

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Third-Last Sunday of the Church Year (Trinity 25) 6 November 2016

Welcome to our visitors this morning. Please sign our visitors' book and stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

We believe that in Holy Communion, we eat and drink the true body and blood of Christ. During Communion, **everyone is welcome to come forward for a blessing.**

In keeping with the teaching of the New Testament, it is our practice to commune only those who have been confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England (or a sister Church) and are under the pastoral care of this congregation. If you are visiting and would like to receive the Sacrament today, please speak to the pastor **before the service.** Thank you for honouring our beliefs.

Today's hymns: 677, 658, 659, 821

Catechism Reading

P The fifth commandment:

C **You shall not murder.**

P What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbour in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.**

Turn to the Introit on the laminated card.

Volunteer Rota

Today: Music: Carol—Sunday School: Michelle & Diane—Teas: Rosemary

Next week: Music: ??—Sunday School: Barbara & Hanna—Teas: Sarah

Remembrance Sunday: Act of Remembrance

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. In keeping with tradition, the service will commence with the Act of Remembrance, a thanksgiving to God for those who have given their lives in service of this country.

We will be observing the Act of Remembrance at **10.27 am.** Please make sure you are seated at least a few minutes before that time. Thank you.

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Frank; Diane (melanoma)

Family of members

Diana (old age); Roly (dementia); Rita Annis (health); Claire Annis (health); Shirley Thomas (breast cancer); Jack & Joan Fast (dementia & lung cancer);

Doug (heart operation) & Myra

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Jim Ferguson (stroke); Eunice (cancer); Gus & Mae (health); Becky Varsogea (brain tumour); Claire & Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Bob Waters (cancer); Graham (cancer); John (cancer); Sally (health); Gina & family; Tim (health); Richard (mental

health); Katie (depression); Lynette Wiebusch (Alzheimer's)

Local Community

Caroline Deans (cancer); Leanne (health); Karen (depression); Karlton (depression); Tina (depression)

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Resurrection Lutheran Church, Pr. Kriger; Pr. Edge (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer); baby Christian Graham (cancer)

The Church of God

Lutheran Church—Canada; Fareham Methodist Church; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan

Thanksgiving

Cheryl (medical tests)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THE FORMULA OF CONCORD, SOLID DECLARATION ARTICLE XI: ELECTION

The doctrine [of election] also provides the excellent, glorious consolation that God was greatly concerned about the conversion, righteousness, and salvation of every Christian. He so faithfully provided for it that even before the foundation of the world was laid, He considered it, and in His purpose ordained how He would bring me to salvation and preserve me in salvation. He wanted to secure my salvation so well and so certainly, since through the weakness and wickedness of our flesh salvation could easily be lost from our hands, or through the devil's and the world's craft and might it could be snatched and taken from us. Therefore, He ordained in His eternal purpose what cannot fail or be overthrown. He placed salvation for safekeeping in the almighty hand of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, from which no one can snatch us (John 10:28). Therefore, Paul asks in Romans 8, because we "are called according to His purpose", who "will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"?

Furthermore, this doctrine provides glorious consolation under the cross and amid temptations. In other words, God in His counsel, before the time of the world, determined and decreed that He would assist us in all distresses. He determined to grant patience, give consolation, nourish and encourage hope, and produce an outcome for us that would contribute to our salvation. Also, Paul

teaches this in a very consoling way. He explains that God in His purpose has ordained before the time of the world by what crosses and sufferings He would conform every one of His elect to the image of His Son. His cross shall and must work together for good for everyone, because they are called according to God's purpose. Therefore, Paul has concluded that it is certain and beyond doubt that neither "tribulation, nor distress," neither "death, nor life," or other such things "will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord."

This article provides a glorious testimony that God's Church will exist and abide in opposition to all the gates of hell. Likewise, it teaches what God's true Church is, so that we may not be offended by the great authority of the false Church. Para. 45-50

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HYMN OF THE DAY—PRESERVE YOUR WORD, O SAVIOUR (LSB 658)

This end of the Church Year hymn makes clear that missions and outreach are ... the work of God and the hope of every Christian. "Preserve Your Word, O Saviour" asks that the saints of God below would remain in the faith and be joined by others in Christ's kingdom. Those who sing begin by praying for the extension of the kingdom and finally ask the Father to preserve the little flock, the singer's own parish.

The first verse asks that the Holy Trinity would enlarge the kingdom. Its vast concern is for people everywhere and yet personal: "Oh keep our faith from failing." Verse two is concerned with neighbour, those who are not Christians, as we cry alongside of one another, "Convince, convert, enlighten ... to all who dwell below." Verse three turns to Zion, historically a reference to the stronghold of the New Testament Church, that she would be defended from all danger. Verse four narrows the circle still more as it prays for faithful pastors and faithful preaching. Finally our hymn concludes with the picture of Christ Jesus bringing each little congregation over the wind and the waves of life on the last day, "Then we will reach the harbour In Your eternal Light."

Rev. Adrian N. Sherrill

Important Note from the Treasurer

The new bank account has now been set up. If you have set up a standing order, or are making direct payments to the church, please start making payments to the new account:

Sort code: 40-52-40

Account number: 00030052

It would also be a great help if the treasurer was able to make payments directly to members' bank accounts instead of issuing cheques. If you are willing to comply, please fill in the enclosed form.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Today	12.15 pm	Voters' Assembly
	6 pm	Youth Club
Tue	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
Sat	LWLGB Workshop (St. Andrew's LC, Ruislip)	
Sun	10.25 am	Act of Remembrance
	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)— <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission

Next Month

15 Nov	7.15 pm	Christians Together in Fareham meeting (St. John's)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (The Parsonage)
16 Nov	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
20 Nov	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
21 Nov	7.30 pm	Fareham & Gosport Basics Bank AGM (St. John's Church, St. Michael's Grove)
22 Nov	<i>No Bible study</i>	
23 Nov	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
27 Nov	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)— <i>Ladies' Guild Mites</i>
	3 pm	Bible study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Oxford Mission
29 Nov	7.30 pm	Bible study (The Parsonage)
30 Nov	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	7 pm	Advent Vespers

Daily Readings:

Sun:	Jeremiah 8:18–9:12	Matthew 23:13–39	<i>Apology of the Augsburg Confession XXIV (XII):60–67</i>	
Mon:	Jer 11:1–23	Jer 12:1–19:15	Matt 24:1–28	<i>Ap XXIV (XII):68–77</i>
Tue:	Jer 20:1–18	Matt 24:29–51	<i>Ap XXIV (XII):78–88</i>	
Wed:	Jer 22:1–23	Matt 25:1–13	<i>Ap XXIV (XII):89–95</i>	
Thu:	Jer 23:1–20	Matt 25:14–30	<i>Ap XXIV (XII):96–99</i>	
Fri:	Jer 23:21–40	Matt 25:31–46	<i>Ap XXVII (XIII):1–8</i>	
Sat:	Jer 25:1–18	Matt 26:1–19	<i>Ap XXVII (XIII):9–10</i>	
Sun:	Jer 26:1–19	<i>Revelation 13:1–18</i>	Matt 26:20–35	<i>Ap XXVII (XIII):11–17</i>

Music During the Service:

Pre-service—J.S. Bach: 'Du Friedefürst, Herr Jesu Christ' (Thou Prince of Peace, Lord Jesus Christ)

Offering—Dietrich Buxtehude: *Canzona in G Minor*

Communion—J.S. Bach: *Chorale Prelude on 'Du Friedefürst, Herr Jesu Christ'*

Arvo Pärt: *Agnus Dei from Missa Sillabica*