

# Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

## Third Sunday of Easter

April 10th, 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 30

*Leader:* I will exalt you, O Lord for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

**People: O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.**

O Lord, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit.

**Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name.**

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favour lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

**When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."**

O Lord, when you favoured me, you made my mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.

**To you, O Lord, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:**

"What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down into the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?"

**Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me; O Lord, be my help."**

You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

**That my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray for the assurance of Christ's presence.

**Almighty and merciful God, you made the disciples glad by the sight of the risen Lord. Remind us that he is always with us, and that we now share in his resurrection. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Scripture Readings:

**Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)** The conversion of Saul

**Revelation 5:11-14** Worthy is the Lamb that was slain

**John 21:1-19** Jesus and the miraculous catch of fish; restoring words to Peter



In today's gospel, **John 21:1-19**, Jesus appears to his disciples after an unsuccessful all night fishing expedition. It's a generous presence—for with it comes the provision of a huge catch, a hot cooked breakfast, a strengthening of belief and the reinstatement of Peter after his denial of Jesus the night before Jesus died. God has indeed been generous to us in his revelation of Jesus Christ crucified and risen. We pray that God's continuing Holy Spirit amongst us will show us that apart from Jesus Christ we can do nothing (compare the futile overnight fishing trip [John 21:5] with the humongous catch of large fish [John 21:6,10]). And note how it is in the ordinary places where God has us serving that he uses our work for his purpose — just like the disciples' catch from the boat where Jesus says "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught" (John 21:10).

**Step up to communion:** 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 with dates early in term two to be finalised shortly by e-mail. It looks like there will be a class of about 6 or so students. A parent or carer is expected to attend with the student in order to model learning the faith, discuss questions and tell of their experience. If you haven't already, please advise Pastor Matt of your child's intended enrolment, including by e-mailing him at [matt.bishop@lca.org.au](mailto:matt.bishop@lca.org.au)

**Thanks** to everyone who organised, helped out and participated in yesterdays BLC Ladies fellowship 'Big Breakfast'. Meals and fellowship are the heart of the Gospel experience and account; today's Gospel on Jesus' Big Breakfast being another instalment (John 21:1-19). So it's always great when we can step into that hospitality and food in Christ's name, and share what it is to be in Christian community.



# Building Christian Character

R Y S L L Y T H A U E T R D P C Q D F N  
N E P S T P O Z D E S M O E R M T G V W  
D N S I E N E P T E L G G Y A J P N Z F  
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B U P S O H E F C S L O V E A H S R O R  
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N T Z K N W R I U G R U B E L O R K L C  
D J P T Z P Q Q B O R S L R L W U D K O  
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P A T I E N C E A A R R V Y A F J A C K  
X M X Q K K D L U C K M G G U F V R N K

**CARING, FORGIVENESS, HONESTY, HONORING GOD,  
LOVE, LOYALTY, PATIENCE, PEACEFUL, PRAISE-GOD,  
PRAY AT ALL TIMES, PURITY, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY,  
SELF CONTROL, TRUSTWORTHY, TRUTHFUL**

*Calvary Kids Pages [www.calvarywilliamsport.com/kids-index](http://www.calvarywilliamsport.com/kids-index)*



## IMPORTANT: JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**The right people are out there. Please help us to find them.**

The Lutheran Church of Australia (national office) is inviting applications for what is the 'dream job' for two of our church members. We believe that God in his wisdom has been preparing two people to fill these leadership positions. Please help us to find them.

Please read the position descriptions, and ask God to bring to your mind somebody whom you might encourage to apply.

In the body of Christ, each of us has an important role to play. Yours might be the finger that taps a brother or sister on the shoulder: 'There's a great job on offer in the national team; I thought it might suit you'.

### **MANAGER, PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DEPARTMENT**

- Existing position; incumbent is retiring
  - Full-time, 3-year appointment
  - Location negotiable (preference LCA National Office, Adelaide SA)
  - Commencement May 2016
1. Oversees the development of policies and procedures that respond to key risks and legislative requirements
  2. Provides recommendations to the Executive Officer of the Church regarding professional-standards-related policies, programs and practices
  3. Oversees the provision of training and support to LCA agencies to give effect to approved policies and procedures
- [Position description and information](#)
  - Applications close 8 April 2016

### **ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP - PUBLIC THEOLOGY**

- New position
- Full-time
- LCA National Office, Adelaide SA
- The position will resource Lutherans in Australia and New Zealand to engage more fully and effectively with current and emerging ethical and moral issues in society.
- Criteria: a sound grasp of and commitment to Lutheran theology, teaching and practice; demonstrated research and writing skills, experience in project management and the capacity to liaise and coordinate with existing groups within the LCA and ecumenically; and suitable qualifications relating to the field of public theology.
- [Position description and information](#)
- Applications close 29 April 2016

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Contact LCA Business Manager [debbie.venz@lca.org.au](mailto:debbie.venz@lca.org.au) or 08 8267 7300

## Prayer Points

- ◆ Thanksgiving that Jesus Christ revealed himself in his resurrection appearances to his disciples and continues to reveal his forgiveness and will to us (John 21: 1,14)
- ◆ That those who persecute Christ and his church of believers will be turned to belief in Him (Acts 9:15-16)
- ◆ That God in his mercy would graciously put an end to all civil and international wars, subjugation of populations and terrorism (Psalm 2)
- ◆ That the LCA's congregations, pastors and people will faithfully pursue God's mission in obedience to Christ and faithfulness in the receipt of his gifts and provisions (John 21:6, 11)
- ◆ For the rest and recuperation (Gen 2:2) of all students and teachers over the coming fortnight of school 'holidays' and the safety of those who are travelling (Ps 91:11-12).
- ◆ For our BLC Church Council meeting this Wednesday 13 April (Ps 28:2)
- ◆ For the sick, sad, lost and lonely of our congregation that they may call on the name of the Lord and be healed (Psalm 30:2) and comforted (Is 40:1), and that we too may practise hospitality and care as Jesus did (John 21:12)

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

- ◆ Those dealing with health issues: Fred Kroeger, Elfrida Kaszanski, Hans Hornscheidt, Lisa Sitarz, Jutta Chrulew, Carmen Lawson
- ◆ 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

<b>Monday 11th</b>	<b>Titus 2:1-15</b>
<b>Tuesday 12th</b>	<b>Titus 3:1-15</b>
<b>Wednesday 13th</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 1:1-11</b>
<b>Thursday 14th</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 1:12-22</b>
<b>Friday 15th</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17</b>
<b>Saturday 16th</b>	<b>Psalm 23</b>

**LIFE IS TOUGH!**  
PRAY HARD

## 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 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am Bethlehem Worship\
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm Church Council meeting
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	No Faith Inquirer's Class this week
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Sunday 24 <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 10th	April	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
11, 12, 14th	April	8 - 4:30pm Youth Care
Sun 17th	April	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 24th	April	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church

## WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

**Fourth Sunday of Easter — April 17th, (white)**

**Readings: (Acts 9:36-43, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30)**

**Flowers: Elfie**

**Cleaners: Kroeger Family**

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