

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 24th, 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 85

Leader: Lord, you have been merciful to your land ; you have made Israel prosperous again.

People: You have forgiven your people's sins and pardoned all their wrongs.

You stopped being angry with them and held back your furious rage.

Bring us back, O God our saviour, and stop being displeased with us!

Will you be angry with us for ever? Will your anger never cease?

Make us strong again, and we, your people, will praise you.

Show us your constant love, O Lord, and give us your saving help.

I am listening to what the Lord God is saying; he promises peace to us, his own people, if we do not go back to our foolish ways.

Surely he is ready to save those who honour him, and his saving presence will remain in our land.

Love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will embrace.

Man's loyalty will reach up from the earth, and God's righteousness will look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosperous and our land will produce rich harvests.

Righteousness will go before the Lord and prepare the path for him.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray for boldness in prayer.

Thank you, generous God, that you want to give us so much more than we even think of asking for. Keep us coming to you in prayer, knowing that you are waiting to answer. 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:

Hosea 1:2-10

Hosea's wife and children

Colossians 2:6-15

Not philosophy or legalism, but Christ

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus' teaching on prayer





'Pestering' God in prayer: For all its importance to the church and our individual lives of faith, the Lord's Prayer comes up only once in our three year cycle of Bible readings. So while the other readings this weekend each deserve a sermon (what an intriguing thing it is that God commanded his prophet Hosea to

marry a prostitute and have children with her [Hosea 1:2-10], and what a beautiful summary of God's work for us and our response to it is Colossians 2:6-19) they'll wait for another time. You see, in the Lord's prayer Jesus himself shows us how to pray to God the Father. It's the perfect prayer because it so completely yet succinctly captures what kind of prayer God thinks we need for sustaining faith in Him. For example, as much as it is spiritual '(Your kingdom come), it is physical (Give us today our daily bread); as much as it is self-centred (Forgive us our sins) it is other-centred (... as we forgive those who sin against us). So today we hear how God draws us to Himself in this prayer as we 'pester' Him with it. (By the way, you might have guessed that it was Martin Luther who spoke positively of 'pestering' God through our use of the Lord's Prayer - see his introduction to the Lord's Prayer in the Large Catechism).

YAC camp thanks: A huge thanks to the eight Bethlehem youth who attended YAC and participated so fully. Thanks also to Chris Kuchel who so ably co-directed the camp, and to Serica and Mike for their faithful involvement and extensive behind the scenes activity. I also want to personally thank you for freeing me up to be camp pastor - a wonderful privilege where I could teach and be taught. And, of course, a huge thanks to all members who helped with YAC camp catering. As Fred K mentioned last week, the 'warm fuzzies' (encouragement notes) written to the kitchen staff have been laminated and placed on the notice board under the new heading 'Bethlehem Youth & LYWA'. Take a look at what you all did (for many of you supplied provisions even if you could not be present in the kitchen) and keep an eye on this space in the future.

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Confirmation learning: pre-meeting with parents/carers and participants 5:30pm 12 August 2016 at Bethlehem Morley.

In Colossians 1:28 St Paul writes: 'It is Christ whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ'. This doesn't happen on its own! Accordingly, confirmation classes will begin in early September to help our *mainly (but not entirely) 'younger' members who want to mature further in the Christian faith and deepen in the practice of Christian spirituality. The 'classes' will use a variety of media, resources and formats, and incorporate inquiry based learning approaches and parental/carer involvement (not every parent every week!) The material normally takes around 40 one hour sessions to get through. Hence it is anticipated that these classes will lead to the Rite of Confirmation sometime during Term 3, 2017. To commence, generally students will be in at least year 8 at high school or 13 years of age. Adult students yet to be confirmed are also welcome. Subject to some further consultation, classes are likely to be held on Friday afternoons (for one hour as stated above). Please ask questions or register your interest ASAP with Pastor Matt if you or your child will be enrolling: matt.bishop@lca.org.au or 08 92767668.*

Also, as confirmation instruction is a whole of congregation responsibility, there will be opportunities for all members to help out too - details to be provided later.

What the Lutheran Church of Australia says about the Rite of Confirmation which the classes lead to: 'This rite is not commanded in Scripture and is not considered a sacrament in the Lutheran church. However it builds on and appropriates the sacrament of baptism. Baptism is complete in itself, but the new life begun in baptism needs to continue to grow throughout life... this Rite presupposes that the candidates have been instructed in the Christian faith and are now ready to renounce the devil, confess the Christian faith, subscribe to the teaching of the Lutheran Church, express this commitment to following Christ, and receive the blessing of God. The congregation... supports the candidates growth and development.' (p320; *Church Rites*, LCA)



The Lord's Prayer Crossword Puzzle

Jesus taught us how to pray. He wants our prayers to be humble, meaningful, and sincerely addressed to God in heaven. Pray a quiet prayer asking God to guide your life.

Read Matthew 6:5-15 and do the crossword puzzle.

