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LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF AUSTRALIA
where love comes to life

Sunday 14 April 2024

Are you real?

Scripture

[Luke 24:36b–48](#)

Reflection

When last did you touch someone with the love of Jesus? When last do you remember being touched by Jesus' love through someone else?

You might be at that place in your life where your daily walk has little meaning or love in it. You might have come to the point of crying out, 'Are you real, Jesus?'

When Jesus appears to his disciples on the beach after his resurrection, he begins with these beautiful words of comfort, 'Peace be with you'.

Asking them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?', Jesus knows their hearts, and the disciples are troubled and frightened, thinking they have seen a ghost.

Jesus knows your heart, too. He knows your thoughts, your dreams, your feelings of failure. He knows your disappointments and your hurts. He knows you. But maybe you wonder if he is real. Sometimes, it seems like the more you pray and seek Jesus, the further away Jesus feels.

But Jesus comes to us. He comes and says, 'Peace be with you!' When you feel Jesus is so far away, he is closer than you realise. For Jesus lives in you by his word. Jesus is the word that is planted in your hearts and grows by the power of the Holy Spirit.

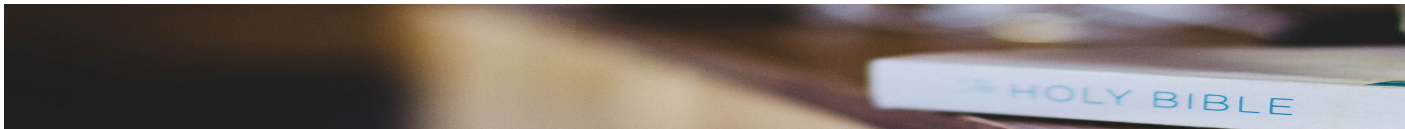
When you are feeling lost, alone, scared and in need of comfort, call on the name of Jesus, who answers prayer. As you pray, know that the Lord has answered your prayer even before you finish praying, and he knows exactly what you need even when you can't put it into words. You might just find you will meet Jesus in the people he sends your way to encourage you and share words and acts of love.

Jesus works in us and through us, and as we grow in Jesus, spending time in his word, he sends us out to those around us who are feeling lost, alone and hurt to share the same love of Jesus that comforts and heals us. Know this peace Jesus gives you, and know that as you love others in Jesus' love, they too will come to meet Jesus and know just as you do that Jesus is real.

by Pastor Mark Gierus

Prayer

Dear Jesus, come and be with me and bring your words of peace. Comfort me and show me how real you are in all I do and in the people around me you have blessed me with. Help me be your hands and feet, Jesus, by showing your love to others you have sent me to. Amen.



WE PRAY
Sunday 14 April 2024

Risen Lord Jesus, we pray:

- † We thank You for our church family and extraordinary ILC volunteers who continuously show Your love through their dedication and service. We pray for unity with one another and for wisdom as we make decisions together at next week's AGM.
- † We look forward to celebrating who you are and praying as the Holy Spirit leads with the LCA International Mission [Pray through May](#) *You make known to me the path of life; in your presence, there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11*
- † Inspire us with your compassion and lead us by your never failing grace. We pray for all Christian churches addressing human rights, social justice and caring ministries such as supporting the poor, the needy and the displaced. *So then, whenever we have the opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. Galatians 6:10*
- † We honour our common humanity as children of God and pray for communities all around your world affected by natural and man-made disasters where there has been loss of life and significant damage to property and infrastructure. By your Spirit, sustain those who work to rescue or rebuild.

Guide us, Lord, as we pray for:

- † The leaders you have appointed over the LCA/NZ, churchwide (LCA Bishop, Paul Smith, Assistant Bishop, Neville Otto, and the College of Bishops), and locally (District Bishop, Andrew Brook and Assistant Bishop for Mission, Stephen Schultz).
- † All pastors and parishes, principals and schools of the LCA in our South West Metro zone.
- † The Pastoral Care Workers of the South Western School Ministry Team. We pray for Sam Colley who serves St Leonards Primary through Community Pantry, Kimochi, Lego Club, Sandpit and Treasures Club, Mini Soccer Skills, Volley Ball, Social and Emotional Well Being support and supports Receptions at Big Play.
- † God filled relationships between Immanuel Church, College and Primary School. Be present with Paul Wright, Interim Principal IC, Bec Clements, Principal IPS and Pastor Simon Cooper, College Chaplain, motivating them by your love so that they may extend it to others.
- † The chaplains you have called to serve the defence forces, hospitals, Police, prisons, and universities in the SA/NT District and their coordinator, Heidi Smith.
- † The leaders you have appointed over our country: Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, State Premier, Peter Malinauskas and all our local government leaders.
- † Healing, strength and comfort as we pray alongside Avis R, Max J, Barb K, Elle E, Nannette H, John W, Tim S, their families and carers. You have the power to move in our lives and through our circumstances.

