

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley
Second Sunday of Advent
December 4th, 2016

Welcome

Worship blessings in Christ as you gather here today to receive God's good things. If you would like to talk further concerning faith in Christ or about the Church, please contact our Pastor or one of our lay-assistants. Visitors are warmly invited to stay after worship for a cuppa with our members, and also to sign our visitor's book in the foyer

Worship:

Sundays at 9.30am
Sunday School at 9:45am fortnightly
in term time
ON TODAY

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CHURCH**
OF AUSTRALIA

where love comes to life

Our Mission

Being fed with the grace of the Triune God through His Word and Sacraments, Bethlehem Lutheran Church is called to share this Bread of Life with the spiritually hungry of our community

Entry Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7,18,19

Leader: Teach the king to judge with your righteousness, O God; share with him your own justice,

People: so that he will rule over your people with justice and govern the oppressed with righteousness.

May the land enjoy prosperity; may it experience righteousness.

May the king judge the poor fairly; may he help the needy and defeat their oppressors.

May your people worship you as long as the sun shines, as long as the moon gives light, for ages to come.

May the king be like rain on the fields, like showers falling on the land.

May righteousness flourish in his lifetime, and may prosperity last as long as the moon gives light.

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel! He alone does these wonderful things.

Praise his glorious name for ever!

May his glory fill the whole world

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. Help us by his coming to serve you with pure hearts and minds. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10 The longed-for Messiah

Romans 15:4-13 Good news for the Gentiles

Matthew 3:1-12 The kingdom of heaven is at hand!

JESUS
THE
STAR
OF
CHRISTMAS



FROM
THE
PASTOR



Thankfulness in all its contexts: The Advent candle theme this week is '**Thankfulness**'. And so... reflect upon and thank God for these texts on thankfulness, gratitude and Christ's grace.

'Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.' Matthew 26:27

'Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.' Ps 100:4

'I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.' 1 Corinthians 1:4

'So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.' Colossians 2:6-7

Thanks to Mr Fred Styants for leading today's service while I attend the 2016 ordination service of the Lutheran Church of Australia at St Paul Blair Athol, South Australia. I thank God that I am able to be with my new brothers in the ministry, with whom I shared so much life and learning with, during our time together at Sem... including the tribulation of Koine Greek over 2012.

The Lutheran Laypeople's League has released its latest mission funding report 'Together in mission: supporting the Lutheran Church'. There are many inspiring stories within. Your copy is in the narthex (foyer).

Congratulations to Mrs Elfie Heller who last month was recognised with a *WA Volunteer Service Award for 25 years of more of service*. Elfie received her award in correspondence from the Hon Paul Miles MLA, who among other things is Minister for Volunteering. We thank God for Elfie and pray his continued blessing upon her work: 'We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ' (1 Thessalonians 1:3).

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Thank You to all those who brought food and helped with the organising of the Advent evening

Confirmation teaching has now wrapped up for the year after the class attended the LYWA youth service on Friday night. As God permits, I look forward to re-commencing on Friday 3 February from 6-8pm where we look at the Biblical background to Worship and Divine Service.

Welcome to the new church year! Last Sunday we commenced a new church year. This year we follow the readings set down for Year A. A highlight is a focus on the Gospel according to Matthew. You can find the schedule of readings for the whole year at:

<http://www.lca.org.au/worship/cowadmin/?p=8542> Another excellent site is: <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu> Please let Pastor Matt or a lay-assistant know if you would like the list emailed to you or you require a hard copy.

Please **remember** the needs of the Bethlehem Community Care Christmas hamper appeal as you are able.



From the Secretary:

In order to help members to be informed about the decisions of Church Council, Church Council has approved the distribution of minutes of its meetings to members of the Congregation.

To protect the privacy of individuals whose personal circumstances may be disclosed at Church Council meetings, confidential information may be removed from the copy of the minutes that is circulated, such as personal financial information.

A number of copies of the minutes are now available in a folder on the noticeboard. Members are asked to leave at least one copy in this folder.

Members who would like to receive the minutes by email are encouraged to contact the Secretary, John Theodorsen (john@theodorsen.com.au).

The Happyland Word Search

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Do your best to find all the words listed below:

FAITH
HOPE
COMPASSION
TRUST
LOVE
HEAVEN
PEACEMAKER
GOD
FAMILY

FRIENDS
HAPPINESS
PLAY
FUN
PROPHET
CHILD
PARENT
GIFT
JESUS

TEACHER
BLESSED
PRAISE
PRAYER
PATIENCE
KINDNESS
CHRIST
HARMONY

Words can run forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally.

