

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

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Today's hymns: *Supplement* p. 46:1–2, 5–9; 659, 630, 533

Catechism

P The Lord's Prayer, the Conclusion

C Amen.

P What does this mean?

C This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so".

Turn to the Introit on the laminated card.

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Sindy & Nikola; Diane

Family of members

Anssi (e.coli infection); Roly (dementia); Rita Anniss (health); Claire Anniss (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); family of †Gary

Local Community

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

ELCE

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

The Church of God

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana; Hill Park Baptist Church; Ameer, Sana & daughters, Naveed (persecution); Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan

Volunteer Rota

Today: Music: Barbara—Sunday School: Carol & Erin—Teas: Rosemary

Next week: Music: ??—Sunday School: Calvin & Michelle—Teas: Youth

EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION**HUGH OF SAINT VICTOR (c. 1096 –1141)****ON THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH**

Just as at one time circumcision, in so far as it had to do with effecting the remission of sins, took the place of baptism, and the Red Sea presented a likeness and figure of the same, so the paschal lamb, whose flesh was eaten by the people and by whose blood the posts of the houses were marked, preceded in the figure of the sacrament of the body of Christ. . . .

Finally we eat the flesh of the lamb when by taking His true body in the sacrament we are incorporated with Christ through faith and love. Elsewhere what is eaten is incorporated. Now when the body of Christ is eaten, not what is eaten but he who eats is incorporated with Him whom He eats. On this account Christ wished to be eaten by us, that He might incorporate us with Him. This is the sacrament of the body of Christ and the substance of the sacrament of the body of Christ.

Little is known about the mediæval theologian Hugh of Saint Victor. Having entered a monastery in Germany, against the wishes of his family (he was the eldest son of a baron), he transferred to the abbey of Saint Victor in Paris around 1120 and spent the rest of his life there. On the Sacraments of the Christian Faith is his most famous work. Martin Luther was influenced by Hugh's teaching on Baptism.

Hugh of Saint Victor on the Sacraments of the Christian Faith, translated by Roy. J. Deferrari (Eugene, OR: 2007), 307.

HYMN OF THE DAY—LORD OF OUR LIFE (LSB 659)

Jesus Christ, the Lord who has the words of eternal life (John 6:68). Christ is the one who defeats Satan, the accuser, and helps his saints (Revelation 12:10). Though they are surrounded by foes with unfurled banners, yet the Lord's banner of love waves over his Church (Song of Solomon 2:4) and preserves her. Though darkness surrounds the believers, his light of the gospel shines through the darkness.

Though the Church is assaulted by devils, still the Lord's armour (Ephesians 6) defends her. This hymn is unusual in that the second stanza of the text is sturdy and loud; the text then tapers off from billows to prayers for peace. He brings his peace to our hearts, to the Church, to the world, and to the fullness of heaven.

This hymn was written by Matthäus Appeles von Löwenstern (1594–1648), a saddler's son who rose up to be, first, a director of music in the service of a small German duchy, and later a treasurer and state councillor in the service of dukes and emperors alike. He wrote thirty hymns, three of which have been translated into English. Today's hymn (given the subtitle "In Time of War") is the best known on these shores, in a loose translation by Philip Pusey, one of the founders of the Oxford Movement.

Rev. Thomas E. Lock

Volunteers Needed

The “jobs” (really: forms of service) on the volunteer rota are an important part of our life together. They serve the whole congregation in worship (music) and outside worship (refreshments), and provide instruction for the children in God’s word (Sunday school). We can’t do without them.

The rota currently has two problems:

1. It’s pretty empty
2. The same names are appearing very frequently

If the number of people offering their service is too small, the task becomes a burden. **This is the case especially for Sunday school teachers, who miss the sermon every time they teach.**

Therefore, it’s important that as many members as are able share the load.

For your encouragement:

- The children are eager to learn
- Operating the computer that provides the music is really quite simple
- Men, too, are permitted to provide refreshments!
- *Training is available for all the jobs listed*

Please speak to the pastor if you have any questions

Money for Nothing: Fundraising through Online Shopping

Our Saviour Lutheran Church is now listed as a “cause” with Easyfundraising.

If you register at easyfundraising.org.uk, you can nominate OSLC as your preferred cause. After that, every time you shop online at a number of different shops, the church gets a small percentage (up to 5%, depending on the retailer) of the money you spend.

To register, you only need to provide your name and e-mail address. This enables the site to connect your spending to your chosen cause. Your details are not shared, and you can opt out of receiving any further e-mails.

You also need to install a small browser add-on, which you can do by a few clicks of the mouse, and which is also completely safe.

There is also a smartphone app for those who prefer to shop via their phones.

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Insurance: Aviva, AA, RAC, Co-Op

Groceries: Sainsbury’s, Tesco, Waitrose, Asda, Morrisons, Ocado

Other: Amazon, Viking, Staples, Cartridge People, PC World

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

Today	6 pm	Youth Club
Tue	<i>No Bible study</i>	
Wed	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
	7 pm	Lenten Vespers
Sat	<i>The Annunciation</i>	
Sun	<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

Further Ahead

28 Mar	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
29 Mar	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	7 pm	Lenten Vespers
2 Apr	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
4 Apr	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
5 Apr	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	7 pm	Lenten Vespers
8 Apr	5.30 pm	Saturday Supper (Scout Hall)
9 Apr	10.30 am	Divine Service—Palm Sunday
	3.30 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
12 Apr	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge

Daily Readings:

Sun: Genesis 27:30–45; 28:10–22 Mark 9:1–13 *Formula of Concord Solid Declaration II:39–47*

Mon: Gen 29:1–30 Gen 29:31–34:31 Mark 9:14–32 *FC SD II:48–54*

Tue: Gen 35:1–29 Mark 9:33–50 *FC SD II:55–60*

Wed: Gen 37:1–36 Mark 10:1–12 *FC SD II:61–66*

Thu: Gen 39:1–23 Mark 10:13–31 *FC SD II:67–73*

Fri: Gen 40:1–23 Mark 10:32–52 *FC SD II:74–83*

Sat: Gen 41:1–27 Mark 11:1–19 *FC SD II:84–90*

Sun: Gen 41:28–57 Mark 11:20–33 *FC SD III:1–7*