

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

Palm / Passion Sunday March 20th, 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. In particular, a Christian faith inquirer's class will shortly be commencing (see further detail inside). 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 –**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 118: 1,2,19-29

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good, and his love is eternal.

People: Let the people of Israel say, "His love is eternal."

Open to me the gates of the Temple; I will go in and give thanks to the Lord!

This is the gate of the Lord; only the righteous can come in.

I praise you, Lord, because you heard me, because you have given me victory.

The stone which the builders rejected as worthless turned out to be the most important of all.

This was done by the Lord; what a wonderful sight it is!

This is the day of the Lord's victory; let us be happy, let us celebrate!

Save us, Lord, save us! Give us success, O Lord!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

From the Temple of the Lord we bless you.

The Lord is God; he has been good to us. With branches in your hands, start the festival and march round the altar.

You are my God, and I give you thanks; I will proclaim your greatness.

Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good, and his love endures forever

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray for humility

Loving Father of all, your only Son came as a servant and was obedient all the way to his death on the cross. Make us humble like Christ, and bring us to be with him in his glory. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The obedience of the Lord's servant

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ - obedient servant and exalted Lord

Luke 19:28-40

Jesus' triumphal entry into
Jerusalem





“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord” (Psalm 118:26; Luke 19:38).

God’s blessing to you as you receive God’s forgiveness and new life during worship this Palm Sunday . Just as Jesus rode into Jerusalem that first Palm Sunday, this morning we will hear how Jesus continues to come to us as we worship him, including with his saving body and blood in the Lord’s Supper.

Next week is ‘Holy Week’. Divine Service will be held here at Bethlehem on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday (see elsewhere in this bulletin for times). As ever, you are welcome to invite your family and friends to share with us in worship and hear God’s gospel of grace. There is **no** midweek Lenten devotion on Wednesday night.

Morning tea Easter Sunday and planting/viewing of our Sunday School bulb garden: 27 March 2016

As part of our Easter Sunday resurrection celebrations we will have a special morning tea after the service for those members and friends that can make it. *Please bring a plate of morning tea to share.*

Also, the Children are invited to plant a bulb in our Sunday School garden at the end of the Easter Sunday Church service. We encourage all parents to have a look at the new garden whilst we are having morning tea Easter Sunday morning.

Step up to communion: It is anticipated that a step-up to Communion class will be run early in Term 2 2016. Consistent with LCA practice, this is a pre-confirmation course designed to admit baptised children, around the age of 10, to the Lord’s Supper. It will run over 3 weeks. A parent or carer is expected to attend with the student to model learning the faith, discuss questions and tell of their experience. Please advise Pastor Matt of you and your child’s intended enrolment, including by emailing him at matt.bishop@lca.org.au

Adult inquirer’s class: Due to some recent requests, Pastor Matt will shortly be commencing a class for people wanting to learn more about the basics of the Christian faith and the possibility of being baptized. See, call or e-mail Pastor Matt if you too are interested.

Blessed are the Peacemakers Seminar: 2 April 2016

ALL of us experience conflict somewhere in our web of relationships from time to time. Join Pastor Mike Fulwood at St Luke’s Parkwood as he takes participants through foundational Bible teaching and helps them to study key texts regarding forgiveness and reconciliation. \$10 and a gold coin donation lunch. See the flyer and registration form on the foyer noticeboard.

The resurrection of
Jesus Christ

from the Books of Matthew and Mark

Bible crossword
for
Kids

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Across

1 where they laid Jesus after He died (Matt.27:60)

4 the place where Jesus died (Matt.27:33)

5 Jesus and two thieves were _____ together (Matt.27:38)

8 mother of Jesus

9 The angel said "He is _____ He is not here" (Mark 16:6)

10 They made Jesus wear a scarlet _____ (Matt.27:28)

12 Jesus was betrayed for _____ pieces of silver (Matt.27:3)

14 Jesus was _____ of any crime (Matt.27:4)

15 The 12 companions of Jesus

DOWN

2 Jesus shed His _____ for our sins

3 Judas Iscariot _____ Jesus (Matt.27:4)

5 Roman commander of a hundred men (Matt.27:54)

6 Jesus said " My God, My God why hast thou _____ me" (Matt.27:46)

7 a title of Jesus (it means anointed one) (Matt.27:17)

11 They laid the _____ of Jesus in a tomb (Matt.27:59)

12 Jesus wore a "crown of _____"

13 our Lord and Saviour

more puzzles at <http://biblewordgames.com>

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.

