



WORSHIP BULLETIN
9th Sunday after Pentecost – 7 August 2022

God Welcomes Us:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession:

C: We confess to you, almighty God, before the whole company of heaven, and to each other, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by our own fault. Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to eternal life. Amen.

Forgiveness:

P: As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of our Lord Jesus Christ and by his command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

C: And also with you.

Hymn LH#353 - *Holy Father you have taught me* (vv 1-2)

***Holy Father, you have taught me
I should live to you alone;
year by year your hand has brought me
on through dangers oft unknown;
when I wandered, you have found me;
when I doubted, sent me light;
still your arm has been around me,
all my paths were in your sight.***

***In the world foes come attacking,
crafty, stronger far than I;
and the strife will not be lacking,
well I know, before I die.
Therefore, Lord, I come, believing
you can give the power I need,
through the prayer of faith receiving
strength, the Spirit's strength, indeed.***

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6 - *Abraham justified by faith in God's promise*

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 – *Living by faith in God's promise*

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

By faith he made his home in the Promised Land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were

foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-40 - *Be ready for Christ's return*

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.

It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. “It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.” This is the gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We sing the Offering song: *By faith*

***By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His
faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight.***

***By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their
hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign.***

Refrain

***We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's
reward
Till the race is finished and the work is
done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.***

***By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would
appear
With the power to break the chains of sin
and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.***

***By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good
news
In every corner of the earth.***

Refrain

***By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are
possible
For all who call upon His name.***

Refrain x 2

We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Songwriters: Keith Getty / Stuart Townend / Kristyn Getty. By Faith lyrics © Thank You Music Ltd.

Offering prayer

C: Lord God, our true treasure, take us and our possessions and use them for your kingdom. Help us to trust in your generous care for all our needs. Amen.

Sermon – *What is special to you*

We pray for ourselves, the church and the world

C: Heavenly Father: thank you for being faithful to all your promises, especially the promise of a Saviour through Abraham and his descendants. Thank you for bringing the gospel to us, for giving us faith in Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer, and in your mercy increase our faith.

C: We pray for your church, Lord, that it may never act out of fear, but always in faith and hope and love. Help us here at St Mark's Caloundra to be living witnesses of the hope we have in Christ. Lord, hear our prayer, and in your mercy increase our faith.

C: Father, have mercy on those who put their faith and hope in the things of this world. Teach them about the treasures of your kingdom, and bring them to put their hope in you. Lord, hear our prayer, and in your mercy increase our faith.

C: Have mercy Lord on all who are afraid or anxious, and on those who need extra patience because of sickness or hardship. Comfort those who are facing loss, and support and strengthen those known to us personally with special needs, and whom we now name silently in our hearts ... (brief silence)

Lord, hear our prayer, and in your mercy increase our faith.

C: Almighty and most merciful God, give us the faith to live without fear, in your service, and so to be ready for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song AT#281 - *Nothing in all creation*

Chorus:

**Nothing in all creation,
Nothing in this whole world,
Nothing can ever separate us
From the love of God**

**1. The victory over sin
And death and hell is won;
We haven the victory over all
Through Jesus Christ, God's Son, for...**

Chorus:

**2. He gives us all we need
To live through every day,
He keeps us in his loving care,
And close to us he'll stay, for...**

Chorus:

Anonymous. Based on Romans 8: 37-39

The Lord's Supper:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Lamb Of God

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.

Communion Dismissal

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his holy precious blood strengthen and preserve you in body and soul until life eternal.

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion:

C: Merciful Father, your Son Jesus Christ offered up his body and blood in sacrifice to you so that we might die to self and live in him. Give us such close fellowship with him that in all doubts and dangers our faith may not fail. Amen.

Blessing:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour and give you † His peace.

C: Amen.

We sing: AT#85 - *Give me oil in my lamp*

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning. Chorus

Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.

***Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Keep me burning 'til the break of day.***

Chorus

***Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King!***

***Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Give me love in my heart, I pray.***

***Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Keep me serving to 'til the break of day.***

Chorus
Anonymous

***Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing
Keep me singing 'til the break of day.***

Chorus

***Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying
Give me faith in my heart, I pray.
Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying
Keep me praying 'til the break of day.***

NOTICES - COMING EVENTS

Every Sunday – Worship – 9.00am

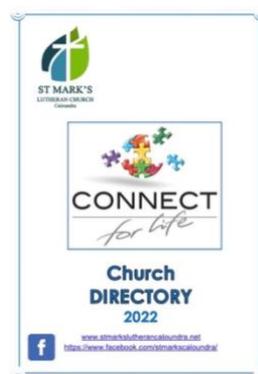
CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our church contact list is available today. Each copy has been labelled – would you please pick up your copy, and if you have a friend you can deliver to, that would be appreciated.

