

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 26th, 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 —
NOT 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 77:1,2,11-20

Leader: I cry aloud to God; I cry aloud, and he hears me.

People: In times of trouble I pray to the Lord; all night long I lift my hands in prayer, but I cannot find comfort.

I will remember your great deeds, Lord; I will recall the wonders you did in the past.

I will think about all that you have done; I will meditate on all your mighty acts.

Everything you do, O God, is holy. No God is as great as you.

You are the God who works miracles; you showed your might among the nations.

By your power you saved your people, the descendants of Jacob and of Joseph.

When the waters saw you, O God, they were afraid, and the depths of the sea trembled.

The clouds poured down rain; thunder crashed from the sky, and lightning flashed in all directions.

The crash of your thunder rolled out, and flashes of lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

You walked through the waves; you crossed the deep sea, but your footprints could not be seen.

You led your people like a shepherd, with Moses and Aaron in charge.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray for power to endure.

Almighty and merciful God, your dear Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our sake. Give us courage and patience to take up our cross and follow him. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Scripture Readings:

2 Kings 2:1,2,6-14

Galatians 5:1,13-25

Luke 9:51-62

Elijah taken to heaven

Freedom in Christ to live by the Spirit

The cost of following Jesus





People often talk about 'the rubber hitting the road'. The wheels stop spinning and grab. The vehicle moves forward. That's where we are up to in Galatians. Having proclaimed the Gospel and urged the Galatians not to be caught up in any other Gospel (which is no gospel at all - Gal 1:7), Paul turns to the

practical implications for the Christian life. It is true that *faith* 'grasps the promise' of the Gospel. But equally, being clothed in Christ (Gal 3:27) and given his identity (Gal 3:28) results in Spirit led activity. That in large part is what Galatians 5 is about - which we hear of today. In essence, the rubber of the Christian life hits the road of the world that we have been created to serve in. We have been redeemed personally - set right with God. But for service to him and his creation in this world until he calls us home. Put right with God, we are sent out into the world. Yet we don't do this on our own. We have Christ's identity and been given his Spirit: 'Those who belong to Jesus Christ have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.' (Gal 5:24). It's this living with the Spirit and the difference it makes that we'll unpack a little today.

10kg or 167,000 kJ / 40,000 calories of energy is the amount of Milo that has been donated since we started our breakfast appeal for the Hampton High weekly breakfast only a few weeks ago. Wow! During the past week the Hampton SHS breakfast coordinator expressed his thanks again, also passing on that one of the student's recently told him, "This is the only day of the week I get breakfast!" Thanks everyone once again for your support of this initiative. Praise be to God (2 Cor 9:15).

Next week I am attending the Luther@500 conference in Melbourne. I will be back for worship on Sunday 3 July (I am still contactable for pastoral emergencies, as are our lay assistants). This is a conference run by the LCA (ALC Faculty and a research group at ALC called ALITE), but will be attended by scholars, theologians, pastors and laity across the Asia-Pacific. This is an important event in the lead up to next year's 500th anniversary of the start of the European reformations. The website (Luther500.com.au) notes it will 'explore, positively and critically, the reception of Martin Luther's theology today and its significance for Christianity in the future. The exploration of Luther's theology will be three-dimensional: ecumenical, global and future-focused.'

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Pastor's Pen Continued....

Among other things, this conference is blessed to have several internationally renowned scholars presenting. These are men and women who continue to bring the reformation 'breakthrough' of God's saving grace to life in culturally appropriate ways for the 21st century. One of the sessions I am especially looking forward to is the launch of Rev Dr Stephen Pietsch's book on Luther's pastoral letters to the depressed and their implications for today.

No doubt the conference insights will be synthesised over time at Bethlehem, and in our other ministries such as the LYWA Young Adults Grow Bible/Faith studies and my involvement in ecumenical discussion. Moreover, I note I am the grateful recipient of a LCA scholarship to help attend this conference and will be assisting by leading table discussions after each main speaker. Moreover, I look forward to telling everyone there about what our congregation is up to in this corner of God's kingdom!

