

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Today's Hymns: 531, 709, *O Jesus, I Have Promised* (bulletin), 637, 483

Catechism

P What is Confession?

C Confession has two parts.

First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Turn to the Introit on the laminated card.

Volunteer Rota

Today: Music: —Sunday School: Carol & Michelle—Teas: Averil

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

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Sindy & Nikola; Diane

Family of members

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

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);
Charlotte (cancer); Graham (cancer); John
(cancer); Brian (cancer); Wally & Yvonne
(stroke); Doreen & Ray (health); Gina &
family; Tim (health); Richard (mental

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

Local Community

Mike (heart operation); Leanne (health);
Tina (depression); Treacher family

ELCE

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Pr. Edge;
Lutheran Radio UK; Bruce Latimer
(recovering from heart attack); Wendy
Nicolson (cancer); baby Christian Graham
(cancer)

The Church of God

Lutheran Church—Hong Kong Synod; St.
Columba CofE; Ameer, Sana & daughters,
Naveed, Jawid (persecution); Lutherans in
Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Lutheran
Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan

HYMN OF THE DAY: O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED



1. O Je-sus, I have pro-mised To serve Thee to the end: Be
2. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev-er near; I
3. O let me hear Thee speak-ing In ac-cents clear and still, A-
4. O Je-sus, Thou hast pro-mised To all who fol-low thee, That



Thou for-ev-er near me, My Mas-ter and my Friend;
see the sights that daz-z-le, The tempt-ing sounds I hear;
bove the storms of pass-ion, The mur-murs of self-will;
where Thou art in glo-ry There shall Thy serv-ant be;



I shall not fear the bat-tle If Thou art by my side,
My foes are ev-er near me, A-round me and with-in;
O speak to re-as-sure me, To hast-en or cont-rol;
And, Je-sus I have pro-mised To serve Thee to the end;



Nor wan-der from the path-way If Thou wilt be my guide.
But Je-sus, draw Thou near-er, And shield my soul from sin.
O speak, and make me list-en, Thou Guard-ian of my soul.
O give me grace to fol-low, My Mas-ter and my Friend.

5. O let me see Thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in Thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in Heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

Text: John E. Bode (1816–1874); Music: William H. Ferguson (1874–1950)

EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION

MARTIN LUTHER (1483–1546)

But see how beautifully [king David] can speak! “I am,” he says, “the Lord’s sheep; He feeds me in a green pasture.” For a natural sheep nothing can be better than when its shepherd feeds it in pleasant green pastures and near fresh water. Where that happens to it, it feels that no one on earth is richer and more blessed than it is. For it finds there whatever it might desire: fine, lush, heavy grass, from which it will grow strong and fat; fresh water, with which it can refresh and restore itself whenever it likes; and it has its joy and pleasure there, too. At this point David would also say that God had shown him no greater grace and blessing on earth than this, that he was permitted to be at a place and among people where God’s Word and dwelling place and the right worship were to be found. Where these treasures are found, there things prosper well, both in the spiritual and in the secular realm. It is as if he were saying: “All people and kingdoms on earth are nothing. They may be richer, more powerful, and more splendid than we Jews, and they may also boast mightily of what they have. Moreover, they may glory in their wisdom and holiness, for they, too, have gods whom they serve. But with all their glory and splendour they are a mere desert and wilderness. For they have neither shepherd nor pasture, and therefore the sheep must go astray, famish, and perish. But though we are surrounded by many deserts, we can sit and rest here, safe and happy in Paradise and in a pleasant green pasture, where there is an abundance of grass and of fresh water and where we have our Shepherd near us, who feeds us, leads us to the watering place, and protects us. Therefore we cannot want.”

Martin Luther, *Luther’s Works, Vol. 12: Selected Psalms I*, ed. Jaroslav Jan Pelikan, Hilton C. Oswald, and Helmut T. Lehmann (Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1999), 160–161.

VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY: CALL FOR REPORTS

The regular meeting of the Voters’ Assembly will be held on Sunday 7 May after the service.

In order to help members prepare, please could all reports be circulated to members by **Sunday 30 April**, so far as this is possible. This is a little earlier than usual, but it should give sufficient time for all members to receive and to read the reports ahead of time.

Agenda items should be sent to the chairman, Calvin Thomas, by Wednesday 3 May.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

Mon	<i>St. Philip & St. James</i>	
Tue	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	6.45 pm	Divine Service (St. Philip & St. James observed)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service with Confirmation (Scout Hall)
Sat	5.30 pm	Community Fun Night (Scout Hall)
7 May	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	12.15 pm	Voters' Assembly (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club

Further Ahead

9 May	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
10 May	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
14 May	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	3.30 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
16–18 May		Pastors' Study Week
16 May	<i>No Bible study</i>	
17 May	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
21 May	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
23 May	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
24 May	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
	7 pm	Divine Service—Ascension
27 May	Charity Fire Engine Pull, Fareham Town Centre	

Daily Readings:

Sun:	Exodus 32:15–35 Luke 6:39–49 <i>Formula of Concord Solid Declaration VII:73–76</i>
Mon:	Ex 33:1–23 Luke 7:1–17 <i>FC SD VII:77–84</i>
Tue:	Ex 34:1–28 Luke 7:18–35 <i>FC SD VII:85–90</i>
Wed:	Ex 34:29–35:21 <i>Ex 35:22–38:20</i> Luke 7:36–50 <i>FC SD VII:91–103</i>
Thu:	Ex 38:21–39:8, 22–23, 27–31 Luke 8:1–21 <i>FC SD VII:104–106</i>
Fri:	Ex 39:32–40:16 Luke 8:22–39 <i>FC SD VII:107–115</i>
Sat:	Ex 40:17–38 <i>Leviticus 1:1–7:38</i> Luke 8:40–56 <i>FC SD VII:116–123</i>
Sun:	Leviticus 8:1–13, 30–36 Luke 9:1–17 <i>FC SD VII:124–128</i>