



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ASHMORE

Weekly Bible Readings

**Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Sunday 23 August
[Exodus 1:8 – 2:10](#) or

[Isaiah 51:1–6](#)

[Romans 12:1–8](#)

[Matthew 16:13–20](#)

Monday 24 August

Joshua 24:1, 2a 14-18

Tuesday 25 August

John 3:25-36

Wednesday 26 August

Acts 5:27-32

Thursday 27 August

Acts 26:19-29

Friday 28 August

1 Peter 2:4-10

Saturday 29 August

Psalms 26:1–8

**Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Sunday 30 August

Exodus 3:1–15 or

Jeremiah 15:15–21

Romans 12:9–21

Matthew 16:21–28



Devotion

Who is the Son of Man?

'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets' (Matthew 16:13b,14).

The location of today's reading, Caesarea Philippi, a city named in part in honour of Caesar Augustus, who was deified by his subjects, may highlight how humans like to be glorified in contrast to Jesus' humility.

Unlike Caesar, Jesus did not proclaim his own divinity. Instead, he asked, 'Who do people say I am?' This is the first of two questions Jesus asks of his disciples. In effect, he is using them as his social media advisors to discover what is being said about him in this city founded on a Greek site dedicated to Pan and named after the Roman emperor. In their travels with Jesus, the disciples have heard speculation about him: references to John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or other prophets. They recognise something unique about Jesus.

Here, in this culturally mixed city, with an equally diverse range of religious beliefs, Jesus asks his second question: 'Who do you say I am?' Peter's response is immediate. He sees the Messiah, Jesus, in what Jesus has said and done. He has heard the speculation but boldly declares, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

With more than two thousand years of Christian understanding, we may feel that Peter is stating the obvious. However, Peter is at the very beginning of this tradition. He is a Jewish man living under Roman oppression, but despite this, he knows what he has seen and heard. He is yet to discover what it means to be the Messiah. Peter has not yet experienced the death and resurrection of Jesus, but has closely observed Jesus, his teachings and his miracles, and knows Jesus well. Peter knows Jesus because he has seen his power at work in the world.

As modern-day followers of Jesus, we understand his work because we know who he is. In a precarious and unpredictable world where warfare, disruption and division emerge almost daily, we may wonder where Jesus is at work. He is there with the peacemakers, with those who support others most in need of comfort, following in his footsteps. Knowing who Jesus is, we can joyfully join Peter and proclaim Jesus as the Son of the living God.

Dear Jesus, help us to follow in your footsteps and recognise you in our lives. Guide us as we support those most in need of your comfort and care, and help us always to know you through your work in our world. Amen.

by Dianne Eckermann

<https://www.lca.org.au/devotions/>



Announcements



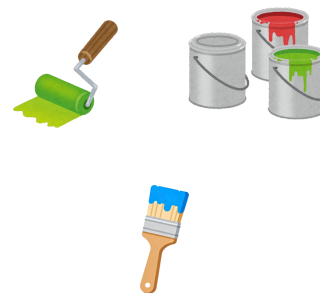
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER!

The church office will be out of action while it is being painted and recarpeted.

There will be no Sunday School from **6 September to 4 October** inclusive. We will start back on **Sunday 11 October** in our nicely redecorated office downstairs!

Thank you, Trinity Lutheran College. ❤️

PS Encounter Lutheran Church will continue with their Sunday 4pm Church Service & Sunday School program.



WE ARE GETTING OUR MANSE READY FOR DAVID, ANNIE, CJ AND JC.

We are required to provide white goods and a lawnmower as part of the manse package. Do you perhaps have:

- a spare fridge (single door only and needs to be no higher than 1720mm to fit the kitchen cavity). Fridge on top and freezer underneath, about 420L. In very good condition please and not a bar fridge.
- a front-load washer – 10 kg minimum – also in very good condition please.

A Honda lawnmower has been donated. Thank you 😊.

We have also asked our Gumtree team to be on the lookout.

Please contact Sue Specht urgently on 0412 403 308 if you can help.



We Need You

Join our working bee

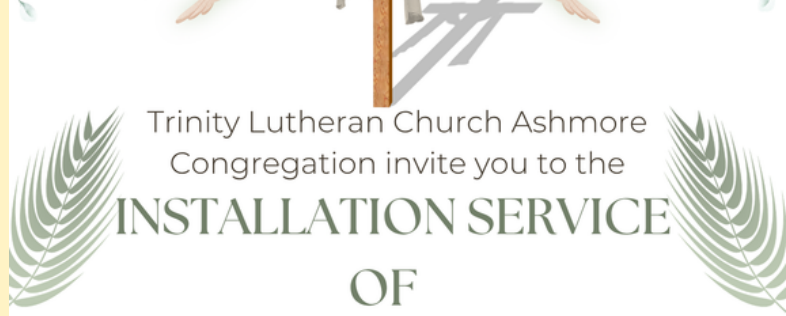
With the smell of fresh paint in the air
it is time to put the finishing
touches on the Manse.

