

**Join in to pray for city & nation
8-9am Saturday, 29th August
@ Frank Jackman lookout**

Bring a chair if you need one



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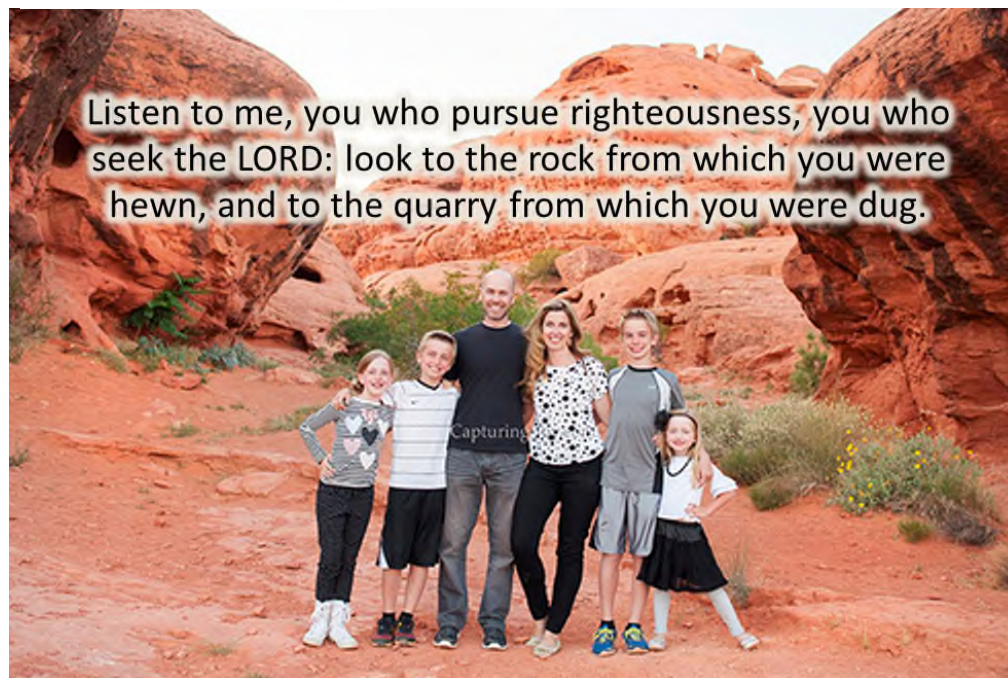
Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd, Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran
427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



**12th Sunday after Pentecost
23rd August 2020**

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.



*Reaching out with the Love of Jesus that
All may Know, Worship & Grow in Christ*

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Pastor Tim invites you to write a poem or some prose to describe how Jesus has impacted your life. Please send in your thoughts; maybe even as a video clip that might share your faith.

Let God's creative spirit flow through you to be a blessing to others. I look forward in expectation to what you share. Go to our Web Page and click on the above picture to see what is being shared.



The Freedom Journey:

Discovering Grace through the Wilderness

Next week Peter Steicke will be sharing God's word at our services. And his latest book will be available for sale for \$20, hot off the press.

Here's a preview:

"You're free!" Releasing words, indeed. Through *The Freedom Journey*, you'll be taken on a venture from whatever enslaves you, into a life of freedom and opportunity, all via the wilderness. In this place of restoration, not desolation, you'll identify the renewed mindsets the Holy Spirit will grow in you. Restored, and propelled forward, you'll discover that freedom is not so much a place, as a way of being and relating, living in the absolute security that you're incredibly loved. Loved and loving, you get to soar and lead others into freedom as well.

"I loved the short chapters, full of anecdotes and illustrations, depth and wisdom. I read the whole book in a couple of sittings, but my husband and I are now going to read a section every day. It's perfect for either."



Lutheran Men of Australia

Aug - Oct 2020
NEWSLETTER
is available. Please
contact the office if
you want a copy.