FRIENDS OF LUTHERAN ARCHIVES (FOLA)-Thursday 18 April 7:30

North Adelaide Lutheran Church

Come along to hear Andrew Zilm, about the preservation of the history of Lobethal. All welcome, \$5.00 donation, supper. The evening will be live-streamed on: <https://www.youtube.com/@friendsoflutheranarchives9644/live>

SECOND FOOTBALL CARPARKING FUNDRAISER FOR 2024-Friday 19 April 5:00

Two helpers are needed at our next football car parking fundraiser. No experience required. You will need to be at the Ward Street carpark by 5.00pm and expect to finish about 7.10pm. Enjoy an evening of friendly interaction with the Crows' fans. If you can help, please contact Darryl on 0409 496 462.

Thanks to Myra, Darryl and Helen for helping out last weekend when our team raised \$550.00.

ILC WORSHIP ROSTER JUNE-AUGUST 2024

To enable us to serve well together at ILC, the Church Council has developed brief job descriptions for each of our key areas of formal service in the congregation – and beyond in Messy Church available at [ILC Volunteer Handbook](#) If you can serve ILC as a Roster Volunteer please see Ann by **Sunday 21 April**. *New worship rosters will be sent out before I commence annual leave on 1 to 31 May.*

ILC 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING-Sunday 21 April 11:00

CHANGES TO LUTHERAN LAYPEOPLE'S LEAGUE (LLL) BANKING SYSTEM

LLL is planning to host online meetings, regarding its transition to a Religious Charitable Development Fund (RCDF), in the coming weeks. Members can register their interest by providing their name, email address and congregation name to

events@lll.org.au by **Monday 22 April**.

All LLL members should have been notified of changes happening with LLL by email on 7 March. Before the changes take effect in June, members who use REG will need to authorise LLL to direct debit from an external bank or credit union.

Your existing LLL accounts need to be closed, and new ones opened. Your new LLL account will no longer be an at call account. Forms will be available at church on Sundays from Heather or Pia.

ST PAUL'S COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE-Mondays and Wednesdays 11:00-2:00

St Paul's LC, 48 Brighton Road, Glenelg

Emergency food relief, basic toiletries and volunteers needed : **tinned soup or cup-a-soups / biscuits & crackers / laundry items**

HIGH AFTERNOON TEA & TRADING TABLE-Saturday 4 May 2:00

The Corner Uniting Church cnr Diagonal & Oaklands Roads, Warradale

Fundraiser for our School Chaplains to support families that need help in difficult times. To reserve tickets or more information please contact Dianne Schroeder 0439 0666 470. Please bring donations of personal products for women, men, children and babies from the list below:

Deodorant	Body wash	Shampoo	Tooth paste	Disposable razors
Soap	Body lotion	Conditioner	Tooth brush	No other items

LUTHERAN MEDIA

We want to continue reaching more and more people through *Messages of hope*. With your help we can support people who really need the love of God in their times of need. We would be so grateful for any donation received at lutheranmedia.org.au/donate

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Subscribe to our free Messages of Hope weekly email at www.messagesofhope.org.au/subscribe

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES-All welcome.

ILC Prayer Chapel-Thursdays & Sundays 9:00

During vacancy, when you have prayer requests, please contact Virginia mvklemm@hotmail.com



SUNDAY 21 APRIL 9:30

Good Shepherd Sunday—4th Sunday of Easter

Worship without Holy Communion

FIND US ON FACEBOOK ... like, comment, share us on Facebook to help spread the Word! www.facebook.com/ilcnovargardens

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COMING UP

Sunday 14 April	9:00am 9:30am	Prayer in the Prayer Chapel- <i>all welcome</i> Worship without Holy Communion-3rd Sunday of Easter
Thursday 18 April		Prayer in the Prayer Chapel
Sunday 21 April	9:30am 11:00am	Worship without Holy Communion-Good Shepherd Sunday-4th Sunday of Easter ILC Annual General Meeting 2024

REGULAR ELECTRONIC GIVING (REG)

Fill and lodge a Direct Debit Request Form (available from the office), giving the LLL authority to transfer a specific amount from your bank account to ILC’s REG account.

Bank Account Details

Account Name: NOVAR GARDENS IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH REG A/C
BSB: 704942
Account No: 100100643 For donations from an account other than the LLL



LCA Child Safety Standards for Congregations

What does ILC do to keep our children and vulnerable people safe?

LCA Child Safety Standards for Congregations:

<https://www.lca.org.au/ministry-support/child-safety-standards/>

LCA Policies and Procedures:

<https://www.lca.org.au/services-resources-training/policies/>

THIS WEEK’S BIBLE READINGS

Acts 3:12-19	Peter’s message in the temple
Psalms	Psalms 4
1John 3:1-7	We are children of God
Luke 24:36b-48	Christ has fulfilled the scriptures