

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 5th, 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 —

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*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 146

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, my soul!

People: I will praise him as long as I live; I will sing to my God all my life.

Don't put your trust in human leaders; no human being can save you.

When they die, they return to the dust; on that day all their plans come to an end.

Happy is the man who has the God of Jacob to help him and who depends on the Lord his God,

The creator of heaven, earth, and sea, and all that is in them.

He always keeps his promises;

He judges in favour of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free

And gives sight to the blind. He lifts those who have fallen; he loves his righteous people.

He protects the strangers who live in our land; he helps widows and orphans, but ruins the plans of the wicked.

The Lord is king for ever. Your God, O Zion, will reign for all time.

Praise the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray for daily renewal.

Thank you, Lord God, that you have cleansed us from sin and saved us from the power of the enemy through the death and resurrection of your Son. Keep us from drowning our sinful self by repenting day after day, and bring to life in us each day a new self to live with you forever. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

1 Kings 17:8-24 Elijah and the widow in Zarephath

Galatians 1:11-24 Paul called by God himself

Luke 7:11-17 Jesus raises a widow's son from death

Prayer Points



- Thanksgiving for the revelation of the gospel of Jesus Christ (Gal 1:12)
- Praise that the Holy Spirit converts us to the one gospel (Gal 1:16;23)
- That we might have the same heart of compassion as Christ Jesus for all who suffer (Luke 7:13)
- Comfort for those who are dying and for those mourning loved ones (1 Kings 17:19;22; Luke 7:13)
- That God would bring praise to the lips of all people for the blessings he showers us with ((Gal 1:24)
- Thanksgiving for the opportunity to serve our community through the weekly breakfast club at Hampton SHS (1 Kings 17:14-16)
- That in times of apparent scarcity we would trust the Lord's gracious provision (1 Kings 17:8-16)
- That Christ will nurture all of his disciples, including those who serve in the church: Bethlehem Morley, LCA and worldwide Christian church on earth (Gal 1:15-16)

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- **Those dealing with health issues:** Fred Kroeger, Elfrida Kaszanski, 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
- **For safety, wellbeing and protection:** Mike, Serica, Sterling, Gibson and '?' Yurisich.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday 6th	Exodus 17:1-16
Tuesday 7th	Exodus 19:1-16
Wednesday 8th	Exodus 19:16-25
Thursday 9th	Exodus 20:1-21
Friday 10th	Exodus 32:1-20
Saturday 11th	Psalms 5:1-8



We all love a 'rags to riches' or 'villain to hero' story where someone 'cleans up' their act and makes a go of it. Today's sermon text Galatians 1:11-24 tells such a story - how Paul the arch persecutor of the church became it's most singularly focussed gospel preacher. Yet the miraculous change in Paul is not

really the main point, as interesting as that is. There is no saving grace for us in his life story. The only saving grace is in his subject - the Gospel of Christ, and its reception. That is Paul's main point today. He only includes the biographical detail because it shows how the gospel he received came neither from humankind or out of the traditions of humankind, but instead by a revelation from God about Christ. Therefore it is the only gospel. Hence, our text this week is a reminder for us to continue to focus always on **THE** gospel (Gal 1:3-5) given through God's revelation that has Christ at its centre (Gal 1:12; 1:16). Its power changes hearts and minds and actions (Gal 1:13-17). And this glorifies God (Gal 1:24).

During the next few weeks I will continue to follow the readings from Galatians as our sermon text. Now would be a great time to read through the full six chapters of Galatians if you haven't already done so. Next week's text is Gal 2:15-21. Many see this as the key idea in Paul's argument that the law does not save. Only faith in Christ does.

Next week will be a service of huge blessing as we admit part of our 10 student step-up to communion class to the Lord's Supper. At the beginning of our service we will also be consecrating our brand new Roland electric piano that has anonymously been generously donated to replace our increasingly malfunctioning and acoustically aged Clavinova. As the Spirit inspired the Psalmist to sing:

'Come let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song' Psalm 95:1-2.

Final step up to communion class is to be held at Bethlehem Morley 5:30-6:45pm 12 June 2016. See you then!

Registration forms for the LYWA YAC camp Wed 6 July 2016 to Sun 10 July are now available. Register by 13 June to secure the super early-bird rate. A small number of registration forms have been placed in the foyer.



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It's marvellous what a difference milo makes! Some weeks ago our congregation was invited to provide some key supplies - eggs and milo - to help with the Hampton Senior High School Breakfast Club that is run each Thursday morning from 8-8:50am. The idea is that students who might not normally have breakfast, and even those who do, can gather for some pre-lesson nourishment and socialising. It's run by the student services team, which is all the staff who don't teach but have student welfare responsibilities. The eggs and milo we have been asked to supply cannot be sourced from FoodBank or other low cost / free options. The eggs get scrambled and go into toasted sandwiches... the Milo just makes a marvellous difference (to energy, concentration and likely hyperactivity.. but it is yummy!)

After consultation with Bethlehem Community Care, the decision has been made to provide the eggs and milo **until the end of 2016**. Hampton SHS are extremely grateful... it was a nice surprise to hear that Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be thanked as sponsors in their newsletters etc. What a great way to raise the awareness of our little corner of the kingdom in our wider community!

However, there exists also the opportunity to assist directly with breakie preparation - extra hands are desperately needed. So please see me (Pastor Matt) if you might be able to spare an hour first thing Thursday mornings in the breakneck pace that is the Hampton SHS breakfast club kitchen. ALSO, tins of milo - the larger the better - are needed, so please place in the baskets on the way into worship. That way they can so get blessed and prayed for as part of our weekly offerings. Psalm 116:12.

Our pantry ministry and faith active in love: It was a criticism of the early Lutheran reformers that they were so interested in being saved by faith alone that they did not care much for the fruits of faith, that is, service to neighbour. Nothing could be further from the truth. Did you know that a special part of the social and church reforms at Wittenberg and elsewhere in the early 1520s was the introduction of the common chest for the relief of the needy? Luther writing on the reforms in Leisnig noted: 'Now there is no greater service of God than Christian love which helps and serves the needy...' (Luther's Works Vol 46, p 172) In our own small way our pantry ministry continues this important practice. And in the context of this season of hearing God's word from Galatians, let it have the last word: 'Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially those who belong to the community of believers' (Gal 6:10)

Soup is available after the service for a gold coin donation. Warming effect complimentary! All proceeds to the important Bible translation work Hannah Schulz continues to undertake in PNG's remote Western Province.

The Choice

A very inspiring poem written by a Filipino.

It's quiet. It's early. My coffee is hot. The sky is still dark. The world is asleep. The day is coming.

In a few moments, the day will arrive. It will roar down the track with the rising of the sun. The stillness of the dawn will be exchanged for the noise of the day. The calm of solitude will be replaced by the pounding pace of the human race. The refuge of the early morning will be invaded by decisions to be made and deadlines to be met.

For the next twelve hours, I will be exposed to the day's demands. It is now that I must make a choice. I'm free to choose. And so I choose.

I CHOOSE FAITHFULNESS.

Today I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. My wife (husband) will not question my love. And my children will never fear that their father (mother) will not come home.

I CHOOSE GENTLENESS.

Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice, may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

I CHOOSE SELF-CONTROL.

I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will not rule the eternal. I choose self-control. I will be drunk only by joy. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced. I will be taught only by Christ. I choose self-control.

LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, and SELF-CONTROL.

To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek His grace. And then, when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.

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5th June Initiating Peace (Principal Mark Doecke)

We all deal with conflict in our lives. It may be as parents with our children, in the workplace, with our partners or in our friendships. How can we deal with conflict and manage those that can't be resolved?

12th June Chosen (Pastor Richard Fox)

Have you ever missed out on something that you've desperately wanted? Or have you ever been rejected? How does that compare to being chosen? We are special and chosen.

19th June Molly (Pastor James Winderlich)

Every now and then we all get glimpses of what life could be. Listen to a life changing encounter with Molly.

26th June No Favourites (Pastor Adrian Kitson)

Have you ever felt that you're not good enough, that you don't meet up with other people's expectations or maybe even your own! Why does low self-esteem have such power and what can we do about it?

New For Men Website

A new outreach website at www.facetoface.org.au/for-men has been launched. You'll find videos, booklets, and new small group discussion videos and guides to download and enjoy. Share it with your mates.



Ladies Fellowship Meeting
-Saturday 11th June
9:30am—with Soup & Buns

**Bring along a baby photo or something that is
"very special to you"**

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 5th 9:30am Bethlehem Worship

Thursday 9th 5:30pm-6:45pm Session 3 of Step-up to Communion

Sunday 12th 9:30am Bethlehem Worship—*Special faith milestone celebration as students from the step up to Communion class are admitted to the Lord's Table.*

Sunday 19th 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 5th June	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 12th June	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 19th June	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost — June 12th, (Green)

Readings: (1 Kings 21:1-21a, Galatians 2:15-21, Luke 7:36-8:3)

Flowers: Carol

Cleaners: Mansas Family

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