



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ASHMORE

Weekly Bible Readings

**Twenty-Third Sunday
after Pentecost**

Sunday 1 November

All Saints Day

[Joshua 3:7-17](#) or

[Micah 3:5-12](#)

[1 Thessalonians 2:9-13](#)

[Matthew 23:1-12](#)

Monday 2 November

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tuesday 3 November

Mark 9:33-37

Wednesday 4 November

Luke 14:7-11

Thursday 5 November

Luke 18:9-14

Friday 6 November

Romans 16:17-27

Saturday 7 November

Psalms 70

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Sunday 8 November

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 or
Amos 5:18-24

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13



Devotion

All Saints: The Earthiness We Share, the Communion We Keep

Some of our Christian brothers and sisters sometimes wonder why Lutherans continue to celebrate All Saints' Day. For many, the word saints sound like something distant or belonging to another tradition. But for us, this day is not about placing people on pedestals. It is about remembering God's grace at work in ordinary lives — including the lives of those we love and miss.

All Saints' Day is a day of thanksgiving. We give thanks to Almighty God for the faithful departed, especially those who have heard the words of Jesus, 'Well done, good and faithful servant' (Matthew 25:31-40). We remember our children, siblings, parents, cousins, uncles, aunts, grandparents, mentors, friends and all who have gone before us in faith. Their stories remind us that God has been faithful in every generation.

Hebrews 12:1 tells us that we are 'surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.' These witnesses are not far away. They are part of the communion of saints — the great family of God that stretches across time, earth and heaven. We remain in communion with them — not through memory alone, but through Christ, who gathers all things, all people, all time into Himself. In Christ, every saint is a sinner and every sinner a saint: *simul justus et peccator* — at the same time righteous and sinful. We remember on this day that it is God's grace, not our achievements, that makes us saints.

The Lutheran Church has kept this special feast since the Reformation for three reasons: thanksgiving, strengthening of faith and imitation of their holy living (Article XXI of the Augsburg Confession and the Apology). We thank God for their witness, we let their lives encourage our own faith and we learn from their example — not to earn salvation, but to walk more closely with Christ.

All Saints' Day also speaks honestly about our human condition. We share the same earthly nature as all creatures. Death is not an interruption to life but an inevitable part of it — woven into our very membership as earth-creatures. Scripture does not hide this truth; it dignifies it. Ecclesiastes reminds us that 'all are from the dust, and all return to dust again' (3:19-20). John's Gospel uses the image of a seed falling into the earth and dying so that it may bear much fruit (12:24). Death, in God's hands, becomes a doorway to fruitfulness. These words help us face death not with fear, but with hope.

And here is the mystery All Saints' Day proclaims: In Christ, nothing — not even death — can separate us from the love of God or from the fellowship of His people. So, we celebrate All Saints' Day not to glorify human lives, but to glorify the God who keeps His promises. We remember the saints because God remembers them. We give thanks because God has been faithful. We look forward because Christ has already gone ahead of us.

May this week be a gentle reminder that we walk with the saints, we learn from the saints and one day, by God's mercy, we will join them in the joy of the resurrection.

Pastor David Lazarus





Announcements



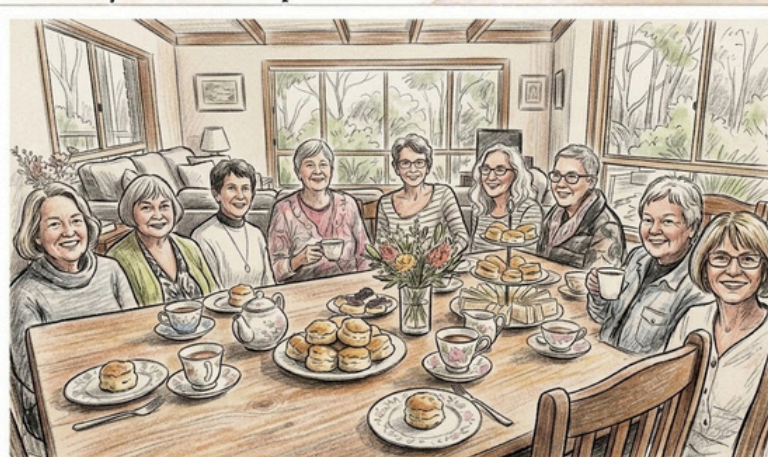
Our web-site needs updating. If anyone has a working knowledge of WordPress we'd appreciate your assistance - contact Helen or Desley

