

# Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 31st, 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 107:1-9,43

*Leader: "Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good; his love is eternal!"*

**People: Repeat these words in praise to the Lord, all you whom he has saved. He has rescued you from your enemies And has brought you back from foreign countries, from east and west, from north and south.**

**Some wandered in the trackless desert and could not find their way to a city to live in.**

*They were hungry and thirsty and had given up all hope.*

**Then in their trouble they called to the Lord, and he saved them from their distress.**

*He led them by a straight road to a city where they could live.*

**They must thank the Lord for his constant love, for the wonderful things he did for them.**

*He satisfies those who are thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.*

**May those who are wise think about these things; may they acknowledge the Lord's constant love.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray for wisdom in regard to wealth.

**Thank you, loving Father, for giving us so many good things.**

**Keep us from hoarding earthly riches for ourselves and neglecting the needs of others. Make us truly rich in knowing and following your Son. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## Scripture Readings:

**Hosea 11:1-11** God's love for his rebellious people

**Colossians 3:1-11** The old life and the new

**Luke 12:13-21** The parable of the rich fool





How big a barn do you need (Luke 12:18)? In a 21st century urban parish the concern may not be about somewhere to store our excess harvest and fleeces. But instead, greater incomes, superannuation, bank balances, property portfolios and consumption possibilities all have the potential to unleash our 'greed ge-

nies' just as much. Therefore 'How big a barn do you need?' will depend on how much you have brought this question before God in prayer and wrestled with what Christ has to say about it. Today gives us a chance to do that as we hear Jesus' parable about the rich 'fool' (see Luke 12:16;20 for how it got its name). This man thought he could go it alone and insulate himself against shortage in order to enjoy a long and materially abundant life. He consulted no one - not least God. This was idolatrous 'folly' (Luke 12:20). That's the law in this text. But the Gospel reminds us that 'life does not consist in an abundance of possessions' (Luke 12:15). Praise God for that!

**Prayer requests:** If at anytime you have a special prayer request please let me know directly on 9276 7668 or [matt.bishop@lca.org.au](mailto:matt.bishop@lca.org.au). It might be that you desire prayer concerning a special birthday, an anniversary, pending surgery or recovery, grief or any situation in life. You may want this prayer to be during Divine Service, listed in the bulletin or kept entirely private. In some cases we even have *Church Rites available to use for both public and private settings*. *Either way, let me know and we can work out together how I and our church family at Bethlehem can serve you in Christ's service of us.*

Today we welcome Kath and Keith Kowald into membership at Bethlehem. We thank God for them, welcome them in Christ's name and pray that we might joyfully serve them as fellow members of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:18, 26; Gal 6:2).

Today we farewell Judy and Basil Nelson who are returning to family and friends in Townsville, and their congregation of St Paul's Lutheran Church Townsville, after Basil's extended medical treatment in Perth en route from work in the Cocos Islands. We thank God for the blessing they have been to Bethlehem Morley (Psalm 118:1) .

Baptism of Mariska Eva Yurisich: next week Mariska is baptised into God's family. We look forward to this celebration of God's grace (John 1:12-13)

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## Pastor's pen cont....

**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](mailto: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*)



## Ladies Fellowship Fund Raising

Trading Table - 'bring & buy'- **Aug 14,**

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

Further information from Roslyn

Luke 12: 13-21

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(See Matthew 7:24-27)

04-25-2007

WISE MAN LEADS FOOLISH MAN BY OVER 100,000 AS WE HEAD INTO FINAL JEOPARDY, WHERE THE TOPIC WILL BE ... "SOLID FOUNDATIONS"

# Help The Children Solve The Mystery Parable

Matthew 13:3-9



Mystery  
Can Be Found  
Here:  
Matthew  
13:18-23



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## Prayer Points



- .. That we may know that life does not consist an abundance of possessions (Luke 12:15)
- .. That Christ's church will not store up riches on earth but in heaven (Mark 10:21)
- .. For the removal of exploitation and bitterness from the workplace (Exodus 5:6-9)
- .. That Australia's leaders will be good stewards of the public revenue and the nation's resources (Romans 13:6-7; Luke 12:15)
- .. That all may be turned from idolatry (Exodus 20:1-3) and that people with gambling addictions can be freed (Luke 4:12; 18)
- .. Thankfulness for the work of all those who give time and resources to Bethlehem Morley's ministry (Psalm 118:1)
- .. For Mrs Kath and Mr Keith Kowald being received into membership by transfer at Bethlehem Morley (Colossians 3:16)
- .. For Mrs Judy and Mr Basil Nelson leaving us today to return home to St Paul's Townsville (Psalm 121:7-8)
- .. For all those in need in every situation requiring God's peace and comfort (Isaiah 40:1).

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, Helga's family, Des and Susanne.

### **DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

<b>Monday 1st</b>	<b>Romans 3:9-20</b>
<b>Tuesday 2nd</b>	<b>Romans 3:21-31</b>
<b>Wednesday 3rd</b>	<b>Romans 4:1-12</b>
<b>Thursday 4th</b>	<b>Romans 4:13-25</b>
<b>Friday 5th</b>	<b>Romans 5:1-11</b>
<b>Saturday 6th</b>	<b>Psalm 50:1-8,22,23</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 31<sup>st</sup> 9:30am Bethlehem Worship**

**August**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Bethlehem Worship**

**Baptism of Mariska Yurisich**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm Confirmation Meeting**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</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)

Bookings—Other Events	
Sun 31st July	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sat 6th August	4:15-6:15pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal
Sun 7th August	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 13th August	4:15-6:15pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal

## WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost — August 7th, (Green)**

**Readings: (Isaiah 1:1,10-20, Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16, Luke 12:32-40)**

**Flowers: Linda**

**Cleaners: Wills & King Family**

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