



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ASHMORE

Weekly Bible Readings

**Eleventh Sunday
after Pentecost**

Sunday 9 August

[Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28](#) or

[1 Kings 19:9-18](#)

[Romans 10:5-15](#)

[Matthew 14:22-33](#)

Monday 10 August

Isaiah 52:7-10

Tuesday 11 August

Jonah 2:1-10

Wednesday 12 August

John 6:14-24

Thursday 13 August

John 21:1-13

Friday 14 August

Romans 10:16 – 11:1

Saturday 15 August

Psalms 67

**Twelfth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Sunday 16 August

Genesis 45:1-15 or

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Romans 11:1, 2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28



Devotion

Heaven meets earth

Truly you are the Son of God! (Matthew 14:33b)

Jesus is mourning the death of his relative John the Baptist, executed by Herod. Jesus has tried to withdraw from the crowds to grieve, but they pursue him, and in his compassion, he tends to them. He feeds 5,000 men (plus women and children!), and when all are satisfied, he dismisses them. Once more he withdraws, sending his disciples off in the boat across the lake, while he goes up into the hills to be alone with his Father.

What happens next reveals Jesus in a different realm than us mortals. After communing with his Father and receiving divine comfort, refreshment and energy, he decides to rejoin his disciples. Being far out on the lake, battling a savage headwind and buffeting waves, doesn't appear to be an issue for Jesus. He walks out to catch them up, striding powerfully through the waves as though walking along a dusty road in Galilee. This Jesus is also the Son of God, Creator Lord of this natural realm. This is how the disciples encounter him – a pale figure in the darkness striding past them on the water. A phantom?! This extraordinary figure, untroubled by wind, waves and darkness, greets their terror with the words, 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'

For a moment, Peter glimpses the divine realm, his Master's home, and he wants to experience it. When Jesus invites him, Peter climbs out of the boat and walks towards his Creator Lord. What an experience! In Jesus' presence, the divine and mortal realms meet; heaven intersects with earth, and humans walk on water. It only lasts a moment. Like the pull of gravity, Peter's mortal nature reasserts itself. He sees the waves and feels the wind buffeting him, and he is once more merely human, now sinking into the Sea of Galilee, crying out to his Lord for salvation. Immediately, Jesus reaches out his hand to catch Peter, to save him and bring him into the boat of safety. 'You of little faith,' he says to Peter, 'why did you doubt?' Why do we doubt our Lord Jesus when he brings the limitless power of his divine home to our cramped, mortal lives, when his hand alone saves and restores us to the safety of the boat with our fellow travellers?

Lord Jesus, forgive my doubts and fears, and stir my faith to see your true identity as my Saviour Lord and my God. Remind me that one day, your home will be mine as well. Amen.

by Pauline Simonsen

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

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Announcements



Treasurer's Report – Meeting 9 August 2026

Current income is keeping pace with expenses. However, several significant expenses are due in the coming months, including:

- Audit
- Rates for manse
- Painting of the manse – inside and outside
- Household items and electrical work for the manse
- Pastor's salary and administrative support

Our sincere thanks to the Helinger family for their continued generosity. In addition to other funds, \$600 has been raised for the North Queensland Appeal. \$800 has been donated towards the painting of the manse.

Desley Maurer

Donations

Any donations towards painting of the church manse would be gratefully received

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BSB: 704942

Account No: 100217974

Description: Manse or painting

Any cash donations - place in a sealed envelope marked Manse or Painting and place in offering basket.

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



Chinese Lutheran Church Installation of Pastor Ronald Lee
Saturday 1 August 2026 at Trinity Lutheran Church Southport

MAN SPACE

Breakfast. Conversation. Connection.

A place where men can share a meal, share stories, and be themselves.

☕ Coffee

🍳 Breakfast Together

💬 Real Conversations

No pressure. No fixing. No pretending.

Just good food, good company, and space to talk—or simply listen.

All men welcome.

Date: Saturday 15 August

Time: 8.00am

Host: Tony Qualischefski

Bring a mate. Pull up a chair.

It all starts at the table. ☕☀️

So encouraged this morning to host the first meeting of our newly established Upper Coomera, Wongawallan, Mt Tamborine Neighbourhood Connect Group. Moving forward by geographical location gives us such a wonderful opportunity to really get to know and support our neighbours within our church. e.g. We learned from Warren Schulz this morning where his birth town of Henty is, and that he was a legendary AFL footballer.

