

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

Fifth Sunday in Lent March 13th, 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. Please feel free to write your name and address in the visitor's book

Worship:

Sundays at 9.30am
Sunday School at 9:45am
fortnightly –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 126

Leader: *When the Lord brought us back to Jerusalem, it was like a dream!*

People: **How we laughed, how we sang for joy! Then the other nations said about us, "The Lord did great things for them."**

Indeed he did great things for us; how happy we were!

Lord, take us back to our land, just as the rain brings water back to dry river-beds.

Let those who wept as they sowed their seed, gather the harvest with joy!

Those who wept as they went out carrying the seed will come back singing for joy, as they bring in the harvest.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray that by faith in Christ we may share in his victory.

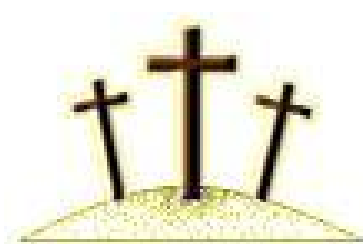
Most merciful God, you saved humankind by the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith in him who suffered on the cross, so that we may triumph in the power of his victory. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 43:16-21 God promises a new deliverance for his people

Philippians 3:4b-14 Already righteous but not yet perfect

John 12:1-8 Mary anoints Jesus at Bethany





Today we will hear of God's Gospel of forgiveness from the intriguing account of Mary—whose brother Lazarus was raised from the dead—anointing Jesus' feet with perfume as he prepares for his death (John 12:1-11).

Help needed for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services:

On **Maundy Thursday** we will be 'stripping the altar' after the service in a short ceremony to signify Christ's humiliation and suffering during his passion (Psalm 22:18). During the ceremony on Maundy Thursday, some people will be needed to help carry items from the sanctuary to the rooms either side (the altar and sanctuary area will subsequently be entirely bare on Good Friday). We will have a brief run through at 6:30 Maundy Thursday 24 March.

On **Good Friday** a few extra Bible readers are needed as we tell the account of the Passion of Christ from John's Gospel. Please let Pastor Matt or John Zadow know if you can help out in either or both of these ways.

Newsletters have recently come in from the LCA's *Lutheran Media* and *Lutherans for Life*. They are on the notice boards in the narthex should you be interested.

Thank you for the great response for additional food items for our emergency food pantry. Keep them coming!!!

From today's Psalm for reflection: 'The Lord had done great things for us, and we are filled with joy' (Psalm 126: 3; NIV)

[Answer to your request:](#) Recent surveys of the membership at Bethlehem Morley have expressed a strong desire for additional opportunities for Bible study. The '**Blessed are the Peacemakers**' seminar on **Saturday 2 April at Parkwood** run by LCA interim minister Mike Fulwood offers just such an opportunity. You will cover Bible texts that are foundational to the Christian life and be fed as you learn and receive God's grace. See the flyer for details. Let Pastor Matt know if you need help with transport.

Children's Worship Bulletin

Giving Him Your Best

John 12:1-8

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13th March Is Jesus real? (Round the Table)

Is he more than just a swear word or a made up story? How do we know if he is real?

20th March After the fire (Interview)

Hear stories from people who have lived through a major fire bushfire. Hear about what they experienced the day the fires hit and how they've coped years down the track.

25th March Why not me? (Round the Table)

What questions do you ask when you see, or experience, suffering? Where do you find hope in these times?

27th March A wedding miracle (Pastor Richard Fox)

Have you ever had times in your life when you felt so embarrassed that you just wanted to run away and hide? Hear stories on how people have survived through such moments in life.



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TO KNOW THAT WHEN
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Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday 24th
March —7:00pm

Good Friday 25th March
—9:30am

Easter Sunday 27th March —9:30am

Got conflict? You're not alone!

Jesus, our Peacemaker, promises, 'I am with you always, to the very end of the age' (Matt. 28:20).

No one escapes conflict. Misunderstandings, differences in values and goals, and competition for limited resources can lead to bitter disputes. Behind all this the Bible teaches that our sinful desires cause fights and quarrels among us (James 4:1-3). The truth is, sinful people living among other sinful people experience friction.



But God knew that we would experience conflict, and he didn't leave us powerless or alone.

Attend *Blessed Are the Peacemakers* and learn from God's Word how you can live out your calling as a peacemaker.

Blessed Are The Peacemakers Seminar

Saturday, 2nd April, 2016

St Luke's Lutheran Church, Nicol St.

Parkwood WA. 6174

Cost : \$10

Past participants shared:

- *The first five minutes I knew this was for me.*
- *Boy, do I have conflict! But I also have hope!*
- *I laughed and I cried, but I am leaving with Christ's peace.*
- *So practical, AND life changing!*

Blessed Are The Peacemakers
Presented by LCA Reconciliation Ministry

See Notice Board for more information.

Prayer Points

- ◆ That we too would be thankful for what Christ has done for us (Ps 126:3) and reflect on what it cost him to give up his life and take his place with the dead (John 12:1-3; 7).
- ◆ That we not be quick to judge or be selfish in our motivations (John 12:4-7), but instead be generous with what the Lord has first given us (John 12:8).
- ◆ For the heads of all Commonwealth Government agencies.
- ◆ That God's forgiveness will be heard through the work of Lutheran Media.
- ◆ Thanksgiving for the talents and commitment of our musicians at Bethlehem Morley (Ephesians 5:18b-19).
- ◆ That God will cover all our preparations for Easter services with his grace and direction, and prepare the hearts of all who attend to receive his Gospel of grace.
- ◆ That all our members who are sick and in need of healing, or who are dealing with difficult life circumstances, may experience joy that comes with trust in God (Psalm 126:5-6).

Please specifically remember in your prayers this week:

- ◆ Those dealing with health issues: Fred Kroeger, Elfrida Kaszanski, Hans Hornscheidt, Lisa Sitarz, Selma Hohol, Kalia Nosow, Jutta Chrulew, Klaus Hornscheidt, Lucinda's elderly parent's Joan and Peter
- ◆ Those facing challenging circumstances: Margaret and Ernest Klenner, Amelia Chrulew and family, Roslyn, Lois and Jye, Carmen's daughter Rihi and family



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS



Monday 14th	Matthew 18:21-35
Tuesday 15th	Matthew 19:1-15
Wednesday 16th	Matthew 19:16-30
Thursday 17th	Matthew 20:1-16
Friday 18th	Matthew 20:17-34
Saturday 19th	Psalms 118:1,2,19-29

COMING UP OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 13 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Wednesday 16 th	7:00pm Mid Week Lenten Devotion
Sunday 20 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship—Palm Sunday

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 13th	March	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 20th	March	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 27th	March	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

Palm/Passion Sunday — March 20th, (purple)

Readings: (Isaiah 50:4-9a , Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 19:28-40)

Flowers: Roslyn

Cleaners: Dube Family

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