



DIVINE SERVICE

8.30am Traditional Service: LHS749, LHS748, LSB404, LSB405

10.30am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion: AT126, AT118, AT421, What a Beautiful Name

SERMON





Jesus stands in solidarity with sinners.

Sin brings God's fiery judgment.

Jesus was appointed to suffer that judgment in our place.

He baptises us with the Holy Spirit and the fire of cleansing.

BIBLE READINGS

-  Isaiah 43:1-7
-  Psalm 29
-  Acts 8:14-17
-  Luke 3:15-17,21,22



PRAYER

M: Let us pray that we live as God's baptised children.

C: Loving Father, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your dear Son. Thank you for making us your children by water and the Spirit. Keep us faithful to you throughout our lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon Isaiah 42:1-9

Tues Ezekiel 26:24-28

Wed Acts 2:36-42



Thur Romans 6:3-11

Fri 1 John 5:6-12

Sat Psalm 36:5-10

*The Lutheran Church teaches that **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 to strengthen us in faith and service. This sacrament is for baptised Christians who repent of their sins, believe in Jesus as their only Saviour, and intend to live as God wants them to. **If you have any questions please see an Elder or Pastor.** If you wish to receive Holy Communion from your pew, can you please confirm with the residing Pastor, the Elder on duty, or one of the Ushers, before the service begins.
 Allergy free communion wafers are available for people with an intolerance to dairy, gluten or wheat*



Weekly newsletters are available on the St Mark's school website:
www.stmarks.sa.edu.au Ph 8391 0444

PRAYER POINTS

David Kuchel, recovering from surgery in hospital
 Safety for those travelling during the holiday period
 All those affected by Covid 19 outbreaks and lockdowns

GENERAL PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **St Mark's School:** all staff that they have a refreshing summer break
- ❖ **People in Civil Authority:** Local Federal MP Rebekha Sharkie
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** Assistant to Bishop for Mission Pr Stephen Schultz
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** St John's Woodside
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** Infuse Church

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

10th Jan ~ Jenny Girdham, Beverley Gogel,
 Thomas Henke, Everleigh Jones

11th Jan ~ Beverley Hoepner

13th Jan ~ Samuel Marsh

15th Jan ~ Joyleen Thiele, Sophie Marsh

If you would like a special birthday or anniversary acknowledged in the bulletin, contact the office the week prior



PASTOR'S LEAVE

Pastor Ben is currently on annual leave until January 23rd. Please contact one of the elders during this time for pastoral needs or the church office for general enquiries. Our thanks to the retired pastors and lay readers who will take services over these weeks:

9th Jan – Pastor David Buck

16th Jan – 8.30am Mark Frost, 10.30am Symon Gogel

23rd Jan – Pastor David Christian

FOR SALE

Surplus to our needs, the two tables and seven chairs displayed in the Link are for sale. Best offers at this stage and, if not sold by the end of January, will be advertised elsewhere.



Please speak to someone from the Property Committee or phone Allan Todd on 0448 066 82.

CONGREGATION VISITING

During December and January we encourage all congregation members to phone and/or visit fellow members who may be finding this time of year difficult.

WORKING BEE – HELP NEEDED! 15th Jan 8.00am

It's time to tackle another stage of the front carpark stone wall. We need people to to assist us barrow stone to the garden, measure and sort into similar sizes, hand stone to the layers and back fill loam behind the wall. We will once again have some external help but need your help to take full advantage of this assistance. There are also a few smaller projects we can tackle for those looking for lighter duties. The usual shovels, rakes and wheel barrows are all that is required along with person power and enthusiasm! Please place your name on the sheet in the link or contact or Allan Todd by phone to assist with planning for the day.

Thank you in anticipation St Marks Property Committee (Alias "Dads Army")

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

We welcome anyone interested in joining our group, please contact Jenny Girdham for more information. Subs are due by Jan 2022, please look out for your reminder. The Lutheran Women magazine will be posted individually from next year and addresses need to be sent with the 2022 subs. If your postal address is different from what is in the directory, please let Jenny know.