When ? you say!

Wednesday 9 September
and Thursday 10
September

9 am start both days

Talk to Helen and Graeme
Teece and let them know
you are keen.



Trinity Lutheran Church Ashmore
Congregation invite you to the

INSTALLATION SERVICE

OF

The Reverend David Lazarus, Ph.D.

September 27 at 2pm

The Trinity Centre, Trinity Lutheran College
641 Ashmore Rd. Ashmore

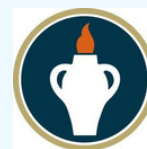
Afternoon Tea will follow

RSVP for catering and dietary
purposes to
Sue Specht
secretary.tlcashmore@gmail.com



Gideons International - Pizza and Dessert

Fund Raiser for Bibles for the World Friday 4 September 2026



Dear TLCA Congregation Member, each year Gideons have a dinner to hear about wonderful work being done throughout the world spreading the Bible and its Good News message. I invite you to attend this year's dinner with me. See details below. You will be my guest and I will pay for your meal. Please let me know if you can take up this invitation. RSVP me by 21 August to me by my mobile phone or email. I do hope you can attend. Philip Morris.

Guest speaker: Scott Muller, from The Gideons International in Australia, with first-hand accounts will take you into the mission field of Indonesia.

Come and hear amazing stories and testimonies from the International Mission Team Indonesia April 2026.

Venue Multipurpose Hall, Palm Beach Community Centre, Thrower Drive, Palm Beach

Friday, 4 September 2026 at 06:45pm for 07:00pm start, finish at 09.00pm

RSVP by 21 August To: Dr Philip Morris (Chair, Church Council, Trinity Lutheran Church Ashmore) Ph 0422545753 or email plpmorris1@gmail.com

New Opportunity: Zoom Connect Group

Are you looking to dive into God's Word mid-week, but finding the travel or busy schedules tricky? We are exploring the idea of starting a Zoom Connect Group and would love to gauge interest!

What's the idea?

Format: Most weeks, we will meet online via Zoom for just one hour on a weeknight, making it easy to join from the comfort of your home, especially for those living a bit further out (like us).

Focus: Each session will focus on the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday, offering a relaxed space for personal reflection and sharing what the passage means in our day-to-day lives.

Fellowship: To build on our connections, we'll plan to get together in person every month or two for a shared meal!

A Different Way to Connect

While we are blessed with wonderful existing Home Fellowship and Community Connect Groups across our church, this group is designed to complement them offering an accessible way to reflect on Scripture together without the commute.

Whether you're already in a group or looking for a new way to engage with the Sunday readings, there is a place for you!

Interested or have questions? Please get in touch with Anne or Kevin Lambert so we can find a weeknight and time that works best for anyone interested!

Anne: 0439 750 704. Kevin: 0409 278 028



the Lutheran BIBLE STUDIES

Dwelling in God's Word

Explore Scripture more deeply with the Bible studies from *The Lutheran*. Designed for use in small groups, ministry settings or personal devotional time, these studies encourage thoughtful discussion and reflection.

Find them at www.lca.org.au/bible-studies

Encounter Church Plant Update, Praise and Prayer Points



Encountering God:

- An Encounter church member brought a friend who is a Buddhist to service last Sunday. We were delighted that we could minister to someone who would not have heard of the gospel otherwise. We are delighted that this person can encounter God through the church plant.

Praise and thanksgiving:

1. Thank God 16 August's attendance of 20 people with an offering of \$320.
2. Praise God for the welcoming approach Encounter adopts to welcome "strangers".
3. Praise God for going before us to prepare the hearts and minds of those we meet each day so that we can share our encounters of God with them.
4. Praise God for his faithful guidance and rich blessings to Encounter.
5. Praise God for the LCA eNews update of the Encounter church plant.

Prayer requests:

1. Pray that God will prepare the hearts of his workers to volunteer freely for the gospel.
2. Pray for Sunday school, Kids For Christ (KFC) that it will:
 - Grow to 20 consistent attendances at Sunday School over the year.
 - Grow and dedicate 7 Sunday school leaders. We currently have 5.
3. Pray for a total of 20 members to join Encounter LC as members by the end of 2026. Ask for wisdom for Tala to approach regular attendees who are ready to commit to become Encounter members.
4. Pray for an average of 50 people attending Encounter service each week regularly.
5. Pray for the moving of the Holy Spirit in our college, and local community.
6. Pray for wisdom to follow up and contact the parents who visited Encounter services in the past.
7. Pray for Tala and Samuel as they plan to launch Junior Worship during Sunday School and Adult Worship time in Term Four.
8. Pray for spiritual growth and maturity of the Ministry Support team.