God's Boxes

*I have in my hands two boxes, Which God gave me to hold.
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box,
And all your joys in the gold."*



*I heeded His words, and in the two boxes,
Both my joys and sorrows I stored,
But though the gold became heavier each day,
The black was as light as before.*

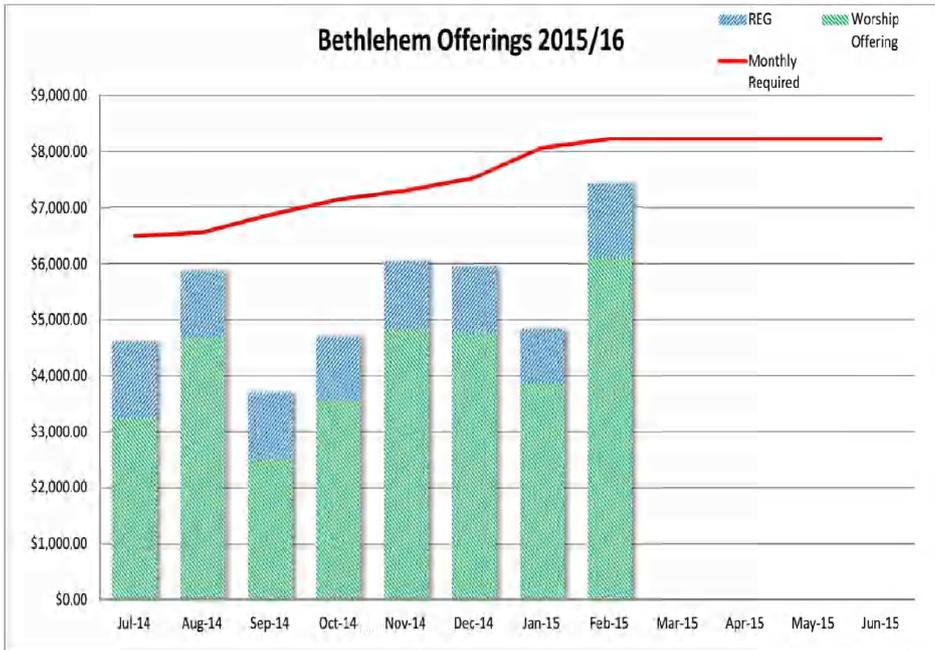
*With curiosity, I opened the black,
I wanted to find out why,
And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole,
Which my sorrows had fallen out by.*

*I showed the hole to God, and mused,
"I wonder where my sorrows could be!"
He smiled a gentle smile and said,
"My child, they're all here with me.."*

*I asked God, why He gave me the boxes,
Why the gold and the black with the hole?
"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings,
The black is for you to let go."*

Stewardship and giving news:

'O give thanks to the Lord for He is good, his love endures forever' (Psalm 118:29).



It was pleasing to note that February is the first month that we have achieved our budgeted amount for offerings for this financial year.

This means that at the end of February, we are now only \$7,567 below our target offerings for 2015/16.

Thank you to all who have responded so generously, not only in your financial offerings, but also with your donations of food for our Food Bank and also with your commitment of time, both in serving the ministry at Bethlehem Morley and ensuring that our Manse renovations were completed on time.

Fred Kroeger - Treasurer

Prayer Points

- ◆ Thanksgiving that Christ is amongst us (Ps 118:26) and present in bodily form in the bread and wine of Holy Communion (1 Cor 10:16-17)
- ◆ That we would have same attitude as Christ Jesus... 'who, being in the very nature of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant... (Philippians 2:5-7).
- ◆ That God will comfort and protect those who are persecuted because of their faith in Jesus Christ and proclamation of his saving work (Psalm 118:14)
- ◆ For principals, teachers and staff of all primary and secondary schools.
- ◆ For the work in our local community of Youthcare in their placement of chaplains in our state schools
- ◆ Thanksgiving for the work of those who put together our worship slides each week (1 Corinthians 12:27).
- ◆ 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 our members and friends who are sick or distressed will be comforted by Christ's presence and his help (Psalm 118:13), and be strengthened in body and soul as he comes to them in Holy Communion (Luke 22:19-20).

Please specifically remember in your prayers this week:

- ◆ Those dealing with health issues: Fred Kroeger, Elfrida Kaszanski, Hans Hornscheidt, Lisa Sitarz, Jutta Chrulew, Klaus Hornscheidt
- ◆ 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 21st	John 12:1-11
Tuesday 22nd	John 12:20-36
Wednesday 23rd	John 13:21-32
Thursday 24th	John 13:1-17,31b-35
Friday 25th	John 18:1-19:42
Saturday 26th	Psalms 118:1,2,14-24

COMING UP OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 20 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship—Palm Sunday
Maundy Thursday 24 th	7:00pm Bethlehem Worship
Good Friday 25 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Sunday 27 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship—Easter Sunday
April	
Sunday 3 rd	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 20th	March	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 27th	March	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 3rd	April	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

Maundy Thursday—March 25 (white)
Good Friday— March 25th (bare/black)
Easter Sunday — March 27th, (white)

Readings: (Acts 10:34-43, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18)

Flowers: Roslyn

Cleaners: Dube Family

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