

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Exaudi

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8 May 2016

Hymns: 832, 539, 631, 794

Catechism Reading

P The Lord's Prayer, the Third Petition

C **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

P What does this mean?

C **The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**

P How is God's will done?

C **God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.**

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); Jim Ferguson (stroke); Gus & Mae (health); Claire & Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Bob Waters (cancer);

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

ELCE

Ascension Lutheran Church, Pr. Samiec; LWLGB Convention; Christian Resources Exhibition; Wendy Nicolson (cancer); baby Christian Graham (cancer)

The Church of God

Lutheran Church—Hong Kong Synod; Fareham Community Church; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan

Volunteer Rota

Today: Music: ??—Sunday School: Carol—Teas: Dot
Next week: Music: Carol—Sunday School: Sarah—Teas: Diane

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION
ARTICLE III: THE SON OF GOD

Our churches teach that the Word, that is, the Son of God, assumed the human nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. So there are two natures—the divine and the human—inseparably joined in one person. There is one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried. He did this to reconcile the Father to us and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of mankind.

He also descended into hell, and truly rose again on the third day. Afterwards, He ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. There He forever reigns and has dominion over all creatures. He sanctifies those who believe in Him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts to rule, comfort, and make them alive. He defends them against the devil and the power of sin.

The same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead, and so forth, according to the Apostles' Creed.

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HYMN SUMMARY—CHRIST IS THE WORLD'S REDEEMER (LSB 538)

Our hymn follows Ascension as the chief hymn for Exaudi. Its close placement is appropriate as it folds the saints in triumph together with the saints militant. The tune encourages the weary to continue fighting the fight for Christ's sake. Its song invigorates a church worn thin to remain joined to Christ and the Heavenly host. It defines well that the redemption of the fallen world was no easy act, but indeed was a fight unto the death to win back his people from sin (vs.1), death (vs.1,2), and the devil (vs. 3).

Certainly it is a hymn to sing with a full throat as it calls to mind Jesus' fight for us. This our champion is the Baptismal armour we now wear, our health in this life, and our strength in death. (vs. 1) It calls to us to see what is now unseen: the Church in glory. Through song we see that He has brought His saints safe into His Kingdom through the sufferings of martyrdom. These among whom we are blessed to be numbered with now encourage us as they "fire us for the fight". The martyrs made brave by the Holy Spirit with which we stand through faith have come in a long line throughout human history both before and after the death of Jesus. Following and vindicating them through His death and resurrection, our

Lord has secured His Church unto eternity “And suffering for the sinful, Our full redemption won” (vs.2).

The hymn concludes with a high Irish doxology. Our hymn is a new addition to LSB yet its confession of faith is nearly 1500 years old. Any congregation that endeavours to learn it will be glad they did.

Rev. Adrian Sherrill

Congregational Life Conference—21 May

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.

Programme

- 9.45 am Registration/coffee
- 10.00 am Opening service
- 10.30am Speaker - Revd Dr Robert Kolb “I will build my church”
- 11.15am coffee/refreshments
- 11.30am Group discussion/workshop/activity
- 12.30pm Lunch
- 1.30pm Speaker - Revd Dr Gregory Seltz/ discussion etc.
- 3.30pm tea/refreshments
- 4pm Closing service

Christian Resources Exhibition—17–20 May

Lutheran Radio UK has a stall at the annual Christian Resources Exhibition at London’s Excel. It is the largest exhibition of its kind in the UK. In addition, on each of the days of the exhibition, a high-profile speaker will be giving a talk on an aspect of the Lutheran Reformation.

If anyone is interested in going to the exhibition to support Lutheran Radio and to hear these world-class speakers, please speak to the pastor to find out more. Entrance is free for Lutheran Radio UK guests.

The speakers:

- Rt. Rev. Graham Tomlin, Anglican bishop of Kensington
- Rev. Dr. Robert Kolb, professor emeritus at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
- Rev. Gregory Seltz, *Lutheran Hour* speaker for Europe
- Rev. Dr. Boris Gunjević, tutor at Westfield House

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This week

Today	4. 30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
Tue	7.45 pm	Mission Committee meeting (The Parsonage)
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
Thu	10.30 am	Bible Study (Parsonage)
Sat		LWLGB Convention (Christ Church, Petts Wood)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service—Pentecost (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club

This Month

17–20 May		Christian Resources Exhibition (London Excel)
18 May	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
19 May	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
21 May		ELCE Congregational Life Conference (Cambridge)
22 May	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
23–25 May		Pastors' Study Week (Westfield House)
26 May	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
29 May	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)— <i>Ladies' Guild Mites</i>
	6 pm	Youth Club

Daily Readings:

Sun:	Numbers 14:1–25	Luke 18:18–34	<i>Formula of Concord Solid Declaration XI:8–13</i>	
Mon:	Num 14:26–45	Num 15:1–41	Luke 18:35–19:10	<i>FC SD XI:14–26</i>
Tue:	Num 16:1–22	Luke 19:11–28	<i>FC SD XI:27–32</i>	
Wed:	Num 16:23–40	Luke 19:29–48	<i>FC SD XI:33–37</i>	
Thu:	Num 16:41–17:13	Num 18:1–19:22	Luke 20:1–18	<i>FC SD XI:38–44</i>
Fri:	Num 20:1–21	Luke 20:19–44	<i>FC SD XI:45–52</i>	
Sat:	Num 20:22–21:9	Luke 20:45–21:19	<i>FC SD XI:53–64</i>	
Sun:	Num 21:10–35	Luke 21:20–38	<i>FC SD XI:65–75</i>	