

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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## Last Sunday of the Church Year 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Today's Hymns: 516, 508, 510, 514

### Catechism

**P** The Lord's Prayer: The Fifth Petition

**C** And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**P** What is this?

**C** We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins, nor refuse our petitions because of them; for we are worthy of none of the things for which we pray, neither have we deserved them. Instead, we pray that He would grant them all to us by grace; for we daily sin much, and we truly deserve nothing but punishment. In the same way, on our part, we will also sincerely forgive and willingly do good to those who sin against us.

*Turn to Confession and Absolution in the Order of Service.*

### In Our Prayers

#### Members

Ron; Sindy & Nikola; Žina; Reg, Carol

#### Family of members

Ava (bone infection); Holly (health); Mike (Alzheimer's); Geoffrey (depression); Ian (Parkinson's); Doug & Myra (health); Howard (health); Zanna (health); Sheridan (health); Marian (old age); Holly; Greg (cancer)

#### Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Claire & Phil (health); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Charlotte (cancer); John & family (cancer); Brian (cancer); Tim (health); Lynette Wiebusch (Alzheimer's); Janet (cancer); Pauline (cancer); Sharon

(brain tumour); Joby Beresford (cancer); Jenny (health); Michael (health); Freddie & Grace (health); Anne, Clive & Richard (health); Doreen (health); Mattie (tests); Marion (depression); Becky (leukemia)

#### ELCE

St. Columba Lutheran Church, Pr. Ehlers; ELCE University students; Pr. Roger and Emily Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Ingrid Flor (cancer) & family

#### The Church of God

The American Association of Lutheran Churches; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; Holy Trinity CofE; Amir family

### Volunteer Rota

	Music:	Sunday School 1:	Sunday School 2:	Teas:
Today:	Simojoki children	Sarah	Carol	Averil
Next week:	Calvin	John	Erin	Diane

### **Hymn of the Day: The Day is Surely Drawing Near (LSB 508)**

Our hymn written by Bartholomaeus Ringwaldt, a Lutheran pastor who died in 1599. It is based on the historic Medieval Latin poem, *Dies Irae* (Day of Wrath). Its historic usage and its nineteen verses were associated with and used at the time of the Christian's death. Some say it was written in the thirteenth century though others ascribe its origin with Gregory the Great (500s)! It comes from various portions of the Scripture including St. Matthew's separation of the sheep from the goats, St. Luke's description of the last days, and Paul's descriptions of the final day with its trumpet sound in 1 Thess. 4 and 1 Cor. 15. Many of these texts you can still hear at the grave during the Christian committal, pointing to the hope of the great Resurrection of all flesh.

To listen to the historic rendition of *Dies Irae* one hears a powerful, foreboding, perhaps even terrifying sound. Our hymnal's setting is concerned with a balance of warning and comfort from God's Word, terror over unbelief and joy for Christ's sake. The first four verses tell the events of the last day, emphasizing the final judgment and the punishment for being without faith. The final three verses deliver those who sing from the terrors of hell, beautifully proclaiming the work of Jesus: writing the singer's name in the book of life, interceding for His own before the Father, and hearing his children's prayer and hastening their salvation.

*Rev. Adrian Sherrill*

### **What is the Gradual?**

The liturgical term *Gradual* generally refers to the verses that are customarily chanted between the reading of the Old Testament and the Epistle during the Divine Service. They are part of the Propers and change each week to match the other readings. The verses are typically from the Psalter.

They are meant to give the hearers a chance to reflect upon what they have just heard and also to prepare them for what they are about to hear. The music and the text together is meant to serve the ear in a way that is parallel to how manuscript illuminations served the eye.

Reverence demands that when God speaks, when the Scriptures are read, His people respond. Besides having a catechetical purpose for the hearers, the *Graduals* are also meant to give the hearers a way to respond appropriately to God with praise, thanksgiving, and confession, thus the use of the Psalter. There is the idea in the Liturgy that we don't simply rush from one thing to the next. We want to hear the Word of God reverently, taking a moment to contemplate and pray about and in response to what God has said.

*Rev. David Petersen*

## Advent and Christmas Services

Day	Date	Time	Service
Wed	3 Dec	7 pm	Advent Vespers
Wed	10 Dec	7 pm	Advent Vespers
Sun	15 Dec	4.30 pm	Finnish Carol Service
Wed	17 Dec	7 pm	Advent Vespers
Sun	21 Dec	6 pm	Community Carol Service
Tue	24 Dec	11 pm	Midnight Mass
Wed	25 Dec	10 am	Christmas Morning Divine Service
Sun	28 Dec	10.30 am	Sunday after Christmas
Wed	1 Jan	10 am	New Year's Day: Circumcision and Name of Jesus

### Advent Vespers:

The topic for this year's services will be John the Baptist: his life and ministry as the one preparing the way for Jesus Christ.

### Venues for the services:

Advent Vespers are held at the home of Barbara Higgins:

2 Southmead Road  
Fareham  
PO15 5JX

All the other services are held at the Scout Hall.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### This Week

Today	3 pm	Bible study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Oxford Mission
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Hartwell Lodge
Thu	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service—First Sunday in Advent Special Offering for Westfield House
	6 pm	Youth Club

### Further Ahead

4 Dec	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	6.45 pm	Advent Vespers
5 Dec	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
8 Dec	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	3.30 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
11 Dec	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
	6.45 pm	Advent Vespers
12 Dec	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
15 Dec	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30 pm	Finnish Carol Service (Scout Hall)

### Daily Readings:

Sun: Daniel 4:1–37 Revelation 21:1–8 *Apology of the Augsburg Confession XXVIII (XIV):11–14*

Mon: Dan 5:1–30 *Dan 7:1–8:27 Rev 21:9–27 Ap XXVIII (XIV):15–19*

Tue: Dan 6:1–28 *Dan 9:1–27 Rev 22:1–21 Ap XXVIII (XIV):20–27*

Wed: Isaiah 1:1–28 1 Peter 1:1–12 *Large Catechism Longer Preface:1–6*

Thu: Is 2:1–22 *Isaiah 3:1–4:6 1 Pet 1:13–25 LC Longer Preface: 7–13*

Fri: Is 5:1–25 *Amos 1:1–9:15 1 Pet 2:1–12 LC Longer Preface:14–20*

Sat: Is 6:1–7:9 1 Pet 2:13–25 *LC Short Preface:1–13*

Sun: Is 7:10–8:8 1 Pet 3:1–22 *LC Short Preface:14–28*