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

Sunday 27 October 2024

Lord, have mercy

### Scripture

[Mark 10:46–52](#)

### Reflection

Today, I had two significant conversations. In the first, I learned of a serious illness in a family. In that same conversation, I heard of the miraculous healing of a daughter. The other person I was speaking with told me about undergoing health tests. Later in the day, I heard of the death of a dearly loved father.

This is real life – it never gives up. It doesn't only happen to 'other people'; it's happening to me, too. My visit to my cardiologist yesterday revealed six months of entrenched atrial fibrillation (despite my pacemaker) – cardioversion ahead. Early today, I underwent an MRI scan of my pituitary gland.

And what about you?

Where do we go when we encounter that sort of news? Who do we go to? What do we ask? What kind of answer are we seeking?

Many of us remain silent: we carry on but keep our unanswered fears deep inside. We mask up – tighten the upper lip and plough on. Others seek solutions, answers and healing. We all have different ways of coping with the unknown future. We might also carry around in us a hope that things will improve – of healing, of someone who will recognise our dilemma and hear our silent cries for help.

I wonder how long blind Bartimaeus carried his disability. Who had he gone to and cried out through the years of darkness? What were his hopes and dreams?

When he heard that it was Jesus headed his way, he cried out: 'Have mercy on me!' When Jesus asked him what he wanted, he asked for the obvious: 'Rabbi, let me recover my sight.' He had his general need (that cry for mercy), and his specific cry (restore my sight).

And what about you, me and those I spoke with earlier today? My prayer will begin: 'Lord, have mercy.'

Sometimes, we don't need to use words that describe our needs. We can trust the Lord already knows: Your Father knows what you need before you ask him (Matthew 6:8).

Jesus knew what Bartimaeus needed before he even asked. He healed him. He commended him for his faith. Bartimaeus, on his part, then became a follower of Jesus.

We don't have to remain silent in our fears and uncertainty for the future. We can call out to God, who already knows our needs, with this marvellous cry: Lord, have mercy!

by Pastor Tim Klein

### Prayer

***Dear Father God, in all our distresses, we call out to you: Lord, have mercy. With Bartimaeus and every hurting person, for the brokenness of the world and people around us, we cry out: Lord, have mercy. O Lord, hear our prayers; work your peace for Jesus' sake. Amen.***

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**WE PRAY**  
**27 October 2024**

**Dear Heavenly Father:**

- † ...you did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all to be our Saviour, and along with him you have graciously given us all things. We thank you for your precious, saving gospel, and we pray that you would help us to believe in the name of our Saviour, faithfully and steadfastly, for he alone is our righteousness and wisdom, our comfort and peace, so that we may stand on the day of his appearing; through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord.—Prayers from the Evangelical-Lutheran Heritage
- † We thank you for all those who work and volunteer in our churches. May your Spirit guide, renew and strengthen them so that they can rest in the knowledge that you will lead them to the works that you have prepared for them to do and that they can trust in your direction and timing.
- † Our hearts and minds can feel overwhelmed by the immense challenges affecting people, all around the world as well as our loved ones. May we be a community of faith and support, where our words reflect your wisdom and our actions your grace. May your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**Guide us, Lord, as we pray for:**

- † The leaders you have appointed over the LCA NZ, churchwide: LCA Bishop, Paul Smith, Assistant Bishop, Stephen Schultz, and the College of Bishops and locally District Bishop, Andrew Brook.
- † All pastors and parishes, principals and schools of the LCA NZ, especially those in our South West Metro zone.
- † Pastoral Care Workers of the South Western School Ministry Team. We ask you to provide a new worker for Paringa Park Primary School, and give you thanks for Kate Pitman, who's temporarily supporting the students, their families as well as teachers and staff.
- † The students, families, teachers and staff of Immanuel Primary and Immanuel College. Bless the interim College Principal, Paul Wright, Principal IPS, Bec Clements, College Chaplain, Pastor Simon Cooper and Director of Boarding, Ujith Perera, as they reach out, in Term 4, with the good news that Jesus came to give us love, hope and joy.
- † 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 Barb K, Elle E, Joseph M, John W, Max J, Tim S, their families and carers. You have the power to move in our lives and through our circumstances.

## CHRISTMAS EVE PLANNING—Sunday 27 October

If you have ideas for a memorable Christmas Eve worship service, to engage our community, please get together with our awesome volunteers **after church**.

## ALL SAINTS—Sunday 3 November

ILC members are invited to:

- ⇒ Email photos to be displayed in our Family Worship PowerPoint for All Saints Day to [agoodwin@immanuel.sa.edu.au](mailto:agoodwin@immanuel.sa.edu.au)
- ⇒ Please bring something to share for morning tea



## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ISSUE

Please provide material and news for Chapel Chat to [vjvok@bigpond.net.au](mailto:vjvok@bigpond.net.au) by **Sunday 3 November**

## TERM 4 BOARDER BBQ's—Saturday 9 & 30 November 5:00

Please contact Rob if you'd like to come along for good company and good food as our Boarders put all their effort into the final quarter!

[rob.goodwin14@gmail.com](mailto:rob.goodwin14@gmail.com)

## MESSY CHRISTMAS—Sunday 17 November 3:30

You are invited to join in Messy Church Christmas. Christmas craft, Nativity story and Family dinner.



## POPULAR REPORT

The Popular Report for the 21st Regular Convention of General Synod is now available; [click here](#) to go to the Convention page – Popular Report.

## PRAYER AND PASTORAL CARE REQUESTS

*ILC Prayer Chapel*—Thursdays & Sundays 9:00

ILC has a small group of people who regularly pray for the needs of ILC and the wider community. If you have a prayer request for this group please contact Virginia

[mvklemm@hotmail.com](mailto:mvklemm@hotmail.com)

You can also leave a written prayer request in the gold box on the Welcome Table.



A churchwide **network of carers** has been trained and are available for you, particularly if you are seeking care for issues around the resolution at our Convention of General Synod regarding the ordination of women and men. You may make contact by email [pastoralcare@lca.org.au](mailto:pastoralcare@lca.org.au) and a pastoral carer will be provided for you.

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

*St Paul's LC, 48 Brighton Road, Glenelg*

Non-perishable food, bathroom, kitchen and laundry items as well as volunteers urgently needed.

## PARISH VACANT

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### COMING UP @ ILC

Sunday 27 October	9:00am	Prayer in the Prayer Chapel- <i>all welcome</i>
	9:30am	Worship without Holy Communion-23rd Sunday after Pentecost-Reformation
Thursday 31 October	9:00am	Prayer in the Prayer Chapel- <i>all welcome</i>
Sunday 3 November	9:30am	Family Worship with Holy Communion-Pastor Malcolm Pech-24th Sunday after Pentecost-All Saints

### 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**



### 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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

The Lord will write his laws on our heart

Psalm 126

Justification by faith

“In my word, you will know the truth”