Sunday School

Sunday School resumes this Sunday, 1 November, and continues into the 13th December inclusive."



Community News: Sister Space



Our Next Sister Space gathering will be held
on Saturday, November 7th at 9:00 am.
At the home of Anne Lambert in Wongawallan. All are welcome!

Man Space

Our next Man Space will be on **Saturday 21 November at 8am** at **Rob Fysh's place**.

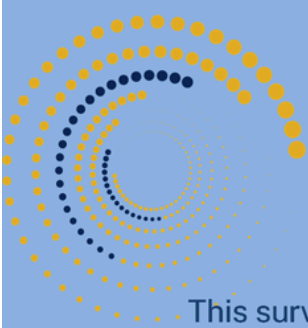
Come along for a hot breakfast and some fellowship.

Please contact Rob for catering purposes, and for address details.

All welcome

Hope to see you there.





2026 National ChurchLife Survey

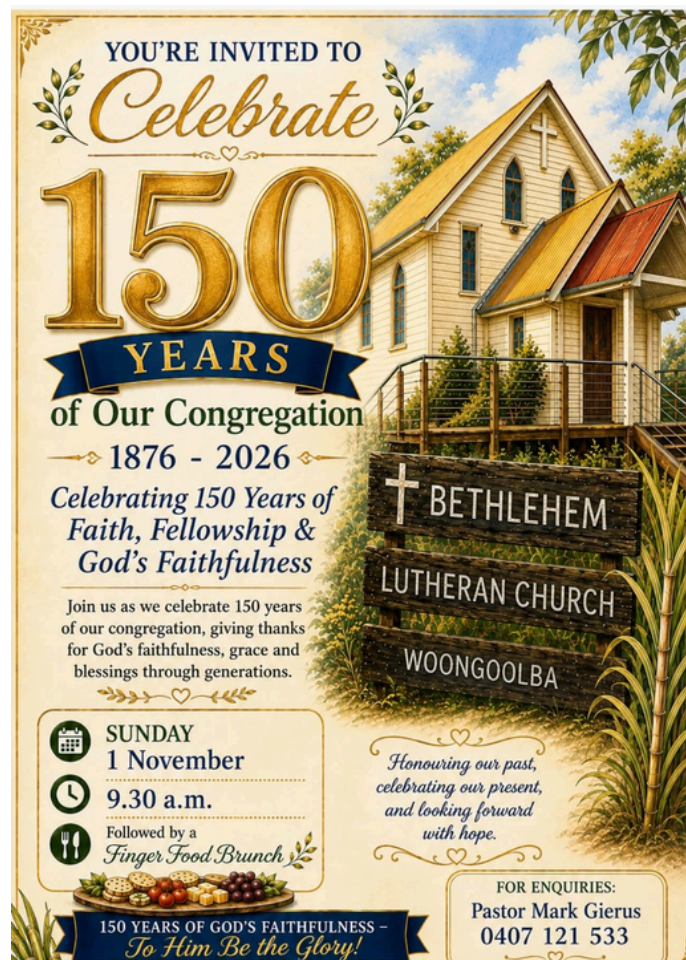
We are taking part

This survey helps LCAQD to listen to all voices, so it can gain valuable insights, shaping the next chapters. Answers will also add to a picture of church life across Australia, highlighting national trends and informing wider society.

OUR SURVEY PERIOD IS: 25 Oct – 1 Nov incl.

