



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ASHMORE

Weekly Bible Readings

**Twenty-First Sunday
after Pentecost**

Sunday 18 October

[Exodus 33:12-23](#) or

[Isaiah 45:1-7](#)

[1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)

[Matthew 22:15-22](#)

Monday 19 October

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Tuesday 20 October

Ezekiel 37:15-28

Wednesday 21 October

Daniel 1:3-21

Thursday 22 October

Romans 13:1-7

Friday 23 October

Hebrews 3:1-6

Saturday 24 October

Psalms 1

**Twenty-Second Sunday
after Pentecost**

Sunday 25 October

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 or

Leviticus 19:1, 2, 15-18

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46



Devotion

Serving God in Faith, Hope and Love

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul begins his letter to the Thessalonians with deep gratitude. He remembers a community whose faith was visible, whose love was active and whose hope was steady. Their lives reflected the gospel not only in words, but in the way they lived through ordinary days and unexpected challenges.

A month ago, our family arrived on Gold Coast together. It was a joyful beginning, filled with excitement, new surrounding and the sense of stepping into a fresh chapter of ministry. Today, we send CJ back to Adelaide for his studies. Time moves quickly and seasons change before we fully realise it. Yet in these changes, we experience something similar to what Paul saw in the Thessalonians.

They received the gospel 'with joy given by the Holy Spirit,' even in hardship. My family and I have felt that same joy, even as we face our own challenges — especially the waiting and uncertainty around my Blue Card. It is not easy to serve while certain doors remain closed. But the Spirit continues to give joy that steadies the heart.

Paul speaks of faith that works, love that labours and hope that endures. As a family, we are learning these three gifts in real time. Though CJ is not physically with us, we remain bonded by our love for God and for one another. That love becomes our strength. It reminds us that distance does not weaken family; shared faith deepens it.

This love also gives rise to hope—a hope that builds confidence in God's future. We trust that God is shaping CJ's path in Adelaide, guiding our steps here on Gold Coast and preparing the way even in matters still unresolved. Hope strengthens us to persevere through trials, knowing that God is at work even when life feels uncertain. Hope keeps our hearts steady and our service faithful.

Like the Thessalonians, we are learning to serve God in the midst of change, challenge and joy. And just as their example encouraged believers far beyond their own community, may our journey — marked by faith, love and hope — quietly encourage those around us.

May Christ continue to form in us a faith that acts, a love that serves and a hope that endures.

Pastor David Lazarus



Announcements



Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School on the 18th and 25th October. Sunday School will resume on 1st November.

Thank you,
Michael

Man Space

Man Space is an opportunity for men from our congregation to come together, for breakfast and a chat. Whether you've been before or not, all a welcome. Bring a friend.

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.





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Encounter Church Plant Update, Praise and Prayer Points



"And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words." Matthew 6:7 NIV

Praise and thanksgiving:

1. Praise God for the faithfulness of the church plant prayer meeting group which meets weekly on Tuesdays at 5 pm to pray. Thank God for the prayer group's consensus to make this online prayer meeting for both TLCA and Encounter.
2. Praise God for the welcoming approach Encounter adopts to welcome "strangers", friends we have not met!
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 bring the regular members back to Encounter service each week.

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.
9. Pray for Encounter's planned Halloween walk scheduled for Saturday, 31 October, at the Broadwater Parkland, that it will minister to the children and families.
10. Pray for Ps David and his family to settle into life on the Gold Coast, especially at the manse and for Jennifer to have smooth transition to the College in Term 4, and Annie to settle into family routines as Ps David starts his ministry at TLCA.

From Tuesday, 20 October, onwards the Tuesday online prayer meeting will be joint TLCA and Encounter prayer meeting. Please join us to pray for both congregations. Send you expressions of interest to join us in prayer to tsaewong@hotmail.com . You can attend weekly or any frequency that your schedule permits. All are welcome.

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.





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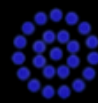


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PRESENTS:



OUT OF THE
SHADOWS WALK



Lifeline

OCT 31ST

9AM-11AM

Broadwater Parklands Fisherman's Lawn

9km Walk or Run

Free Sausage Sizzle and Gatorade



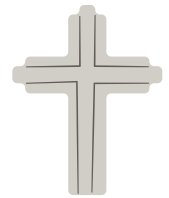
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Be a light for those lost in the darkness



Prayer Focus

Sunday 18 October, 2026
Twenty-First Sunday after
Pentecost



WORSHIP & THANKSGIVING: Thank you, God!

- Praise: God, you are good. Reflect on [Psalm 96:1-9 \(10-13\)](#) - the Psalm of the day.
- For our new Pastor **David Lazarus, his wife Annie and children JC 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. We also pray that Pastor David will receive his Blue Card soon so that he can begin his work. Prayers also for the family as CJ returned to Adelaide this week to continue his study.
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- For the Sundays after Pentecost: the Season of Growth, learning to step out in faith
- Our Volunteers: those who provide and serve morning tea after Sunday service
- 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; 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.

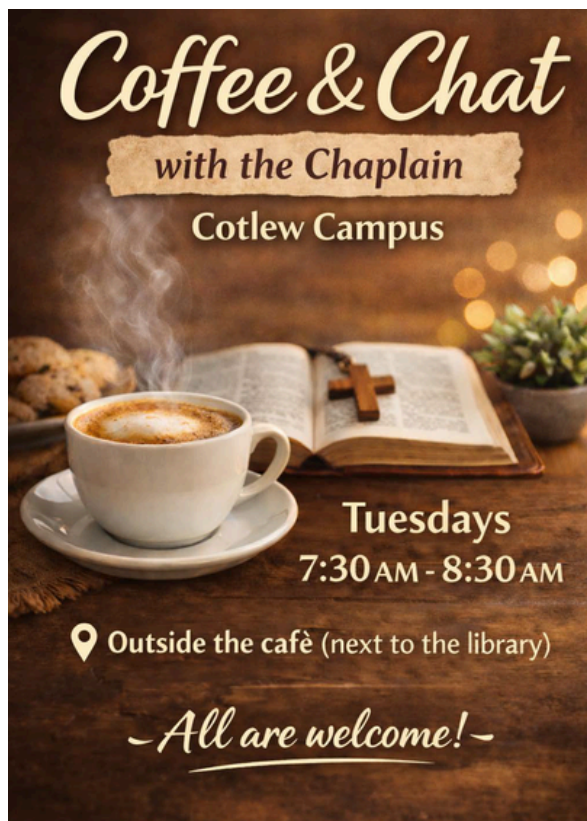
This week we pray for our members by name: **Tsae and Tat; Jennifer, Ela and Sebastian**.

Amen

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYERS

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





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BSB: 704942

Account No: 100217974



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Account Name: Trinity Ashmore

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Reference: Trinity Welfare Fund

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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?

October

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1. Coffee, Chat and Craft Group 10.00am 	2.	3.	4. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm
5.	6. Church Plant Prayer Meeting Coffee & Chat with the Chaplain	7.	8.	9. Games and Chat Trinity Southport Hall 10.00 am 	10. Sister Space 9.00am 	11. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm
12.	13. Church Plant Prayer Meeting Coffee & Chat with the Chaplain	14.	15.	16.	17.	18. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm
19.	20. Church Plant Prayer Meeting Coffee & Chat with the Chaplain	21.	22.	23. Games and Chat Trinity Southport Hall 10.00 am 	24.	25. Trinity Worship 9.00am Encounter worship 4.00pm
26.	27. Church Plant Prayer Meeting Coffee & Chat with the Chaplain	28.	29.	30.	31.	