



DIVINE SERVICE

8.30am Traditional Service – LH 507, LH 351, LH 371, LH 379

10.30am Contemporary Service – Lead Me to the Cross, AT 413(v. 1-3, 5), My worth is not in what I own, I will Follow

SERMON THEME

Text: Matthew 16:21-28

Theme: The heart and soul of following Christ

- The prediction
- The objection
- The reaction

BIBLE READINGS

- 📖 Exodus 3:1-15
- 📖 Psalm 105:1-6,23-26,45c
- 📖 Romans 12:9-21
- 📖 Matthew 16:21-28

PRAYER

M: Let us pray for faith to follow Christ.

C: Almighty and merciful God, your Son Jesus Christ, is the way, the truth, and the life. Help us to follow him and walk along the way that leads to eternal life. 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.

DEVOTIONAL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 31st Genesis 12:1-9

Tues 1st Luke 5:1 - 11

Wed 2nd Luke 9:57 - 62



Thur 3rd Philippians 3:7 - 16

Fri 4th 1 Peter 4:4 - 10

Sat 5th Psalm 26:1 - 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.

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

PRAYER POINTS

Charlene Klenke, granddaughter of Eric and Mavis, recovering from a car accident
 Gordon Marshall, in Heathfield Residential Care
 Carlene Zweck, recovering from a broken patella
 All impacted by COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions

GENERAL PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **St Mark's Lutheran School:** Karen Moseley, Siobhan Otto-Williams, Janene Overton
- ❖ **People in Civil Authority:** Local State MP, - Kavel, Dan Cregan
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** 1st Assistant Bishop – Ps Tim Klein
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** Strathalbyn Lutheran Church
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** Echunga Uniting Church
- ❖ **Lutheran Church of Australia, International Mission.** Listed prayer points

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Aug 30th ~ Michelle Duthie, Ian Rosenzweig

Aug 31st ~ Trent Schutz, Thomas Maher

Sept 2nd ~ Henry Maher,

Sept 3rd ~ Rosalie Kowald, Aaron Smith

Sept 4th ~ John Marsh

Sept 5th ~ Oscar Wright

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



ERICA'S RESIGNATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Erica Launer recently gave notice of her resignation and retirement beginning September 25th 2020 after serving us as office secretary since May 20th 2009. We thank Erica for her hard work and dedication over many years and many changes in the life of our congregation. We look forward to still having her as part of our St Mark's community.

SHARON ON LEAVE

Sharon Heyne will be on annual leave for one more week. Casey Work, Jenny Curtis and Julie Pfeiffer will be assisting with the worship coordinator role during that time. Please see one of them or Pastor Ben for any matters relating to worship. We thank Sharon for all her hard work so far this year.

MID WEEK SERVICE

Our midweek Holy Communion service is on again this week on Wed Sept 2nd at 11am followed by a shared lunch. Those attending are encouraged to bring a plate to share, with the food being served by volunteers from the servery. We look forward to seeing you there.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

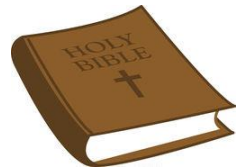
Next week September 6th we will be welcoming some new members at our 10:30am service. Please speak to Pastor Ben if you are interested in being involved. We also plan on welcoming some new members at an 8:30am service in the near future.

MEETING re: ERECTION OF COURTYARD SHADE

Church Council proposes that a Vergola and extension blind be built to provide some shade in the courtyard area (as per the presentation given to the AGM), subject to finances becoming available. A presentation will be given and congregational approval will be sought at meetings after both services **today**.

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

**SENIOR YOUTH**

Bonfire Night at Van de Meulengraaf's, Friday 11 September from 7pm. For more details see a youth leader or Emma Graetz (emmagraetz@gmail.com / 0418898430)

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

BE COVIDSAFE

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:

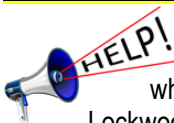
- All worship assistants to arrive half an hour early to prepare
- All worshippers to arrive earlier than usual to allow time for signing in
- Enter the Link maintaining 1.5m distance from others and make use of hand sanitiser
- Follow the direction of the greeters and ushers, as well as the signs and 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.

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.

GREETING ROSTER



Dear members, Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with greeting in the future, your names will not appear on rosters for a while, however, you may be called on to fill in if needed. Christine Lockwood, Bev Paech, Emma Graetz, Ps David Buck.

Each week we need to have 2-3 volunteers available to welcome and direct members and visitors into our service. All instructions are provided, we just ask that you be at church 30mins before service starts.

While Sharon is away on leave, you can still call Erica at the church office 8391 1695 if you feel you can help.

Also required, a number of people that can help with the set up and control of the Link projection for each service. Once again, all the instruction and training will be supplied

– it is very easy to do (no technology or age skills required!)



RESOURCES FOR DISTRIBUTION

Bulletins and sermon manuscripts are available each week from the table in the Link. Members are encouraged to take copies and hand them on to others who are interested or unable to get to church. The same resources are available on the St Mark's website.

