

# Bethlehem

LUTHERAN CHURCH **MORLEY**

29 Robinson Rd, Morley

October 4th, 2020

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

## Welcome

We pray God's joy and comfort will be yours this day as you receive God's blessing in worship. If you would like to talk further concerning faith in Christ or about the Church, please speak with our Pastor or one of our members. Visitors are warmly invited to get to know us a little further after the service and to sign our visitors book. Unfortunately due to COVID-19 we are not serving morning tea at present.

### Worship

Sundays 9:30am

Sunday School - **2:30pm Sat**

**17th October**

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*where love comes to life*

### 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 80:7-15

### Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7	The song of the vineyard
Philippians 3:4b-14	Everything loss compared to Christ
Matthew 21:33-46	Parable of the tenants in the vineyard

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray that we may live by faith.

**Almighty and merciful God, you have ordered our earthly life that we must walk by faith and not by sight. Give us such trust in your fatherly care that we show our faith by our courage in the face of all perplexities. 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.**

### **Please remember in your prayers**

*Jesus, be with the people of Victoria as they struggle with strict lock-down measures. We pray that these measures will help bring an end to the suffering of many. Bring comfort and relief to all those who are struggling with sudden changes to their lives, and protect all essential service workers. Lord, we pray for the families of all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones. Envelope them in your love, and draw them close to you in their pain and loss. Help officials to locate and contain the outbreak, and restore health to those afflicted with coronavirus. Protect all the members and friends of the LCA Victorian district across its many parishes, schools and homes. Sustain Bishop Lester, all pastors, teachers and layworkers. This we pray in your name, for you are merciful and loving. Amen.*

### **Ill or healing members and friends**

- Tristram & Helga Van Rooyen, Anneliese Sitarz, Carmen Lawson, Roslyn Zadow, Johanna Videmanis, and Mel Bishop (Left Hand). Elfie Heller and Peter Hueppauff. Geraldton members and friends, Bill Boys and Shirley Schmidt

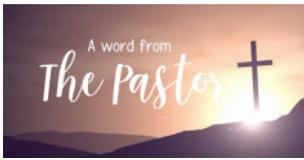
### **Members facing challenging circumstances**

- The Zadow Family and the Dube Family

## Prayer Points

- Thanksgiving for God's rich provision for his people (Isaiah 5:1 and Matthew 21:33a)
- Praise for the long-suffering love of God (Matthew 21:35-37)
- Thanksgiving that God sent his own son... and that in his death has the chief cornerstone of faith been established through his resurrection (Matthew 21:39-42).
- Thanksgiving that Zachary Luff has today come into God's family through baptism (Galatians 3:26-4:7) and that the Holy Spirit by good provision through the people of Christ's church will continue to take Christ and make him known to Zach and Ginny (John 16:14)
- That all who are baptised may press on in faith and holy living (Phil 3:13b-14)
- For all Christian families caught in the busyness of life to pray together (Luke 2:41-42)
- Wisdom and righteousness for our Prime Minister and all elected officials (Isaiah 55:5)
- God's relief, peace and comfort for all who are sick, needing healing, grieving, battling addictions or disease, feeling lonely or struggling in ruptured relationship (Philippians 3:7-12)





**Built with the very best...** The Old Testament lesson (Isaiah 5:1-7) and Gospel (Matthew 21:33-46) for today work in parallel. They both tell the story of God giving a vineyard every chance of succeeding. All the right

equipment and infrastructure. The best vines. In other words, 'built with the very best'. Yet one yields only bad fruit - literally 'stinkies' in the Hebrew of Isaiah 5. The other one doesn't give up any of its fruits because its owners won't hand it over. That's despite God's patience in sending a long lineup of people to ask (Matthew 21:34-36) - read Israel's judges and prophets. Eventually the son is sent in. He is killed outside the city walls. These are powerful illustrations of God's action and nature. Generous, patient, forbearing. Yet just. That's what we look at today. The 'bottom line' reminds me of Galatians 6:7 "Do not be deceived; God cannot be mocked." It's stark, but proceeded by grace upon grace. God wants us to be guided by these accounts, going neither the way of Jerusalem (Isaiah 5) or the religious elite of Jesus day (Matthew 21:23). Yet as his family through baptism and the repentant living that results, he also wants us more than anything to be comforted by his grace and provision which he has laid out in his vineyard. Then, in freedom, as St Paul put it in today's epistle, 'live up to what we have already attained' (Philippians 3:16). For your contemplation...

Today we welcome into God's family through baptism **Zachary Luff**, born July 2019, son of Virginia. Welcome Zach! And a special welcome to worship today to Zach's family, sponsors and friends.

### **From Luther's Small Catechism on Baptism:**

*What benefit's does God give in Baptism?* In baptism God forgives sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to all who believe what he has promised.

*What is God's promise?* In Mark 16 our Lord Jesus Christ says:

"Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved; but whoever does not believe will be condemned".



**No Zoom Bible study** on next week - a break for school hols and a bit of recharge. We will commence on Monday 12 October (Wednesday night, the usual time, is church council).

