

# Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 19th, 2016

### Welcome

We warmly welcome all of you here today for our worship. If you would like to talk further about faith in Christ or the Church, please contact our Pastor. After worship you are invited to stay for a cuppa and meet our members or Pastor. You are also warmly invited to sign our visitor's book.

### Worship:

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

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### 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 42 & 43

*Leader:* As a deer longs for a stream of cool water, so I long for you, O God.

**People:** I thirst for you, O God. I thirst for you, the living God; when can I go and worship in your presence?

Day and night I cry, and tears are my only food; all the time my enemies ask me, "Where is your God?"

**My heart breaks when I remember the past, when I went with the crowds to the house of God and led them as they walked along, a happy crowd, singing and shouting praise to God.**

Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled? I will put my hope in God, and once again I will praise him, my saviour and my God.

**Here in exile my heart is breaking, and so I turn my thoughts to him.**

He has sent waves of sorrow over my soul; chaos roars at me like a flood, like waterfalls thundering down to the Jordan from Mount Hermon and Mount Mizar.

**May the Lord show his constant love during the day, so that I may have a song at night, a prayer to the God of my life.**

To God, my defender, I say, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go suffering from the cruelty of my enemies?"

**I am crushed by their insults, as they keep on asking me, "Where is your God?"**

Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled? I will put my hope in God, and once again I will praise him, my saviour and my God.

**O God, declare me innocent, and defend my cause against the ungodly; deliver me from lying and evil men!**

You are my protector; why have you abandoned me? Why must I go on suffering from the cruelty of my enemies?

**Send your light and your truth; may they lead me and bring me back to Zion, your sacred hill, and to your Temple, where you live.**

Then I will go to your altar, O God; you are the source of my happiness. I will play my harp and sing praise to you,

O God, my God.

**Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled? I will put my hope in God, and once again I will praise him, my saviour and my God.**



Do you ever have big questions about why God has acted in history in the way he has? Like, why did he bother with the law and Moses if it was all going to be sorted out with Jesus Christ anyway? Today our sermon text Galatians 3:23-29 (with reference also to 3:19-22) goes into this. One of the things I really like

about it, is the way St Paul does not assume that the way things are is supposed to be self evident. He teaches. These things are important. Otherwise, we have no concept of what Christ has saved us and his church from. So today we will look at this teaching in order that we can be comforted by the gift of God's grace that has unlocked the oppression of the law and transformed us to be like Christ.

In your quiet times this week you may want to reflect on the landmark nature in the New Testament of Galatians chapter 3. Here are some brief notes (including on chapter 4 which connects closely). Outside of our reading today is the reminder to the Galatians (and us) that faith came through the Spirit, not works of the law. Then there is Paul's argument that the law cannot be kept perfectly... hence cursed are all those who try to (Gal 3:10-12). Then comes one of the NT's clearest statements about why Christ had to die on the cross and what it achieved: 'Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole" ' (Gal 3:13). Then there is the example of how the law that came subsequent to the promise to Abraham does not set aside that original promise. This is a big part of Paul's confidence in the promise of grace - an important part of his revelation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Gal 1:12). Note that chapter 4 continues the argument of chapter 3 concerning the oppression of the law, and the contrast of the gospel's freedom. You might recognise some aspects of Romans 8:14-17, which was our sermon text a few weeks ago. Moreover, the next part of chapter 4:8-20 demonstrates Paul's pastoral heart - his legitimate concern and care for the churches and the faith of each brother and sister (Gal 4:12) in Christ. Next week we look at the big 'switch over' from what Christ has done for us, to how the Spirit now leads (Gal chapter 5). May you be blessed as you spend time in word and prayer soaking up the marvels of God's grace **given** to you.

The Lutheran Media newsletter is in the hardcopy version of your bulletin today.

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## Pastor's Pen Continued....

LYWA YAC Camp from 6 July to 10 July: please register your child ASAP if they are attending. A small number of forms are in the foyer next to the bulletins. See pastor if you need more.

**It's marvellous what a difference milo makes!** Some weeks ago our congregation was invited to provide some key supplies - eggs and milo - to help with the Hampton Senior High School Breakfast Club that is run each Thursday morning from 8-8:50am. The idea is that students who might not normally have breakfast, and even those who do, can gather for some pre-lesson nourishment and socialising. It's run by the student services team, which is all the staff who don't teach but have student welfare responsibilities.

Bethlehem Community care has now made a substantial donation for purchasing the eggs (and milo when we can't directly provide the tins). Thanks for the couple of large Milo tins that have come in so far. Please continue to bring in the tins of milo - it is blessing indeed to be able to offer thanks and bless these at Lord's altar in our own congregation before they go out to our community. Further, please let Pastor Matt know if you are interested in helping for around 50 minutes on a Thursday morning. And please keep in your prayers this ministry and the people who provide and attend it..

