Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost **16th August, 2026**

St Paul Lutheran Church, Blair Athol

Living Jesus' Love

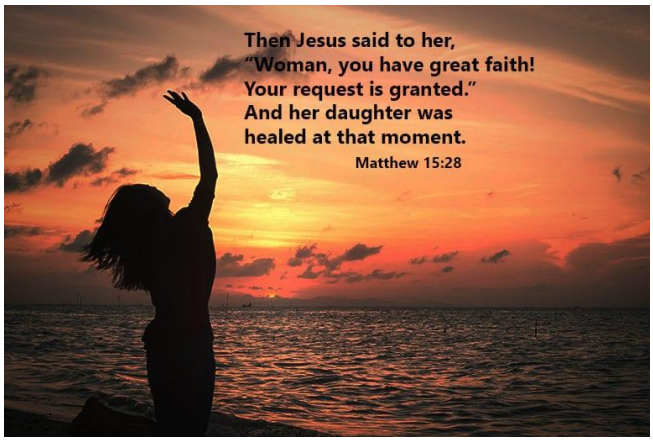
Welcome!

We are blessed to worship together at St Paul today and hope you know of God's nourishment as you receive His good gifts.

St Paul Lutheran Church, as part of the Lutheran Church of Australia, is committed to providing a safe church environment for children and young people.

Prayer of the Day

Thank you, God of the nations, for calling all kinds of people into your kingdom, even though none of us deserve your great love. Make us confident in praying to you for our own needs and for the needs of others. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Prayer Points

Please contact the church office to have your prayer point included below.

- For the Lord to help us guard our hearts, so that we keep the impure out and only dwell on the good and holy (Matthew 15:18-20; Proverbs 4:23).
- Trust that God uses our hardships and trials for His good purposes (Genesis 45:4-7).
- For unity between our Christian brothers and sisters and for forgiveness and healing from hurts and divisions (Psalm 133:1).
- Thanksgiving for God's mercy, even when we misuse His gifts and are disobedient to His call (Romans 11:29-32).
- Thanksgiving for Pastor Tim and his family as they answer God's call to serve here at Blair Athol and for His peace as they prepare for the move (Proverbs 19:21).
- Guide the Glenelg congregation as they have discussions and make decisions about their future (Isaiah 41:10).

Prayer Points Continued….

- For congregational families: Rentsch, Reid, Ratsch, Quick (Acts 16:31)
- For the sick or unwell and their carers, including Robert Coombe, Heiner Jeske, Roma Linke, Gina Mielke, Dulcie Parish, Nick Urbon and Cheryl Zucker (Isaiah 41:10).

Playgroup @ St Paul

Playgroup @ St Paul is for children aged 0-5 and a parent/caregiver and runs in the hall from 9-10.30am each Tuesday during school terms.
Cost is $2 per family.
Each week, aside from the play space, there is playdough, puzzles and jigsaws, something to explore in the messy tray and a simple craft before finishing up with story and song time and a sticker to go home.
This week we are looking at elephants. To know more about the fun you can have at playgroup, please talk to Kylie.

SPY

SPY (**S**t **P**aul **Y**outh) is our gathering for young people in school years 6,7,8 and involves indoor games, outdoor games, food, fun, fellowship, faith discussions and prayer.
The next SPY date is ***this Friday 21st August from 7-9pm;*** Boys on supper please.
A reminder that all parents are required to come inside and register your attendance. Cost is $3 and cold drinks are available for $2 a can.
For more information, please contact Thomas Hall or the Church Office.
Term 3 Dates:

- Friday 4th September – Girls on Supper
- Friday 18th September – Boys on Supper

Ordination Service – Paul Ridley

All congregation members are invited to attend the Ordination service of Paul Ridley, to be held at St Petri Lutheran Church, Nuriootpa, on ***Sunday 30th August*** at 2.30pm. Afternoon tea will be provided after the service.

Farewell Morning Tea – Leila Mattner

Leila has accepted the role as Principal at Waikerie Lutheran Primary School and started at the end of last term. As acknowledgment and thanksgiving for her service at St Paul, there will be a celebration morning tea after the service on ***Sunday 13th September.*** If you are able, please bring a plate to share.

Lutheran Care Partners with State Opera South Australia

Enjoy Hansel and Gretel and help create a path out of homelessness.
Head along to State Opera South Australia's upcoming production of *Hansel and Gretel*, and **$10** from every ticket sold through the special booking link below will help support South Australians at risk of and experiencing homelessness.
Running from ***August 21st-29th*** at Her Majesty's Theatre, *Hansel and Gretel* is based on the story by the Brothers Grimm, and brings to life a timeless story of courage, cunning, and the triumph of self-reliance.
Lutheran Care has recently lost almost $40,000 in annual funding which was used to provide practical help to people at risk of homelessness and those rebuilding after it. As a result, Lutheran Care have launched the Path Out of Homelessness Drive and are seeking new partners and supporters to help ensure people facing homelessness can access the practical assistance they need. If you are unable to attend but would still like to support the program you can make a donation online at https://www.lutherancare.org.au/donate-now/ and select 'Path Out of Homelessness Drive in the drop-down menu.

Australian Lutheran World Service – Walk My Way 2026

This year's Walk My Way is ***Saturday 12th September*** at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 32 Taylors Road West Aberfoyle Park, with registration and a free sausage sizzle from 11.30. (If you get there a bit late and register after 12 noon, the sausage sizzle is a gold coin donation). Plenty of free onsite parking available. For more details and registration visit https://walkmyway.org.au/
Stepping out so refugee girls can step up, the campaign aims to protect girls from child marriage and to support girls in refugee camps in Kenya and Somalia to access education.

Celebrations

- God's blessing to the following people as they celebrate their birthday this week: Jim Cowl.
- God's blessing to the following people as they celebrate their wedding anniversary this week: Ron & Dawn Ehrke, John & Lois Wear and Tim & Margie Ziersch.

Electronic Giving

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Rosters and What's On

This Week: 16th August		9.30am		Readings
Ushers		C Ziegeler		Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11:1-2, 29-32 Matthew 15:10-28
Greeters		A&E Khosravani		
Projection	**Sound Desk**	M Ruwoldt	M Uebergang	
Readings and Prayers		R Burls		
Communion		NA		
Coffee		R Timms, M Stewart		
Next Week: 23rd August		**9.30am**		**Readings**
Ushers		R Burls, T Wells		Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20
Greeters		L Doubtfire, R Timms		
Projection	**Sound Desk**	V Lamonby	M Hall	
Readings and Prayers		K Koelman		
Communion		NA		
Coffee		J Mead		

Calendar

Sunday 16th August	Tuesday 18th August	Wednesday 19th August	Thursday 20th August	Friday 21st August	Sunday 23rd August
9.30am Service	9am Playgroup	9am School Chapel	7.30pm KYB	7pm SPY	9.30am Service

Contact Us

Here at St Paul, we welcome feedback, especially from children, young people and members of the Lutheran Church.
If you would like to share feedback or contact us for more information on our safe church activities, please visit the contact page on our website
http://www.stpaul-church.org.au/contact.html

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