

# Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

**Easter Sunday**  
**March 27th, 2016**

**'Christ is Risen!'**

## 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 be commencing on 1 April 2016 (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—**next week!**

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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: 1,2,14-24

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.”**

The Lord makes me powerful and strong; he has saved me.

**Listen to the glad shouts of victory in the tents of God’s people; “The Lord’s mighty power has done it!**

His power has brought us victory—his mighty power in battle!”

**I will not die; instead, I will live and proclaim what the Lord has done.**

He has punished me severely, but he has not let me die.

**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!**

## Prayer of the Day

**Almighty God, you have overcome death through your Son Jesus Christ, and have opened for us the gate to eternal life. As you give us good desires, help us continually to bring them to good effect. 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:

**Acts 10:34-43**

**1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

**John 20:1-18**

Summary of Jesus' life and ministry

Christ is the first to rise from death

Mary finds the tomb empty and Jesus appears to her





**“He is Risen” (Mark 16:6).** You’ll only need to imagine visiting the grave of a loved one, finding it opened and an angel sitting there to realise the shock these words must have had that first Easter. The Christian church has built its faith in Jesus Christ on the apostolic witness and historical reality that Jesus was indeed raised to NEW life after his atoning death for us on Calvary’s cross. And so, this day as God serves you in this place through the proclamation of Christ’s resurrection, rejoice in his blessing that this NEW life he has he shares with you.

**Morning tea TODAY and planting/viewing of our Sunday School bulb garden**

As part of our Easter Sunday resurrection celebrations today we will have a special morning tea after the service for those members and friends that can stay on for it. Also, the Children are invited to plant a bulb in our Sunday School garden after the service. We encourage all parents to have a look at the new garden whilst we are having morning tea.

**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](mailto:matt.bishop@lca.org.au)

**Adult inquirer’s class commencing 1 April 2016:** Due to some recent requests, Pastor Matt will (very) 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.

## Bethlehem Morley working in Christ's mission



During Lent at our midweek Lenten devotions the congregation took up a retiring offering each service for the work of Mr Michael Hauser who is seminary lecturer at Martin Luther Seminary, Lae, PNG. He is placed there by the LCA's Mission International team at the invitation of the ELCPNG. A total of \$760 was raised for his important work. Here he is pictured (far right) outside the chapel with his first year ethics class. Thanks everyone for your contributions—2 Corinthians 9:12. In May Mr Colin Hayter will be visiting here and reporting on,

among other things, Michael's work in PNG.



Today after the service our Sunday School children are planting out our Easter bulb gardens. This will give them to opportunity over the coming months to reflect on God's preservation of his creation, none more so than through the Easter resurrection miracle of new life: '... Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep' (1 Cor 15:20). Thanks to all who helped with setting up the gardens.

**Left** we have Robert Giersch and Carol Schmeiss being helped by Naomi Bishop.



On March 5 Pastor Matt, Roslyn Zadow and Pastoral Assistants Carmen Lawson, Robert Giersch and John Zadow attended the LCA WA district Mission and ministry conference. More will be said in due course about the important mission opportunities presented on the day. The photos **right** show Carmen with Mrs Tess Du Preez from the Rockingham-Mandurah congregation, and the beautiful floral art that provided a stunning backdrop.



## THE RESURRECTION

We hold so close to our hearts  
The cross where Jesus died  
But so much more than the blood-stained cross  
Is that Jesus came back to life

The stone's been rolled away  
The tomb lay open and bare  
They looked for Him, and then the angel said  
That He is no longer here

Oh what joy they must have felt  
To see Him just once more  
To eat with Him, to drink with Him  
To receive Him back as Lord

So much did He accomplish  
Through His death upon the cross  
And in His rising from the dead  
He reconciled us back to God

Nothing else could bridge the gap  
That sin had wrenched apart  
Now we can freely go to God  
And receive Christ in our hearts



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### 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.

# Kids Bible Wordsearch

## Resurrection of Jesus Christ

### Puzzle #3

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward,  
backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

ALIVE  
ANGEL  
BETRAYED  
BLOOD  
BODY  
CHRIST  
CRUCIFIED  
DISCIPLES  
FEET  
FORSAKEN  
FULFILLED  
GOLGOTHA  
JESUS  
JOY  
JUDAS



LORD  
MAGDALENE  
MARY  
NIGHT  
PILATE  
RAIMENT  
RISEN  
ROBE  
SCOURGED  
SOLDIERS  
SON  
THIRTY  
THORNS  
TOMB  
WATCH

## Prayer Points

- ◆ Praise be to Christ 'who was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification' (Romans 4:25)
- ◆ That Christ's church on earth would boldly and faithfully proclaim Christ's saving death and resurrection, and tirelessly work for the baptism of all people in the name of Jesus (Acts 10:42;48).
- ◆ That the Lutheran Church of Australia, in light of Christ's resurrection, would 'fully' give itself to the work of the Lord, knowing that it's labour in the Lord is not in vain (see 1 Cor 15; 1 Cor 15:58)
- ◆ That God will grant mercy and comfort to all in Belgium and Europe affected by the terrorist activity there this week (Psalm 46:1), and give them peace through the Easter message (1 Cor 15:55).
- ◆ For vice-chancellors, lecturers and staff of Australia's tertiary teaching institutions that they may be truly wise (1 Cor 1:18-25).
- ◆ Thanksgiving for our pastoral assistants at Bethlehem Morley (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).
- ◆ Thanksgiving for the Nickolai family, Steve, Jacqui, Luke and Antonia, who formally join Bethlehem Morley in membership today (Ps 118:1)
- ◆ That God's word of truth will be faithfully taught at our adult enquirer's class that begins 1 April 2016 (2 Tim 1:13-14).
- ◆ That those who mourn the death of loved ones fallen asleep in Christ Jesus will be comforted by the promise that each will be raised (1 Cor 15:23)
- ◆ That our members and friends who are ill, awaiting surgery, anxious or in need will be made powerful and strong in the Lord (Psalm 118:14) and trust in his salvation (Psalm 27:1).

### **Please specifically remember in your prayers this week:**

- ◆ Those dealing with health issues: Fred Kroeger, Elfrida Kaszanski, Hans Hornscheidt, Lisa Sitarz, Jutta Chrulew
- ◆ 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 21st	Luke 24:13-49
Tuesday 22nd	1 Peter 1:1-12
Wednesday 23rd	1 Peter 1:13-25
Thursday 24th	1 Peter 2:1-10
Friday 25th	1 Peter 2:11-25
Saturday 26th	Psalms 118:14-29

## COMING UP OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30am Bethlehem Worship—Easter Sunday
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Sunday 10 <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 27th	March	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 3rd	April	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 10th	April	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church

## WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

**Second Sunday of Easter — April 3rd, (white)**

**Readings:** (Acts 5:27-32, Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31)

**Flowers:** Joanna

**Cleaners:** Arkoi Family

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