



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ASHMORE

Weekly Bible Readings

**Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost**
Sunday 20 September
[Exodus 16:2-15](#)
or [Jonah 3:10 - 4:11](#)
[Philippians 1:21-30](#)
[Matthew 20:1-16](#)

Monday 21 September
Isaiah 55:5-9

Tuesday 22 September
Daniel 9:1-4, 18, 20-24

Wednesday 23 September
Luke 17:5-10

Thursday 24 September
1 Corinthians 1:25-31

Friday 25 September
1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Saturday 26 September
Psalm 25:1-9

**Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**
Sunday 27 September
Exodus 17:1-7 or
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32



Devotion

Superman's funeral notice

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness (Psalm 145:7).

Read [Psalm 145:1-8](#)

When I used to train young people in leadership and ethical living, one of the first things I did was ask them to write a funeral notice for themselves.

This was inspired by an elderly man called Stanley, who died after being struck by a car near my place. His family and friends placed a whole column of notices in the paper about the life he'd lived – his kindness, compassion and generosity, and the inspiration he'd been to them.

Stanley's grandchildren summed it up by writing: 'Fly like Superman, Poppa.' When I challenged the young people to write their funeral notices, I wanted them to think about who they wanted to be, even if that was not who they were right now. I was reminded of this when I read the words of this psalm. Would someone ever write something about my life similar to what the psalmist wrote about God?

Of course, it wouldn't be as magnificent as 'greatness' or 'glorious'. There'd be no use of words like 'splendour', 'wondrous' or 'abundant' ... and yet, could they look at my life and see at least some glimpses of 'goodness', 'steadfast love' and 'graciousness'?

This came into special focus for me after spending a weekend with my grandkids. What example was I modelling to them?

It's more than just the things we do together – the perfect purple pancakes that manage to flour the whole kitchen ... the 'you-can-never-escape' knee-lock game we invented ... the 'Tallest Tower to Topple' building blocks construction distraction ... rather, it's those simple values of kindness, grace and love. Those things are inspired in me by the command and example of Jesus. Not just in the words I say but in the things I do.

When the day comes that my life is remembered in a newspaper funeral notice, what will my grandchildren say? Those who love me? Those who know me as a neighbour, work colleague or friend?

I can never be a superman, but I hope my life will always point to the one who is.

Lord, what a blessing it is that I can come to you in all my weakness, with all my flaws, and yet have you love me and count me precious. Help me share this with others, in all that I do, each day of my life. Amen.

by Jonathan Krause



Announcements



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

September Man Space

- Will be held on Saturday, 19 September at 8.00 am
- Our host for this gathering will be Greg Specht.
- Join us for breakfast and a chat
- Please RSVP to Greg (0419 449 436) for catering purposes and for directions.



MANSE WORKING BEE



Thanks to our willing workers for a top job at the working bee.

The manse is now looking as good as new!

Encounter Church Plant Update, Praise and Prayer Points



Praise and thanksgiving:

1. Thank God 13 September's attendance of 29 people with an offering of \$362.
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 positive feel at the college chapels.
5. Praise God for his faithful guidance and rich blessings to Encounter.
6. Praise God for the first time visitors these past weeks.

Prayer requests:

1. 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.
2. Pray for Encounter Youth to continue to thrive and for the alumnus volunteers to continue to contribute.
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 to prepare people for the gospel.
6. Pray for wisdom and spirit led sensitivity 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 good health, resilience and patience for the Ministry Support team members.

Blessings,
Team Encounter

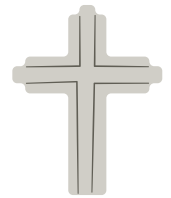
Church plant prayer meetings

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 20 September, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost



WORSHIP & THANKSGIVING: Thank you, God!

- Praise: God, you are good. Reflect on [Psalm 145:1-8](#) 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**, settle into their new home on the Gold Coast.
- for the Sundays after Pentecost: the Season of Growth, learning to step out in faith
- our Volunteers: Those involved in Bulletin preparation, mainly Tony Q
- for our Featured Ministry This Week: Games and Chat
- 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; Jo-ann; and Josephine**.
- 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. We also pray for those involved in the flooding in Nepal. Be with those families who mourn loved ones who have died, comfort them. Strengthen all the emergency workers involved in the difficult work of recovery and restoration of the communities affected.

This week we pray for our members by name: **Sue and Greg; Bobbi**.

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! -

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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)**.

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

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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.

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What's Happening this Month?

September

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1. Church Plant Prayer Meeting see p.5 for details Coffee & Chat with the Chaplain see p.8 for details	2.	3. Coffee, Chat and Craft Group 10.00am 	4.	5. Sister Space 9.00am Host: Sue Fysh 	6. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm
7.	8. Church Plant Prayer Meeting Coffee & Chat with the Chaplain	9. Manse Working Bee	10. Manse Working Bee	11. Games and Chat Trinity Southport Hall 10.00 am 	12.	13. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm
14.	15. Church Plant Prayer Meeting Coffee & Chat with the Chaplain	16.	17.	18.	19. Man Space 8.00am Host: Greg Specht see p. 2 for details	20. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm
21.	22. Church Plant Prayer Meeting Coffee & Chat with the Chaplain	23.	24.	25. Games and Chat Trinity Southport Hall 10.00 am 	26.	27. Installation Service for Pastor David Lazarus Trinity Centre 2.00pm Afternoon Tea to follow.
28.	29. Church Plant Prayer Meeting Coffee & Chat with the Chaplain	30.				