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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ASHMORE

Weekly Bible Readings

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

Monday 9 November
Isaiah 54:10-17

Tuesday 10 November
Luke 13:22-30

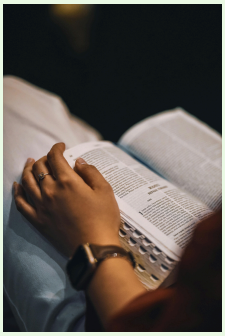
Wednesday 11 November
Philippians 2:12-18

Thursday 12 November
Hebrews 10:32-39

Friday 13 November
Revelation 3:1-6

Saturday 14 November
Psalm 90:1–8 (9–11) 12

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday 15 November
Judges 4:1–7 or
Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11
Matthew 25:14–30



Devotion

Encouraging One Another with the Hope of Christ's Return

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Christians in Thessalonica were troubled by a question that many believers still ask today: What happens to those who die before Jesus returns? They feared that their loved ones might somehow miss out on God's promises. Paul writes to comfort them, not with speculation, but with the certainty of Christ's resurrection.

Paul reminds them that because Jesus died and rose again, those who die in faith are safe in Him. When Christ returns, the dead in Christ will rise first, and together with the living believers they will be gathered to the Lord forever. This is not a symbolic event or merely a spiritual experience. Scripture teaches that Christ will return visibly and bodily, just as He ascended into heaven. His coming will bring the resurrection of the dead, the final judgment and the fulfilment of God's promises.

The Lutheran Confessions echo this biblical hope. The Augsburg Confession teaches that Christ will return on the Last Day to judge the living and the dead, raise all the dead and grant eternal life to believers. The Small Catechism directs Christians to pray, 'Your kingdom come,' looking forward to Christ's final victory and the completion of salvation. Rather than encouraging fear or endless attempts to predict dates, Lutheran teaching points believers to confidence in God's promises.

Paul's words also answer another question that often arises when we grieve: Will we know our loved ones in heaven? While Scripture does not describe every detail of eternal life, it gives us encouraging glimpses. Jesus speaks of believers sitting with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah are recognised. After His resurrection, Jesus remained recognisable to His disciples. These passages suggest that our identities are not erased but redeemed and perfected. The fellowship we enjoy in Christ will not be lost but fulfilled.

This truth has comforted many grieving families. Recently, as I visited people mourning the loss of husbands and fathers, I was reminded that Christian hope rests not in memories alone but in the promise of the resurrection. Even at gravesides, we can say with confidence: death does not have the final word. Christ does. The same Lord who conquered the grave will call His people by name and gather them into His eternal kingdom. In moments of grief and separation, God draws near through His Word and promises.

The doctrine of Christ's return is not given to create anxiety but hope. It reminds us that history is moving toward God's promised future, where sin, death, sorrow and separation will be no more. Until that day, we continue to live faithfully where God has placed us. We share Christ's love in everyday conversations, pray for those who are suffering, comfort the grieving and point others to the Saviour who died and rose again. Our hope is not built on our ability to understand every detail of the future but on the faithfulness of the One who promised, 'Surely I am coming soon.'

Pastor David Lazarus

Announcements

THANK YOU TRINITY ASHMORE

We are so grateful for the generous sponsorship from the Craft Group at Trinity Lutheran Church, Ashmore of the Momentum Leadership Camp in 2026.

Their support has enabled the next generation of student leaders to take part in a transformational leadership experience helping them discover their legacy and grow as hope-filled leaders.

Thank you Trinity Lutheran Church, Ashmore for sharing the mission and outreach of the wider Lutheran Church and investing in young adult leaders of today.

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ASHMORE
NOTICE OF UPCOMING BUDGET & ELECTIONS MEETING



Our Budget & Elections Meeting will be held on Sunday 22 November 2026 immediately after our church service and morning tea.

The 2027 budget will be presented at the meeting. As well, all positions on Church Council and our committees will become vacant and are available for election. The holders of the following positions have indicated they are unable to continue:

- Chair of Property Committee
- Member of Property Committee
- Pastoral Assistant
- District Synod Delegates x 2
- Church Council member
- Please also give prayerful consideration to the role of Treasurer, currently held by Desley Maurer, who has been in the role for a few years now. If there is anyone who can step into the position, this would be most helpful.

Papers for the meeting will be emailed in the days before the meeting.



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





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!



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Christmas is almost here

Are you interested in helping plan our Christmas Services this year - including the Christmas nativity play?

If so, please contact Helen Teece.

A meeting of interested people will be held mid November.

Our Chairman, Dr Philip Morris, has encouraged me to share food recipes in our weekly bulletin so that we can explore and enjoy dishes from different cultures.