Lutheran Care are seeking donations of Sweet Biscuits, Canned Vegetables (corn, chickpeas, lentils), Tinned Tuna (medium) Shampoo/Conditioner and Dishwashing Liquid

Due to health and safety concerns all donations must be sealed and in original packaging

Notes from Church Council – 13th December 2021

- Mainly Music: Jane Hill and Annette Cavies will coordinate the team, that will include Julie Pfeiffer, Lauren Kuchel and Philippa Barnett-Pierce. The Education Committee will seek to strengthen links between the congregation and Mainly Music.
- Playgroup: More leaders are still required.
- Elders: Symon Gogel and Ben Footner are new elders. Thanks to David Kuchel and Adrian Curtis for their service.
- Holy Communion and seating in church: After Christmas/January holiday period the worship committee will look at having HC at the altar rail and seating more people in the church.
- A mission project for the church. Evangelism and Welfare Committee will make a recommendation to the AGM in March.
- St Mark's Draft Vision Statement: The Education, Service and Nurture Committee will report on this to the AGM.
- Safe Place Coordinator: Emma will fill this role temporarily and, in consultation with Janice, work out what St Marks needs to do to be compliant with the LCA's new Child Safe Standards.
- Amplify, a new ecumenical child, youth and family conference will be run by Blue Print Ministries in our facilities. The event will be advertised in our bulletin. Cost: \$55
- A Defibrillator is planned for the wall outside the double doors leading to the school carpark.
- Working Bee in January will complete the retaining wall and look at storage issues.
- Ashton Hills land: The School Council is in discussions with Cornerstone College's Board in preparation for a mid-February workshop to bring together interested parties to discuss the development of the Aston Hills land.
- LLL 100th Anniversary Grants: Congregations are invited to apply by Dec 31st for one of 40 special \$2,500 grant which can be used in creative ways to 'give back' to their church or community. See grants@lll.org.au

GAMES AFTERNOONS



Are you interested in a monthly afternoon of games (eg scrabble, chess, cards etc.) with a cuppa and a chat? To express interest and suggest games you would like to play, please speak to Charmaine Milburn or write your name on the sheet on the noticeboard.



SOUL FOOD



Eating with others can be a profoundly spiritual act when it is used as a way to express love through a focus on hospitality, community and mission. With this in mind, LCA International Mission has published *Soul Food*, a book of recipes from countries where the LCA NZ's partner churches are based. Along with colourful photos, it contains instructions and ingredient lists to make 23 dishes from Cambodia, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia and Myanmar. All proceeds will help our overseas partners to share the gospel of Christ's love and

forgiveness as they welcome those who don't yet know him as Lord.

Watch a video about Soul Food <https://vimeo.com/617489062>

To order Soul Food (donation of \$20 per copy plus P&H) and more information, email Erin Kerber erin.kerber@lca.org.au or phone 08 8267 7317.

COVID UPDATE - JANUARY 2022

With the number of COVID cases in South Australia increasingly daily, the SA government and SA-NT District continue monitor the situation and provide directions to churches. There are a few changes that we need to implement this week, including remaining seated for the duration of the service, including Holy Communion, which will take place in the pews.

We will also try to minimise close interaction between members before and after services, and so will forgo morning tea for the immediate future. We ask all worshippers to enter the outside spaces after services, which will assist with cleaning. We ask everyone to continue to adhere to the following protocols:

- Check in and sanitize upon entry
- Stay home if unwell
- Observe the reserve signs and fill up from the front maintaining social distance
- Those over twelve are required to wear masks unless they have a medical exemption (please bring your own mask if possible)

We encourage you to see ongoing adherence to these guidelines as the small sacrifices we can make to keep one another safe and continue worshipping together as God's people. Church Council will continue to review government and LCA guidelines as they come to hand.

