Brighton Lutheran Mission



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Welcome to Brighton Lutheran Mission! May God bless you richly as we gather together to receive His gifts.

Please stay behind for a cup of tea or coffee afterwards.

Holy Communion — A note to visitors

It is our desire that all people receive the body and blood of our Lord at this altar! However, our Lord has told us in His Word that His body and blood, given into our mouths, are powerful and not to be given or received lightly or in a careless way. Therefore, in respecting the Word of the Lord that anyone who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner is doing harm to themselves, and that He desires that all who commune together be truly united in the confession of the truth, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the Lutheran Confessions and are under our pastor's care come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

All who are visiting us and who desire to commune with us are asked to first speak with our pastor before the service, so that all can make an informed decision about participating with us in our fellowship in this place. We are not condemning anyone with this practice; we seek only to follow the Word of the Lord and carry out responsible pastoral care.

If you are not communing with us today, please do come forward for a blessing.

Thank you for honouring our beliefs.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymns:	
LSB 611	Chief of Sinners Though I Be
LSB 709	The King of Love My Shepherd Is
LSB 790	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Catechism

- P What is Baptism?
- Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.
- **P** Which is that word of God?
- Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Introit (*Ps. 47:3, 6–8; antiphon: Ps. 47:1–2*)

L Clap your hands, all peoples!*

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,*
a great king over all the earth.

- He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.
- L Sing praises to God, sing praises!*
 Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
- For God is the King of all the earth;*
 sing praises with a psalm!
- L God reigns over the nations;*
 God sits on his holy throne.
- G*Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
 and to the Holy Spirit,
 - as it was in the beginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. Amen
- Clap your hands, all peoples!*

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Collect of the Day

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Readings

Jesus Restores Paradise and Feeds Us Freely

In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God, apart from any burdensome work (Gen 2:7–17). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labour. The curse declared, "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground . . ." (Gen. 3:19). In other words, "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (Mark 8:1–9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For "the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

Old Testament Reading—Genesis 2:7-17

⁷Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸And

the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Gradual (Ps. 34:11, 5)

Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.
Those who look to him are | radiant,*
and their faces shall never | be
ashamed.

Epistle Reading—Romans 6:19–23

¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia Verse (Ps. 47:1)

C Alleluia!

Clap your hands, O peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading—John 10:11-16

In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, [Jesus] called his disciples to him and said to them, ²"I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. ³ And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away." ⁴ And his disciples answered him, "How

can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?" ⁵ And he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven." ⁶ And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. ⁷ And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. ⁸ And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. ⁹ And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Oxford Lutheran Mission; Pr. Mumme; Pr. Fry; Pr. Cowan; *The British Lutheran*; Lutherans in Africa; Pr. James May; Evangelical Lutheran Church—France Synod; Holland Road Baptist Church; Pr. David Treneer

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THE SMALL & LARGE CATECHISMS PART III: THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE FOURTH PETITION

Give us this day our daily bread.

SMALL CATECHISM EXPLANATION

What does this mean? God gives daily bread, even without our prayer, to all wicked people; but we pray in this petition that He would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Everything that belongs to the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, field, cattle, money, goods, a pious spouse, pious children, pious servants, pious and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, discipline, honour, good friends, faithful neighbours, and the like.

LARGE CATECHISM EXPLANATION

Here, now, we consider the poor breadbasket, the necessities of our body and of the temporal life. It is a brief and simple word, but it has a very wide scope. For when you mention and pray for daily bread, you pray for everything that is necessary in order to have and enjoy daily bread. On the other hand, you also pray against everything that interferes with it. Therefore, you must open wide and extend your thoughts not only to the oven or the flour bin, but also to the distant field and the entire land, which bears and brings to us daily bread and every sort of nourishment. For if God did not cause food to grow and He did not bless and preserve it in the field, we could never take bread from the oven or have any to set upon the table.

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There will be no Bible study in July and no service in August.

God willing, the next Bible study is on Friday 23 August, and the next service on Sunday 8 September