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Pentecost

9 June 2019

Today's Hymns: 913, 498, *Come Holy Spirit* (insert); 819

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 Confession and Absolution in the Order of Service.

Volunteer Rota

	Music:	Sunday School 1:	Sunday School 2:	Teas:
Today:	Daniel	Barbara	Carol	Dot
Next week:	David	Calvin	Michelle	

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Sindy & Nikola; Žina

Family of members

Helen (operation); Holly (health); Mike

(Alzheimer's); Alex, Sarah & family;

Marie (health); Geoffrey (depression);

Ian (Parkinson's); Claire Anniss (health);

Doug & Myra (health); Jack Fast (de-

mentia); Howard (health); Žanna

(health); Rita (cancer); Steve (heart fail-

ure); Sheridan (health)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Claire & Phil

(health); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Steve

(stroke, heart failure); Charlotte (cancer);

John & family (cancer); Brian (cancer);

Tim (health); Lynette Wiebusch

(Alzheimer's); Janet (cancer); Pauline

(cancer); Sharon (brain tumour); Jenny

(health); Michael (health); Freddie &

Grace (health); Anne, Clive & Richard

(health); Jean (health); Albert (health);

Tressey (mental health)

ELCE

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Pr.

Effiong; Pr. Edge; Pr. Roger and Emily

Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer)

The Church of God

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bel-

gium; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mo-

hamed Gurhan; Living Word Church;

Amir family, Jawid (persecution)

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GETTING INTO THE CATECHISM

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

A god means that from which we are to expect all good and in which we are to take refuge in all distress. So, to have a God is nothing other than trusting and believing Him with the heart. I have often said that the confidence and faith of the heart alone make both God and an idol. If your faith and trust is right, then your god is also true. On the other hand, if your trust is false and wrong, then you do not have the true God. For these two belong together, faith and God. Now, I say that whatever you set your heart on and put your trust in is truly your god.

The purpose of this commandment is to require true faith and trust of the heart, which settles upon the only true God and clings to Him alone. It is like saying, "See to it that you let Me alone be your God, and never seek another." In other words, "Whatever you lack of good things, expect it from Me. Look to Me for it. And whenever you suffer misfortune and distress, crawl and cling to Me. I, yes, I, will give you enough and help you out of every need. Only do not let your heart cleave to or rest on any other."

...Many a person thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions. He trusts in them and boasts about them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Such a person has a god by the name of "Mammon" (i.e., money and possessions), on which he sets all his heart. This is the most common idol on earth. ...

So, too, whoever trusts and boasts that he has great skill, prudence, power, favour, friendship, and honour also has a god. But it is not the true and only God. This truth reappears when you notice how arrogant, secure, and proud people are because of such possessions, and how despondent they are when the possessions no longer exist or are withdrawn. Therefore, I repeat that the chief explanation of this point is that to "have a god" is to have something in which the heart entirely trusts.

... So you can easily understand what and how much this commandment requires. A person's entire heart and all his confidence must be placed in God alone and in no one else. For to "have" God, you can easily see, is not to take hold of Him with our hands or to put Him in a bag or to lock Him in a chest. Instead, to "have" Him means that the heart takes hold of Him and clings to Him. To cling to Him with the heart is nothing else than to trust in Him entirely. For this reason God wishes to turn us away from everything else that exists outside of Him and to draw us to Himself. For He is the only eternal good. It is as though He would say, "Whatever you have previously sought from the saints, or for whatever things you have trusted in money or anything else, expect it all from Me. Think of Me as the one who will help you and pour out upon you richly all good things."

... Let us, then, learn well the First Commandment, that we may see how God will tolerate no overconfidence nor any trust in any other object. We will see how He requires nothing greater from us than confidence from the heart for everything good. Then we may live right and straightforward and use all the blessings that God gives

Large Catechism, Part I: The Ten Commandments, paragraphs 1–15, 47

From Paul McCain, ed., Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2005).



Congregational Trip to Norway? – October 2019



It is very likely that the ELCE will be entering into full church fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese in Norway (ELDN), a small, young church body in Norway.

I have been invited to give a series of Bible talks in October at a congregation of the ELDN near the beautiful city of Tromsø in Norwegian Lapland. I would love to take a delegation of ELCE members with me!

This is a great opportunity for us to meet fellow Lutherans from across the North Sea, to provide mutual encouragement to one another, to learn together, as well as to visit a very beautiful part of the world.

If you are at all interested in coming along, please sign on the form on the notice board.

This is not a firm commitment, only an expression of interest.

- **Date:**
25–27 October 2019 (with possible extra days)
- **Accommodation:**
We would stay with host families
- **Cost of flights:**
Approximate £170-250 (from Gatwick)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Today	3.30 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
Tue		<i>St. Barnabas</i>
Wed	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
	7 pm	Divine Service—St. Barnabas
Thu	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	12.15 pm	Church Council Meeting (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club

Further Ahead

19 Jun	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
20 Jun	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
23 Jun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)—Nativity of John the Baptist
	3 pm	Bible study (Oxford Mission)
	4.30 pm	Divine Service (Oxford Mission)
24 Jun		<i>The Nativity of John the Baptist</i>
26 Jun	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Hartwell Lodge
27 Jun	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
29 Jun		<i>St. Peter & St. Paul</i>
	5.30 pm	Community Fun Night
30 Jun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
2 Jul		<i>The Visitation</i>
3 Jul	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)

Daily Readings:

Sun: Numbers 21:10–35 Luke 21:20–38 *Formula of Concord Solid Declaration XI:65–75*

Mon: Num 22:1–20 Luke 22:1–23 *FC SD XI:76–86*

Tue: Num 22:21–23:3 Luke 22:24–46 *FC SD XI:87–93*

Wed: Num 23:4–28 Luke 22:47–71 *FC SD XI:94–96*

Thu: Num 24:1–25 Luke 23:1–25 *FC SD XII:1–27*

Fri: Num 27:12–23 Luke 23:26–56 *FC SD XII:28–38*

Sat: Num 32:1–6, 16–27 Luke 24:1–27 *FC SD XII:39–40*

Sun: Num 35:9–30 *Acts 1:1–7:60* Luke 24:28–53 *Three Ecumenical Creeds*