LCA

2020 Yearbook

There is one copy available
from the office for \$20

Coming Events

August

Sun 23rd	9:30am	Traditional worship in Church - Communion
Mon 24th	7pm	Joint Holy Cross/Christ Church, Ed Cen
	7pm	Worship Team meet, Ed Cen
Fri 28th	6:30pm	Listening & sharing Gods word in hall
Sat 29th	8am	Prayer for our City, Frank Jachman Lookout
Sun 30th	9:30am	Worship in hall with Peter Steicke sharing

September

Sun 6th	9:30am	Worship in hall
Mon 7th	7pm	Worship Team meet, Ed Cen
	7:30pm	Leadership meet re future direction
Sun 13th	9:30am	Worship in hall with Communion
		Music Ministry On Line service
Mon 14th	7:30pm	Elders & Property Meet, Ed Cen
Sat 19th	9am	Working Bee, Christ Church
Sun 20th	9:30am	Worship in hall
Sept 21st - 24th		Red Cross Blood Bank @ JDH
Fri 25th	TBA	Friday night worship in the hall
Sun 27th	9:30am	Tradition worship in Church - Communion

November

Sun 1st	6pm	Combined All Saints Day, Uniting Church
Nov 16th - 19th		Red Cross Blood Bank @ JDH

PLEASE NOTE

Please Note: Bulletin notices
are now due by
10am on Wednesdays

OFFERINGS

If you can't drop your offerings in
please contact the office for assistance.

**Contact the office for REG giving or use
BSB and Account Number for Christ Church:**

BSB 704 942 Acc # 100311504

Options for worship and praising

Check our Facebook Page for the latest Take Away

YouTube channels: (subscribe for easy access)

Christ Church Lutheran Church

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkuwYNguhb8UFafjU7bFtKA>

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1o3Cy-fGMCsEoTtn9kwkgQ>

Music Ministry Online

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDoA2JRIV7vHNT0oceDkibg>

TV Options

Channel 44

Joyce Myer - weekdays 9am

St John's Unley - Sunday 2:30pm

Channel 92 - In Touch Ministries, Sundays 7.30am

Channel 72 - David Jeremiah Sunday 8am

- Leading the Way Sunday 7:30am

Radio and Internet options include

Radio -Power FM - 107.9 - Sundays 7.00am & 8.00am

Andy Stanley podcasts <https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/your-move-with-andy-stanley-podcast/id211872550>

Toowoomba Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Sunday 8:30am [Watch Online - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Toowoomba, Qld](#)

St Michael's Lutheran Church, Hahndorf Sunday

9:30am <https://livestream.com/luthworship/events/2472486>

Immanuel Lutheran Church Buderim, 10:30am Sundays

<https://ichurch.net.au/immanuel-livestream/>

Our Saviour Lutheran, Rochedale Qld Sunday 8am

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC41T_5K_sK0s_P1yc9uK4Cw

If you know of something else let us know and we will share it with everyone.

BUDGET POSITION 17th JULY - 14th AUGUST, 2020

Offerings for the month of 17/7/2020 - 14/8/2020:

REG	\$ 5,107	Budget	\$ 4,167
Offering Plate	\$ 7,561	Budget	\$ 9,230
TOTAL	\$12,668	Budget	\$13,397

OFFERINGS 1st January 2020 - 14th August, 2020:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budget to Date</u>
REG	\$42,412	Budget \$33,332
Offering Plate	\$49,391	Budget \$64,615
TOTAL	\$91,803	Budget \$97,947

OTHER INCOME 17/7/2020 - 14/8/2020: \$7,804

EXPENSES 17/7/2020 - 14/8/2020: \$21,123 (\$3,666 less than budgeted)

Myanmar Donations - \$2,660

Thank you for your continued support towards our Community.

Please look after each other during these trying times and be sure to stay safe



Thank you to all who continue to generously donate food to Teen Challenge.



Tailem Bend Primary School

Visit their website for more info:

Coomandook Area School

<https://smg.asn.au/chaplaincy-vacancies>



Confirmation

Confirmation Lessons will commence on
2nd September 7-8pm at Holy Cross

*Please contact Christ Church office, 8532 6553,
to register your interest for Confirmation*

LCA/NZ PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Reflecting God's Love ~ **KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE**

If you think a child is at risk of harm ... In an emergency, call 000 - If it is not an emergency, call your local police and child protection authority.

Pray Continually 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV



Please Pray for...

(Please note, before visiting check with family for any visitation allowances and/or restrictions)

Christ Church: Martha Aartsen, Lores Frahn, Audrey & Marcus Jaensch, Noleen Kluge, Irene Kuchel, Margaret Kuchel, Bryan Lees, Joy Lienert, David Pech, Leo Schulz, Sandra Thiele, June Walker, Jeanette Zanker & also for their Carers. And for Oscar Noye and Amelia & Josh Noye and Delton & Lynette Schiller

Holy Cross: Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Lila Grocke, Ivan Hein, Trevor Hueppauff, Bert & Nita Hyam, Pat Jenke, Leila Koehler, Matt Kruschel, Joy Leighton, Murray Nitschke, Jim & Marion Poole, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Reg Schwartz, Brian Venn, Felicity Woods & also for their Carers.