I convey greetings from Hope Geraldton Lutheran Church Geraldton where I served last weekend. Among other things, I officiated at a 40th wedding anniversary blessing, conducted a couple of home visits (including a home Holy Communion) and led Divine Service Sunday morning. Two other Bethlehem families joined Mel, Naomi and I for the weekend. The Geraldton congregation continues to convey its thanks for this partnership in the Gospel, as we do too. To them we say:

*"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."* 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (NIV).

**Milo: thanks to everyone who has recently donated a tin or two.** Thankfully we now have plenty to see us out for the term ahead in the Hampton High Breakfast Club and won't need anymore for now.

## LWWA Fellowship Day 2020

Theme: We Are Women Serving Christ!

Matthew 28:10a

**Where:** Rockingham-Mandurah Lutheran Church  
52 Swallowtail Parade, Warnbro

**When:** Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 🕒 9:30am to 4:30pm

*Registration from 8:30am*

**Lunch:** Covid safe lunch will be provided  
Your love offering to cover costs

**Please Bring:** BIBLE, pen, paper and a friend  
***and your OWN CUP for a cuppa***



### What's Happening:

- ❖ Guest Speaker – Pastor Matthew Bishop. Topic: Katie Luther
- ❖ Bible Study lead by Pastor Glenn Crouch
- ❖ Worship and Holy Communion
- ❖ Games, Music, Skits and Prayer
- ❖ Fellowship and sharing
- ❖ Live streaming of Bible study and guest speaker presentation for those who can't attend

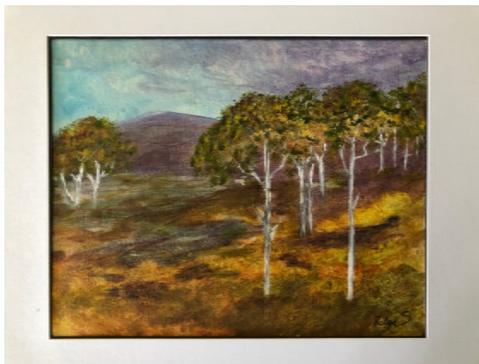
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COME ALONG AND BE BLESSED AS WE CELEBRATE REFORMATION DAY TOGETHER

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*For more information or to register, contact  
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**Sharing her talents...** Mrs Helga Svensson has generously donated a painting for the congregation to sell and apply the proceeds to a special project of church council's choice. Council agreed that we would support the *Ubuo Training and Literacy Centre* building project that Hanna Schulz is steering in order to support her work as Bible translator in the remote Gulf Province of PNG. This will be through a silent auction and run **over six weeks, until Oct 25th**. Thanks to Helga for the gift. And thanks to everyone who supports the fundraiser for Hanna's work. Psalm 118:



### Scripture Readings

Oct 5th 2 Peter 1:12-21  
Oct 6th 2 Peter 2  
Oct 7th 2 Peter 3  
Oct 8th Luke 1:1-25  
Oct 9th Luke 1:26-56  
Oct 10th Luke 1:57-80  
Oct 11th Luke 2:1-21



Oct 12th Luke 2:22-52  
Oct 13th Luke 3:1-22  
Oct 14th Luke 3:23-4:13  
Oct 15th Luke 4:14-44  
Oct 16th Luke 5:1-6:16  
Oct 17th Luke 6:17-49  
Oct 18th Luke 7:1-35

## Parable of the Tenants - Matt 21:33-46

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FALLS

HARVEST

LANDOWNER

PEOPLE

SENT

TENANTS

TIME

WRETCHES

## Special prayer concerning Covid-19.

*Heavenly Father, bring healing and comfort for people around the world suffering from Coronavirus COVID-19. Speed their recovery and slow the spread of the virus. We thank you for the efforts of all those involved in treating, testing and caring for patients, and ask your protection over them as they go about their work. Bless with success those searching for vaccine and protect those involved in vaccine trials. Give wisdom to governments around the world as they respond to this outbreak. We ask for your peace when we are tempted to panic or become anxious about this disease. Help us to place our trust in you, knowing that our life is safely hidden in you and that you are the Lord of all creation. Enable us to show your love to others, sharing the hope we have in you and what you have first given us, praying and caring for the sick and needy as best we can in the name of Christ. Amen.*

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## COMING UP OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Sunday Oct 4th	9:30am Worship Service with Lord's Supper
Sunday Oct 11th	9:30am Worship Service with Lord's Supper
Monday Oct 12th	7:00pm Bible Study
Wednesday Oct 14th	7:00pm Church Council meeting
Saturday Oct 17th	2:30pm Sunday School
Sunday Oct 18th	9:30am Worship Service with Lord's Supper

## WORSHIP SERVICE - 11th October

**Flowers:** Christa  
**Cleaners:** Giersch Family

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All items for the 'Bethlehem Bulletin', please email to Lorraine ([bulletin.morley.wa@lca.org.au](mailto:bulletin.morley.wa@lca.org.au)) by Wednesday afternoon.