Thank you for your prayer support,
Team Encounter

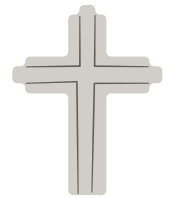
Church plant prayer meetings

We meet online every Tuesday at 5 pm. Should you wish to join us in prayers to support this important outreach work, please email this prayer meeting administrator at tsaewong@hotmail.com and you will be sent the zoom link to join us.



Prayer Focus

Sunday 23 August, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after
Pentecost



WORSHIP & THANKSGIVING: Thank you, God!

- Praise: God, you are good. Reflect on [Psalm 138](#), the Psalm of the day.
 - for the wonderful news that Graduate **Pastor David Lazarus** has been assigned to our congregation. We pray for **Pastor David, his wife Annie and children CJ and JC**, as they prepare for their move to Ashmore.
 - for the Sundays after Pentecost: the Season of Growth, learning to step out in faith
 - Our Volunteers: Worship Leaders while we are without a pastor
 - for our Featured Ministry This Week: Facebook Administrators.
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- For Encounter Lutheran Church, our church plant. Bless **Chaplain Tala** and his team, and all the new ventures happening, including Sunday School, Adult Bible study group and Youth Fellowship. May God encourage all who are new to the Gospel.

TRUST & CONFESSION

- Repentance: God, we need your help. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have allowed the noise of the world to drown out your voice, and for when we have failed to love our neighbours as ourselves. Cleanse our hearts today and restore to us the joy of your salvation.

COMPASSION: God, we need Your help. We place our worries in your hands and pray for:

- For our Church Council and the TLC Going Forward group as they plan our future direction.
 - Our Church Family: for members who have recently been in hospital.
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- Health & Healing: For those experiencing pain or illness, those facing cancer, and those managing mental health challenges. Give them relief and the assurance that they are deeply loved. We pray especially for **Jan and Darryl; Fay**.
 - Our World: for an end to violence and a path to peace in the Middle East, especially in Israel, Palestine, Lebanon and Iran; also in Myanmar, Ukraine, Africa and other areas of conflict.

This week we pray for our members by name: **Nadia, Danny, Jayden and Sienna; Klaus and Desley.**

Amen

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Any individual prayer requests may be sent to **Sue Fysh**, Prayer Chain coordinator.
Ph 0413996204 email: suefysh@bigpond.com



Coffee & Chat

with the Chaplain

Cotlew Campus

Tuesdays
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

📍 Outside the café (next to the library)

All are welcome! -

There's a lot
happening in
our church.



LCA eNews KEEPS us CONNECTED

Stories in LCA eNews from across the LCA NZ will inspire you, encourage you, and inform you about events and resources to support you and your congregation.

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[Link to e-news](#)

Gold Coast Lutheran Churches

Have a look at what is happening around the Lutheran churches on the Gold Coast. This website is for all Gold Coast Lutherans. If you would like to have an event or something else added to the site, please contact Rob Fysh 0481207709.

Click on the following link to check it out:

<https://www.goldcoastlutheranchurches.org/>



Please consider a **Regular Electronic Transfer (RET)**.

LLL: Ashmore Trinity Lutheran Church:

BSB: 704942

Account No: 100217974 or

For your Cash offering - place in a sealed envelope and place in the "Offering Basket"

Donations to Trinity Welfare Fund may be made by direct transfer.

Account Name: Trinity Ashmore

BSB: 704942

Account No: 100217974

Reference: Trinity Welfare Fund

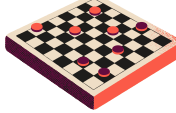
Trinity Church Plant Donations

Whilst the Church Council has been awarded a grant to help meet costs of this mission, donations from individuals are also welcome. This can be done either through REG - earmarked to the Church Plant, or in an envelope with your Sunday offering, again marked as Church Plant.



What's Happening this Month?

August

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31.					1. Sister Space 9.00am Host: Sue Specht 	2. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm
3.	4. Church Plant Prayer Meeting see p.7 for details Coffee & Chat with the Chaplain see p.8 for details	5.	6. Coffee, Chat and Craft Group 10.00am 	7.	8.	9. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm
10.	11. Church Plant Prayer Meeting Coffee & Chat with the Chaplain	12.	13.	14. Games and Chat Trinity Southport Hall 10.00 am 	15. Man Space 8.00am Host: Tony Qualischefski	16. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm
17.	18. Church Plant Prayer Meeting Coffee & Chat with the Chaplain	19.	20.	21.	22.	23. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm
24.	25. Church Plant Prayer Meeting Coffee & Chat with the Chaplain	26.	27.	28. Games and Chat Trinity Southport Hall 10.00 am 	.	30. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm