

Bethlehem

Lutheran Church **MORLEY**

29 Robinson Rd, Morley
August 12th, 2018
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Worship blessings in Christ as you gather here today to receive God's good things. If you would like to talk further concerning faith in Christ or about the Church, please contact our Pastor or one of our lay-assistants. Visitors are warmly invited to stay after worship for a cuppa with our members, and also to sign our visitor's book in the foyer.

Contact Details

Pastor: Pastor Matthew Bishop
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Worship:
Sundays at 9.30am
Sunday School at 9:45am:
Not Today



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 our community.

Entry Psalm: Psalm 130

Leader: *From the depths of my despair I call to you, Lord.*

People: Hear my cry, O Lord; listen to my call for help!

If you kept a record of our sins, who could escape being condemned?

But you forgive us, so that we should stand in awe of you.

I wait eagerly for the Lord's help, and in his word I trust.

I wait for the Lord more eagerly than watchmen wait for the dawn—
than watchmen wait for the dawn.

*Israel, trust in the Lord, because his love is constant and he is always
willing to save.*

He will save his people Israel from all their sins.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray that we are joined to Jesus.

Lord Jesus, you are the bread of life from God. Feed us with this heavenly
bread. Unite us more closely to yourself and live within us forever.

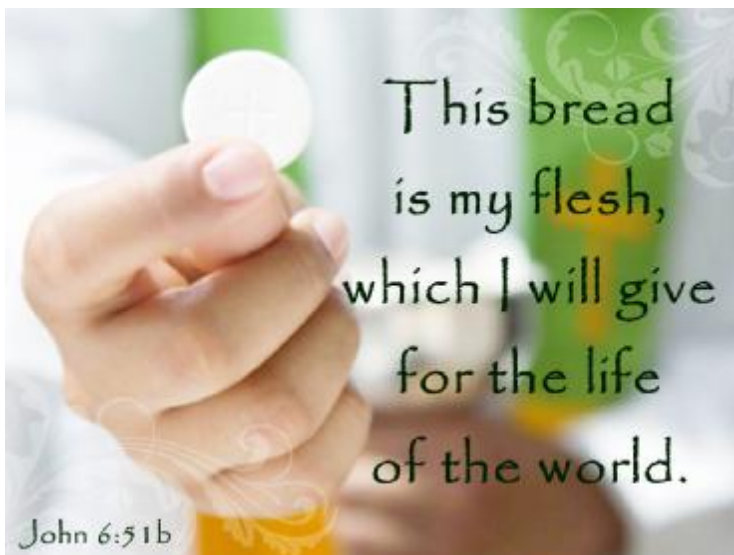
For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33 The death of David's son Absalom

Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2 Be imitators of God

John 6:35,41-51 Jesus the bread of life



Prayer Points

- Thanksgiving for Jesus Christ our life-giving bread of heaven (John 6:35)
- That in the worthiness of the calling we have received in Christ's gospel, we not let the sun go down on our anger (Eph 4:26) and we let no evil talk come out of our mouths but only what is useful for building up (Eph 4:29)
- For honesty in the public discourse of our nation's administration and institutions (Eph 4:29b)
- That those lost in confusion of belief and behaviour or the following of other gods will instead trust God the Father Almighty (Psalm 130:5-6)
- God's healing and reconciling spirit for all those suffering ruptured family relationships (2 Sam 18:33)
- Thanksgiving for LCA Grow Ministries, their director Jodi Brook and staff, and ongoing success in serving all the generations of the LCA with the Gospel (Mark 1:1)
- Thanksgiving for our LCA WA District Equipping for Effective Child and Family Ministry day yesterday, and guidance for our district in the time ahead as it seeks to harvest its fruits (Matthew 25:14-30)
- Christ's comfort for those who are sick, dying, grieving, anxious, depressed, searching for meaning, struggling over big decisions or feeling lonely (Psalm 130)



Please remember in your prayers

- Ill or healing members and friends: Tristram Van Rooyen, Elfriede Kaszanski, Anneliese Sitarz and Carmen Lawson.
- Members and friends facing challenging circumstances: Margaret and Ernst Klenner, the Zadow family.

