

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Invocavit

(First Sunday in Lent)

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Today's hymns: 418, 716, 625, 429

Catechism

P The Lord's Prayer, the Sixth Petition

C **And lead us not into temptation.**

P What does this mean?

C **God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.**

Turn to the Introit on the laminated card.

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Sindy & Nikola; Diane

Family of members

Roly (dementia); Rita Annis (health); Claire Annis (health); Shirley Thomas (breast cancer); Jack & Joan Fast (dementia & lung cancer); Doug & Myra (health)

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); Brian (cancer); Wally & Yvonne (stroke); Gina & family; Tim (health); Richard

(mental health); Lynette Wiebusch (Alzheimer's); Malcolm (health)

Local Community

Leanne (health); Tina (depression); Teacher family

ELCE

Oxford Mission; ELCE Central Office; Lutheran Radio UK; Pr. Edge (health); Bruce Latimer (heart attack); Wendy Nicolson (cancer); baby Christian Graham (cancer)

The Church of God

St. John's CoffE; Ameer, Sana & daughters, Naveed (persecution); Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan

Volunteer Rota

Today: Music: Carol—Sunday School: Barbara—Teas: Carol

Next week: Music: ??—Sunday School: Barbara & ??—Teas: Anne

CLOSING HYMN—WE SING THE PRAISE OF HIM WHO DIED



1. We sing the praise of Him who died, Of
2. In - scribed up - on the cross we see, In
3. The cross! It takes our guilt a - way; It
4. It makes the cow - ard spir - it brave, And



Him who died up - on the cross; The sin - ner's hope let
shin - ing let - ters, "God is love." He bears our sins up -
holds the faint - ing spir - it up; It cheers with hope the
nerves the fee - ble arm for fight; It takes its ter - ror



all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.
on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.
gloom - y day And sweet - ens ev' - ry bit - ter cup.
from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;

- 5 The balm of life, the cure of woe, 6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace
The measure and the pledge of love, By bitter grief and anguish sore,
The sinner's refuge here below, Be praise from all the ransomed race
The angels' theme in heav'n above. Forever and forevermore.

Text: Thomas Kelly (1769–1855); Music: As Hymnodes Sacer, Leipzig (1625)

EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION

PETER CHRYSOLOGUS (C. 380–C. 450)

HOMILY XI

“When he had fasted forty days and forty nights.” You see, brothers, that the forty-day fast is not a human invention. Its authority is divine. ... The God and man in you fasts, starves for your sake—you, who do not know how to eat and therefore cannot even starve. Therefore, when Christ fasts for your sake, he starves for your sake. ... Feeling hungry and overcoming hunger are human work. There is no hunger in God's power. Therefore Christ did not faint from fasting or starve. He was hungry so that the Devil would have a reason to tempt him.

Hear what the Devil offered to the hungry one: “Command these stones to become bread.” He offers stones to the hungry. Such is always the nature of the enemy. This is how the originator of death and envier of life shepherds. “Command these stones to become bread.” Devil, your foresight failed. He who can change stones into bread can also turn hunger into abundance. You wretch know how to be evil but you are not able to tempt with vessels, and are unable to offer the hungry something fine rather than something austere.

... See, Tempter, how all your tricks have been destroyed in the presence of Christ. He who turned water into wine is surely able to turn stones into bread. But signs are performed for faith, not for plots.

“Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of the Lord.” Hear and understand the word of the Father, to eat for your hunger the words of our salvation instead of bread, so that man may live forever.

Peter Chrysologus (“golden-worded”) was bishop of Ravenna, Italy, from the year 433 until his death. He was famous for his sermons which were concise but exceptionally profound.

Music during Communion

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707), Pange lingua gloriosi

Words: Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274)

Sing, my tongue, the Saviour’s glory,
Of His Flesh, the mystery sing;
Of the Blood, all price exceeding,
Shed by our Immortal King,
Destined, for the world’s redemption,
From a noble Womb to spring.

Of a pure and spotless Virgin
Born for us on earth below,
He, as Man, with man conversing,
Stayed, the seeds of truth to sow;
Then He closed in solemn order
Wondrously His Life of woe.

On the night of that Last Supper,
Seated with His chosen band,
He, the Paschal Victim eating,
First fulfils the Law’s command;
Then as Food to all his brethren
Gives Himself with His own Hand.

Word-made-Flesh, the bread of nature
By His Word to Flesh He turns;
Wine into His Blood He changes:
What though sense no change discerns.
Only be the heart in earnest,
Faith her lesson quickly learns.

Down in adoration falling,
Lo, the sacred Host we hail,
Lo, o’er ancient forms departing
Newer rites of grace prevail:
Faith for all defects supplying,
When the feeble senses fail.

To the Everlasting Father
And the Son who comes on high
With the Holy Ghost proceeding
Forth from each eternally,
Be salvation, honour, blessing,
Might and endless majesty.
Amen. Alleluia.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

Today	12.15 pm	Voters' Assembly & AGM
	6 pm	Youth Club
Tue	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
	7 pm	Lenten Vespers
Sat	10 am	Luther Reading Roadshow (Coventry)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	3.30 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission

Further Ahead

14 Mar	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
15 Mar	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	7 pm	Lenten Vespers
19 Mar	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
21 Mar	<i>No Bible study</i>	
22 Mar	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
	7 pm	Lenten Vespers
25 Mar	<i>The Annunciation</i>	
26 Mar	<i>CLOCKS MOVE FORWARD ONE HOUR</i>	
	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)— <i>The Annunciation (observed)</i>
		<i>Mothering Sunday</i>
	3 pm	Bible study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission

Daily Readings:

Sun: Genesis 4:1–26 Mark 2:18–28 *Formula of Concord Solid Declaration 1:1–4*

Mon: Gen 6:1–7:5 Mark 3:1–19 *FC SD 1:5–15*

Tue: Gen 7:11–8:12 Mark 3:20–35 *FC SD 1:16–32*

Wed: Gen 8:13–9:17 *Gen 9:18–11:26* Mark 4:1–20 *FC SD 1:33–42*

Thu: Gen 11:27–12:20 Mark 4:21–41 *FC SD 1:43–49*

Fri: Gen 13:1–18 *Gen 14:1–24* Mark 5:1–20 *FC SD 1:50–57*

Sat: Gen 15:1–21 Mark 5:21–43 *FC SD 1:58–62*

Sun: Gen 16:1–9, 15–17:22 Mark 6:1–13 *FC SD 11:1–4*