

# Bethlehem

LUTHERAN CHURCH **MORLEY**

29 Robinson Rd, Morley  
October 18th & 25th, 2020  
20th and 21st Sundays 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.

Please retain bulletin for  
the 2 Sundays

### Worship

Sundays 9:30am  
Sunday School -

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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.

## 20th Sunday after Pentecost - Oct 18th

Entry Psalm: Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13)

### Scripture Readings:

**Isaiah 45:1-7** The Lord appoints King Cyrus of Persia to do his will  
**1 Thessalonians 1:1-10** Serving God in faith, hope, and love  
**Matthew 22:15-22** The question about paying taxes

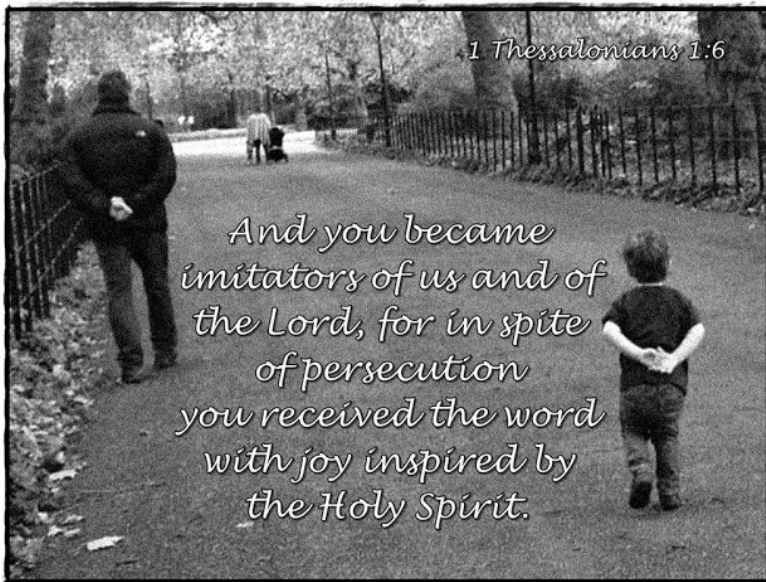
### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray that we may approach God with confidence.

**Almighty and merciful God, the Lord of heaven and earth, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and a sure faith to draw near to you as our Father, and to ask you for whatever we need. 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**

### Prayer Points

- Thanksgiving for the Gospel that has come not simply through words, but with power, the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction (1 Thess 1:5)
- That we remember with thanks how God leads us and empowers us through Christ into his work of faith and toil of love (1 Thess 1:2-3)
- That we remain steadfast in our hope in Christ for the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come (1 Thess 1:3,10; 4:13-18)
- Eyes to see that all we have has been given to us from God (1 Cor 4:7b - 'What do you have that you did not receive?') and that we may be generous rather than legalists when it comes to giving (Matthew 22:17)
- For the work of the Australian Taxation Office, State Revenue office and all who work on revenue policy (Romans 13:6-7)
- For ALC final year students as they prepare for assignments to their first parishes (1 Timothy 1:12)
- The deep mercy, grace and love of God for all who are suffering, including through illness, grief, addiction, loneliness and poverty (Exodus 34:6) and that we continue to welcome the message of joy given by the Holy Spirit even in the midst of severe suffering (1 Thess 1:6)



### **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. 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, Elfie Heller and Peter Hueppauff.

### **Members and friends facing challenging circumstances**

- The Zadow Family, the Dube Family and Eric and Shirley Schmidt

Entry Psalm: Psalm 1

Scripture Readings:

Leviticus 19: 1,2, 15-1 Be holy as the Lord is holy  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Paul does not speak to please people  
Matthew 22:34-46 The great commandment

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray that we love God and our neighbour.  
Thank you, everliving God, for giving us your only Son. Move us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



## Prayer Points

- Thanksgiving for Jesus who is the love of God (1 John 4:7-12)
- Christ's presence and the Spirit's leadership to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and mind, and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:36-39)
- Thanksgiving for the work of the Holy Spirit in growing Christ's church as witnessed by the baptism today of Johanna Sauer; Christ's grace and peace for Johanna and Nik (Galatians 3:26-27; Psalm 1:1-3)



- A growing in the good things of God for all who attend, respectively, the Lutheran Youth of WA leadership retreat and the Lutheran Women of WA Fellowship Day on Sat 31 October 2020 (Psalm 1:3)
- The Holy Spirit's nourishment and teaching of Christ for the pastors and other attendees at the LCA WA District pastor's retreat 28-30 October (1 Thess 2:4)
- God's protection, healing and recovery for all areas ravaged by all the effect of the Coronavirus (Psalm 130:1)
- Christ's love and guidance for all people facing employment uncertainty, upheaval in life, dissatisfaction with self, and dysfunctional relationships (Phil 4:4:7)
- Green pastures and still waters for all who are sick, dying, grieving, addicted, depressed and unable to cope (Psalm 23:2)
- That, just as Paul and Silas did in Thessalonica, we too would deeply care for each other and all people that are struggling through both the sharing of the gospel and our very selves in thought, word and deed (1 Thess 2:8).

## This Week's Words From Our Pastor...



This bulletin covers the next fortnight.

18 October 2020: **What's motivating Thessalonica?** Today's sermon text is based on 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10. This is the beginning of St Paul's letterboxing to what was

the very young church at Thessalonica. It's also likely his earliest serving letter. I will focus especially on verse 2-3, which from the New International Version reads '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 labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.' Part of this verse in many translations reads along the lines of '... your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ' (NRSV). It strikes me that so often we look to ourselves for our motivation. We may not mean to. We may even mean to include God more. But it's easy to forget. And it's also easy to separate our 'church/faith' life from the rest, when God sees no such difference. Today we receive the praise of how Christ is at the base of of our work, toil and steadfastness. The giver and the purpose.