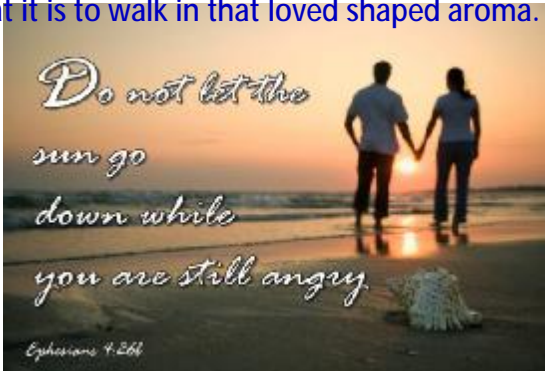
Daily Bible Readings

Monday 13th	Acts 15:22-35
Tuesday 14th	Acts 15:36-16:5
Wednesday 15th	Acts 16: 6-15
Thursday 16th	Acts 16: 16-24
Friday 17th	Acts 16:25-40
Saturday 18th	Psalm 111



Worthiness... What makes you worthy? The world has lots of answers. You know what they are and chances are you believe in them more than what you think you might. One of these categories is how much you meet the standard. Do you do what you need to in order to

fit in to what's required? Do you perform your job well? Are you providing for your kids adequately? Are you on enough rosters at church? Our text today - Ephesians 4:25-5:2 has 11 instructions/commands ('imperatives' in tech speak). Some of them are negatives we should no longer do (eg. put off falsehood), others are positives we should do more of (speak truthfully to our neighbour). Are these just about meeting a standard before God? Does meeting them make you worthy before God? No and no. Ephesians 4:1 tells us we are already worthy because of the calling we have received. Eph 5:2 tells us it was Jesus who met the standard: for he gave himself up for us as fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Today we'll explore the aroma of Christ and what it is to walk in that loved shaped aroma.



Please note: Confirmation formation will recommence on 17 August 2018.

Perth Christian Men's Convention: 25 August 2018. The theme/content this year is 'Men of Courage: True Grit from the Book of Jeremiah'. Details on the noticeboard.

Next night service: 19 August 2018 from 4:30pm with share tea afterwards if you can make it.

Sunday August 26 2018: I'm swapping pulpits with Pastor Peter Hage of St John's Lutheran Church Perth (also Assistant Bishop of the LCAWA District). Services are at their usual time in each location - just a different face leading and preaching from John 6 in order for each congregation to hear some different distinctives as we expound this text! This is part of a three way swap within the district whereby Bishop Mike from Parkwood will swap with Pastor Andre from St John's in the next couple of weeks as well.

Keith & Kath Kowald invite all members and friends of the Morley congregation to a

Bonfire and Sausage Sizzle

at their place, 135A Gibbs Road Nowergup on Saturday August 18th 2018.



We hope you can join us for a time of fellowship and fun at "The Farm".

Bonfire lights at 5.00 pm. Sausages, bread / buns and soft drinks provided. Bring a folding chair.

(This is a private event and is not an event organised by the Morley congregation)



From the Treasurer	
OFFERINGS	
July	\$8,969
Proposed Budget	\$9,245
Shortfall	-\$276



The Church Council has set the date for this year's AGM as Sunday 9th September

One week to go (19th Aug) for reports to be in please!!! to John

via email , john@theodorsen.com.au – otherwise they cannot be included in the printed Book of Reports. Thank you



Hall Night—Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Date: August 17th—7-9pm

Come along for a chance to hang out with friends and have a bit of fun with a few games and a bible study. Hope to see you there.

Chris Kuchel.



Last Night service of winter trial: 19 August at 4:30pm.

Lord's Supper and LCA Grow Ministries Generations in Faith
Together activity.

Note the new earlier time! Bring dinner to share in fellowship tea afterwards (as able).

Morning Lord's Supper service 9:30am as usual that day too.



Member DIRECTORY

We are preparing a directory of members contact details of our congregation. This is being put together to assist our Pastor and Lay-Assistants in their pastoral work, and to help us come together and support each other as a church community.

We do understand the issues that some of you may have around the protection of your privacy. As such, the information will be collected in two parts. The first part will be information for the pastor and, at his discretion certain of the Lay assistants as appropriate for pastoral care purposes only, and will not be available to the general congregation. This is shown as Part 1 on the information form.

The Second part of the information is where you give permission for what can be included in the directory for sharing with the general congregation. This includes things such as family name, address, telephone numbers, and email address.

*We encourage you to take part in this process. A Privacy Collection Statement is included in the form to advise how your information will be treated. **Please collect a form at the back of the church today and fill it in.** Please return the completed form to either Chris Kempin or Ben Gargett who will hold it .*

Thankyou

Steve Nicolai (Deputy Chairperson, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Morley Council)



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 FEW WEEKS

Sunday 12 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Friday 17 th	5:30pm Confirmation formation 7—9pm Youth Hall Night
Sunday 19 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship + Sunday School 4:30pm Evening Worship followed by Fellowship tea
Sunday 26 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship

Visit us on the Web at: morley.wa.lca.org.au

Bookings: email us at bookings@morley.wa.lca.org.au

WORSHIP SERVICE COMING UP

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost — August 19th, 2018 (Green)

Readings: 2 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

Flowers: Leslie

Cleaners: Usjak Family

Communion Usher: Fred Styants

All Items for the "Bethlehem Bulletin", please email to Lorraine (bulletin@morley.wa.lca.org.au) by Wednesday afternoon.