Christmas Services at Bethlehem

Sat 24th Dec, Christmas Eve—7:00pm
Family Christmas Program

Sun 25th Dec, Christmas Day—9:30am
Christmas Liturgy with Lord's Supper



Christmas Hampers:

Thanks to all of you who have been donating to the Community Care Ministry through your offerings and your gifts. We are again planning on putting together a Christmas hamper for a number of families. If you would like to make a special donation consider whether you might make donations of Christmas type items.— pretzels, mince pies, crackers, juice, tea/coffee, cheeses.



Busy bee next Saturday 10 December to give Bethlehem a shine prior to Christmas. Please see the separate posters and flyers. Please register your availability with Mike Yurisich (0417 965 653) or Amanda Gargett (0407 840 277) by Wed 7 December.

St John's Lutheran Church in Perth invite you to their **Christmas Tree Festival from Sunday 4 December -16 December.**

There are special events on various days within this timeframe. See the notice board and associated flyers (in the narthex) for more information.

City of Bayswater—Carols by Candlelight
Saturday 17th December—7pm
Halliday Park, Coode St, Bayswater

Programs and candles available for gold coin donation

Prayer Points



- .. Praise that Jesus Christ has received and gives the Lord's Spirit (Isaiah 11:2; Matthew 3:16; John 20:22)
- .. For the pastoral, teaching and theological graduates of Australian Lutheran College (Mark 1:38; 4:1)
- .. Thanksgiving for Christ's righteous rule (Isaiah 11:4)
- .. That God's spirit will lead the leaders of this land (Isaiah 4:4)
- .. That just as the wolf will lie down with the lamb, the weak and strong may live together safely in peace (Isaiah 4:5)
- .. That all people may listen to God's call to repentance in every age (Matthew 3:2)
- .. For the Bethlehem Sunday School as it starts preparing in earnest for Christmas Eve (Luke 2:16)
- .. For the elderly, grieving, estranged, sick and despondent, and all facing surgery, including in our own congregation (Isaiah 40:1)

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- .. **Those dealing with health issues:** Ewald Schmidt, Elfrida Kaszanski and her son Bruce, Lisa Sitarz, Jutta Chrulew, Carmen Lawson, Roslyn Zadow and Tristram Van Rooyen.
- .. **Those facing challenging circumstances:** Margaret and Ernst Klenner, Amalia Chrulew and family, Roslyn, Lois and Jye, Carmen's daughter Rihi and family, and Joanna Arkoi

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday 5th	Isaiah 5:8-17
Tuesday 6th	Isaiah 6:1-13
Wednesday 7th	Isaiah 7:10-25
Thursday 8th	Isaiah 8:16-9:1
Friday 9th	Isaiah 9:2-7
Saturday 10th	Psalms 146:5-10

Questions about attending Holy Communion in the Lutheran Church?

‘Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and drink.’

Come to this sacrament:

- as a sinner who wants God’s forgiveness;
- as a baptised believer who trusts that Jesus died for the forgiveness of sin;
- as a guest who humbly accepts what Jesus gives — his true body and blood with the bread and wine ;
- as a witness who gladly joins in this public confession of the death of Christ.

Should you not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may remain in your pew or come to the altar to receive a blessing - crossing your arms to signify your intention.

COMING UP OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

- Sunday 4th 9:30am Bethlehem Worship**
Meeting immediately following service—Property Improvement Project
11am Ladies Trading Table
- Sunday 11th 9:30am Bethlehem Worship**
- Sunday 18th 9:30am Bethlehem Worship**
- Sunday 18th 7pm LYWA GROW**

Bookings: Visit us on the Web at www.morley.wa.lca.org.au or email us at bookings@morley.wa.lca.org.au

Bookings—Other Events	
Sat 10th Dec	11-1pm LYWA Management Mtg
Sat 10th Dec	5-6:15pm Children’s Choir
Sun 11th Dec	7pm LYWA GROW

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

3rd Sunday of Advent— December 11th, (Violet)

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10 , James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Flowers: Roslyn

Cleaners: Chris Kempin

All Items for the “Bethlehem Bulletin”, please email to Lorraine (lschutz99@gmail.com) by Wednesday afternoon.