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

**Sunday 21 January 2024**

**Let's get going**

### **Scripture**

[Mark 1:14–20](#)

### **Reflection**

The older I get, the more aware I am of the need to not just believe but also share the good news. I wonder, is that true for you too?

For around 30 years, Jesus had grown up and participated in life as a son, brother, fellow worshipper and member of his local community. He lived and learned all about life and faith as a person. Inevitably, Jesus listened to and observed how life was for all those people he encountered. He also experienced and learned about relating to other people. He grew in his knowledge and understanding: Jesus grew in wisdom, stature and favour with God and all the people (Luke 2:52).

All this, so far, was Jesus' time of preparation. When 'the word took on flesh', it meant Jesus had to be fully prepared as a person for his task as God's Son. That meant knowing and understanding what it meant to be human – as well as what it meant to be the Messiah and Saviour for all humankind.

Finally, the preparation was over! It's time! Time to get going. Time to put faith, knowledge, experience and wisdom to work. Time to focus now on telling the world about the imminent presence of God's heavenly kingdom.

So, Jesus goes about choosing his team and getting on with his life's mission.

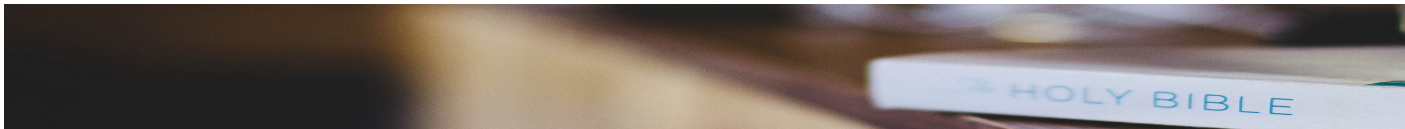
You and me – we are part of his team. We share his mission to bring the good news of the kingdom of God into the hearts and lives of all people around us.

Our preparation time is over. Now, it's time for us, like Jesus, to get going and share the good news of Jesus.

by Pastor Tim Klein

### **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for those who shared your kingdom with us. Thank you, too, for preparing us for your purposes. Use us. Use me now to announce the imminent presence of your kingdom. Amen



**WE PRAY**  
**Sunday 21 January 2024**

**Dear Lord, we pray:**

- † Your blessings for all students as they begin a new school year of learning and growing and for all teachers and school staff who make a lasting difference in the lives of their students. Your protection and peace for all Immanuel boarders especially new boarders arriving on the 28th January.
- † Be with ILC worship leaders, volunteers and all who enter the welcoming space that is created for Family Worship. We give you thanks for Messy Church, moving beyond the walls of ILC to reach our community. May new and old join together to learn about the love of Jesus.
- † *“O God, we pray for a broader vision of the needs of humanity, and a deeper compassion to fill those needs ;  
May we live together as people who have been forgiven a great debt.  
May we be gentle, walking softly with one another.  
May we be as anxious for the rights of others as we are for our own.  
May we be as eager to forgive as we are to seek forgiveness.  
May we know no barriers of creed or race or sex, that our love may be like Yours—a love that sees all people as Your children and our kin.  
May we be ministers of humanity.”* Pastor Peter Marshall

**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).
- † The pastors and parishes, principals and schools of the LCA in our South West Metro zone. This week we pray for Warradale Lutheran Church and Pastor Tim and Joy Klein and family.
- † 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 Pastoral Care Workers you have called to serve in our region. We pray for Sam McIver at Seacliff Primary. We pray for Sam as he maintains his role supporting students, families and staff at both Seacliff and Glenelg Primary Schools.
- † 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, Barb K, John W, Tim S, their families and carers.

### **CHATLINE-Due Sunday 28 January**

Valerie is going to Tasmania so please send all material, including information for 'Chapel Chat' personal column, as soon as possible to [vjvolk@gmail.com](mailto:vjvolk@gmail.com)

### **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AND FAREWELL LUNCH-Sunday 28 January 12:00**

*Marion Club, 262 Sturt Road, Marion*

All members and friends of ILC are invited to celebrate Bruce, Phil, and Virginia's 70th Birthdays. This will also be a Farewell lunch for Helen and Darryl.

Please write your name on the sheet in the foyer by 14th January Please no gifts...just an opportunity for fellowship.

### **INSTALLATION SERVICE OF PASTOR GREG PAGE-Sunday 4 February 2:00**

*St Mark's Lutheran Church, 35 Hampden Road, Mt Barker*

We invite you to celebrate with us in worship, followed by fellowship and afternoon tea. RSVP January 26th 2024 to Janice Cecil, Office Administrator

[janice@stmarksmtbarker.org.au](mailto:janice@stmarksmtbarker.org.au)

Please identify yourself with a name tag on the day and make yourself known to the ushers on arrival.

### **ILC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING-Due Sunday 4 February**

Please send reports to [agoodwin@immanuel.sa.edu.au](mailto:agoodwin@immanuel.sa.edu.au) as soon as you can.



#### **PRE-CALL MEETING & SURVEY**

Assistant Bishop Steven Schutz will lead a pre-call meeting after worship on Sunday 25 February. In preparation please complete a short pre-call survey linked to the QR code. Hard copies are available from the Welcome Table or office. Survey closes Sunday 11 February.

### **MESSY CHURCH-Sunday 11 February 3:30**

*Immanuel Primary School Auditorium*

We look forward to welcoming you to our first Messy Church for 2024.



### **AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE**

GOOD NEWS: The Australian Government is offering 5:1 grant for our Lutheran Church's ALWS ministry to children with disabilities in Somalia. Donations are fully tax deductible, thank you. Please collect an envelope from your pigeon hole or the Welcome Table. This Appeal closes Wednesday 31 January.

### **ST PAUL'S COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE-Monday and Wednesday 11:00-2:00**

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

Emergency food relief, basic toiletries and volunteers needed : **long life milk / coffee, tea, milo / laundry products**



#### **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES-All welcome.**

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

During vacancy, when you have prayer requests, please contact Virginia [mvklemm@hotmail.com](mailto:mvklemm@hotmail.com)

### **CHURCH OFFICE**

Our Office Administrator, Ann, will be working from home one day a week and in the office, usually on Fridays, preparing for worship services. Please phone 8375 1755 before you visit.

## PARISH VACANT

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### COMING UP

Sunday 21 January	9:00am 9:30am	Meet for prayer in the Prayer Chapel Worship with Holy Communion-Pastor Tim Koch- Third Sunday after Epiphany
Thursday 25 January	9:00am	Prayer in the Prayer Chapel
Sunday 28 January	9:30am	Worship without Holy Communion-Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

### 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:** 25223S1 For donations from an account at the LLL

**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

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalms

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

The city of Nineveh repents

Psalms 62:5-12

Living in the last times

Repent and believe the good news