

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

Pentecost Sunday

May 15th, 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.

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Worship:

Sundays at 9.30am
Sunday School at 9:45am
fortnightly in term time —
ON TODAY

*And there appeared unto them
like as of fire, and it sat upon*

Acts 2:3



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 104:24-34,35b**

Leader: Lord, you have made so many things! How wisely you made them all! The earth is filled with your creatures.

People: There is the ocean, large and wide, where countless creatures live, large and small alike.

The ships sail on it, and in it plays Leviathan, that sea-monster which you made.

All of them depend on you to give them food when they need it. You give it to them, and they eat it; you provide food, and they are satisfied.

When you turn away, and they are afraid; when you take away their breath, they die and go back to the dust from which they came.

But when you give them breath, they are created; you give new life to the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord be happy with what he has made!

He looks at the earth, and it trembles; he touches the mountains, and they pour out smoke.

I will sing to the Lord all my life; as long as I live I will sing praises to my God.

May he be pleased with my song, for my gladness comes from him.

Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray for the power of the Holy Spirit.

Almighty and merciful God, you sent your Holy Spirit at Pentecost, making the disciples bold to preach the good news. Send us out with the power of the same Spirit to spread the fire of your love.

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 2:1-21

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-27

The coming of the Holy Spirit

The Spirit makes us God's children

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

A stylized, hand-drawn illustration of the word "Pentecost" in a cursive, calligraphic font. Above the letter 'e' in "Pentecost", there is a simple line drawing of a dove with its wings spread, representing the Holy Spirit.



Welcome to Pentecost Sunday at Bethlehem and across the worldwide Christian Church. Many people refer to Paul's letter to the church at Rome (*Romans*) as the fifth Gospel. Our epistle lesson today from Romans 8:14-17 is just one of the many reasons why. So... hear the Gospel within this text in the fact we are: led by the Spirit (God goes out of His way to lead us--not the other way round); made children of

God; not enslaved to live in fear but instead adopted as God's children; able to call God the Father by the most personal of relational names; enjoying the Holy Spirit's ongoing testimony of our adoption; being Christ's brothers and sisters; and given the sure promise that in our sufferings we will also share in Christ's glory. Thank God for his gift of the Holy Spirit which we celebrate on Pentecost Sunday today!

A good few of our members and friends are away this weekend at the LYWA dads and kids camp in Maida Vale and the Lutheran Women of WA Annual convention in Esperance. We thank God for the opportunities we are given through being part of our synod. We will remember in our prayers today all those involved.

Next weekend we host Colin and Ruth Hayter who are the Volunteer Papua New Guinea Program Assistants for LCA International Mission. They will present to the Sunday School and shortly after our service (if you need to leave straight away it will not be rude to, and there will be an opportunity to do so). Mission occurs where God deems, for it is HIS mission. For many that is the place he has planted us in the vocation (calling) he has given us, including as spouses, parents, children, church members and workers. Next weekend gives us an opportunity to engage with mission outside our location as we hear of the gospel being preached and taught in PNG and SE Asia. 'And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved' (Acts 2:47b).

Our next LYWA Young Adult's study (18-36) will be here at Bethlehem Morley on Sunday 22nd May from 7pm. We are likely to be looking at Joshua's vision (Joshua 5:13-15). The next meeting after that will be Thursday 2 May at 7:30pm. Please see me for further details, or check LYWA's FaceBook site.

Are you keen to create a warm and informative welcome at Bethlehem? I am looking for a few helpers to shortly assist me with a brief one-off project to enhance our entry area (Narthex) so that we better welcome the stranger (Hebrews 13:2), communicate the gospel, share our ministries, optimise safety and resource our members and friends. Talk to me, email me or call me to register or discuss your interest. Thanks in advance!

You are invited: TONIGHT, 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)*

Put it in your diaries, bring your friends!

*Join the Facebook event at: [https://
www.facebook.com/
events/519194851606498/](https://www.facebook.com/events/519194851606498/)*



Wedding



We pray God's blessings and joy for Lucinda Osborne and Nigel Ridgeway as they marry next weekend at Bethel Lutheran Church in SA, and for Alex and Charlotte as they share in Lucinda and Nigel's happiness. 'Love is patience and kind... it rejoices in the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things' (1 Cor 13:4;7

Sunday School Dates for this Term



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

Pentecost Word Search Puzzle

from www.geocities.com/lectionarypuzzles/

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Order the Events of the Pentecost

Order the Activities in Acts 2-3 of the early church.

