

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1st, 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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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 67

Leader: God be merciful to us and bless us; look on us with kindness,

People: So that the whole world may know your will; so that all nations may know your salvation.

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!

May the nations be glad and sing for joy, because you judge the peoples with justice and guide every nation on earth.

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!

The land has produced its harvest; God, our God, has blessed us.

God has blessed us; may all people everywhere honour him.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray that we love one another.

Jesus, our loving friend and Saviour, you have promised to give us your Spirit to be with us forever. Stay within our hearts, so that we love one another as you have loved us. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Scripture Readings:

Acts 16:9-15

Paul takes the good news to Philippi

Revelation 21:10,22 - 22:5

The new Jerusalem

John 5:1-9

Jesus heals a man at the pool



Prayer Points

- Thanksgiving for Jesus' word (example John 5:8) that does exactly what it says when he forgives us (John 20:23) and gives us new life (John 11: 25-26)
- For the Christian church on earth that it faithfully proclaims the word in season and out of season (2 Tim 4:1-2)
- For the Anglican Church of Australia and the Lutheran-Anglican inter-church dialogue which operates in Adelaide (Eph 4:3)
- That the nations of the earth will trust in God in the knowledge he rules them justly and guides them (Psalm 67:4)
- For Christ's wisdom and grace for our Prime Minister and Premier, their cabinets and all public servants (1 Tim 2:1-2)
- That all marriages are strengthened, children are protected and families enhanced (Psalm 67:1)
- For the LYWA 'Grow: A Young Adult, Bible Focussed, Faith Group' meetings that start this Thursday night 5 May (Ps 86:11).
- That we may have the same compassion as Jesus had for the 'blind, lame and paralysed' (John 5:3) and all who are sick, suffering and hurting.
- For all who are sick and desire Christ's healing in body and soul (John 5:8-9;14)



Please remember in your prayers this week:

- Those dealing with health issues: Fred Kroeger, Elfrida Kaszanski, Hans Hornscheidt, Lisa Sitarz, Jutta Chrulew, Carmen Lawson, Lucinda Osborne, Susan Kroeger and Roslyn Zadow.
- Those facing challenging circumstances: Margaret and Ernst Klenner, Amelia Chrulew and family, Roslyn, Lois and Jye, Carmen's daughter Rihi

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday 2nd	2 Corinthians 11:1-21a
Tuesday 3rd	2 Corinthians 11:21b-33
Wednesday 4th	Psalm 47
Thursday 5th	Acts 1:1-11
Friday 6th	2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Saturday 7th	Psalm 110



The Gospel reading for today is the account of Jesus healing the 'invalid' (paralysed) man lying near the Bethesda pool in Jerusalem (John 5:1-9). This is a topic close to all our hearts, for we all know sickness and afflictions in various degrees.

Here in this healing we see Jesus' heart of compassion for the sick. But not just the physically sick. For it triggers a dispute about healing on the sabbath... the beginning of Jesus' persecution (John 5:16) that eventually leads to his death on the cross in order to heal humankind's terminal illness of sin. Interestingly, Jesus heals the man's paralysis through a spoken word. This power of his spoken word is also contained in his forgiveness of sins first received at Baptism, encountered again as we return to our baptism in confession and given anew through his healing body and blood in the Lord's Supper. Praise him he heals you!

Festival time - Easter life continues in the next few exciting Sundays to follow: Thursday 5 May, being 40 days after Easter Sunday, is Ascension Day. We will celebrate this festival of Christ's ascent into heaven and coronation as king next Sunday, 8 May.

The week after, 15 May, being 50 days after Easter, is the celebration of Pentecost. This is formally the end of the Easter season. In this festival we will celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who witnesses to and glorifies the crucified and risen Christ, teaching Christ's church all about him. Why not wear red that day, signifying the flames of the first Christian Pentecost (Acts 2:3), as is custom in many congregations?

The following week is Trinity Sunday, 22 May, where we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity - God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and our participation in its life.

Today we welcome to worship Pastor Jonathan Holt and his wife Ruth from *Lanyon Valley Anglican Church* in Canberra. Jonathan was my family's pastor for the five years (2006-2010) before I commenced seminary at Australian Lutheran College. His congregation continued to support us in prayer and finances while I studied. We thank God for the way He worked through them in my call to study and for the Holt's encouraging visit this weekend.

LWYA Young Adult (18-36!) studies start on Thursday 5 May 7:30pm. These studies are going under the name 'Grow: A Young Adult, Bible Focused, Faith Group'. Being Ascension Day, we will look at the Gospel/Acts accounts of Christ's ascension and examine some implications for the life of faith.





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LYWA youth service Saturday 28 May at St John's. See separate bulletin notice for details...

A few posters/flyers have come in that have been put on the notice boards including the *Luther@500* conference in Melbourne mid year that the LCA is organising (Pastor Matt is attending - speak to him for more info) and a promotional flyer for a 'Luther lands' tour next year (Pastor Matt not attending!)

Can you help? A mature Christian male has approached Bethlehem Morley urgently seeking some short term paid accommodation. See Pastor Matt if you may be able to assist.

Step up to communion (preparation for admittance to the Lord's Supper): These classes will be held on 12 and 26 May and 9 June from 5:30pm to 6:45pm. If not already done, please advise Pastor Matt of your child's intended enrolment, including by e-mailing him at matt.bishop@lca.org.au



THE LUTHERAN YOUTH OF WA PRESENTS

you are not alone

YOUTH SERVICE

SATURDAY 28TH MAY

ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
14 ABERDEEN STREET, NORTHERIDGE

DINNER 6:00^{PM} SERVICE 7:00^{PM}

FOOD AVAILABLE FOR SALE BEFORE SERVICE



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LYWA

LYWA & St John's Lutheran Church: "You Are Not Alone" Youth Service

Come & join us for a great service, great fellowship & great food!

Food will be available for sale from 6:00pm (American Style Hot dogs \$2 and soft drinks \$1)

Put it in your diaries, bring your friends!

Join the Facebook event at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/519194851606498/>

Elephant Jokes for Kids

Q: What does Tarzan say when he sees a herd of elephants in the distance?

A: "Look, a herd of elephants in the distance"

Q: What does Tarzan say when he sees a herd of elephants with sunglasses

A: Nothing. He doesn't recognize them.

Q: What does Tarzan say when he sees a herd of giraffes in the distance?

A: "Haha! You fooled me once with those disguises, but not this time!"

Q: What is the difference between an elephant and a plum?

A: An elephant is grey.

Q: What does Jane say when she sees a herd of elephants in the distance?

A: "Look! A herd of plums in the distance" (Jane is colour blind)

Q: How do you get four elephants into a Mini?

A: Two in the front, two in the back.

Q: What game do four elephants in a mini play?

A: Squash

Q: How do you get an elephant into the fridge?

1. Open door.
2. Insert elephant.
3. Close door.

Q: How do you get a giraffe into the fridge?

1. Open door.
2. Remove elephant.
3. Insert giraffe.
4. Close door.

Q: The lion, the king of the jungle, decided to have a party. He invited all the animals in the jungle, and they all came except one. Which one?

A: The giraffe, because he was still in the fridge.

Q: How do you know there are two elephants in your fridge?

A: The door won't close.

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

May 1 st	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
May 5 th	7:30pm LYWA Young Adults Bible Study
May 8 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
May 15 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship + Sunday School

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 1st May	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 8th May	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Mon 9th May	7-9pm LYWA meeting
Sun 15th May	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

Ascension Sunday — May 8th, (white)

Readings: (Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53)

Flowers: Margrette K

Cleaners: Chrulew Family

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