



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ASHMORE

Weekly Bible Readings

**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](#)

Monday 28 September

Isaiah 45:21-25

Tuesday 29 September

Isaiah 57:14-21

Wednesday 30 September

Jonah 3:1-10

Thursday 1 October

Luke 7:1-10

Friday 2 October

Acts 22:1-21

Saturday 3 October

Psalms 80:7-15

**Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Sunday 4 October

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
or Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46



Devotion

By what authority (outsiders welcome)?

Then I will tell you by what authority I do these things (Matthew 21:24b).

There is an overall theme in our readings this week of 'outsiders welcome'!

It begins in today's reading, with Jesus and the religious leaders clashing over authority. Authority seems to be important. We like to know who is in charge. Political parties make hay out of law and order. We often like black-and-white answers and respond positively to them.

But Jesus is not like this. You want to know my authority? You can't even answer my simple question. So, I'll leave the mystery hanging in the air. He then tells a parable that seems to have a simple meaning. Except when Jesus explains it, it challenges all authority.

Who's getting into the kingdom of God first? Not those who live upright lives, who obey the law. Rather, it is those we don't want to associate with. The ones we are happy to speak about in bad terms. The ones we would condemn!

Oh, oh! Whose authority counts here? It seems to me that our rules can be dangerous. Those we consider insiders, worthy of respect and law-abiding, are not so highly regarded after all. Instead, the outsiders are welcome: the lowly, the sinners, those who don't live as we expect, those who respond to unexpected grace.

God's grace is not based on human authority. Human authority is not Jesus' guide to life. Rather, it is the gift of grace; the welcome to the outsiders; the welcome to all and any who can put aside their own prejudices and notions of right and wrong, and instead respond to God's mysterious and wonderful gift of forgiveness and life.

Lord Jesus, thank you for challenging human authority and showing a better way. Help me to respond to your love and mercy, and extend love and mercy to all I come across. Amen

by Peter Bean





Announcements



From Cherri and Michael

We were overwhelmed by the beautiful words, blessing and most generous gifts from our church family in recognition of our 70th birthdays. With deep gratitude and great joy, we thank you all for celebrating with us in such a loving way. At this milestone of our lives, we remember the TLCA congregation, which has been an integral part of the last third of our lives thus far, with love and thankfulness.

Cherri and Michael



MAN SPACE

A great morning of food and fellowship was enjoyed by the thirteen men who attended Man Space last Saturday. If you haven't been before, we'd love to see you at our next meeting. Keep an eye out in the Bulletin for more information.



CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

Meeting: 13 September 2026

COUNCIL:

Philip Morris: Chair
Kevin Lambert: Vice Chair -
apology
Desley Maurer: Treasurer
Sue Specht: Secretary
Pr Michael Alfson
Juliane Dwyer
Rob Fysh - *apology*
Graeme Teece

Philip: plpmorris1@gmail.com
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secretary.ticashmore@gmail.com

NEXT CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING:
SUNDAY
8 NOVEMBER 2026

Property and Facilities

- **Manse:** Drainage remediation has been approved. An LCA Housing Agreement and checklist are being prepared for Pastor David. Thanks to Kristian Maurer for donating a lawnmower for the manse.
- **Church office refurbishment:** Painting, carpeting and blinds are almost complete. Furniture will then be re-set and files reinstated.
- **Church equipment:** The existing church office laptop will become Pastor David's laptop, while the other laptop will continue to be used for Sunday data. Pastor Will Heidrich's database is to be transferred to Pastor David's laptop by October.
- **Insurance:** Contents insurance for the church office and manse is to be renegotiated. The manse is held "in trust" rather than being owned directly by the congregation.
- **Church access and security:** The list of people who have access to the church office has been sent to the college ops manager.

Governance, Privacy and Data

- **Privacy and data:** Advice is being sought from the District about privacy requirements for information collected through the contact card and QR code.
- **Pastor David Lazarus:** Preparations are underway for Pastor David's arrival and installation on 27 September 2026. Council is confirming his LCAQD start date and arrangements for his office equipment, including a laptop, mobile phone.
- **Safe Church:** Requirements for volunteers remain an ongoing action item, including documentation for the volunteer information booklet.
- **Financial governance:** Council agreed to retain the Long Term Deposit as a reserve/cushion. Council also approved increasing the Office of the Bishop and District contribution by 4%, from \$475 to \$490 per month in 2027.
- **Strategic planning:** Council is to continue work on involving the congregation in developing the mission and vision and mapping survey findings to the Synod framework.
- **District Training Day:** Juliane Dwyer attended, covering Church Council governance & responsibilities, working together, WH&S, effective stewardship, & risk management.

Sue Specht

Encounter Church Plant Update, Praise and Prayer Points



Praise and thanksgiving:

1. Thank God 20 September's attendance of 23 people with an offering of \$372.
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 regular and immense support of TLCA members.
7. Praise God for bring Tsae back to Gold Coast from her time in Geelong for Term 3.

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.

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel,
Team Encounter

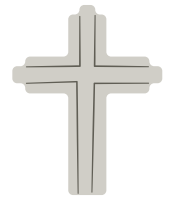
Church plant prayer meetings

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 27 September, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost



WORSHIP & THANKSGIVING: Thank you, God!

- Praise: God, you are good. Reflect on [Psalm 25:1-9](#) 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.
- We also give praise and thanks for Pastor David as he is installed this Sunday 27 September. Guide him as he enters into his new position as our pastor.
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- for the Sundays after Pentecost: the Season of Growth, learning to step out in faith
- our Volunteers: Cherri and Helen as they work together with music selections for our services
- for our Featured Ministry This Week: the Sunday music group
- 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**.
- 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: **Geoff and Abbigail; Martha**.

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)**.

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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.	1. October Coffee, Chat and Craft Group 10.00am 	2. October	3. October	4. October