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**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
OF AUSTRALIA  
*where love comes to life*

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

A Message from Pastor Greg Page

Through him all things were made

**Scripture**

Read [John 1:1-18](#)

**Reflection**

This first chapter of John is one to read slowly. Let it sink in, and see what stands out for you. Some of these words will be familiar to us from the Nicene Creed.

‘Through him all things were made ...’

Are you surprised to find that Jesus, the Word, was present at creation? ‘He is, and was, and is to come’ ... before he set foot on this earth, coming to us as a vulnerable baby boy.

We also see references here both to those not receiving the word today, as well as those who would not receive him when he was born - including the unwelcome start his family had finding a place for his birth.

‘God from God, Light from Light, true God from True God ...’

Or perhaps all the glorious references to light stand out as we read. Jesus is the true light, who brings light to the world. Let us pray that as we journey through Scripture this week, the word comes to life and lights our path.

by Sal Huckel  
(LCA Daily Devotions)

**Prayer**

*Lord, we pray that you will illuminate our steps  
in the coming days and the year ahead.  
May your true light crowd out the darkness in our hearts  
and be a beacon to those around us.  
In Jesus' name, Amen .*



## WE PRAY

- † As we begin a new year, fill us not only with your love, joy, peace, and hope, but also a renewed inspiration to discern what is your will for each of us, and a renewed courage to go where you send us - physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
- † Thank you, loving Lord, for continuing to protect us in Australia/SA from further significant outbreaks of the COVID-19 virus. We watch nervously though Lord, as new clusters appear in NSW and new strains of the virus make their way into Australia from overseas. Please continue to guide the Australian government's efforts to keep us all safe. Please inspire all Australians to do what we each need to do to keep each other safe. Please help all overseas leaders bring their outbreaks under control.
- † We pray, heavenly Father, you would expedite the distribution and administration of COVID-19 vaccines to enable the worldwide eradication of this virus.
- † We thank you, dear Father, for guiding the recruitment process that resulted in Church Council appointing Ann Goodwin as our new Office Administrator. Please guide and inspire Ann as she undertakes the transition training with Tanya. Please protect Ann and Rob as they move to their new home.
- † We thank you, dear God, for the years of service Tanya has given us as our Ministry Support Officer. Please bless Tanya and her family in their future endeavours.

Guide us, Lord, as we pray for:

- † The leaders you have appointed over our country: Prime Minister Scott Morrison, State Premier Steven Marshall, and all our local government leaders.
- † The leaders you have appointed over our church nationally (LCA Bishop John Henderson, Assistant Bishop Andrew Pfeiffer, and the College of Bishops), and locally (District Bishop, David Altus, and Assistant Bishop for Mission, Stephen Schultz).
- † The Pastoral Care Workers you have called to serve in our region.
- † The pastors and parishes, principals, and schools of the LCA in our South West Metro zone. This week we pray for the Immanuel Lutheran Church and Pastor Greg Page, and Immanuel Primary School and Immanuel College and their Principals Bec Clements and Kevin Richardson.
- † ILC's collaboration with the Glandore/Underdale congregation.
- † A realisation of our ILC theme for 2020: 'Connection', and inspiration for our 2021 theme. Please guide and protect the ILC leadership team as they prepare for, and participate in, the Leadership Retreat on Saturday 6th February.
- † The chaplains you have called to serve in the universities, prisons, and hospitals around our state.
- † The sick, the frail and the distressed in our congregation. We pray for Avis R, Barb K and her sister Rae, Barb S, Jason W, Kathy J, and Nikki Hernan, and their carers.

## WORSHIP/CONNECTION NEWS JANUARY 2021

As both Tanya and Pastor Greg are on holidays for several weeks of January, there will be a few important changes to our worship pattern and our connection opportunities.

### **Sunday January 3**

Reading worship service at ILC at 9:30am.

### **Wednesday January 6**

There will be no ILC Bible Study/Fellowship group this week.

### **Thursday January 7**

Prayer Group in Prayer Chapel will continue.

### **Sunday January 10**

There will be no worship service at ILC this week. Instead, we will visit St. Paul's Lutheran at Glenelg (48 Brighton Rd, Glenelg SA 5045). Pastor John Kleinig will lead a Holy Communion worship service commencing at 9:30am.  
*Please make the effort to share this worship time with our sisters and brothers at Glenelg.*

### **Wednesday January 13**

There will be no ILC Bible Study/Fellowship group this week.

### **Thursday January 14**

Prayer Group in Prayer Chapel will continue.

### **Sunday January 17**

Reading worship service at ILC at 9:30am.

### **Wednesday January 20**

ILC Bible Study/Fellowship group (via Zoom) will recommence.

### **Thursday January 21**

Prayer Group in Prayer Chapel will continue.

### **Sunday January 24**

Holy Communion worship service at ILC at 9:30am.



The AGM report from Helen Swift of St Paul's Community Care is available.

If you would like a copy, please email Pastor Greg.

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## COMING UP

Sunday 3 January	9:30am	Reading Worship Service
		In Recess: † ILC Bible Study/Fellowship group † Prayer Group
Sunday 10 January	9:30am	NO WORSHIP AT ILC We visit St Paul's Lutheran Church, Glenelg (48 Brighton Rd, Glenelg SA 5045) Pastor John Kleinig—Holy Communion Service
		In Recess: † ILC Bible Study/Fellowship group † Prayer Group
Sunday 17 January	9:30am	Reading Worship Service
Wednesday 20 January	7:30pm	ILC Bible Study/Fellowship group (via Zoom)
Thursday 21 January	9:00am	Prayer Group in Prayer Chapel
Sunday 24 January	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion Baptism of Spencer Jansons-Hoey

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Helen Miegel  
ILC stamp Coordinator

### Lutheran Women Magazine (LWM)

After church, please see Barbara Cameron if you are interested in subscribing to this magazine for 2021.

## THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6 The nations will come to the light  
Ephesians 3:1-12 God reveals his age-long purpose in Christ  
Matthew 2:1-12 Wise men worship Christ the king