

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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**Judica**

***Fifth Sunday in Lent***

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**Today's Hymns: I Bind Unto Myself (*insert*); 430; 640; 426**

## **Catechism**

- P** The Sacrament of the Altar: What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?  
**C** **These words, "Given, and shed for you, for the remission of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

*Turn to the Introit on the laminated card.*

## **Volunteer Rota**

Today: Music: ??—Sunday School: Calvin & Michelle—Teas: Andrew

Next week: Music: David—Sunday School: Sarah & ??—Teas: Anne

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## **Raili Stewart Memorial Service**

A memorial service will be held for Raili Stewart on

**Wednesday, 21 March, 2.30 pm,**

at Christ Lutheran Church, Petts Wood.

If you would like to attend, please let the pastor know so that Christ Church can be notified of numbers. Likewise, if you would like to share a lift, speak to the pastor (there are two spaces left).

## In Our Prayers

### Members

Ron; Cindy & Nikola; Žina; Rosemary

### Family of members

Mason (road accident); Alex, Sarah & family; Ian (Parkinson's); Claire Anniss (health); Shirley Thomas (breast cancer); Jack & Joan Fast (dementia & lung cancer); Doug & Myra (health); Barry (old age)

### Friends of members

Family of †Gus; Family of †Doris; Ilse Kelly (old age); Jim Ferguson (stroke); Dell (spinal injury); Becky Varsogea (brain tumour); Claire & Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Charlotte (cancer); John (cancer); Brian (cancer); Gina & family; Tim (health); Lynette

Wiebusch (Alzheimer's); Janet (cancer); Miriam (tumour); David, Michael, Fiona & family (health); Joan & her brother (health); Sally (operation)

### Local Community

Tina (depression); Treacher family

### ELCE

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Pr. Samiec; Westfield House, Drs. Humann, Gunjević, Lumley, staff & students; Pr. Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer); family of †Raili Stewart

### The Church of God

Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; Hill Park Baptist Church; Ilahi family, Jawid (persecution)

## THE FAITH OF THE FATHERS

### READINGS FROM THE CHURCH FATHERS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Wherever the Gospel is proclaimed we find that those who do not wish to hear God's Word follow the devil so persistently that he ultimately takes total possession of them; and the longer he holds onto them the more wicked they become. This is exactly what we see occurring in today's Gospel. In their contempt for the Word, the Jews fall into the horrible sin of blaspheming God and His Word and in the end become raving mad. Thus you can see what it means not to be of God and to be of the devil, that is, not to hear God's Word but to revile and blaspheme it. (Martin Luther)

For the ungodly, life's story is: I live, I know not how long; I die, I know not when I pass away, I know not whereto. They will not be able to outrun death but must forever remain in everlasting death, because they have disdained the wonderful, mighty medicine of God's Word which makes death into everlasting life. For believing Christians, the song is: I live, I let God decide how long; I die, God wills when and what way; I pass away, I know where I am heading; I am mystified that I am still sorrowful. They will not see or experience death. Though death holds some dread for them, they will not come into eternal death nor will death's sting pierce their heart, but they will fall asleep without angst or sorrow. (Martin Luther)

Look with admiration at father Abraham. He does not wear gold and silk but is adorned, surrounded, crowned, and clothed with the divine light, the Word of God. We Christians are truly blessed if we recognize the benefits Our Lord has given us. In fact, just as we now praise Abraham because of the gift the Lord gave him, so Abraham praises us even more. For he saw the day of Christ. But he saw it only in faith and in the Spirit. We see this glory face to face. We hear God speaking with us and promising forgiveness of sins in Baptism, in the Supper of His Son, and in the true use of the keys. These Abraham did not have, for he saw in the spirit and believed. Therefore our glory is greater than his. (Martin Luther)

He who is of God hears the words of God, and he who is not of God cannot hear them. So the minds of the unbelievers, unable to endure the words Jesus spoke to them about eternity, rushed to stone Him, trying to overwhelm Him whom they could not understand. So Jesus hid Himself. Yet why Our Lord should turn away from His persecutors arouses great wonder. If He wanted, Jesus could have used His divine power to stop them in their assault with a silent command, or overwhelmed them forever by His chastisement. But since He came to suffer, He did not want to exercise judgement. Yet when the hour of His passion came, He suffered what He came to endure. (St. Gregory the Great)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### This Week

Today	6 pm	Youth Club (tbc)
Tue		<i>No Bible study</i>
Wed		<i>No Pastor's Drop-in</i>
	2.30 pm	Raili Stewart Memorial Service (Christ Church, Petts Wood)
	7 pm	Lenten Vespers
Sun		<i>CLOCKS MOVE FORWARD ONE HOUR</i>
	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)— <i>Palm Sunday, Ladies' Guild Mites</i>
	3 pm	Bible study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission

### Further Ahead

26 Mar	12.30 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
27 Mar	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
28 Mar	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Wisteria Lodge
29 Mar	7 pm	Divine Service—Maundy Thursday (venue to be confirmed)
30 Apr	12 noon	Good Friday Chief Service (venue to be confirmed)
31 Apr	8 pm	Easter Vigil (venue to be confirmed)
1 Apr	9 am	Easter breakfast (Scout Hall)
	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
2–6 Apr		<i>Pastor on Annual Leave</i>
8 Apr	10.30 am	Divine Service
	3.30 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
9 Apr	tbc	Divine Service—The Annunciation (transferred)
11 Apr	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge

### Daily Readings:

Sun:	Exodus 1:1–22	Mark 14:12–31	<i>Formula of Concord Solid Declaration III:54–58</i>
Mon:	Ex 2:1–22	Mark 14:32–52	<i>FC SD III:59–67</i>
Tue:	Ex 2:23–3:22	Mark 14:53–72	<i>FC SD IV:1–5</i>
Wed:	Ex 4:1–18	Mark 15:1–15	<i>FC SD IV:6–13</i>
Thu:	Ex 4:19–31	Mark 15:16–32	<i>FC SD IV:14–20</i>
Fri:	Ex 5:1–6:1	Mark 15:33–47	<i>FC SD IV:21–32</i>
Sat:	Ex 7:1–25	Mark 16:1–20	<i>FC SD IV:33–36</i>
Sun:	Ex 8:1–32	( <i>Psalms 118</i> )	Heb 1:1–14 <i>FC SD IV:37–40</i>