Our morning was simple, but rich in connection. If you've been thinking about starting your group, I want to encourage you that you don't need anything grand. A cup of tea, a comfy space, and an inviting heart are the perfect ingredients.

Let's encourage each other and lean into this opportunity for community!

Anne Lambert



Community News: Sister Space



Ten of us thoroughly enjoyed our August gathering of Sister Space and were treated to the wonderful hospitality of Sue Specht. We each received a gum leaf with our own special Bible verse, and shared something personal about another woman in our lives. We look forward to next gathering at the home of Sue Fysh on Saturday, September 5th.



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

Q&A with Pastor David Lazarus

Church Council thought it would be useful to find out a little about David Lazarus before he joins us at Ashmore. Here are his answers to the first group of your questions. Please feel free to give more questions to Sue Specht – he is very happy to answer more!

And an important little note before we start, David has expressed a desire to be called “Father Lazarus” in our church services.

1. How did you become a Christian?

I grew up as the son of a pastor who served faithfully in the jungles of Borneo. From those early days, the seeds of faith were planted deeply in me, shaping my journey as a Christian.

2. What attracted you to the Lutheran faith?

My home church, the Kalimantan Evangelical Church or Gereja Kalimantan Evangelical (GKE), was the first Lutheran church in the Dutch Indies (now Indonesia), established through German missionaries sent by Zending Barmen (Rheinische Missionsgesellschaft or RMG, the same organisation that sent Ludwig Ingwer Nommensen as a missionary to North Sumatra in 1861) in the 1834. Due to the first and second World War and internal conflict, unfortunately, RMG gave the mandate to Basel Mission (Evangelische Missionsgesellschaft in Basel) and, since then, the teaching of my church has been strongly influenced by the Uniate church (Unierte Kirchen) tradition. While I appreciated much of this heritage, I longed to learn the confessional teachings of the Lutheran Church more fully. I shared with my wife my desire to study proper Lutheran doctrine, which eventually led me to Australian Lutheran College.

3. Do you plan home visits to those who are restricted to their homes?

Pastoral visitation is close to my heart. I plan to dedicate at least one day every fortnight to visiting those restricted to their homes, ensuring they experience Christ's love and care.

4. Will you wear gowns and vestments?

In worship, I have my alb, stoles, cassock, surplice and chasuble ready in my wardrobe for church services and celebrations. I will gladly wear them whenever the congregation desires, embracing the richness of Lutheran liturgical tradition.

5. What are you looking forward to about the Gold Coast?

I look forward to sharing the love of Jesus with everyone on the Gold Coast. My vision is for the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand to be a place where people from different languages and cultures worship together as one congregation—learning from one another, growing together in Christ and being united through Word and Sacrament, hospitality and shared leadership.

6. What are your hobbies?

Outside of ministry, I enjoy cooking, watching movies at the cinema with my family, playing guitar, and fishing (though I admit I need some expert help with the last two!).

7. How long are your sermons?

I believe a sermon is God's Word placed on the preacher's lips to help listeners grow in His love and mercy. Who are we to limit God's work by human measurement? As a vessel, I will simply let the Holy Spirit speak and lead each message.

8. What is your family background?

I am half Chinese, half Dayak and fully Indonesian, with the ability to speak more than 15 local dialects. My wife is a Javanese from Yogyakarta, fluent in several dialects herself. Our children, raised in Australia with Indonesian heritage, mostly speak English, with some knowledge of Bahasa Indonesia, Japanese (CJ), and German (JC).

9. How did you meet your wife?

I met my wife 31 years ago while studying Computer Science, as she pursued Civil Engineering at the same University. Our shared journey has been one of faith, love and partnership in ministry.

10. Who do you know on the Gold Coast?

Though I know only a few people personally—such as Victor Lee, a vicar at Gold Coast Chinese Christian Church, and Chaplain Tala from my ALC days (I have never met Chaplain Tala offline)—I already feel a strong sense of connection with Anne and Kevin Lambert since I know several families who are related to them. Even before arriving, however, I sense a positive spirit among the TLCA community, as though I already know you all.

