



DIVINE SERVICE

8.30am Traditional Service – LH305, LH386, LHS862, LH397

10.30am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion – AT292, Amazing Grace (my chains are gone), How great is our God

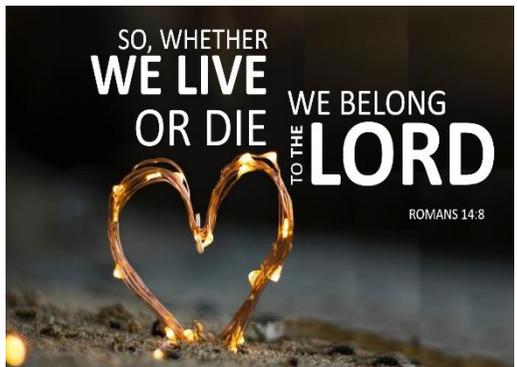
SERMON THEME 'The Good Judge'

Text: Matthew 18:21-35

- We do have a judge
- We are not the judge
- We do belong to the judge

BIBLE READINGS

- 📖 Exodus 14:19-31
- 📖 Psalm 114
- 📖 Romans 14:1-12
- 📖 Matthew 18:21-35



PRAYER

M: Let us pray that we forgive one another.

C: Thank you, God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you have had mercy on us and have forgiven us through your Son. Make us more like him, so that we too forgive one another from the heart. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 14th Genesis 18:20 - 32

Tues 15th Genesis 33:1 - 16

Wed 16th 1 Samuel 26:5 - 25



Thur 17th Matthew 7:1 - 5

Fri 18th 1 John 3:16 - 24

Sat 19th Psalm 145:1 - 8

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 presiding 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 at www.stmarks.sa.edu.au Ph 8391 0444.

PRAYER POINTS

The Donhardt family, at the death of Gwen and Margaret
 The Schild family, at the birth of Matilda Valerie Emmanuelle Schild
 The Hermsen family, at the birth of Jasmine Ciara
 New members being welcomed throughout September
 Those suffering as a result of COVID-19 throughout the world

FUNERAL NOTICE

Gwen Donhardt memorial rite

This Sunday we will have a short rite of memorial for Gwen Donhardt, as part of our 8:30am service. We thank Gwen's daughter Kaye for joining us for this occasion. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you and your family.

Gwen Donhardt funeral

Gwen Donhardt's funeral will be a private service at St Mark's live streamed at 10am on Monday September 14th. You can follow these links online to view the service (<https://vimeo.com/453913732>) and committal (<https://vimeo.com/453914632>).

GENERAL PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **St Mark's Lutheran School:** Leah Sanders, Loredana Saracini, Debbie Schultz
- ❖ **People in Civil Authority:** Prime Minister, Scott Morrison
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** Assistant to the Bishop for Mission– Ps Stephen Schultz
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** Peace Lutheran Church, Salem
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** Uniting Church, Meadows
- ❖ **Lutheran Church of Australia, International Mission.** Listed prayer points

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Sept 13th ~ Ashley Heinrich **Sept 14th** ~ Stephanie Curtis
Sept 15th ~ Melissa Sumerling **Sept 16th** ~ Lisa Grieger
Sept 17th ~ Brian Bartholomaeus, Bev Paech
Sept 18th ~ Wendy Anderson, Graham Heinrich, Jessica O'Daley
Sept 19th ~ Darcy Phillips, Toby Phillips, Sophie Schultz

If you would like a special birthday or anniversary acknowledged in the bulletin, contact the office on 8391 1695 the week prior

GUIDELINES FOR SEATING IN CHURCH

Church Council has asked members to avoid complacency and to follow seating guidelines:

- Ushers are to show people to their seats, using the front rows first
- Maintain 1.5 metre distancing - no-one is to sit in reserved rows
- Start from the back rows when leaving the church

NEW MEMBERS

A number of families will be welcomed into membership later in the month.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to come to Bible Study on every Wednesday evening in the Church meeting room 7.30pm with Ps David Buck. You can receive study notes by email Tuesday night if you contact Ps David on dwbuck@outlook.com.au



VERGOLA SHADE

Following the vote a couple of weeks ago at both services, the congregation of St Mark's have endorsed the recommendations from the Property Committee and Church Council to erect a vergola and awning subject to the members financial support through an appeal. Donations can be made through the offering bowl or directly to the Church Acc. but please identify that it is earmarked for this project.

Summary of Project Costs

Vergola \$16,200 Stage 1

Awning \$5,927 Stage 2

Total Cost \$22,127

Funds in Hand \$12,000

Outstanding cost \$10,127

We also want to acknowledge those who have already donated money for this project.

Thank you for your generosity. Church Council

ST MARKS MATTERS

The editors are seeking articles for the next issue. The deadline is 25th September.

Please email your articles to fifer@adam.com.au

HELP AND SUPPORT

Members of St Marks are encouraged to make contact with an Elder, Pastoral Assistant or Pastor Ben (0402 825 173) if there are any pastoral or practical matters the church can assist with.

ELDERS Adrian Curtis 8398 2186 Matt Hutchinson 0400 917 003

David Kuchel 0427 006 233 Craig Kupke 8391 6744,

David Lockwood 0427 911 477 Mark Tohl 0414 723 257

Kym van de Muelengraaf 0425 256 874

CONGREGATION CHAIR Ian Pfeiffer 0413 336 221

COVID Marshals

Every place of worship is now required to have a COVID Marshal present during services. Their responsibilities include knowledge of the congregation's COVID safe plan, completion of an online training course and monitoring of social distancing. Our elders have agreed to take on this role, at least in the short term. Please follow their instructions out of care and respect for others.

There are updated information sheets on being 'COVID' safe from the Australian Department of Health on the Notice Board in the foyer.

Greetings Friends of Blueprint Ministries!

While meeting together in groups is still challenging in SA, we can still gather as God's people online!

This coming school holidays, Blueprint Ministries, together with our partner LLL, is providing an

absolutely free "camp.online" program, in place of the regular Christian Life Week camps. We'd love to have you join us for the week!

What does it involve?

Each morning between the 28th September and 2nd October we will begin the day with an online streamed worship. After that, those in year 7-12 will be able to participate in a small group discussion time, just like on a regular camp, using the video conferencing platform Zoom. We will finish up around lunch time each day (so as to avoid getting square eyes!)

We will also offer three completely optional afternoon activities, also using the Zoom platform, for two hours each on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the week.

Those in year 4-6 are also welcome to participate. We are able to provide a faith-at-home pack for you to work through with your family during the week, and you can also join us for our afternoon activity sessions!

Sounds great! How do I get on board?

Go to <https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/> for information and registration



Return to Worship Guidelines

Thank you for making our 'return to worship' a smooth process and for following the direction of ushers and greeters as you come and go. Please continue to observe the following:

- All worship assistants to arrive half an hour early to prepare
- All worshippers to arrive earlier than usual to allow time for signing in
- Enter the Link maintaining 1.5m distance from others and make use of hand sanitiser
- Follow the direction of the greeters and ushers, as well as the signs and arrows
- Collect a bulletin and other handouts from the table(s) provided
- Sign the declaration that you are present, well and understand the expectations of entry
- Fill the church from the front, only using seats without a reserved sign
- Members of the same household may sit together but others must remain 1.5m apart
- Communion will be continuous with only Pastor serving and no Common Cup for now
- Leave from the rear as directed by ushers and make use of the hand sanitiser as you leave
- We ask people to refrain from handshaking and hugging.

BE COVIDSAFE



MandM's

Thursday September 17th, starting at 6.30pm for tea – please bring your own tea and drink.

Learn how to crochet! – please bring a ball of 8ply wool and a No.4 crochet hook.



MORNING TEA BETWEEN SERVICES



We are excited to announce that morning tea will recommence between services, after the SA Government, LCA District and our own Church Council have given the go ahead.

At least 3 volunteers will be needed each Sunday to prepare the hall, set up and tidy up afterwards. Extra helpers are needed, so please contact

us to let us know of your availability!

You will be rostered on with an experienced person to get you started. Morning tea will be done differently due to Covid-19, so we will all be learning together. If you are able to come on the roster, please speak to Marg Miller, Bev Paech or Val Schild, ASAP.

Be encouraged to volunteer for the above, as well as participating and inviting others to share in this time of reconnecting through serving and fellowship.

Directions for Morning Tea

- Leave the Church from the rear through the narthex door to outside, maintaining social distancing.
- Enter the Link through double doors from school car park and follow the sign/arrow to the hall
- Form a queue through the Link and follow the arrows.
- Enter the hall through the single door to the hall servery.
- Pick up your tea / coffee / biscuit which will be prepared for you.
- Find a seat and sit down before consuming food or drink.
- Exit through the hall double doors and those adjacent the main church office.



Volunteers:

Sept 13 – Bev Paech, Jenny Girdham, Naomi Heinrich

Sept 20 – Marg Miller, Lisa Schultz, Joy Christian

St Marks Women's Fellowship

CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

We are asking for any volunteers who would like to assist with planning the Christmas Eve Service at Inbarendi to contact Julie Pfeiffer

0401952233 burwood.stud@bigpond.com.

Our first planning meeting will be Sunday 11th October after the 10.30 service to discuss themes and format.

MINERS FROM THE HARZ MOUNTAINS IN GERMANY TO AUSTRALIA – THE 1ST WAVE 1845 – 1847.

Why did they come, how could they afford the journey & where did they mine?

Janette Lange, Archivist at Lutheran Archives will be the guest speaker at the first FoLA meeting since February. Meeting at Bethlehem House, Sudholz Place in the City, 7.30 pm on Monday 21st Sept. All welcome, gold coin donation. Because of COVID-19 requirements, if you plan on attending, please register beforehand with Helen Schubert on – 8364 4350, 0447 740 711 or email – hschubert@internode.on.net



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child, run by Samaritan's Purse, is a unique project that takes gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need in over 100 countries around the world. The mission of OCC is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In 2020, St Mark's members and friends are invited to participate in Operation Christmas Child and bring hope and love to children in great need by filling a shoebox with gifts. Despite the difficulties encountered worldwide through COVID, Samaritan's Purse still intends to run OCC in 2020, trusting in the Lord to overcome all obstacles.

- *A display table has been set up opposite the pigeonholes, where you can access shoeboxes, shoebox-packing brochures, gift idea sheets, colouring-in sheets, prayer bookmarks and other information about the work of OCC and Samaritan's Purse.*

Samaritan's Purse asks for a \$10 donation per shoebox (which can be made online or using the shoebox packing brochure) which covers all project costs including shipping, distribution, training distribution teams, staffing and administration. **Please clearly include your donation** (or advice of online donation) **on top of the shoebox contents** so it is easily located by processing teams.

Filled shoeboxes can be left for collection under the OCC display table. **The final date for deposit of shoeboxes to St Mark's is Sunday, October 11th.**

If you have any questions about the shoeboxes or would like further information about OCC, please contact Lisa Grieger. You can also visit the Samaritan's Purse website at: samaritanspurse.org.au

Many thanks for your support. God's blessings, Lisa Grieger

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING INFORMATION

Attendance 6th Sept 8.30 – 75 (HC - 69) 10.30 – 87 Total 162

Offering plates Sun Sept 6th \$1594.30 Wednes 2nd Sept \$80. Shade donation \$11370

Required Monthly \$22,415

REG (Regular Electronic Giving) Members who choose to give electronically can do so through the Lutheran Laypeople's League weekly or monthly or as you choose. Forms are available in the 'REG' pigeon hole or online at www.ill.org.au. **St Mark's BSB 704942 account no. 100406459**

LLL Redevelopment Account: BSB 704942 Account No: 100250491 Account name: *Mount Barker St Mark's Lutheran Church Plant Redevelopment*. Please note: If you prefer debits to keep your bank transactions anonymous, it is better to fill out an LLL form for direct debits.

The balance owing on the Redevelopment loan as at June 30 2020 is \$630,668. We borrowed \$800,000.

If you wish to pay directly off the Principal of our loan please use these details: **BSB 704942 Account 100909094 Account Name: St Marks Lutheran Church. Church Redevelopment**

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE

September Shopping list includes Tin Vegetables, Tin Fruit,

Toothbrushes & Ladies Underwear (new) Please note that due to COVID 19 restrictions the smaller parcels of food are easier to sort. Even bath soap cannot be handed out unless it is in a separate sealed bag! LCC have a severe shortage of the following items: Long life milk, small boxes of cereals, pasta and rice, toilet paper (in small bags), 2 minute noodles and other small meal parcels.



St Mark's Safe Church Training Day

Saturday 19th September in the Link
9:30am-4:30pm (sign in from 9:15am)

BYO morning tea, lunch and a pen

To register please email safechurch@stmarksmtbarker.org.au or add your name to the sign up sheet by the noticeboard. Registrations are required by Monday 14th September. All training costs are covered by the church and therefore free for you.

Online Training

Alternatively, you can complete Level 1 training online at your convenience. Visit https://cvent.me/yRPOv2?RefId=SA-NT_Online_Level1 to register. Please let us know if you intend to complete the training online, so that we do not chase you about attending the training day.

Further information

In our efforts to ensure St Mark's is Safe Church compliant, we hope to have all volunteers trained by the end of September. For more information about Safe Church, visit the LCA website: www.lca.org.au/departments/ministry-support/professional-standards/training-prof-standards/

Please contact us if you have any questions, or if you need help with any part of the process. Thank you for your support in ensuring St Mark's is a safe community for all.
Andy & Joey Traeger St Marks Safe Church Coordinators Andy: 0409 671 974 |
Joey: 0419 100 438 Email: safechurch@stmarksmtbarker.org.au



LCA Safe Church

NOTICE BOARD – More details & flyers on Notice board

- Lutheran Church SA/NT - Job Vacancies
- Latest Faith Family brochure is available in the foyer on the wall
- Latest Church Council Minutes
- LCA SA/NT Training - Professional Standards Workshops
- SMG newsletter
- Mainly Music Roster
- Flyer advertising Contemporary dance/exercise class for seniors (seated)
- Mission News (Sprau family) on Mission notice board in Link
- Cambodia Village update
- A message from Lutherans for Life
- Office Bearers list
- Church Council Minutes



CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**13th Sept – 20th Sept 2020**Sun 13th Sept – Sunday Service – Traditional 8.30am Contemporary 10.30amHC.Wed 16th Sept – Office open 9am – 1pm Erica LaunerFri 18th Sept – Office 11am – 3pm Erica LaunerSun 20th Sept – Sunday Service – Traditional 8.30amHC Contemporary 10.30am**ROSTERS**

Sunday	Sunday Sept 13 Pent 15	Sunday Sept 20 Pent 16	Sunday Sept 27 Pent 17
1st Reading	Exodus 14:19-31	Exodus 16:2-15	Exodus 17:1-7
Ps /Canticle	Psalms 114	Psalms 105:1-6,37-45	Psalms 78:1-4,12-16
2nd Reading	Romans 14:1-12	Philippians 1:21-30	Philippians 2:1-13
Gospel	Matthew 18:21-35	Matthew 20:1-16	Matthew 21:23-32
1st SERVICE	8.30am	8.30am HC	8.30am
Elder/Pastr Ast	M Tohl	A Curtis	D Schild
Ushers	J Hodgson A Strauss	R & J Paech	M Tohl A Francis
Greeters	C Lockwood & Jane Hill	L & E Marsh	Jan & Garry Hodgson
Greeters	Dawn Herbig	Julianne Ferris	R & C Foyle
Reading 1 & 2	Jane Hill	R & J Paech	Holly Paech
Music	Charmaine Milburn	Lisa Grieger	Greg Lockwood
Sound	David Schild	Mark Tohl	James Ziersch
Computer	Val Schild	Annthea Francis	Judith Paech
2nd SERVICE	10.30am HC	10.30am	10.30am HC
Elder/Pastr Ast	K van de Meulengraaf	D Lockwood	M Hutchinson
Ushers	J&S Heyne	T&G Weinert	G Foyle S Steven
Greeters	J & D Lockwood	E Launer	Hermesen family
Greeters	S Bormann	R & B Kowald	A & N Heinrich
Reading 1 & 2	Joy Christian	Vicki McNeil	Lockwood family
Music	Sue Kupke	Youth	Casey Work
Sound	Andre Kleinig	Steve Crowder	Dale Cavies
Computer	Annette Cavies	Janice Cecil	Kupke family
Cleaning/Flowers	W Kuchel, W Anderson	Y. Menz, G Weinert	Val Schild, T Grieger
Vacuuming	Vacuuming	no vacuuming	Vacuuming Yes
Clean btwn Servs	A Shillabeer V Schild	J Ferris, G Hein	B Paech, J Hodgson
Visiting	B Paech J Girdham	B Paech J Girdham	B Paech J Girdham
Morning Tea	B Paech JGirdham NHeinrich	M Miller L Schultz J Christian	V Schild J Ferris A Strauss

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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