Options for completion: paper-based after church next week (1/11/26) or any time **online** at: attendersurvey.ncls.au . If you do it online, you will need this church code:

 Church code: LA300201 



YOU'RE INVITED TO
Celebrate
150
YEARS
of Our Congregation
— 1876 - 2026 —
*Celebrating 150 Years of
Faith, Fellowship &
God's Faithfulness*

Join us as we celebrate 150 years
of our congregation, giving thanks
for God's faithfulness, grace and
blessings through generations.

SUNDAY
1 November
9.30 a.m.
Followed by a
Finger Food Brunch

*Honouring our past,
celebrating our present,
and looking forward
with hope.*

FOR ENQUIRIES:
Pastor Mark Gierus
0407 121 533

**150 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS –
To Him Be the Glory!**

**BETHLEHEM
LUTHERAN CHURCH
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ALL SAINTS' REMEMBRANCE & COMMEMORATION OF THE REFORMATION SERVICES

This Saturday, we will commemorate the Reformation and give thanks to the courage of Martin Luther who risked much in posting his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517.

We give thanks for the good news that we are saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.



On Sunday, 1 November 2026, we will observe All Saints Day. During this special service, we will lovingly remember our families members, friends and all those dear to us who have passed away. All Saints reminds us that, in Christ, every saint is a sinner and every sinner a saint: *simul justus et peccator*.

We give thanks that it is God's grace, and not our own works, that makes us saints.

In life and in death, our hope and heavenly rest are found only in the loving mercy of God.

A battery-operated candle will be provided for each person.

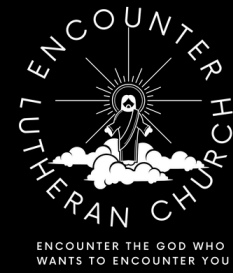
After receiving the Holy Communion, you are invited to turn on your candle and place it in the box provided as an expression of remembrance, gratitude and hope in Christ.

If you are doing the 'personal reflection,' I invite you to reflect on one of the following Scripture readings:

1 John 3:1–3 — *We are God's children*
or

Romans 3:19–28 — *Justification by faith*

Encounter Church Plant Update, Praise and Prayer Points



TLCA and Encounter Joint Prayer meeting prayer items, 27 October 2026

1. Welcome Gerhard, Christian and Anne to the Tuesday prayer meeting.
2. Thank God for the **wonderful support of Pastor Michael A** as mentor and support to Pastor David and Chaplain Tala for their ministries at TLCA and Encounter.
3. Thank God for the wonderful **Bright Sunday Service on 18 October** at Encounter that ministered to 85 adults and 73 children to celebrate children as blessings to our church.
4. Thank God for Pastor David's encouragement of TLCA congregation to be prepared and open to change and focussing on the **two greatest commandments to Love God and Love our neighbours**.
5. Pray that God will continue to move the hearts and minds of everyone at both congregations to grow as God's people and to serve God and our immediate communities outside the congregations.
6. Pray for **TLCA Council** as they meet on the 5 November with Bishop Mark in attendance to provide guidance and support for the congregation and its future direction.
7. Pray for **Encounter's outreach Saturday, 31 October, at the Fisherman's Lawn at Broadwater Parklands, Southport from 8.30 to 11 am** for staff and students to raise fund for Lifeline to raise awareness about mental health, **Out of the Shadow Walk**. Join us for sausage sizzles and the walk, and fellowship with the staff, students and parents in attendance.
8. Pray for **Encounter's All-Saints Day worship service** on Sunday, 1 November, that many students and parents will attend. During the service, there is a time to remember loved ones who are no longer with us and light a candle in their memory.

Please continue to commit the above items in your personal prayers. Let us unite in prayer for the future of the two congregations.

Click the link below at 5 pm every Tuesday to join the 30 minutes prayer meeting.