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Events

___ 1. A. Crippled man healed by Peter and John



___ 2. B. A mighty wind filled the house



___ 3. C. Peter preached in the temple about Jesus



___ 4. D. 3,000 souls were baptized



___ 5. E. The Holy Ghost filled the people in the house



___ 6. F. The day of Pentecost



___ 7. G. People in the house started speaking in different languages



___ 8. H. People sold their possessions and joined the church



___ 9. I. Peter preaches about Jesus' resurrection on the day of Pentecost



J. People praised God



Prayer Points



- .. Thanksgiving that the Holy Spirit has brought us into adoption by God, and that as heirs of God we are co-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:14-17)
- .. That we not live in fear but in an abiding appreciation of what it is to be God's children (Romans 8:15)
- .. Thanksgiving that God draws Christians from all nations and allows his Gospel to be heard (Acts 2:9-11)
- .. An appreciation of the unity that the spirit gives in this evenings Morley Christian Churches combined service, at Noranda Church of Christ (Eph 4:3)
- .. For: our nation as it prepares for a federal election; all candidates that they may submit to God's will; and the Australian Electoral Commission that it oversee a fair election that promotes God's gift of good government (Rms 13:1)
- .. That through dads and kids camp this weekend all participating dads and kids have been brought to a greater appreciation of what it is to be children of God (Rm 8:14)
- .. That the Lutheran Women of Western Australia convention in Esperance encourages and supports it's members and their aims as they bring glory to God (Psalm 104:31)
- .. That all Christians who suffer will be comforted by the knowledge they will share in Christ's glory (Romans 8:17)
- .. That those in our congregation who are sick, anxious, awaiting surgery, caring for or grieving loved ones, or feeling unsettled, may by Christ's word of peace experience untroubled hearts and not be afraid (John 14:27)

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, Roslyn Zadow, Basil Nelson and Tristram Van Rooyen
- .. 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 16th	Exodus 3:16-4:12
Tuesday 17th	Exodus 4:14-31
Wednesday 18th	Exodus 5:1-6:1
Thursday 19th	Exodus 7:8-24
Friday 20th	Exodus 7:25-8:19
Saturday 21st	Psalm 8

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 15 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Sunday 22 nd	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Sunday 22 nd	7:00pm LYWA Young Adults
Thursday 26 th	5:30-6:45pm Session II of Step-up to Communion
Sunday 29 th	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 15th May	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Thurs 19th May	7-10pm LYWA meeting
Sun 22nd May	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 29th May	11:30am Lutheran Homes AGM
Sun 29th May	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

Trinity Sunday — May 22nd, (White)

Readings: (Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15)

Flowers: Lorraine

Cleaners: Zadow Family

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

This week in your LCA



Story of the Week

Making PEACE the Bible's way

'People's hearts change as they engage with God's word.'
'The results of the biblical peacemaking retreat are being felt through the whole congregation in a positive way.' You can read this story about Redeemer congregation's (Toowoomba) journey in peacemaking, on your LCA website www.lca.org.au



It's God's earth and we are privileged to be stewards of it as farmers. We hope to acknowledge that he's the giver of all good gifts.

Read the Reichenbach family's story (Wimmera Lutherans) and other stories about caring for God's garden, in the May edition of *The Lutheran*.

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THIS WEEK: Domestic Violence

face2face
Ministry

Visit www.facetoface.org.au to listen to or read transcripts.

† In Memoriam

The Lutheran Church of Australia
mourns the death of



Pastor Rufus Pech
died 29 April, aged 89

Served: Amron Teacher PNG,
Karkar Island Circuit PNG,

Madang School Supervision and VBS Curriculum,
Vice Principal Balab Teachers College PNG,
Office of President LMNG, Overseas Personnel
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Making PEACE the Bible's way

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Our Redeemer congregation at Toowoomba, Queensland, had been through a challenging time of conflict. Some members were leaving or worshipping elsewhere, we had dropping attendance numbers – and feelings about each other that didn't glorify God.

A chance meeting in 2015 between our recently installed pastor Dr Michael Lockwood and Pastor Paul Kerber began a conversation about healing for our congregation. As the LCA's Assistant to the Bishop for Reconciliation Ministry, Pastor Paul could lead us through biblical peacemaking over two years, together as a congregation, to embed reconciliation as our lifestyle.

The response was overwhelming, with many of our able-bodied members attending a retreat in November, a workshop in February and a six-week Bible-study series.

Here are some early impressions from the participants:

'I believe that doing this event has lifted spirits at Redeemer. It has given us a purpose ... instead of just going to church every Sunday and doing same old, same old all the time. People's hearts change as they engage with God's word.'

'The results of the biblical peacemaking retreat are being felt through the whole congregation in a positive way.'

'Fulfilling, spiritual, empowering to seek forgiveness and to forgive.'

'Given us a lifestyle pleasing to God.'

'The peacemaker training has transformed our already wonderful 18 years of marriage to something even better and brought healing to other fractured relationships in my life.'

'Practical application in my marriage. Once you read through the study material you just can't help but forgive.'

As we learn to live the gospel through lives of confession and forgiveness, we hope to be able to share this experience with other congregations and serve them in their own journey.

Dawn Humphrey is the chair of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Toowoomba, Queensland.