### **BREAKFAST IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MEAL OF THE DAY.**

While adults need to eat breakfast each day to perform their best, *kids need it even more.* Their growing bodies and developing brains rely heavily on the regular intake of food for optimum performance in school and sports.



## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray that we live in unity with one another.  
**Thank you, heavenly Father, that you have clothed us with Christ, and made us one in him. Break down all barriers that divide us, and teach us to live in harmony as members of your family. We ask this through your Son, Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## Scripture Readings:

**1 Kings 19:1-15a**

**Galatians 3:23-29**

**Luke 8:26-39**

Elijah flees and meets God

We are Christ's, justified by faith

Jesus heals a man with demons

# Ladies Fellowship Fund Raising

## Trading Table - 'bring & buy'

**4 weekly – June 19<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 6 and Dec 4<sup>th</sup>**

Cakes, jams, handy crafts, good plants, fruit & veg

Unsold items that need to be eaten within a week must also be taken home again by their owner.

Further information from Roslyn



# Bethlehem Community Care pantry needs:

We had a great response over lent to our request for certain goods. Right now we need tins of milo (for Hampton High breakfast), tuna, rice, cous cous and processed cheese (for our food parcel boxes).

There is a steady demand for our food parcels - we continue to be Christ amongst our community through this service. Praise be to God!



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## Soup—Not TODAY

This is a fortnightly initiative.

Soup is available after the service for a gold coin donation. Warming effect complimentary!

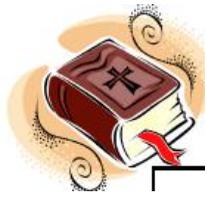
All proceeds go to the important Bible translation work

Hannah Schulz continues to undertake in PNG's remote Western Province.

Volunteer soup providers needed please!

## Prayer Points

- Thanksgiving that in baptism we are clothed in Christ (Gal 3:27) and transformed into his identity and personhood (Gal 3:28)
- Praise that the custodianship of the law has been replaced with grace (Gal 3:25)
- God's leadership for the LCA Bishops (Heb 13:7)
- God's provision and care for the Finke River Mission and all who depend on its ministry (Heb 13:16)
- For our country and nation, and our local government and community (1 Tim 2:1-2)
- Thanksgiving that another four students will be admitted to the Lord's Supper this day (1 Cor 10:16-17)
- Encouragement for Christian parents and their children as God's ways are taught and modelled (Proverbs 4:1-9)
- For the family of Mrs Joan O'Farrell who passed away 11 June 2016 and whose funeral will be conducted by Pastor Matt in Beverley on 20 June 2016 (1 Cor 15:20)
- Christ's comfort and grace for all those tormented by evil (Luke 8:38)
- God's healing hand to sustain and protect all who suffer in our congregation (Heb 13:20-21)



Please remember in your prayers this week:

- **Those dealing with health issues:** Fred Kroeger, Elfrida Kaszanski, Lisa Sitarz, Jutta Chrulew, Carmen Lawson, Lucinda Osborne, Susan Kroeger, Roslyn Zadow, Basil Nelson and Tristram Van Rooyen.
- **Those facing challenging circumstances:** Margaret and Ernst Klenner, Amelia Chrulew and family, Roslyn, Lois and Jye, Carmen's daughter Rihi and family
- **For safety, wellbeing and protection:** Mike, Serica, Sterling, Gibson and 'Y' Yurisch.

### **DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

<b>Monday 20th</b>	<b>Matthew 22:23-40</b>
<b>Tuesday 21st</b>	<b>Matthew 22:41-23:12</b>
<b>Wednesday 22nd</b>	<b>Matthew 23:13-26</b>
<b>Thursday 23rd</b>	<b>Matthew 23:27-39</b>
<b>Friday 24th</b>	<b>Matthew 24:1-14</b>
<b>Saturday 25th</b>	<b>Psalm 77:1,2,11-20</b>

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Bethlehem Worship**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Bethlehem Worship**

**July**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:30am Bethlehem Worship**

**Bookings:** Visit us on the Web at [www.morley.wa.lca.org.au](http://www.morley.wa.lca.org.au) or email us at [bookings@morley.wa.lca.org.au](mailto:bookings@morley.wa.lca.org.au)

<b>Bookings—Other Events</b>	
Sun 19th June	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 26th June	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Tues 28th June	7-10pm LYWA Meeting
Sun 3rd July	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church

## WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost — June 26th, (Green)**

**Readings: (2 Kings 2:1,2,6-14, Galatians 5:1,13-25,  
Luke 9:51-62 )**

**Flowers: Roslyn**

**Cleaners: C Kempin**

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**All Items, etc for the “Bethlehem Bulletin” should be given or emailed to  
Pastor Matt by Wednesday afternoon**