Across

Down

1. God the Father knows what you need before you _____

_____ Him (verse 8).

4. Pray to God our heavenly _____ (verse 6).

5. Our Father is in _____ (verse 9).

8. We should not be like the _____ (verse 5).

9. Forgive us our _____ (verse 12).

11. Pray that God's _____ be done (verse 10).

12. Deliver us from _____ (verse 13).

13. When praying, go into your room and shut the _____ (verse 6).

16. God the Father will _____ you (verse 6).

2. God's _____ come (verse 10).

3. We need to forgive our _____ (verse 12).

6. On _____ as it is in heaven (verse 10).

7. If you do not _____ people, God the Father will not forgive your sins (verse 15).

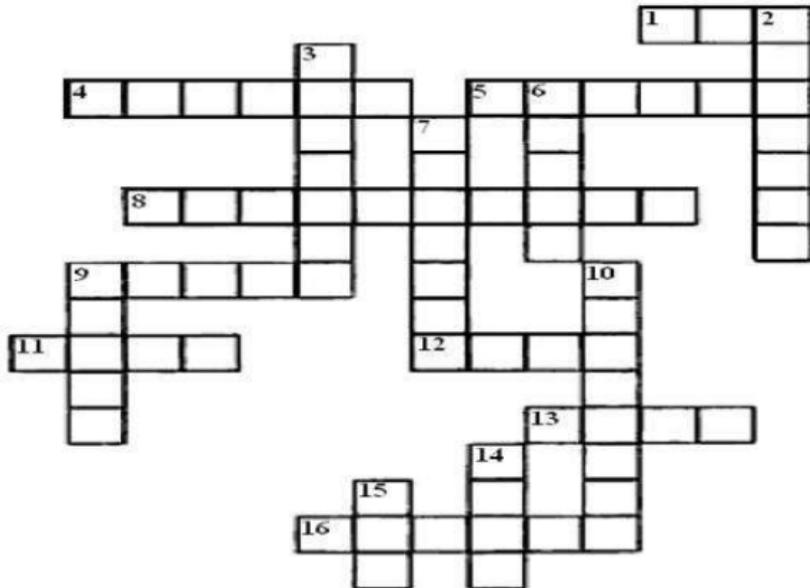
9. Give us our _____ bread (verse 11).

10. God's name should be revered and _____ (v. 9).

14. Do not repeat useless phrases and words when you _____ (verse 7).

15. Forgive _____ when they do wrong (verse 14).

Calvary Kids Pages www.calvarywilliamsport.com/kids-index



Ladies Fellowship Fund Raising

Trading Table - 'bring & buy' - Aug 14th

Further information from Roslyn



Young Adult - Bible Study Group

Next Night:

Thursday, 28 July 2016

7:30 - 9:30 pm

Held At:

*Bethlehem Lutheran Church
29 Robinson Road Morley WA*

Keep Up To Date At:

[www.facebook.com/
LutheranYouthWA](http://www.facebook.com/LutheranYouthWA)

This event is open to anyone between the ages of 18 - 36 and focuses on growing your knowledge of the Bible. If you are a young adult with a desire to grow your faith by deeply studying God's Word and hear what it has to say, then we encourage you to come along. There is a light supper provided on the night. These sessions are run fortnightly alternating between 2 Thursdays and a Sunday and cover a range of different topics.

We look forward to seeing you there!

For more details contact:

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Prayer Points



- .. That we call God 'Our Father' and keep his name holy (Luke 11:2)
- .. That God's kingdom would come: that God would rule in our hearts and help us to believe his holy word (Luke 11:2)
- .. That God's will be done on earth as in heaven: that the power of everything that is against God and which weakens our faith will be broken (Luke 11:2)
- .. For our daily bread: give us thankful and generous hearts, for what do we have that we did not receive? (1 Cor 4:7; 1 Luke 11:3)
- .. That we will be forgiven as we forgive those who sin against us (Luke 11:4)
- .. That we will not be led into temptation: let us not be tricked by deceitfulness and evil (Luke 11:4)
- .. For deliverance from evil: including anxiety through the provision of peace and comfort for all who mourn, are sick or in need (Matt 11:13b)

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.
- .. Also, members of Helga Van Rooyen's family Des and Susanne. Des recently had a serious stroke and faces a long and uncertain road to recovery
- .. **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 25th	Romans 1:1-15
Tuesday 26th	Romans 1:16-27
Wednesday 27th	Romans 1:28-2:11
Thursday 28th	Romans 2:12-24
Friday 29th	Romans 2:25-3:8
Saturday 30th	Psalm 107:1-9,43

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 24th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Monday 25th	7:00pm Church Council Meeting
Thursday 28th	7:30pm Young Adults Bible Study
Sunday 31st	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
August	
Sunday 7th	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 24th July	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Thu 28th July	5:30-7:30pm Lutheran Homes Meeting
Thu 28th July	7:30pm Young Adults Bible Study
Sun 31st July	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 7th August	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost — July 31st, (Green)

Readings: (Hosea 11:1-11, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21)

Flowers: Melanie

Cleaners: Wills & King Family

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