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

Sunday 11 May 2025  
Ready and willing hearing

### Scripture

[John 10:22–30](#)

### Reflection

A crowd gathered around Jesus, with people wanting an answer from him. ‘How long will you keep us in suspense?’ they asked. While this was not a new question (John 7:25–31,40–42), this was the first time it had been put to Jesus directly.

But was it a genuine question, or had they already made up their minds about him?

Jesus made the point that nothing he said about himself could clarify his identity further. What was needed was not plain speaking but ready and willing hearing. All Jesus could do was refer to the works (the miracles) he had done in the Father’s name. They spoke for him.

Those who hear – who recognise the Shepherd who has spoken the words and performed the miracles – know and follow him. But even more important is that he knows them and gives eternal life to them. He’s laid down his life for them, made them his own, and promised that no-one would snatch them out of his hand.

And then he repeated the promise: ‘No-one will snatch them out of my hand.’

We can hear those words with ready and willing hearing. They are for us. They are words of comfort, hope and peace. They are words of Jesus himself, the Good Shepherd, to us as his loved children.

We are not insignificant specks in an immeasurable universe. We are valued and loved by our merciful Father, forgiven by our gracious Saviour, and equipped for service by the Holy Spirit. And our Lord’s commitment to us means that we can be confident in his provision for us even in the face of difficult times, fear, doubt and death itself.

And because of that commitment, we can be ready and willing to hear what he says, no matter our circumstances or situations.

by Pastor Mark Lieschke

### Prayer

**Lord Jesus Christ, give us ready and willing hearing. Open our hearts and lives to what you want to say to us, to receive what you want to provide and to be prepared to respond to your grace with ready and willing acts of service. In your name, we pray. Amen.**



**WE PRAY**  
**11 May 2025**

**Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd:**

- † *"We thank you for your loving care and guidance. You lead us to green pastures and still waters, providing for our every need. We pray that we may hear your voice and follow you, knowing that you are always with us. May we live in a way that reflects your love and compassion, just as you have loved us." - prayer for Good Shepherd Sunday*
- † Thank you for inviting us every day to shelter under your protection and be loved by your generous heart. We thank you for mothers, grandmothers and others who have a very special place in our hearts. We pray for strength to those who are enduring loss, facing challenges or feeling disconnected. May all come to know the hope we have in your grace.
- † May we respond by faith to what we hear, and use our mouths to share who you are. Receive our thanks for:
- Pastor Mark Welke whose joy in serving is one of the many blessings you provide for us.
  - our Call Committee, ILC family and friends. Give us patience, vision and courage as we seek a new pastor.
  - David, Yuko and the Messy Church Team as they prepare for our next Messy Church event on 1 June.
- † *"Wherever we are and whatever we are dealing with, remind us to give thanks for this nation that we live in. For the natural beauty of the country, and our ability to enjoy it. For the farmlands, and the ways in which our land provides for us. For the freedoms we possess and the opportunities we have to live in peace and acceptance." - Sunday Prayers for Thanksgiving*

**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. *How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news! (Romans 10:14-15)*
- † The students, families, teachers and staff of Immanuel Primary and Immanuel College. We pray your blessings over College Principal, John Thompson, Principal IPS, Bec Clements, College Chaplain, Pastor Simon Cooper and Director of Boarding, Ujith Perera. Work your purposes through them as they set their eyes on you.
- † 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, David S, Elle E, Tim S, Trevor H their families and carers. You have the power to move in our lives and through our circumstances.

## SUNDAY 11 MAY

Thank you, Pastor Mark, for leading worship on Good Shepherd Sunday. ILC members please bring a share plate for Mother's Day morning tea in the foyer following service.

### CONSECRATION OF PARAMENTS-Sunday 18 May 9:30

Pastor Simon will consecrate a new set of altar, paraments and pastors' stoles to set them apart for use in God's house, to his glory. **Please bring a plate of morning tea to share after the service.**

### FRIENDS OF LUTHERAN ARCHIVES-Thursday 22 May 7:30pm

*Immanuel Lutheran Church, 139 Archer Street, North Adelaide*

Talking Together : Schurmann's Mission Diary : Speaker Greg Lockwood. \$5 donation, supper, all welcome. Livestream on FoLA YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@friendsof-lutheranarchives9644/live>

### BOARDER BBQs

Ujith Perera, Director of Boarding, has advised the following dates for the two BBQs this term: **Saturday 24 May and Saturday 14 June.** Keith Eckermann will be coordinating these and looks forward to hearing from the regular helpers plus anyone who would like to be involved in this worthwhile aspect of our Immanuel Community. Keith's mobile: 0457 424 524

### HIGH AFTERNOON TEA-Saturday 24 May 2:00

*The Corner Uniting Church, cnr Diagonal & Oaklands Roads, Warradale*

Please let Margie or Nannette know if you can attend this fundraiser for School Chaplains to support families in difficult times, as ILC has done in previous years. \$15 + personal product deodorant, soap, body wash, body lotion, shampoo, conditioner, tooth paste, tooth brush. *No other items please.*

### MESSY CHURCH-Sunday 1 June 3:30pm

*IPS Auditorium*

Please see David or Yuko if you're able to help with activities or preparing a shared meal.

### LLL \$75k MATCHING APPEAL

Help us bring care and love to 75,000 children. To support 75 years of ALWS ministry, LLL will match dollar-for-dollar, up to \$75,000, all donations made before 27 June. Any gift over \$2 is fully tax-deductable.

<https://www.alws.org.au/lll/>

### LUTHERAN MEDIA

⇒ **Messages of Hope-2026 Calendar Competition**

Whether you're a casual clicker or a full-time nature lover, if you've snapped the perfect image of nature you'd like to share with the world, enter our 2026 Lutheran Media Calendar competition. Cash prizes are awarded to the top 3 entries. Hurry - entries close 31 May 2025. [lutheranmedia.org.au/calendar-competition/](https://lutheranmedia.org.au/calendar-competition/)

⇒ **Join us for lunch in the Barossa-Saturday 21 June 12:00**

*Kies Family Winds, Lyndoch*

Please note that tickets are limited, so get in quickly! <https://lutheranmedia.org.au/about-us/events/>

⇒ **Worship service of celebration-Sunday 2 November**

*St Michael's LC, 6 Balhannah Road, Hahndorf*

9.30am service for a celebration of 80 years of Lutheran Media followed by light lunch.

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

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

Non-perishable food, basic toiletries as well as volunteers urgently needed.

### ILC PRAYER GROUP-Thursdays & Sundays 9:00

You're invited to join in prayer on Thursdays and/or Sundays before worship in the Prayer Chapel. Please leave any **prayer requests** in the gold box on the Welcome Table.

If you have any **feedback**, you can leave a note in the locked wooden box on the Welcome Table. Paper and pens provided, and your message can be anonymous.



## PARISH VACANT

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### COMING UP at ILC

Sunday 11 May	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion-Pastor Mark Welke-Good Shepherd Sunday-Mother's Day morning tea
Thursday 15 May	9:00am	Prayer in the Prayer Chapel- <i>all welcome</i>
Sunday 18 May	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion-Pastor Simon Cooper-Consecration of Paraments-morning tea in foyer

#### 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.

**Account Name:** NOVAR GARDENS IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH REG A/C

**BSB:** 704942

**Account No:** 100100643



### 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 9:36-43

Peter raises Tabitha (Dorcas) from death

Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd

Revelation 7:9-17

The Lamb is their shepherd

John 10:22-30

My sheep listen to my voice