Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost **13th September, 2026**

St Paul Lutheran Church, Blair Athol

Living Jesus' Love

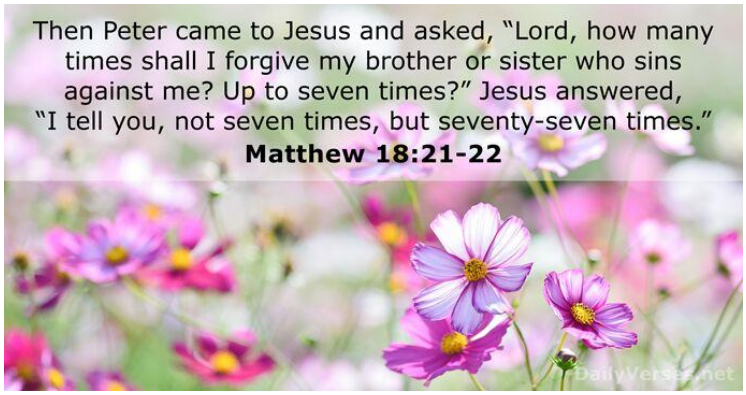
Welcome!

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, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you have had mercy on us and have forgiven us through your Son. Make us more like him, so that we too forgive one another from the heart. We ask this through Jesus Christ, 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.

- Thanksgiving for God's limitless patience and mercy and His daily forgiveness in our lives, removing our sins as far as the east is from the west. (Matthew 18:35; Psalm 103:3, 12).
- For the grace and generosity to extend forgiveness, so that we may be reconciled to one another, speaking words of apology and kindness to heal and restore relationships (Matthew 18:21- 22, 35).
- For trust that God walks with us and provides a way through every trial, struggle and hardship (Exodus 14:19-31).
- Comfort in the knowledge that God's ways are not our ways and with Him all things are possible (Exodus 14:19-31; Isaiah 55:8-9; Matthew 19:26).
- Praise and thanksgiving to God for his abounding love, grace and compassion (Psalm 103).
- That we honour Christ in all that we do, with hearts full of thanksgiving (Romans 14:5-6).

Prayer Points Continued….

- For congregational families: Mead, Mattner, Mackey, Longbottom (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).

Installation Date for Pastor Tim Ebbs

The St Paul community will welcome the arrival of Pastor Tim, Jessica, Josh and Nathan at an installation service to be held here on ***Sunday 17th January at 2pm.*** More details will be provided closer to the date. *"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." – Proverbs 19:21*

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 will be doing the Dino Stomp as we read the book 'Dinosaur Roar' by Paul Stickland. 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.
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.
Final Date for Term 3: Friday 18th September. This will be an excursion, and a text message was sent out this week with details. Please contact Thomas to RSVP and if you need any more information.

National Church Life Survey 2026

The National Church Life Survey (NCLS) has been equipping churches across 20 denominations for 35 years and seeks to be a means of promoting the abundant life of Jesus Christ in churches.

The goals are to help churches to build:

- Vitality and health in their mission and ministry
- Effectiveness and sustainability in their leadership
- Stronger connections with their local communities

St Paul will be participating in the upcoming Survey on ***Sunday 25th October***. If you would like to know more information about the values, mission, strengths and endorsements of the NCLS, please visit their website at https://2026ncls.org.au/

SA-NT District 'Together in Christ' Conference 2026

All Church members are invited to attend.

Who is it for?

Everyone is invited to join us for an inspiring event where you can **discover** mission opportunities, **learn** from experienced people, and **hear** stories of how God is at work through mission in local communities.

What will it consist of?

The event will offer a variety of **elective sessions,** providing participants with opportunities to learn from **engaging speakers**, participate in i**nteractive workshops**, and visit an **expo** highlighting mission resources and opportunities from LCANZ.

Why should I come?

This is a unique opportunity to **gather** as a district, to **pray** and **discern** God's call for us as His Church, and to be **encouraged** with a fresh vision for God's people and mission.

Registrations are open from now until 31st October via the QR code on the right or the SA-NT District website https://sant.lca.org.au/events/tic/

Electronic Giving

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Rosters and What's On

This Week: 13th September		9.30am		Readings
Ushers		C Ziegeler		Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35
Greeters		R&D Ehrke		
Projection	**Sound Desk**	Jenke Family	M Uebergang	
Readings and Prayers		L Venning		
Communion		NA		
Coffee		M Ziersch		
Next Week: 20th September		**9.30am**		**Readings**
Ushers		R Burls/T Wells		Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16
Greeters		N&J Carr		
Projection	**Sound Desk**	G Ratsch	M Hall	
Readings and Prayers		N&J Carr		
Communion		B Voigt		
Coffee		Fisher Family		

Calendar

Sunday 13th September	Tuesday 15th September	Wednesday 16th September	Thursday 17th September	Friday 18th September	Sunday 20th September
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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