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

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday 28 November 2021

To the moon and back!

### **Scripture**

Read Luke 21:25-36

### **Reflection**

Dappled silhouettes sway as lush leaves dance in the summer breeze. As they transition gently, the tarnished gnarled remnants flutter silently downward, weaving a mat of biomass. Wintery westerlies sing a restful lullaby, and dormancy prevails.

Stillness. Rest. Recharge. The majestic magnolia tree framed by my window actively heralds new seasons. Patiently, we wait as across the night sky, celestial stars twinkle as moon phases wax and wane. The ordained passage of time ticks by.

Change is coming. Change is exponential by nature and our constant companion as we do life together. Driving past my magnolia, casual observers gain a momentary glimpse, a selective snapshot of 'now'. They may only see full bloom or perhaps mere skeletal sticks. Change is incremental, too, honouring a journey of small daily growth.

Recharged, the tiny shoots become tightly twirled buds, bursting energetically into the light. Generous beauty is unveiled and shared. New life, hope and growth rise up. Advent pokes us in our slumber and stirs our anticipation of what is to come. In the tomb below Golgotha, dormant and still, Christ rested. Our loving Lord burst energetically into the light, and generous beauty was also unveiled and shared. Advent encourages us to lift our eyes in hope. A new season is coming. New life. Hope. God's work changes everything.

His love is a timeless treasure. He loves you always.

He loves you to the moon and back!

by Darren Pope

### **Prayer**

Lord of love, thank you for the gift of your grace each day. Thank you for loving me, no matter what. Thank you for being with me today. You and me, Lord. Amen. Let's go!



## WE PRAY

28<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Lord, we pray:

- † We pray for all those affected by recent storms and flooding in the eastern states and parts of South Australia.
- † Our heartfelt gratitude for all volunteers (many from ILC) who have now spent weeks opening and checking OCC boxes, readying them for despatch.
- † Your confidence and comfort for all those around Australia suffering fear and anxiety as COVID-19 restrictions are eased and borders are opened. Please give wisdom and courage to our government leaders at all levels. Guide them as they guide us out of this crisis. Please give all Australians trust in the leaders you have put in place for us. Help us achieve a reunited, COVID-19 safe country.
- † Your all-encompassing peace, love, and courage on all those around the globe who are suffering because of all manner of disasters. Protect, strengthen, and guide all those endeavouring to bring aid and comfort to those affected.
- † Peace and comfort for the family and all mourning the death of Sally Schiller, following the celebration of her life at her funeral service on Wednesday. We join with them in giving thanks for Sally, a former ILC member, a tremendous 'prayer warrior' and Christian witness.
- † Your comfort, strength and peace be with Pastor Greg and Meredith as they have some time off to recuperate after a very hectic and stressful year.

Guide us, Lord, as we pray for:

- † The leaders you have appointed over our country: Prime Minister Scott Morrison, particularly as he's introduced the Religious Discrimination Bill for debate, State Premier Steven Marshall, and all our local government leaders, to make positive contributions in a judicious and orderly way.
- † 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, David Altus, and Assistant Bishop for Mission, Stephen Schultz).
- † The Pastoral Care Workers you have called to serve in our region. In particular, we pray for St Leonards Primary School. We praise you for the recent appointment of Sam Colley as their new PCW, and we pray you would help Sam settle in quickly.
- † The pastors and parishes, principals, and schools of the LCA in our South West Metro zone. This week we pray for Albert Park/Semaphore Lutheran Church and Pastor Sam Davis.
- † The teachers, staff, students, and families of Immanuel Primary School and Immanuel College and their Principals Bec Clements and Kevin Richardson. Bless them all with energy and resilience to complete the year on a strong and positive note.
- † The chaplains you have called to serve in SA's universities, prisons, and hospitals.
- † The sick, the frail and the distressed in our congregation. We pray for Avis R, Barb K, Jason W, Mavis W, and their families and carers.
- † All those leading and taking part in our services during the next few weeks especially Alison as she prepares for Advent and Christmas Eve services. We give thanks for our Office Bearers, both past and future, and your presence at our Election and Budget meeting this Sunday.

### **ILC ELECTIONS & BUDGET 2022 MEETING—11:00am today**

Please 'grab a latte' after service today and stay for elections for Office Holders and a presentation of the proposed budget for 2022.

### **DECORATE THE CHAPEL CHRISTMAS TREE**

We'd love some helpers on Friday 3rd December 7:00pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

### **RETIRING OFFERING—Sunday 5th December**

Our gifts will support Australian Lutheran College's Appeal to train lay workers, as teachers in Lutheran schools, and as pastors as well as reach out and serve people beyond the LCANZ.

### **ILC ROOM LIBRARY**

Members are still welcome to take any books from the ILC library, for a gold coin donation, before they are packed and removed. This can be done over the next few weeks.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL—St Peter's Anglican Church Glenelg**

Opening night: Wed 1st Dec 7pm-9pm

Festival dates: Thu 2nd & Fri 3rd 11am-4pm and Sat 4th 11am-3pm (\$2 Entry)

Ukulele Carol Celebration: Sun 5th 5pm

*Christmas goodies, children's activity booklet, performances, stalls and Devonshire teas.*

### **CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY AND MARKET—St John's Lutheran Church Unley**

Saturday 4th December 9:30am-5:00pm. Free entry.

Craft, cakes, jams and other edibles, plants, sausages and drinks. All proceeds and donations support the Hutt Street Centre and Refugees.

Tree Display only: Fri 3rd 10am-8pm and Sun 5th 11:30am-4pm.

### **LUTHERAN CARE—\$100K IN 100 DAYS FOR 100 FAMILIES**

Lutheran Care are running an Appeal to raise urgent funds for those experiencing disadvantage in our community. Brochures are available from the welcoming desk or please donate online at [www.lccare.org.au](http://www.lccare.org.au)

### **GIFTS OF GRACE-Australian Lutheran World Service**

Gifts of Grace help people in ALWS supported projects. Catalogues are available at the welcoming desk or online at [alws.org.au/grace](http://alws.org.au/grace)

Order Gifts of Grace year-round ... and by Friday 3 December for pre-Christmas delivery.

### **LUTHERAN DISABILITY SERVICES-Unique Chaplaincy Opportunity**

An exciting opportunity for a chaplain to provide pastoral support to LDS clients and staff. Salaried up to 1 day per week. If this calling resonates with you please contact Darren Anderson [danderson@ldssa.org.au](mailto:danderson@ldssa.org.au) or 0422 647 128.

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### COMING UP

Sunday 28 November	9:30am	Worship service without Holy Communion
	11:00am	Elections & Budget 2022 Meeting
Thursday 2 December	9:00am	Prayer Group in Prayer Chapel
Sunday 5 December	9:30am	Worship service with Holy Communion—Guest Preacher Pastor James Winderlich

### REGULAR ELECTRONIC GIVING (REG)

To use 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:** 25223S1 For donations and offerings from an account at the LLL  
**Account No:** 100100643 for donations and offerings from an account with a Bank or Credit Union etc.



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### THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**      A righteous descendant of David as king  
**Psalms 25:1-10**  
**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**      May God continue to bless you  
**Luke 21:25-36**      Signs of the end of the age