Join Zoom Prayer Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85347280937?pwd=UKs8eOHZfTVqVzhBbgyykjKe8uRhFl.1>

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Passcode: GLP3py





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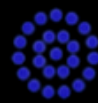


ENCOUNTER THE GOD WHO WANTS TO ENCOUNTER YOU

PRESENTS:



OUT OF THE
SHADOWS WALK



Lifeline

OCT 31ST

9AM-11AM

Broadwater Parklands Fisherman's Lawn

9km Walk or Run

Free Sausage Sizzle and Gatorade



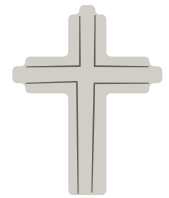
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Be a light for those lost in the darkness



Prayer Focus

Sunday 1 November, 2026
Twenty-third Sunday after
Pentecost



WORSHIP & THANKSGIVING: Thank you, God!

- Praise: God, you are good. Reflect on [Psalm 43](#) the Psalm of the day.
- For our new Pastor **David Lazarus, his wife Annie and children Jenniver and CJ**. Thank you for sending them to us. We pray for them as they settle in to their new home. Bless them in their work in our congregation. Prayers also for the family as CJ continues his studies in Adelaide
- For the Sundays after Pentecost: the Season of Growth, learning to step out in faith
- Our Volunteers: Sunday School teachers
- For our Featured Ministry This Week: Manspace
- 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.
- For the opportunity to pray together every Tuesday at 5pm in the joint Trinity Ashmore and Encounter prayer meeting (see Bulletin for Zoom Prayer meeting link)

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: **Pastor Michael and Cherri, Carrie**.

Amen

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYERS

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







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/>

Offering Options

Regular Electronic Transfer (RET).

LLL: Ashmore Trinity Lutheran Church:

BSB: 704942

Account No: 100217974



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

The church also has a designated **QR code**.

Offerings to either Encounter church or Trinity church can now be made by card transactions.

(Fees apply)



Visit LLL's Privacy Notice: lll.org.au/donate

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?

November

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30.						1. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm
2.	3. Church Plant Prayer Meeting see p.5 for details	4.	5. Coffee, Chat and Craft Group 10.00am 	6.	7. Sister Space 9.00am Host: Anne Lambert 	8. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm
9.	10. Church Plant Prayer Meeting	11.	12.	13. Games and Chat Trinity Southport Hall 10.00 am 	14.	15. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm
16.	17. Church Plant Prayer Meeting	18.	19.	20.	21. Man Space 8.00am Host: Rob Fysh 	22. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm
23.	24. Church Plant Prayer Meeting	25.	26.	27. Games and Chat Trinity Southport Hall 10.00 am 	28.	29.

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Pastor's availability

Pastor David's working hours

- Tuesday–Wednesday: in the office, 8:00 am–4:00 pm
- Tuesday: Zoom Prayer Meeting (for Trinity, Ashmore and Encounter Church), 5:00–6:00 pm
- Thursday–Friday: home and hospital visitation

Please phone or email Pastor David to arrange a meeting or visitation. I will normally be available at the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, except where I have a prior booking. Please feel free to come, sit with me, talk with me and share with me.

Survey



1. Why do you come to Trinity?
2. Why do you stay at Trinity?
3. Do you know why Trinity worships the way it does?
4. In five years' time, what kind of church would you like Trinity to be?
5. If you were in my shoes as the pastor, what would be your highest priority?
6. If you could change one thing to make Trinity a better church, what would it be?

As I mentioned in my Sunday sermon, I have developed a six-point survey, but it is not a written survey. I don't want people simply to fill out a form. I want to hear their voices because God often speaks through His people, through their stories, hopes, concerns and dreams for the church.

This "survey" is really a conversation that helps us listen together for the places where God may be redirecting our church, where He may be inviting us to welcome His messengers, release our grip on comfort and step into new fruitfulness.

So please:

- Invite me to your Bible study.
- Invite me to your group.
- Invite me to your home for a cuppa.

Your voice matters. Your story matters.

Tell me where you see God redirecting us.
Tell me where you sense the vineyard needs tending.
Tell me where you believe fruit is ready to grow.

Pastor David Lazarus

