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Misericordias Domini

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Today's Hymns: 482, 709, *Now Is Eternal Life (bulletin)*; Supplement 31

Catechism

P The First Commandment

C **You shall have no other gods.**

P What is this?

C **We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.**

Turn to the Introit on the laminated card.

Volunteer Rota

Today: Music: David—Sunday School: Barbara & Rachel—Teas: Sarah

Next week: Music: ??—Sunday School: Sarah & Erin—Teas: Averil

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Sindy & Nikola; Žina

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

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); Pauline (cancer); Miriam (tumour); David, Michael, Fiona & family (health); Joan & her brother (health); Sally (operation); Sandra (sepsis)

Local Community

Tina (depression); Treacher family

ELCE

St. David Lutheran Church, Pr. Bessel; Pr. Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer)

The Church of God

Lutheran Church in Southern Africa; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; Catholic Parish of Fareham and Portchester; Ilahi family, Jawid (persecution)

THE FAITH OF THE FATHERS

READINGS FROM THE CHURCH FATHERS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

“It is a grave thing for a Pastor to have the care of a church. It is a task that needs a measure of love and courage as great as that of which Christ speaks in today’s Gospel—so that the Pastor may lay down his life for his flock, may never abandon them, and may boldly face the wolf. ... Christ Jesus says often, “I am the Good Shepherd.” For when they sought to put Him to death He neither withdrew His teaching nor betrayed those believing in Him. But He stood firm and chose to die.” (St. John Chrysostom)

When Our Lord Jesus says, “I am the Good Shepherd,” He means, “I am, and want to be, your only helper against the wolf, death, and the devil.” That’s why you must let go of trusting in a pious way of life and learn to place faith alone in him who says, “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives his life for the sheep.” Our Good Shepherd does not flee from the wolf. He would sooner allow himself to be torn by the wolf than to permit the wolf to devour one little sheep. Therefore, we must look to Him alone in such circumstances and cling to Him. We need to hold on to truth in faith. We can add nothing to it. Rather He, the Good Shepherd, Our Lord Jesus Christ, has done and accomplished it all. (Martin Luther)

Whoever follows Our Lord with a believing heart is nourished with a food of eternal freshness. For He makes us lie down in green pastures. These pastures are the eternal joys of an ever-green paradise. Those who have evaded the traps of temporary pleasures rejoice with the fullness of eternity. There are choirs of angels singing hymns, there the company of heavenly citizens, there the delightful festival of those returning from the sad labour of their exile here, there the farseeing choir of prophets, there the apostles, there the victorious army of innumerable martyrs, as much happier there as they were tormented here. Let us seek these pastures, dearly beloved! There we may enjoy the celebration of so many citizens. (St. Gregory)

In today’s Gospel, Our Lord Jesus declares that His own care for you reaches to the point where He is prepared to lay down His life. He teaches that He will give up His life fighting in defence of His sheep. So He vows that He is prepared in every way to fight and to face danger on behalf of his friends and kindred, and He confirms this with emphatic repetition of His intention that He is indeed the Good Shepherd. For they who abandon the sheep to the wolves are rightly named cowards and hirelings. But He who is prepared to defend them, so that He does not falter even in face of death, is with just reason called the Good Shepherd. (St. Cyril of Alexandria)

Hymn: Now Is Eternal Life

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CHRISTCHURCH



1. Now is e - tern - al life, If ris'n with Christ we stand, In
2. Man long in bond - age lay, Brood - ing o'er life's brief span. Was
3. And God, the liv - ing God, Stoooped down to man's es - tate; By
4. Un - fath - omed love di - vine, Reign Thou with - in my heart; From



Him to life re - born, And hold - en in His hand; No
it, O God, for naught, for naught, Thou mad - est man? Thou
death des - troy - ing death, Christ o - pened wide life's gate. He
Thee nor depth nor height, Nor life nor death can part; My



more we fear death's an - cient dread, In Christ a - ris - en from the dead.
art our hope, our vi - tal breath; Shall hope un - dy - ing end in death?
lives, who died; He reigns on high; Who lives in Him shall nev - er die.
life is hid in God with Thee, Now and through all e - tern - i - ty.

5. Thee will I love and serves
Now in time's passing day;
Thy hand shall hold me fast
When time is done away,
In God's unknown eternal spheres
To serve Him through eternal years.

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New service Setting: Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, Christ, have mer - cy up -
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Today	6 pm	Youth Club
Tue	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
Wed	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	3 pm	Congregational meeting at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission

Further Ahead

24 Apr	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
25 Apr	<i>St. Mark</i>	
	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Wisteria Lodge
	7 pm	Divine Service (St. Mark)
29 Apr	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	12.30 pm	Sunday school planning meeting (tbc)
1 May	<i>St. Philip & St. James</i>	
	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
2 May	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	7 pm	Divine Service (St. Philip & St. James observed)
5 May	5.30 pm	Community Fun Night (Scout Hall)
6 May	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	12.15 pm	Voters' Assembly (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club

Daily Readings:

Sun: Exodus 32:15–35 Luke 6:39–49 *Formula of Concord Solid Declaration VII:73–76*

Mon: Ex 33:1–23 Luke 7:1–17 *FC SD VII:77–84*

Tue: Ex 34:1–28 Luke 7:18–35 *FC SD VII:85–90*

Wed: Ex 34:29–35:21 Ex 35:22–38:20 Luke 7:36–50 *FC SD VII:91–103*

Thu: Ex 38:21–39:8, 22–23, 27–31 Luke 8:1–21 *FC SD VII:104–106*

Fri: Ex 39:32–40:16 Luke 8:22–39 *FC SD VII:107–115*

Sat: Ex 40:17–38 *Lev 1:1–7:38* Luke 8:40–56 *FC SD VII:116–123*

Sun: Leviticus 8:1–13, 30–36 Luke 9:1–17 *FC SD VII:124–128*

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