This week, I am delighted to share my famous Indonesian Mie Goreng recipe. If you would like to contribute a favourite recipe from your own cultural background or family tradition, please feel free to contact me. We would love to feature it in a future bulletin! Pastor David

Indonesian Mie Goreng

By Lazarus family



Mie Goreng (or Mee Goreng) is an Indonesian noodle dish that's also found in Malaysia and other parts of South East Asia. With a sticky, savoury sweet sauce, noodles are tossed with chicken, prawns, vegetables and signature egg ribbons. A street food favourite! There are different type of noodles that can be used to make mie goreng, although, I prefer to use Hokkien noodle. All the listed ingredients are available in Woolworths, Coles and Asian groceries

Ingredients









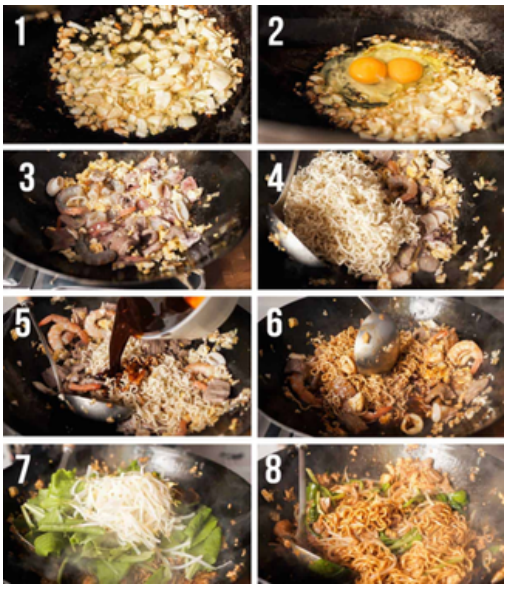




1 pack of Hokkien noodle (500 gr, if not available can be substitute with Singapore noodle)
2 eggs, lightly whisked
120 gr boiled chicken breast, thinly sliced into small bite size
100 gr raw peeled prawns/shrimps
½ cup mung bean sprouts
Sliced Greens (bok choy or choy sum) and cabbage
2 carrots and ½ red capsicum, cut it into matchstick (julienne)
2 tbsp chopped spring onions
½ brown/red onion, smoothly blend it with 3 cloves of garlic and 1 candle nut (you can skip the candle nut as it is hard to be found in here and I only can find it in one Indonesian grocery at Surfer Paradise or the Asian grocery in Harbour town).
½ tsp salt, ½ pepper
1 tbsp sweet soy sauce (kecap manis)
1 tbsp regular soy sauce
1 tbsp oyster sauce
500 ml of chicken stock
2 tbsp sunflower oil



Instructions



1.Heat the oil in a skillet over medium-high heat.Pour in the whisked egg, scramble it.
2.Toss in the prawn, blended onion, garlic and candlenut. Allow this to fry until fragrant.
3.Pour the regular soy sauce. Allow fry for 30 seconds.
4.Pour in the chicken stock, half of the shredded chicken breast, salt, pepper, kecap manis, oyster sauce, greens, cabbage, carrots, capsicum and half of the spring onions. I like the crunchy bean sprout, so I will leave it to the last step. Put the lid on and allow the stock to boil.
5. Once it is boiled, toss in your noodle. After one side is soft enough, flip it so the soft part will be on the top of the dry noodle. Add a bit of water if necessary. But don't too much as it will lead to soggy noodle.
6.Toss in the mung bean sprouts.
7.Mix well until the noodle is coated in sauce.Don't overcook it. Immediately remove off heat.
8.Garnish it with the remaining chicken breast and spring onions.
9.Enjoy

Encounter Church Plant Update, Praise and Prayer Points

TLCA and Encounter Joint Prayer meeting prayer items, 3 November 2026, 5 pm

1. Welcome Rob and Sue Fysh to the Tuesday prayer meeting as well as Kevin L's return to the prayer meeting.
2. Thank God for the wonderful participation of close to 30 college students, staff and Encounter members at the Encounter organised Out of the Shadow charity walk to raise fund for Lifeline on 31 October. $700 was raised for Lifeline.
3. Thank God for the visit of 26 Yirara College students and 6 staff from Alice Spring who varied their camp schedule to attend Encounter's service on 1 November to celebrate All Saints' Day.
4. Pray for Encounter's launch of Green Lantern activity this Sunday that it will provide the children the opportunity to connect with Encounter and continue to return for their spiritual nourishment.
5. 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.
6. Pray for Encounter's launch of the Green Lantern challenge on 8 November that many college students will attend and take on the challenges.
7. Pray for Pastor David and Annie's children, CJ and Jennifer that they will remain strong in faith and spirit during this time of transition and change for the family.
8. Pray for clarity and direction from God for Trinity and Encounter to reach out to the people in Ashmore and the wider areas so that they will hear the gospel.
9. Pray for the preparation of the joint Trinity and Encounter Christmas services that God will prepare the hearts and minds of those attending and the messages and activities shared during these services will minister to them.
10. Pray that God will continue to prepare our hearts and minds to be open to his leading for TLCA and Encounter so that both congregations can be blessings for the college and wider communities.
11. Pray for those congregation members who were not able to attend church on Sundays due that they will be encouraged by the visits of Rob and Sue Fysh as well as Pastor David to serve them holy communion and provide comfort.
12. Pray for those people in our surrounding areas who are isolated and not supported by any families or congregations that God will bring support and encouragement to them.
13. Pray for our families and congregation members who are unwell and have ill-health that God's comfort and presence are with them at all times.

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
Meeting ID: 853 4728 0937
Passcode: GLP3py



Prayer Focus

Sunday 8 November, 2026
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WORSHIP & THANKSGIVING: Thank you, God!

- Praise: God, you are good. Psalm of the day: Reflect on **Psalm 70**.
- 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
- For the safe return from holidays for several members
- For the return to church for **Jo-Ann** after her knee surgery 2 months ago
- Our Volunteers: Our members who visit others in need
- For our Featured Ministry This Week: Sisterspace

- 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.**
- 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: **Arthur and Jan, Heather.**

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)

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 p5 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