LYWA YAC Camp: Registrations are now urgently due. And please see the separate notice in this bulletin about Bethlehem Morley's catering for this event. What a great way to 'do' intergenerational ministry!



A wordsearch puzzle on Luke 9:51-62 is available for download on the web version of the Bulletin—web address above 'Bookings' section.

YAC Camp 6th—10th July

Every couple of years Bethlehem is invited to support the camping program of LYWA.

YAC is our opportunity to do so this July. How can you help?

- Donations of food as per the list or cash donations will greatly assist us
- Time to help out at the camp—cooks, assistants and helpers, even if just for one afternoon.

Can you help? See Susan Kroeger

Note: All members cooking in the kitchen need to have an up to date Working with Children card. Its not too late to apply. Please see Susan or Pastor Matt for a form after the service.



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Ladies Fellowship Fund Raising

Trading Table - 'bring & buy'

4 weekly – July 17th, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 6 and Dec 4th

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





Soup— **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 for our new identity in Christ which gives freedom from the law and its demands (Gal 5:1)
- That having been given the Spirit we humbly and faithfully keep in step with the Spirit (Gal 5:22)
- That the Christian church on earth would keep in step with the Spirit in truth and love (Gal 5:22; Gal 2:9)
- For a fair General Election on Saturday 2 July and a government that will listen to those voices that bear the Spirit's fruits (1 Tim 2:1-2; Gal 5:22)
- For compassion for those in material need (Isaiah 1:17) and thanksgiving for the kindness (Gal 5:22) demonstrated in Bethlehem's recent support of the Hampton SHS breakfast
- A strengthening of ecumenical relations and our understanding of God's grace as participants meet for the Luther@500 conference in Melbourne (28 June -3 July) (Eph 4:4).
- For all in our congregation and community that are anxious, facing troubles, distressed, sick or recovering from ill health (John 14:27)



Please remember in your prayers this week:

- Baby Mariska and the Yurisich family. Thank God for Mariska's safe arrival. Pray for the continued peace and wellbeing of Mariska and her family as she settles into family life at home
- **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

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday 27th	Matthew 24:15-31
Tuesday 28th	Matthew 24:32-51
Wednesday 29th	Matthew 25:1-13
Thursday 30th	Matthew 25:14-30
Friday July 1st	Matthew 25:31-46
Saturday 2nd	Psalm 30

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 26th 9:30am Bethlehem Worship

July

Sunday 3rd 9:30am Bethlehem Worship

Sunday 10th 9:30am Bethlehem Worship

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	
Sun 26th June	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Tues 28th June	7-10pm LYWA Meeting
Sun 3rd July	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Mon-Fri 4-8th July	8-4:30pm Youthcare Meeting

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost — July 3rd, (Green)

**Readings: (2 Kings 5:1-14, Galatians 6:1-16,
Luke 10:1-11,16-20)**

Flowers: Rosemarie

Cleaners: Styants Family

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

Word Search Puzzle

from www.geocities.com/lectionarypuzzles/

words in a straight line in all directions

D E A D F A T H E R N O W H E R E N L
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(Luke 9:51-62)

Word List

SAMARITANS MESSENGERS JERUSALEM DISCIPLES WHEREVER PROCLAIM
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ENTERED CONSUME COMMAND BECAUSE ANOTHER TURNED TOWARD
HEAVEN FOLLOW FATHER THOSE THEIR TAKEN READY NESTS LOOKS JESUS
JAMES HOLES GOING FOXES FIRST BIRDS ALONG AHEAD WILL WHEN WERE
WENT WANT THEY THEN THEM SENT SAID ROAD PUTS PLOW NRSV NEAR
MAKE LUKE LORD JOHN HOME HAVE HAND FROM FIRE FACE DREW DOWN
DEAD DAYS COME BURY BACK YOU WHO WAY SON SET SAY SAW LET LAY
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