A Weekly Meditation

Last Saturday, my family and I enjoyed a blessed time in the Barossa Valley. We shared lunch with Rob and Lyn Albrecht, who are connected to Kevin and Anne Lambert, and Rev Rob Borgas, the pastor of Angaston congregation. Later, I visited my sick friend, Pastor Gerhard Ruediger, offering prayer and encouragement.

In Eden Valley, we met a Filipino lady with her Australian husband and daughter. They shared their plan to return to the Philippines after seven years away, and I offered them a blessing for their journey. We also visited the historic Herbig tree and the SALA exhibition at Springton town hall, where I spoke with a local resident from Melbourne. Though she came from an Anglican background and is not practising her faith, we reflected together on the Lutheran church's impact in the Springton community.

At Tanunda lolly shop, I met a lady wearing a cross necklace. She shared her desire to be baptised along with her child. I invited her to visit Tabor congregation and speak with the pastor. She asked if there was a fee, and I reminded her that God's love is free for everyone.

These encounters with friends and strangers strengthened my call to be a pastor. They reminded me that when we are open to our identity in Christ, we can naturally share His love. In simple conversations and unexpected meetings, the Spirit works through us to bring hope and encouragement. This weekend was a gentle reminder that ministry is not only in the pulpit but also in everyday encounters where God's grace flows freely.

As 1 Peter 4:10-11 reminds us, each of us has received gifts from God to serve others faithfully. Whether through words of encouragement, prayer or simple acts of kindness, we are called to be stewards of God's grace, serving with the strength He provides so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. This truth was evident in the way the Spirit moved through our conversations and blessings during the weekend.

Similarly, Jesus' Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 calls us to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising and teaching them in the Triune's name. The lady at the lolly shop, desiring baptism for herself and her child, exemplifies this call to discipleship and the ongoing work of God's kingdom. We are reassured that Christ is with us always, empowering us in every encounter to share His love and grace.

In these gentle moments shared in the Barossa Valley, we see ministry unfolding naturally, reminding us to embrace every opportunity—no matter how ordinary—to reflect Christ's love and grace to those around us.

Adelaide, beginning August 2026.

Father Lazarus

Australian Lutheran World Service - Walk My Way- Brisbane



This year I'm participating in the 12.5 km walk at **Brisbane Walk My Way**, and I'm going to need your help.

Walk My Way 2026 is helping to protect refugee girls in refugee camps in Kenya and Somaliadanger of child marriage. You can find out more about this cause and Walk My Way, by clicking on the following link: https://brisbane.walkmyway.org.au/?_gl=1*4yh55o*_gcl_au*ODQ3NDYyOTg2LjE3ODIyMDU3Njc.

Simply click the link below to view my fundraising page and make a donation:
<https://brisbane.walkmyway.org.au/page/TonyQualischefski-34948862/>

You will automatically receive a receipt and you can write a personal message on my page.

Thanks for your support!

Tony Qualischefski



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 2 August's attendance of 28 people with an offering of \$389.10.
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 moving in the hearts of the senior students at the College to gather at lunch time to discuss philosophy or rather the meaning of life. There were approximately 20 students attending at the moment.
5. Praise God for seven student volunteers to form a chapel band for chapel and we pray that the band will be the Junior Worship praise and worship team.

Prayer requests:

1. Pray that God will send helpers to his harvest field as he said, "the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few", especially for more young leaders to support Tala and Samuel at Encounter Youth each Thursday to grow the youth to steady 20-50 students.
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.
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.

Blessings

Team Encounter

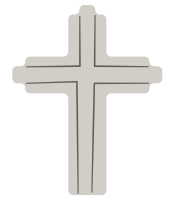
Church plant prayer meetings

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 tseawong@hotmail.com and you will be sent the zoom link to join us.



Prayer Focus

Sunday 9 August, 2026
Eleventh Sunday after
Pentecost



WORSHIP & THANKSGIVING: Thank you, God!

- Praise: God, you are good. Reflect on [Psalm 85:8-13](#), 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: our Sunday School teachers and helpers
- for our Featured Ministry This Week: Pastoral Care Team.
- 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.
- 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 and Joanne**.
- 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: **John and Maria; Jo-ann; Jodi**.

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.



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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)**.

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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.

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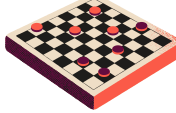
Trinity Church Plant Donations

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 see p.2 for details 	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 see p.3 for details	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