MORNING TEA RESUMES BETWEEN SERVICES From Sept 6

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. The first morning tea will be held on the 6th September from 9:30am in the church hall.



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 6 – Val Schild, Ali Schulz, Bev Gogel

Sept 13 – Bev Paech, Jenny Girdham, Naomi Heinrich

Sept 20 – Marg Miller, Lisa Schultz, Joy Christian

St Marks Women's Fellowship

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL August, 2020

- **Erica Launer** has announced her intention to retire on Sept 25.
- **Sharon** is on 3 weeks leave from August 18. Casey Work, Julie Pfeiffer and Jenny Curtis are filling in.
- **Confirmation Service** will be held Nov 15th. 21 students in the course.
- **Under-18 ministries** except Sunday School have resumed i.e. Play Group, Mainly Music, Youth, Jaffa.
- Lisa Grieger will organise **Operation Christmas Child** this year.
- **Church camp** will be held over till next year due to the COVID situation.
- **Finances** are healthy. We will probably be ineligible for JobKeeper after September. \$7000 has been received from Red Cross for facilities hire.
- **Property.** Water leaks in the 'old narthex' roof and pipe under the front lawn are being fixed; a storage master plan developed; and quotes sought for a floor trap, new floor tiling and relocation of cabinetry in the manse laundry.
- **Courtyard shade.** Approval will be sought at meetings after both services on Aug 30.

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

NOTICE BOARD – **More details & flyers on Notice board**

- Information sheets on being 'COVID' safe from the Australian Department of Health 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
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- Flyer advertising Contemporary dance/exercise class for seniors (seated)
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LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE

Now that Church services are beginning again, LCC would like to encourage our congregations to begin bringing in donations of food and grocery items again.

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.



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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING INFORMATION

Attendance 23rd August 8.30 – 79 10.30 – 76 (HC - 67) Total 155
Offering plates Sun Aug 23rd General \$1178 Redev \$27.80 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

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK 30th Aug – 6th Sept 2020

Sun 30th Aug – Sunday Service–Traditional 8.30am Contemporary 10.30am. No HC either service

Wed 2nd Sept – Office open 9am – 1pm Erica Launer

– Monthly midweek service 11am

Fri 4th Sept – Office 11am – 3pm Erica Launer

Sun 6th Sept – Sunday Service – Traditional 8.30amHC Contemporary 10.30am.

| ROSTERS | | | |
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| Sunday | Sun.. Aug 30, Pent 13 | Sun... Sept 6, Pent 14 | Sept 13 Pent 15 |
| 1st Reading | Exodus 3:1-15 | Exodus 12:1-14 | Exodus 14:19-31 |
| Ps /Canticle | Psalms 105:1-6,23-26,45c | Psalms 149 | Psalms 114 |
| 2nd Reading | Romans 12:9-21 | Romans 13:8-14 | Romans 14:1-12 |
| Gospel | Matthew 16:21-28 | Matthew 18:15-20 | Matthew 18:21-35 |
| 1st SERVICE | 8.30am | 8.30am HC | 8.30am |
| Elder/Pastr Ast | M Tohl | D Kuchel | M Tohl |
| Ushers | D&V Schild | K&J Brinkmann | J Hodgson A Strauss |
| Greeters | Jan & Garry Hodgson | B & Jean Bart | K Golder & Jane Hill |
| Greeters | R & C Foyle | A Francis | Dawn Herbig |
| Reading 1 & 2 | Bev Schultz | Mark Frost | Jane Hill |
| Music | Lisa Grieger | Trevor Wegener | Charmaine Milburn |
| Sound | Mark Tohl | Simon Milburn | David Schild |
| Computer | Annthea Francis | Jenny Girdham | Val Schild |
| 2nd SERVICE | 10.30am | 10.30am | |
| Elder/Pastr Ast | M Hutchinson | C Kupke | K van de Meulengraaf |
| Ushers | S Moore G Turner | Meulengraaf family | J&S Heyne |
| Greeters | J & S O'Higgins | T & G Weinert | J & D Lockwood |
| Greeters | V McNeil | A & B Todd | S Bormann |
| Reading 1 & 2 | Symon Gogel | Annette Cavies | Joy Christian |
| Music | Casey Work | Leanne Mibus | Sue Kupke |
| Sound | Dale Cavies | Steve Crowder | Andre Kleinig |
| Computer | Vicki McNeil | Debbie Zimmermann | Annette Cavies |
| Cleaning/Flowers | W Przibilla, S O'Higgins | van de Meulengraaf | W Kuchel, W Anderson |
| Vacuuming | Vacuuming | No Vacuuming | Vacuuming |
| Clean btwen Servs | J Pfeiffer J Curtis | J & R Paech | A Shillabeer V Schild |
| Visiting | B Paech J Girdham | B Paech J Girdham | B Paech J Girdham |

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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