; Roly (dementia); Jane (mental health); John (health); Philip (health); Rita Annis (health); Claire Annis (health)

#### Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Trevor (unemployed); Gus & Mae (health); Claire & Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Bob Waters (cancer); Caroline Deans (cancer);

Angela (tests); Janet (cancer); Richard (mental health); Sally (health); Leanne (health); Gina & family; Tim (health)

#### ELCE

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bristol  
Lutheran Mission, Pr. Bessel; Wendy Nicolson (cancer); baby Christian Graham (cancer); Pr. Edge (health)

#### The Church of God

Lutheran Church Australia; Living Word Church Fareham; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan

**Volunteer Rota**

Today: Music: Carol—Sunday School: Calvin—Teas: Sarah

Next week: Music: Hanna—Sunday School: ??—Teas: ??

**Music during Communion**

*Thomas Tallis (1505–85): O Lord, Give Us Thy Holy Spirit*

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
And lighten our understanding,  
That we may dwell in the fear of thy Name,  
All the days of our life,  
That we may know thee, the only true God,  
And Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD****THE FORMULA OF CONCORD, SOLID DECLARATION****ARTICLE VI: THE THIRD USE OF GOD'S LAW**

We must also explain clearly what the Gospel does, produces, and works toward the new obedience of believers. We must also explain the Law's office in this matter, regarding believers' good works.

The Law indeed says it is God's will and command that we should walk in a new life (Romans 6:4). But it does not give the power and ability to begin and to do it. The Holy Spirit renews the heart. He is given and received, not through the Law, but through the preaching of the Gospel (Galatians 3:14). 12] Thereafter the Holy Spirit uses the Law in order to teach the regenerate from it and to point out and show them in the Ten Commandments what is the "will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2) in what "good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk" (Ephesians 2:10). He encourages them to this. When they are idle, negligent, and rebellious in this matter because of the flesh, He rebukes them through the Law. So the Spirit carries on both offices together: He slays and makes alive (Deuteronomy 32:29). He leads into hell and brings up again. For His office is not only to comfort, but also to rebuke. For it is written, "when the Holy Spirit comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgement" (John 16:8).

Sin is everything that is contrary to God's Law. 14] St. Paul says, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof" (Timothy 3:16), and to rebuke is the Law's special office. Therefore, as often as believers stumble, they are rebuked by the Holy Spirit from the Law. By the same Spirit they are raised up and comforted again with the preaching of the Holy Gospel. Para. 10–14

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## **HYMN OF THE DAY: DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE (LSB 483)**

Today's Chief Hymn is Dr. Luther's first congregation hymn. In it he lays the course for Lutheran hymnody and doctrine: Law and Gospel. He tells us to rejoice by proclaiming the wonders God did when His right arm won Him the victory on The Cross. Then he goes into The Law. We were bound in Satan's chains with sin and death tormenting us. Our own good works could do nothing to rescue us from these chains; we were lost in hell. But then comes The Gospel: God saw how bad off we would be even before He created the world, and planned to save us. He sent His beloved Son to free us from sin, sorrow, and death. He was born of The Virgin to bear a servant's form and lead the devil captive. Then He preaches to us: He is with us. The Foe can't divide us. The Foe shed His Blood, but He allowed it so we could be blest forever. He went to The Father to send us His Spirit to comfort us with His Gospel at all times and to teach us the truth. Finally He counsels us to study His Word and remain in it, believing exactly what it teaches—nothing less, nothing more. *Rev. Brian Westgate*

### **Voters' Assembly**

The Voters' Assembly will meet next Sunday, 1 May, after the morning service at the Parsonage.

Any agenda items should be passed to the chairman, Calvin Thomas, by the end of Wednesday. Likewise, all reports should be circulated by Wednesday to the members. You can send them directly to all members, or to the secretary ([secretary@oslc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@oslc.org.uk)) who will distribute them to the members.

If you need a lift from the Scout Hall to the Parsonage, please speak to the pastor.

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### **Barnes Conference**

The Barnes Conference (twice-yearly meeting of the pastors of the ELCE) will be meeting at the Scout Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday.

All are warmly invited to take part in the morning and afternoon services.

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### **Congregational Life Conference**

Please see the poster at the back of the church. Following the conference, Resurrection Lutheran Church are hosting a quiz night (including food & drink), to which everyone is warmly invited.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### This week

Today	3 pm	Bible study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
Tue–Wed		Barnes Conference
Tue	10 am	Matins (Scout Hall)
	4.15 pm	Vespers (Scout Hall)
Wed	8.30 am	Matins (Scout Hall)
	4 pm	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
Thu	10.30 am	Bible Study (Parsonage)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service at <b>St. Francis</b> — <b>NB unusual venue</b>
	12.30 pm	Voters' Assembly (The Parsonage)
	6 pm	Youth Club

### Next Month

4 May	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
5 May	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7 pm	Divine Service (Ascension)
8 May	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4. 30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
11 May	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
12 May	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
14 May		LWLGB Convention (Christ Church, Petts Wood)
15 May	10. 30 am	Divine Service—Pentecost (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
17–20 May		Christian Resources Exhibition (London Excel)
18 May	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
19 May	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
22 May	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

### **Daily Readings:**

Sun:	Leviticus 20:1–16, 22–27	Luke 11:37–54	<i>Formula of Concord Solid Declaration VIII:46–52</i>	
Mon:	Lev 21:1–24	Luke 12:1–12	<i>FC SD VIII:53–60</i>	
Tue:	Lev 23:1–22	Luke 12:13–34	<i>FC SD VIII:61–65</i>	
Wed:	Lev 23:23–44	Luke 12:35–53	<i>FC SD VIII:66–70</i>	
Thu:	Lev 24:1–23	Lev 25:1–55	Luke 12:54–13:17	<i>FC SD VIII:71–76</i>
Fri:	Lev 26:1–20	Luke 13:18–35	<i>FC SD VIII:77–84</i>	
Sat:	Lev 26:21–33, 39–44	Numbers 1:1–2:34	Luke 14:1–24	<i>FC SD VIII:85–87</i>
Sun:	Numbers 3:1–16, 39–48	Num 4:1–8:4	Luke 14:25–15:10	<i>FC SD VIII:88–96</i>