

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.

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9 July 2017

Today's Hymns: 908, 696, 852, 854 (bulletin)

Catechism Reading

P The Third Commandment

C **You shall sanctify the day of worship.**

P What is this?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred, and gladly hear and learn it.**

In Our Prayers

Bristol & Ipswich Lutheran Missions, Pr. Bessel & Pr. Samiec; Lanka Lutheran Church; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; Holland Road Baptist Church, Pr. Treneer; Pr. Edge, Pr. Jones (health); Bruce Latimer (recovering from heart attack); Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Charlotte (cancer)

LSB 854: FORTH IN THY NAME, O LORD, I GO



1. Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly la - bour to pur - sue,
2. The task Thy wis - dom has as - signed, O let me cheerful - ly ful - fil;
3. Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes mine in - most sub - stance see,
4. Give me to bear Thy ea - sy yoke, And ev' - ry moment watch and pray,



Thee, on - ly Thee, re - solved to know In all I think or speak or do.
In all my works Thy presence find, And prove Thy good and per - fect will.
And labour on at Thy command, And of - fer all my works to Thee.
And still to things e - ter - nal look, And has - ten to Thy glo - rious day.

- 5 For Thee delightfully employ
Whate'er Thy bounteous grace has giv'n,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707–88), alt. Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB 696—O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD

Johann Heermann (1585–1647) was a Lutheran pastor in Silesia during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). During his time as pastor many of his congregation died from pestilence, especially during 1631. It is no wonder that Pastor Heermann could write such words as comfort as are found in this hymn.

We find true comfort in the merciful God alone, in the fountain ever flowing! A prayer for all times is for a “healthy frame,” not only to be healthy, but also to help others through one's calling and vocation. It is so tempting to curse, swear, or speak out of turn; these betray a mistrust that God actually would work good in this vale of tears. Only forgiveness won by Jesus on the cross can set aside this mistrust. The final two stanzas are pure comfort, echoing the *Nunc dimittis* (Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace). Death for the Christian body is but sleep; the Christian soul does not die, but immediately is drawn to heaven at the death of the body. Christians now commend themselves to their Saviour. Then, in splendour, Christians will rejoice over their salvation with all those who love his name.

Rev. Thomas Lock

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
THE FORMULA OF CONCORD: SOLID DECLARATION
ARTICLE II—FREE WILL

From this evidence the following is certain: as soon as the Holy Spirit has begun His work of regeneration and renewal in us through the Word and holy Sacraments, we can and should cooperate through His power, although still in great weakness. This cooperation does not come from our fleshly natural powers, but from the new powers and gifts that the Holy Spirit has begun in us in conversion. 66 St. Paul clearly and eagerly encourages that “working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain” [2 Corinthians 6:1]. But this is to be understood in no other way than the following: the converted person does good to such an extent and as long as God by His Holy Spirit rules, guides, and leads him. As soon as God would withdraw His gracious hand from that person, he could not for a moment keep obeying God. But <if anyone would take St. Paul’s words in this sense—> the converted person co-operates with the Holy Spirit the way two horses draw a wagon together—this could not be allowed in any way without damaging the divine truth.

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. (2 Corinthians 6:1)

For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building. (1 Corinthians 3:9)

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. (1 Corinthians 15:10)

What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make My dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” (2 Corinthians 6:16)>

There is a great difference between baptized and unbaptized people. According to the teaching of St. Paul in Galatians 3:27, “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ”, and are made truly regenerate. They now have a freed will. As Christ says, they have been made free again. Therefore, they are able not only to hear the Word, but also to agree with it and accept it, although in great weakness.

Paragraphs 65–67

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

Today	3.30 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
Tue	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
Wed	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club

Further Ahead

17–20 Jul		Pastor at <i>Corpus Christi</i> youth conference (Germany)
23 Jul	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	3 pm	Bible study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Oxford Mission
25 Jul	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
26 Jul	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall
31 Jul–18 Aug		<i>Pastor on annual leave</i>
30 Aug	10.30 am	Morning Service (Scout Hall)
6 Aug	10.30 am	Morning Service (Scout Hall)— <i>Special Offering for Overseas Missions</i>
	5 pm	Duo Kiyv Concert (see poster on the notice board)
13 Aug	10.30 am	Morning Service (Scout Hall)
20 Aug	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	3.30 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
23 Aug	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Merry Hall

**God willing, the next service at Brighton Mission
will be held on 20 August.**

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and click the link.
Ask the pastor for details.**