Resthaven: Joyce Ahrns (CC), Ray Box (HC), Lorna Burrett (HC), Doris Hein (Mon), Leon Klitscher (HC), Dot Noller (CC), Helen Paech (Mon), Murray Piltz (CC)

Lerwin: Colleen Fawcett (CC), Glad Hausler (CC), Enid Heidrich (CC), Stewart Jaensch (CC), Dorothy Klitscher (HC), Alice Kowald (HC), Betty Paech (HC), Lorna Schulz (CC)

Aminya Village, Mannum: Val Stevens (CC)

Bupa Aged Care: Ruth Neindorf (HC)

Golden Grove Helping Hand: Joyleen Rosenzweig
(209 The Golden Way, Golden Grove 5125)

Meningie Hosp Aged Care: Kurt Unger (HC)

Tailem Bend Hosp: Paul Fiegert (HC), Pat Gogel (HC), Bevan Schulz (HC)



Prayer of the Day:

Thank you, Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, that you have established your church on earth and opened the door to your Father's presence. Build us up as your church on the sure foundation of faith in you. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Also Pray...

Continue to pray for the teachers, children and their families at Kindy including Tanya, April, Alex K-N, Clairra, Charlotte A & Quade and also for Years 6 classes at Unity and surrounding schools.

Jesus, be with the people of Victoria as they struggle with strict lock-down measures. We pray that these measures will help bring an end to the suffering of many. Bring comfort and relief to all those who are struggling with sudden changes to their lives, and protect all essential service workers.

Lord, we pray for the families of all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones. Envelope them in your love, and draw them close to you in their pain and loss. Help officials to locate and contain the outbreaks, and restore health to those afflicted with coronavirus

Pray Continually

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

24th Mavis Goedecke (CC)

Neville Pietsch (HC)

26th Gary Beauglehall (CC)

Joshua Kirpensteyn (CC)

Josh Noye (CC)

Oscar Noye (CC)

Helen Visser (CC)

27th Izaiah Barolo (Mon)

28th Kirsty Beitz (CC)



Please pray for everyone celebrating their Baptismal Birthday

If you would like to be included in our Prayers or have your Birthdays or Anniversary announced, please contact Yvonne in the office on 8532 6553 .

Rosters

There are a number of people required to make our worship on Sundays happen, especially with the COVID-19 requirements.

Please let the office know if you are able to help with any of the duties with worship in the hall or church.

Many thanks



Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way with our return to worship.
What a blessing you all are!

A Word From Your Bishop

18 August 2020

by SA-NT Bishop David Altus



We are always learning to trust God.

There is always something new to test and challenge our faith in him every day.

This year we are learning to trust God, individually and together as church, in ways we never anticipated. The truth is we are not *“all in this together”* in the same way during 2020. Some have been hit harder with what they’re experiencing and feeling, others are being more severely tested in different ways.

Lutheran Community Care tells me that they are seeing more people – students, professionals and people from all walks of life – looking for basic assistance, such as food relief. I heard this week that in one of our Lutheran schools alone 25% of families have indicated financial hardship. More pastors than normal are currently on leave for stress or mental exhaustion, and most express a depletion of mental energy. Some have indicated they are in a very dark place.

At some point we all come to the end of our inner resources. Who hasn’t called out to God at some time *“Lord save me!”* when we fear going under, as we are swamped by demands, sucked under by self-doubt, overwhelmed by unmeetable expectations, afraid we won’t be able to get through whatever “it” is.

In Matthew 14:22-33, twelve disciples of Jesus are rowing hard into the night against the wind. They don’t know if they are going to make it to the other side in the darkness. Jesus comes to them on the water. They may have lost sight of him, but he hadn’t lost sight of them. In fact, he had been praying for them on a hillside overlooking the lake where they were struggling to stay afloat. As he comes to them, the disciples think he is a ghost – they, like us, question whether there is anything or anyone real to hang on to in the darkness.

Jesus says: *“It is I; don’t be afraid.”*

Fear is the dangerous undertow, the rip that threatens to drag us away from God. Fear threatens to engulf the disciples in their boat. Fear is what paralyses Peter, and makes us feel like all we are doing is treading water before we drown. Fear makes us tired, wears down our faith and creates doubts about God.

