

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Invocavit

First Sunday in Lent

10 March 2019

Today's Hymns: 418, 656, 434, 424

Catechism

P What does God Say about all these commandments?

C He says, "I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments."

P What is this?

C God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything contrary to these commandments. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him, and gladly do what He commands.

Turn to Confession and Absolution in the Order of Service.

Volunteer Rota

| | <i>Music:</i> | <i>Sunday School 1:</i> | <i>Sunday School 2:</i> | <i>Teas:</i> |
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| <i>Today:</i> | John | — | Erin | Averil |
| <i>Next week:</i> | David | Calvin | Michelle | Dot |

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Cindy & Nikola; Žina

Family of members

Alex, Sarah & family; Marie (health); Ian (Parkinson's); Claire Anniss (health); Doug & Myra (health); Jack Fast (dementia); Howard (health); Žanna (health); Rita (cancer); Steve (heart failure); Sheridan (health)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Becky Varsogea (brain tumour); Claire & Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Mick (terminal cancer); Charlotte (cancer); John & family (cancer); Brian (cancer); David (cancer); Tim (health); Lynette Wiebusch (Alzheimer's); Janet (cancer); Pauline (cancer); Sharon (brain tumour); Jenny

(health); Michael (health); Freddie & Grace (health); Anne & Richard (health); Albert (health)

Local Community

Tina (depression); Treacher family; Leanne (chronic pain)

ELCE

Oxford Lutheran Mission, Pastors Simojoki & Kriger, ELCE Central Office; Pr. Roger and Emily Jones (health); Debbie Edge (recovery from surgery); Wendy Nicolson (cancer)

The Church of God

Lutheran Church in Southern Africa; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; Fareham Baptist New Life Church; Amir family, Jawid (persecution)

Lent

The Liturgical preparation for Easter takes place through 3 periods or steps: The first is the “-gesimas”, the three Sundays prior to Lent, which we have just celebrated.

The second step or stage of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. This second stage ends when the week of Laetare (the 4th Sunday in Lent) is completed. In addition to the omissions and changes that began in the “Gesimas”—no more ‘alleluias’—the *Gloria in Excelsis* is no longer sung, flowers no longer normally adorn the chancel, and the crucifix and crosses are veiled. During these four Sundays, the focus is on temptation and faith, and the Christian's struggle:

On **Invocavit Sunday** the Lord is tested in the Wilderness.

On **Reminiscere Sunday**, the faith of the Canaanite woman is tested.

On **Oculi Sunday**, the people tempt our Lord to show them a sign from heaven.

Laetare Sunday is “refreshment” Sunday (and Mothering Sunday).

The final stage is Passiontide, which begins with **Judica Sunday** (Passion Sunday, the 5th Sunday in Lent), and extends through Holy Week and the Triduum (“three holy days”—which includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday). Now the focus is expressly on our Lord’s passion. The liturgy is spoken on Judica Sunday to emphasize the intense passion which our Lord endured. This intensity builds until we finally arrive at the empty tomb.

Annual General Meeting and Voters’ Assembly

The Annual General Meeting of Our Saviour Lutheran Church will be held next Sunday, **17 March**, immediately after the service. The AGM will be followed by the regular meeting of the Voters’ Assembly.

Agendas and reports are being distributed by e-mail. They can also be found printed at the back of the church.

All members are urged to attend these important meetings.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

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| Today | 3.30 pm | Bible study at Brighton Mission |
| | 4.30 pm | Divine Service at Brighton Mission |
| Wed | 10.45 am | Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub) |
| | 2 pm | Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge |
| | 7 pm | Lenten Vespers |
| Thu | 1.10 pm | Bible study (Parsonage) |
| | 6.45 pm | Bible study (Eastleigh) |
| Sun | 10.30 am | Divine Service (Scout Hall) |
| | 12.15 pm | AGM and Voters' Assembly |
| | 6 pm | Youth Club (tbc) |

Further Ahead

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| 20 Mar | 10.45 am | Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub) |
| | 7 pm | Lenten Vespers |
| 21 Mar | 1.10 pm | Bible study (Parsonage) |
| | 6.45 pm | Bible study (Eastleigh) |
| 24 Mar | 10.30 am | Divine Service (Scout Hall) |
| | 3 pm | Bible study at Oxford Mission |
| | 4.30 pm | Divine Service (Oxford Mission) |
| 27 Mar | 1.10 pm | Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub) |
| | 2 pm | Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Hartwell Lodge |
| | 7 pm | Lenten Vespers |
| 28 Mar | 10.45 am | Bible study (Parsonage) |
| | 6.45 pm | Bible study (Eastleigh) |
| 30 Mar | 10am-4pm | ELCE Restructuring Open Meeting (Luther-Tyndale Memorial Church, London) |

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 II:1-4*

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