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ROSTERS	Jan 9	Jan 16	Jan 23
Sunday	Epiphany 1	Epiphany 2	Epiphany 3
<i>1st Reading</i>	Isaiah 43:1-7	Isaiah 62:1-5	Neh 8:1-3,5,6,8-10
<i>Ps /Canticle</i>	<i>Psalms</i> 29	<i>Psalms</i> 36:5-10	<i>Psalms</i> 19
<i>2nd Reading</i>	Acts 8:14-17	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
<i>Gospel</i>	Luke 3:15-17,21,22	John 2:1-11	Luke 4:14-21
1st SERVICE	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am
<i>Elder/Pastr Ast</i>	Craig Kupke	David Kuchel	Mark Tohl
<i>Ushers</i>	D & A Shillabeer	R & J Paech	A Strauss & J Hodgson
<i>Greeters</i>	C Lockwood & J Hill	Marsh family	B & J Bartholomaeus
<i>Reading 1 & 2</i>	Kerry Brinkmann	Bev Schultz	Margrit Friebe
<i>Music</i>	Charmaine Milburn	Lisa Grieger	Greg Lockwood
<i>Sound</i>	David Schild	Mark Tohl	Garry Hodgson
<i>Computer</i>	Val Schild	Anthea Francis	Jenny Girdham
<i>Link</i>	Simon Milburn	David Schild	David Buck
2nd SERVICE	10.30am HC	10.30am	10.30am HC
<i>Elder/Pastr Ast</i>	Ben Footner	David Lockwood	Symon Gogel
<i>Ushers</i>	V McNeil & A Gogel	T & G Weinert	G Foyle & D Zimmermann
<i>Greeters</i>	B & A Todd	S & J O'Higgins	N Heinrich & S Heyne
<i>Reading 1 & 2</i>	Annette Cavies	Lockwood family	Vicki McNeil
<i>Music</i>	Leanne Mibus	Sue Kupke	David Heyne
<i>Sound</i>	Dale Cavies	Steve Crowder	Andre Kleinig
<i>Computer</i>	Debbie Zimmermann	Annette Cavies	Janice Cecil
<i>Link</i>	Heyne	Emma van de M	Emma Graetz
<i>Cleaning/Flower</i>	J Paech, J Schutz	B Paech, M Miller	W Przibilla, S O'Higgins
<i>Vacuuming</i>	will do vacuuming	will do vacuuming	will do vacuuming
<i>Clean btw Servs</i>	B Paech & J Hodgson	G & N Hein	J & S O'Higgins
<i>Morning tea</i>	n/a	n/a	L Schultz & C Lockwood
<i>Visiting</i>	Everyone: please	call or visit your fellow	members

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING INFORMATION

Attendance 2nd Jan: 8.30am: 76 (73) 10.30am: 45 Total: 121

Church Giving (Plate, REG, Redevelopment)

Plate 2nd Jan: Gen \$1307.75

Required Monthly \$22,116 Total Giving for November was \$37,426

Balance owing Redevelopment loan as at 30/9/21 is \$486,027. We borrowed \$800,000.

REG (Regular Electronic Giving) members who choose to give electronically can do so through the Lutheran Laypeople's League weekly, monthly or as you prefer.

Forms are available in the 'REG' pigeon hole or online at www.ill.org.au.

St Mark's details: BSB 704942 Account no. 100406459

If you wish to pay off the principal of our loan directly please use these details:

Account Name: St Mark's Lutheran Church, Church Re-Development

BSB 704942 Account 100909094

CHURCH CALENDAR 9th – 23rd January 2022

Sunday	9th Jan	Services	8.30am 10.30am	Traditional Contemporary HC
Wed	12 th	Office open	9.00am - 1.00pm	
Fri	14 th	Office open	9.00am - 1.00pm	
Sat	15 th	Working Bee	8.00am	
Sunday	16th Jan	Services	8.30am 10.30am	Traditional Contemporary
Wed	19 th	Office open	9.00am - 1.00pm	
Fri	21 st	Office open	9.00am - 1.00pm	
Sunday	23rd Jan	Services	8.30am 10.30am	Traditional Contemporary HC

Please note: the Church Office opening hours will be reduced during January. It may be advisable to ring and check before visiting.



St Mark's Lutheran church is dedicated to providing a safe place for all members and visitors.

The LCA encourages all members to follow a standard of ethical behaviour, and if you believe these standards have been breached, you can direct a formal complaint to the LCA complaints hot line on **1800 644 628** or email **complaints@lca.org.au**. **Copies of the LCA Standards of Ethical Behaviour are available from the church foyer.** Our church uses the SP3 Safety Management System for all children ministries. Our SP3 Coordinators are Andy & Joey Traeger email: **safechurch@stmarksmtbarker.org.au**