

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7th, 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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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 50:1-8,22,23

Leader: The Almighty God, the Lord, speaks; he calls to the whole earth from east to west.

People: God shines from Zion, the city perfect in its beauty.

Our God is coming, but not in silence; a raging fire is in front of him, a furious storm is round him.

He calls heaven and earth as witnesses to see him judge his people.

He says, "Gather my faithful people to me, those who made a covenant with me by offering a sacrifice."

The heavens proclaim that god is righteous, that he himself is judge.

"Listen, my people, and I will speak; I will testify against you, Israel. I am God, your God.

I do not reprimand you because of your sacrifices and the burnt –offerings you always bring me.

Listen to this, you that ignore me, or I will destroy you, and there will be no one to save you.

Giving thanks is the sacrifice that honours me, and I will surely save all who obey me."

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray that we live by faith.

God, our protector and guide, as we travel on through life, teach us to trust in your loving direction, knowing that you will bring us safely home to you. 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:

Genesis 15:1-6

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

Luke 12:32-40

God's covenant with Abram

Living by faith in God's promise

Be ready for Christ's return





To believe God's promises are personally for oneself even where the evidence is scant or non-existent is simply what we call 'faith in God'. It is this which makes Abraham the example of faith he is. In today's sermon on Genesis 15:1-6 Abram (as he was before his Genesis 17:5 name change) takes it up to

God. God has just declared that he is Abram's shield and that Abram's reward shall be great (Genesis 15:1). But it seems Abram has his doubts given he is still waiting for his long promised heir (see Genesis 13:16). Hence, today we will hear about God's work of strengthening Abrams's faith through his Word and the acts that accompany it. For as God works to also strengthen our faith, he also makes us righteous (holy; forgiven), just as he did Abram (Genesis 15:6).

Prayer requests: If at anytime you have a special prayer request please let pastor or one of the pastoral assistants know. 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, please advise so we can work with you on how Bethlehem can best serve you in Christ's service of us.*

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HEBREWS 11
THE FAITH HALLOF FAME

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 a 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. 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*)



Today, **Mariska Eva Yurisch** is 'born of God' (John 1:13) as she is baptised into God's family. We thank God for the gift of baby Mariska, the way the Holy Spirit has imparted faith in her and that she lives in Christ's grace.



At literally the same time Mariska is baptised, Ms Rehab Adam, who worshipped with us earlier in the year and started pre-batismal lessons at Bethlehem Morley, will be baptised at Bethlehem Adelaide 11:00am service and admitted to the Lord's Table. Praise be to God who grows Christ's church (1 Corinthians 3:5-7).

From the Small Catechism: **What benefits does Baptism give?** It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

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(See Matthew 14:24-33)

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YOU'VE PROVEN YOU WON'T DROWN, JESUS,
BUT YOU STILL NEED TO SUIT UP AND
COMPLETE THE REQUESTED DRILLS BEFORE I
CAN PASS YOU

Word Search Puzzle
Luke 12:32-40

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Prayer Points

- “ Thanksgiving that God gives us faith in Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit (John 16:13-14)
- “ Thanksgiving that this day God has brought Mariska Yurisich and Rehab Adam into his family by baptism (John 1:12-13)
- “ For faith to live life boldly, especially when faced with all uncertainty and trouble (Hebrews 11:1)
- “ That we at Bethlehem Morley will be living witnesses of the hope we have in Christ (Romans 5:1-5)
- “ Thanksgiving for the peace and prosperity we enjoy in Australia (Psalm 118:1)
- “ That God will sustain and strengthen the work of Australia's welfare agencies and provide for generosity within our population
- “ That all ruptured through the issues surrounding missing persons will be comforted and sustained in God's care (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)
- “ For a well run national census (Luke 2:1-2)
- “ God's grace for all parents as they raise his precious children (Genesis 1:28) and encouragement for all parents bringing their children to baptism and growing them in the Christian faith (Acts 16:25-34)
- “ Safe travel and warm family engagement as Joanna Arkoi travels to the US to mourn a recent death with family there (Matt 5:4)
- “ That all who suffer will be relieved and comforted by God, and supported by Christians everywhere (John 14:27)

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- “ **Those dealing with health issues:** Fred Kroeger, Elfrida Kaszanski, Lisa Sitarz, Jutta Chrulew, Carmen Lawson, Susan Kroeger, Roslyn Zadow 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

Monday 8th	Romans 5:12-21
Tuesday 9th	Romans 6:1-11
Wednesday 10th	Romans 6:12-23
Thursday 11th	Romans 7:1-12
Friday 12th	Romans 7:13-25
Saturday 13th	Psalm 80:1,2,8-19

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 7th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship and Baptism of Mariska Yurisich
Friday 12th	5:30pm Confirmation Meeting
Sunday 14th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship Ladies Fellowship Trading Table
Sunday 21st	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 7th August	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sat 13th August	4:15-6:15pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal
Sun 14th August	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sat 20th August	4:15-6:15pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost — August 14th, (Green)

Readings: (Isaiah 5:1-7, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56)

Flowers: Yvonne

Cleaners: Giersch Family

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



Young Adult - Bible Study Group

Next Nights:

Sunday, 14 August 2016

Thursday, 25 August 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 info contact:

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Spring into evening classes with Stephen, Stephen or Stephen

20 June 2016

Together with the teaching staff at Australian Lutheran College, Grassroots Training offers evening classes on a variety of topics each year. In 2016 evening classes will be run over the four Tuesdays in September.

This year we have classes run by the three Stephens and you don't need to be a Stephen to join in. Evening classes are open to everyone and this year *Theology in the public square is also being offered via webinar.*

Topics

- Theology in the public square: refugees, asylum seekers, and border control – Dr Stephen Haar
- Living...by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God: living with a biblical worldview - Dr Stephen Hultgren
- Luther then and now: looking at a selection of 'gems' from Luther's writings and exploring their impact for today – Dr Stephen Pietsch

When: 6, 13, 20 and 27 September 2016 7pm-9.30pm ACST

Where: Australian Lutheran College, 104 Jeffcott St North Adelaide (enter from 200 Ward St)

Cost: \$50 (\$35 for concession card holders) Webinar Cost: \$30

More information: <http://www.grassroots.edu.au/customised-training/evening-classes/>

Registration: For on campus attendance and for webinar registration go to: <https://www.alc.edu.au/payments/grassrootstraining.html> and select Evening classes