To the disciples’ fear, and to our own, Jesus says, *“Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”* The phrase “It is I” is actually “I AM”, the sacred name of God in the Old Testament – the God who made order out of the chaotic watery mess that covered

everything at creation, who opened up a path for the Israelites through the Red Sea, who rescued Jonah when he was thrown overboard, and the God who has pulled you through the waters of your baptism and saved and rescued you for all eternity.

Peter grew in confidence at the sound of Jesus' voice. Peter says, *"Lord, if it's you, tell me to come to you on the water."* Now I would have said "If it is you Lord, come here and get in the boat with us!" or "If you really are out there stop the storm". But Peter doesn't just ask Jesus to do something for him to fix everything, Peter asks Jesus to tell him to come out on the water and walk to him through the wind and the waves!

So Jesus takes Peter at his faith and invites him to step out on to the water, to walk on top of and through the chaotic sea to him. Sometimes Jesus calls us to come to him in situations where we have nothing but his promise and invitation to stand on. Faith is never mere bravado, it is walking towards Jesus, listening to his call to come to him through anything life throws at us, daring to believe we will not go under.

Peter only goes under when he stops focussing on Jesus. Now normally Peter could talk under water, but this time he has to. *"Lord save me"* he blubbers. And Jesus reaches out his hand and grabs Peter, keeping him from going under.

When they reach the boat where they were literally "all in it together" they worshipped Jesus, recognising him as Lord and God of the waves, and of their lives.

"Lord save me! Lord have mercy!"

On a recent trip to Mt Gambier the service began with these very words. We come to Jesus, together in the same boat in worship, saying *"Lord save us"* – for ourselves, for those we know and love who are hurting, for the church, and for a suffering world.

We look to Jesus to help us, when what needs to be done is overwhelming or simply beyond us. We put our hand in his outstretched one and we trust him, with our own life and death, and with his world. We dare to believe he can handle what we can't, provide what we need, and give us the strength we don't have to walk on, and walk through whatever it is we face.

If you are going under right now personally, or fear for the future of your church, Jesus comes to you in this story and these words. He reaches through them to grab hold of you so you don't go under, but stand, and even walk on and through whatever threatens to sink you – walking towards him. One day we all have to go under – 6 feet under when we die but even then faith walks through valley of the shadow of death fearing no evil for the Lord is there too with us, his hand reaches into the grave and will one day pull us out – that's his promise, the word on which our faith is based, and by which we live, and live through anything.



Growing
FAITH
at home

23 August 2020

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus is God's Son.

Caring Conversations

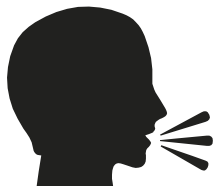
Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Share about a time when you had a different view from someone else.

2

What are some of the different ideas people have about Jesus? Who do you say Jesus is?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 16:13-20	Peter's confession of Christ
M	Exodus 1:8-2:10	Birth of Moses
T	John 11:17-27	Martha's confession of Christ
W	Matthew 27:50-54	The confession of soldiers
T	Acts 9:20-31	Saul's confession of Christ
F	Romans 12:1-8	A living sacrifice
S	Psalms 138	The Lord will vindicate me
S	Matthew 16:21-28	Take up your cross and follow

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to show that we believe you are God's Son through what we think, say and do today. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord make you strong and brave to speak up for him.

Sundays after Pentecost

GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

Creative Response

In Romans 12:1 Paul encourages Christians to offer their whole bodies in service to God.

As part of your home devotions this week, draw a large outline of a body (or trace around someone).

Talk about how we can use different parts of our bodies to serve God and confess our faith in Jesus.

Write your ideas onto the paper and hang your body drawing up somewhere to use it as a focal point for action and prayer during the week.

mealt ime prayer

Son of God, come be our guest, our thanks to receive and these gifts to bless. Amen.

verse for the week

Then Jesus asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Messiah, the son of the living God."

MATTHEW 16:15-16

Service



Romans 12:6-8 lists a number of different gifts that God gives to his people: telling others the gospel and Bible stories, helping others, teaching, encouraging, sharing or giving, leading, and showing kindness to others.

Name the gifts you see at work in different members of your family. Talk about ways you can use these gifts to serve God in your church, family and community.