

Brighton Lutheran Mission

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Welcome to Brighton Lutheran Mission!

We are delighted to have you with us this evening to receive the Lord's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Please stay for a cup of tea after the service.

If you are worshipping us for the first time and would like to receive Holy Communion, please speak to the pastor before the service.

Misericordias Domini

Third Sunday of Easter

10 April 2016

Hymns: 482, 709, 634, 791

Catechism Reading

P The Lord's Prayer, the Sixth Petition

C **And lead us not into temptation.**

P What does this mean?

C **God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.**

In Our Prayers

St. David's Lutheran Church, Pr. Naumann; Lutheran Church in Southern Africa; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Christian Mission, Mohamed Gurhan; Holland Road Baptist Church, Pr. Treneer

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

THE SMALCALD ARTICLES

PART III, ARTICLE XII: THE CHURCH

We do not agree with [the Pope] that they are the Church. They are not the Church. Nor will we listen to those things that, under the name of Church, they command or forbid. Thank God, a seven-year-old child knows what the Church is, namely, the holy believers and lambs who hear the voice of their Shepherd. For the children pray, “I believe in one holy Christian Church.” This holiness does not come from albs, tonsures, long gowns, and other ceremonies they made up without Holy Scripture, but from God’s Word and true faith.

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HYMN OF THE DAY: THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS LSB 709

The Hymn of the Day for Good Shepherd Sunday is a hymn on a hymn! When Jesus sang hymns with his disciples, they would have been singing from their hymnal, the Psalms—Psalm 23 included. Since this hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 23, Christians have been singing these words for more than three thousand years! King David wrote Psalm 23, perhaps the most beloved of all the Psalms.

Our hymn pictures Jesus as the answer to David’s hymn. It shows Jesus loving us; Jesus leading us to good water; Jesus shepherding us when we go astray; Jesus walking through the valley of the shadow of death with and for us; Jesus feeding us a meal in the wilderness of this life; and Jesus bringing us to eternal life. Its place in the middle of the Easter season shows the Good Shepherd rounding up His scattered Church after His resurrection. One will call to mind Jesus shepherding the disciples on the road to Emmaus, bringing the Apostles and particularly Thomas back to the fold, opening Mary’s tear filled eyes to see that he is the Risen One, curing Peter’s broken conscience and restoring him, appearing to his brother James and many others as the Shepherd who loves them.

Even now He gathers the scattered through the preaching of the Word and restores the lost into the fold through the great “peace be to you,” of the absolution.

Rev. Aidan Sherrill

Liturgical Titbits: A Clash of Times and Days 1—A Tale of Two Calendars

The Christian Church was borne out of the mixed soil of the Old Testament Scriptures, first-century Judaism and the Græco-Roman world. This mixture of influences is still with us today when it comes to measuring and marking time in the Church's life.

The worship of the Old Testament, and much of the Judaism of Palestine in the first century, operated with a lunar calendar, where the change of months was determined by the cycle of the moon. Months, and therefore festivals, would not always occur at the same time of the natural year.

This is why the chief festival of the Church, Easter, which is based on the Jewish festival of Passover, can occur on any time between 22 March and 25 April, depending on when the first full moon of the spring occurs.

On the other hand, the Romans (like us) used the solar calendar, so that months always occur at exactly the same time of the natural year. Festivals that have no Old Testament precedent but were introduced by Christians, such as Christmas, therefore have a fixed date.

Some of the seasons of the Church Year relate to fixed dates (e.g. Advent for the 4 Sundays before Christmas), some to movable dates (e.g. Lent for 40 days before Easter), and others vary depending on how the two relate (Epiphany and Pentecost).

The Church Year has kept both calendars side by side, giving us a number of fixed festivals, with Easter moving to and fro. As a result, in any given year, we might have a short Epiphany season and a long Pentecost (Trinity season), or *vice versa*.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This week

Today	4. 30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
Thu	10.30 am	Bible Study (Parsonage)— <i>Note the new time</i>
Sat	2 pm	Service of thanksgiving & dedication at Lutheran Radio UK, Cambridge
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

Next Month

20 Apr	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
21 Apr	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
22–24 Apr		ELCE Retreat (Launde Abbey)
24 Apr	10.30 am	Divine Service
	3 pm	Bible study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
26–27 Apr		Barnes Conference
27 Apr	10.30 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
28 Apr	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
1 May	10.30 am	Divine Service at St. Francis — NB unusual venue
	12.30 pm	Voters' Assembly (The Parsonage)
	6 pm	Youth Club

**God willing, the next service at Brighton Mission
will be held on 8 May.**

**Bible studies in Fareham are held on
Thursdays at 10.30 am.**

**You can join the Bible studies held in Fareham via your computer or
smartphone. Ask the pastor for details.**