25 October 2020: **The greatest commandment.** God-willing Pastor Peter Hage from St John's Perth is our guest preacher and will also help with the baptism that will be held today. Pastor Hage advises he will preach on the Greatest Commandment - see Matt 22:34-46. There is connection with our text of a fortnight ago (by the time we get to the 25th) on the Parable of the Wedding Banquet (Matthew 22:1-4). The father expects his guests to be attired in wedding gear at the banquet he throws for his Son the groom. Saved by grace, we still 'ought to try and do our best for God' in response (Eph 2:8-10; 4:1). So it's pretty simple in so far as this is where the Greatest Commandment fits in. In response to the great (sacrificial) love of God of sending his Son Jesus for our salvation (1 John 4:9-10) we in full freedom (Gal 5:1) love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and mind, and our neighbour as ourselves (Matthew 22:36-40).

**Zoom Bible Study Wednesday** 21 October at 7pm. There is **no study the next week, 7pm 28 October 2020**, as Pastor Matt is at LCA WA District Pastor's retreat.

Today we host the **WA Council of Churches AGM** from 2pm. All welcome. Our Treasurer Keith Kowald is also their Treasurer, and Simone Micke of the St John's Perth congregation is their secretary. We thank God for the WA CC and for Keith and Simone's involvement (1 Thess 1:2-3). Pastor Matt will attend and give a greeting.

On 25 October 2020 we welcome in to God's family **through baptism Johanna Sauer**, born 1 July 2020, daughter of Nik. 'Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ' (Matthew 19:14). Owing to an earlier connection, Pastor Peter Hage of St John's Lutheran Church Perth, will be officiating (Pastor Matt assisting). From Luther's Small Catechism:

*What benefits does Baptism give?* It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

*Which are these words and promises of God?* Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

**Discipleship** continues 4-5:30pm on both 21 and 28 October. Thanks to pastoral assistant, Mrs Mel Bishop, for taking the class on 28 October while Pastor Matt is at retreat.

**LCA WA District pastor's retreat:** this will be held from 28-30 October. Pastor Matt contactable in emergency as usual. Pastor Matt is preaching the Word at the closing worship.

Due to Pastor's retreat, **no LYWA Young Adult's Bible Study on 29 October**. Please note that LYWA is hosting its annual leadership retreat at Bethlehem Morley all day on 31 October, and keep this in your prayers.

**Combined Reformation and All Saints commemoration 1 November 2020**.

Please advise pastor Matt of any baptised Christian persons of faith that have fallen asleep in Christ over the past year that you would like remembered during this service. 'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints' Psalm 116:15.

## LCA Ordination Service 2020

This year's Ordination Service will take place at 2.00 pm on Sunday, 6 December at Concordia College, Highgate, South Australia. Entry will be by ticketed invitation only due to COVID restrictions.

Support our pastoral candidates and celebrate with the whole church by watching the service as it is livestreamed. **Join us on Sunday, 6 December at 2pm (ACST) at <https://livestream.com/luthworship/>**

### Visit by Bishop Mike Fulwood - Nov 15th

Bishop Mike will be preaching at Morley on Nov 15th and has kindly offered to have a short 'Q&A' session after the service. If anyone would like to ask a question of the Bishop, please forward questions to the Secretary by Nov 11th, (lschutz99@gmail.com) so they may be forwarded to him prior to his visit.

### Update from the Treasurer

OFFERINGS	Actual	Budget	Variance
September	\$9,694	\$9,769	-\$75
Year to Date	\$30,404	\$30,000	\$404

### Scripture Readings

Oct 19th Luke 7:36-8:3  
Oct 20th Luke 8:4-21  
Oct 21st Luke 8:22-56  
Oct 22nd Luke 9:1-50  
Oct 23rd Luke 9:51-10:24  
Oct 24th Luke 10:25-42  
Oct 25th Luke 11:1-36



Oct 26th Luke 11:37-12:12  
Oct 27th Luke 12:13-48  
Oct 28th Luke 12:49-13:9  
Oct 29th Luke 13:10-35  
Oct 30th Luke 14  
Oct 31st Luke 15  
Nov 1st Luke 16:1-17:10



# 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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Email: [kaz@esbconsult.com](mailto:kaz@esbconsult.com) or  
PO Box 2212, Boulder WA 6432*

## Please Note

Due to COVID restrictions of the kitchen we are asking everyone to bring their own lunch. We will be providing a selection for pre-packaged biscuits along with tea and coffee for morning tea but everyone will need to bring their own cup. A travel type cup with a lid would probably be the best.

**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. **The painting will be presented after the service on October 25th to the highest bidder. if you don't have a bid in, its not too late! - 5mins after the service will also be allowed for any late comers, before the painting is finally presented.**



### Call Information

Pastor Matt is currently holding the call to become the pastor of the St Paul Blair Athol congregation. Please keep Pastor Matt and family in your prayers as he considers this call along with his standing call to our congregation here at Bethlehem Morley. Please also pray for both congregations and their respective LCA districts that God's will be done.



## Word Search Puzzle - Matt. 22:34-46

words in a straight line in all directions

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### Word List

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## 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 18th	9:30am Worship Service with Lord's Supper
Sunday Oct 25th	9:30am Worship Service with Lord's Supper + Baptism
Saturday Oct 31st	All Day - LYWA Leadership Retreat at Morley
Saturday Oct 31st	LWWA Fellowship Day - Pastor Matt speaking on Katie Luther
Sunday Nov 1st	9:30am Worship Service with Lord's Supper (All Saints)

## WORSHIP SERVICE - 1st November

**Flowers:** Roslyn  
**Cleaners:** Zadow 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.