

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

Ascension of our Lord

May 8th, 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 110

Leader: The Lord said to my lord, the king. “Sit here at my right until I put your enemies under your feet.”

People: From Zion the Lord will extend your royal power. “Rule over your enemies,” he says.

On the day you fight your enemies, your people will volunteer. Like the dew of early morning your young men will come to you on the sacred hills.

The Lord made a solemn promise and will not take it back: “You will be a priest for ever in the line of succession to Melchizedek.”

The Lord is at your right side; when he becomes angry, he will defeat kings.

He will pass judgement on the nations and fill the battlefield with corpses; he will defeat kings all over the earth.

The king will drink from the stream by the road, and strengthened, he will stand victorious.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray that Christ will rule over all.

Thank you, eternal Father, that your Son Jesus ascended to your right hand, to rule over all things as Lord. Keep your church in the unity that the Spirit gives, and bring all creation to submit to Christ as Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Acts 1:1-11 Jesus' ascension, promise and commission

Ephesians 1:15-23 Christ is the supreme Lord over all things

Luke 24:44-53 Jesus commissions and blesses the disciples



Prayer Points



- Praise that God has placed all things under Christ Jesus' feet and appointed him head over everything for the church (Eph 1:22)
- Thanksgiving that our ascended Lord Jesus Christ gives us his Holy Spirit and commands us to be his witnesses to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8)
- That the Lutheran Church of Australia may submit to the headship of Christ (Eph 1:22)
- For the Christian churches of the Morley area and the combined worship service at Noranda Church of Christ ,6:30pm 15 May 2016
- For wisdom and integrity for all who govern that we may be governed in peace and ruled in righteousness (Isaiah 60:17)
- For Christ's love to be present for those in prison (Matt 25:36)
- Thanksgiving for our mothers in their service to the Lord (Luke 1:38) and the way he sustains creation through them (Ps 139:13)
- For our church council meeting Wednesday 11 May 2016 that it will be led by God's Spirit and wisdom (Acts 6:2-4)
- That for our children commencing Step-up to Communion on 12 May 2016 we faithfully pass on what we have received from the Lord (1 Cor 11:23)
- For Christ's compassion for all who are sick, suffering, anxious, unsettled or despairing (Matt 28:20b)

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 and family

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday 9th	2 Corinthians 12:11-21
Tuesday 10th	2 Corinthians 13:1-14
Wednesday 11th	Exodus 1:6-22
Thursday 12th	Exodus 2:1-22
Friday 13th	Exodus 2:23-3:15
Saturday 14th	Psalm 104

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 8 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Wednesday 11 th	7:00pm Church Council Meeting
Sunday 15 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Sunday 22 nd	9:30am Bethlehem Worship 7:00pm LYWA Young Adults

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 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

Pentecost Sunday — May 15th, (Red)

Readings: (Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17)

Flowers: Roslyn

Cleaners: Chrulew Family

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

Ascension Word Search Puzzle

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For You Mum On Mother's Day

*I want to tell you Mum
That you're special to the Lord
And you are valued in His eyes
For no one loves you more*



*And Mum I want you to know
How blessed you really are
For I know that it was never easy
Those past years were quite hard*



But even through the years gone by
I believe that God was there
Reaching out with loving arms
Though we were unaware

And He is still beside you
Longing to be a part
Of all the things that interest you
For you're special in His heart



For even in the daily struggles
That seems to be part of life
The Lord longs to be involved
And fill the void inside



So Mum on this Mother's day
I just want you to know
That you were always appreciated
And that Jesus loves you so



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Where's Jesus Christ? Today we celebrate his ascension to heaven - where he was removed from the ordinary sight of his disciples. But what's heaven? Heaven is where God is, and God is everywhere (or omnipresent if you like big words!) That's good news. To say that Jesus has ascended to the right hand of God is simply to say that Jesus Christ shares God's sovereign majesty and universal power (see Ephesians 1:20-21). Hence Jesus Christ is bodily present with his church in all places where his Lord's Supper is celebrated (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) ... more good news! And yet he concurrently continually intercedes for us (Hebrews 7:25) at God's 'right hand' (Romans 8:34) through his saving death ... even more good news. Moreover, because he knows what it is like to suffer temptation, we can approach God's throne of grace confident of God's mercy in our time of help (Hebrews 4:14-16) Even more good news! Finally, Jesus Christ is with us to the end of history (Matt 28: 20b). Mountains of good news all round! Thanks be to God!

Happy mother's day to all mothers! God chose you to do the most important of jobs in being his agent of creation, as recognised by the Psalmist who prays to God: 'For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb; I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made' (Psalm 130:13-14a). If this is a sad day for you, we pray you will know of God's comfort: 'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in our troubles' (2 Corinthians 1:3-4a). As always and in all circumstances, all members and friends are welcome to speak with pastor as to what burdens them, including for Scriptural perspective and personal prayer.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday where we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who witnesses to and glorifies the crucified and risen Christ, teaching Christ's church all about him. Our sanctuary will be 'dressed' in red that day to signify the flames of the first Christian Pentecost (Acts 2:3). Why not also wear red, 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.

Step up to communion classes start this Thursday 12 May 2016 from 5:30 to 6:45pm. The final two classes are Thursday 26 May 2016 and 9 June 2016 (same time). God-willing most of the class will be admitted to the Lord's Supper during a special celebratory rite on Sunday 12 June 2016. Please confirm your child's attendance (and yours as parent carer!) with Pastor Matt if you have not already done so. This will be an exciting time of intergenerational faith teaching in the life of our congregation.

You are invited: On Pentecost Sunday, next week, at 6:30pm the Bassendean/Bayswater interdenominational Christian pastors fraternal is holding an ecumenical combined service for the Christian churches of Bayswater City Council area at Noranda Church of Christ, 200 Crimea Street. I will be leading a prayer for our city and it's local government. During the service we will also acknowledge the ongoing support of Bayswater City Council for the YouthCare chaplains. All welcome.



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)

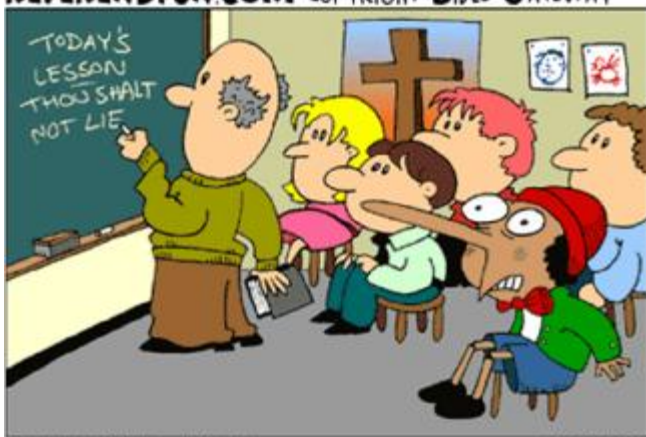
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Sunday School Dates for this Term

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TROUBLE IN PINOCCHIO'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

15th May
22nd May
5th June
19th June
3rd July