MISSION POSSIBLE (Please no clothing at the moment – storage is a challenge)

Donations are welcome for the homeless and those escaping domestic violence. Any of the following:

- Blankets
- Tinned food (easy open), non-perishable items and toiletries and personal care items for homeless
- Breakfast cereals, packaged food and toiletries for families
- Washing powder, cleaners, toilet cleaners, dishwashing detergent, toilet paper, hand cleaner (for the homes for Domestic Violence people)
- Sheets for home birthing kits for Papua New Guinea



**MISSION:
POSSIBLE**

These items are distributed every week. Cash donations are also welcome (via offering plate). Thank you for your generosity in providing for this ministry!

BABY BUNDLES

If you can contribute any baby clothing (from 000 to 18mths), singlets, nappies, baby wipes, socks, blankets, wraps, towels, cot sheets, cash through the offering plate – all appreciated. Good, clean, second-hand clothing is also needed. These baskets are distributed to some community groups who give them to young women who have newborns and not a lot of support.



COFFEE AND CHAT

Our next get together will be for **LUNCH** at 11:30 **on Wednesday, 17 August 2022** at **Boscós IRT Woodlands Lacebark Street, Meridan Plains.**

Everyone is welcome. Would you please let Janelle know on 0488 556 150 if you plan to attend. Thank you.

NEXT COFFEE AND CHAT!!

We have been fortunate to secure Craig Allingham to speak to our Moving Moments participants and friends. Craig is a local Freelance Health Physio, who specialises in Men's Health. You are sure to get some insightful and helpful tips from his talk. This will be an interesting and valuable session for both men and women. The cost is \$5.00 - morning tea included

All are invited to enjoy lunch afterwards at Bosco's at your own cost.

You're welcome to join us and invite a friend.

Wednesday 10th August at 10am.

22 Lacebark St Meridan Plains, Bosco's Café IRT
Woodlands, Meridan Plains

Would you please contact Janelle on 0488 556 150



OUR MISSION AND MINISTRIES and much more...

- Bible Study – 7.00pm Monday every fortnight
- F.I.S.H (Friendship in Someone's Home) - 10.00am Wednesday every fortnight
- Ladies Fellowship - 9.00am 1st Wednesday each month
- Baby Bundles - "bundles of necessity for young mums" - donated to community groups
- Mission Possible - A volunteer group supplying non-perishable goods and toiletries for homeless and victims of domestic violence - containers at our church
- Moving Moments - intergenerational connections with local kindy's, social outings and Baby Bundles and much more for young and salty souls.
- Men's Group - 'Blokes talking about bloke's stuff'

Contact our St Mark's Church Office - 0429 856 532 - for more information on ways you can join us, so together we can care for our community in sharing God's love in our words and actions.

THANK YOU for your generosity in supporting Caloundra Lutheran Church ministries and mission!

If you're unable to come to worship, would you please consider making an offering or gift; please transfer to: St Marks BSB 704 942 - Account 54740 (100378501 if from LLL acc) \$11,283.33 Monthly budget giving required.

PASTORAL CARE

You're welcome to contact Pastor Ray and Deacons for pastoral care.

Pastor Ray	0429 856 532
Mary Engel	0412 771 718
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John Kleinig	0417 837 678
Ann Aiken	0412 321 030
Julie Martin	0410 492 740
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All members of the Church are expected to help keep our people and visitors safe. The LCA Standards of Ethical Behaviour brochure is available at the entry of the Church to explain this further. Pastors, church leaders and other church workers (both employees and volunteers) must be screened and also take part in the Safe Church training program. For more details, visit www.lca.org.au/safechurchtraining or speak to one of your leaders.

If you think a child or anyone is at risk of harm –

- In an emergency, call 000
- If it is not an emergency, call your local police and child protection authority

If you have experienced abuse or have witnessed poor behaviour from someone working for, or connected with the Lutheran Church in Australia, or if you believe someone else in the church is at risk, it is important that you let us know.

Phone: 1800 644 628

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Post: PO Box 519, Marsden, SA 5070

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