Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost **30th August, 2026**

St Paul Lutheran Church, Blair Athol

Living Jesus' Love

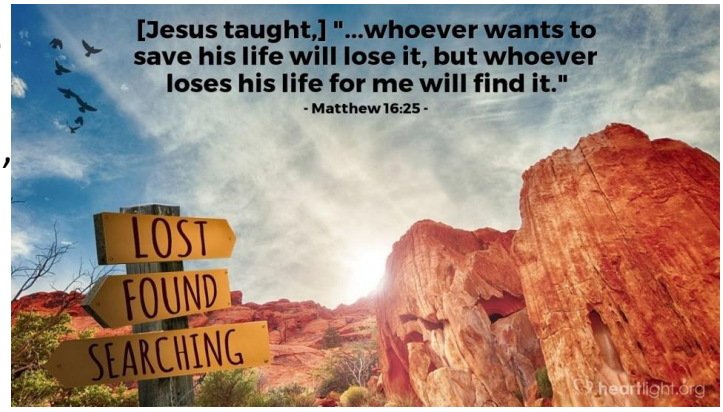
Welcome!

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

Lord God, your Son humbled himself in obedience to your will and gave up his life for us. Transform and renew us within. Help us not to be conformed to this world, but to dedicate ourselves to you, and do what pleases you. 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.

- That we put aside the things of this world and our own priorities, instead accepting God's plan, and following Jesus wherever He calls us. (Matthew 16:24-25).
- That we pause and look to notice God's presence in our daily lives and surrender to his holiness and majesty, opening our hearts to see His will and purpose (Exodus 3:3-6, 14).
- That we look to the Lord for His strength and seek His face always (Psalm 105:4).
- For joyful hearts as we praise the Lord, remembering all His wonders and miracles (Psalm 105:2-3, 5).
- That we rejoice in hope, are patient in tribulation and constant in prayer (Romans 12:12).
- That we give and share generously with all in need and live at peace with everyone, overcoming evil with good (Romans 12:13, 18, 21).

Prayer Points Continued….

- For congregational families: Oborn, Nuske, Nuske, Musimbi (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 will be making gifts in time Father's Day to celebrate all the Fathers and Father-figures in our lives. 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 4th September from 7-9pm;***
Girls 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.
Final Term 3 Date:

- Friday 18th September – Boys on Supper

Open Invitations from Hearts & Hands

Save the date for a Games Night on ***Friday 11th September at 7pm*** in the hall. Bring along your favourite board games or card games, your knitting, crocheting or latest craft project, a colouring in book or a jigsaw. It's all about the fellowship. Tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring your own snacks. If you want to know more about the night, please speak to Renate.

Everyone is welcome to attend a presentation and performance by *The Bikie Busker, James Kendall* on ***Friday 13th November at 7pm*** in the hall. Entry fee is $10 and will support the mission and ministry of the church. Supper will be provided. Please RSVP to Kylie by 1st November.

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 to be held later in the year; more specifics will be available of the coming weeks. 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/

Nepal Flood Disaster: Support Needed

Severe flooding in Nepal has caused widespread devastation, with early reports indicating that more than 150 people have lost their lives and hundreds remain missing.

Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) are working with Lutheran World Federation (LWF) to develop an emergency response plan and assessing the impact on affected communities. Based on previous disaster responses in Nepal, anticipated needs include emergency shelter, food supplies, safe water, sanitation and other essential items. As a church, we pray for all those affected by this disaster, for those still unaccounted for, and for emergency workers and aid agencies responding to the crisis.

How you can help: Donations to the ALWS Emergency Fund enable rapid assistance when disasters strike and help Lutheran partners provide support where it's most needed. You can donate online at Nepal Emergency Response - Australian Lutheran World Service

Celebrations

- God's blessing to the following people as they celebrate their birthday this week: Emma Jenke, Peter Freemna, Hannah Ratsch, Mark Oster and Thomas Hall.
- God's blessing to the following people as they celebrate their wedding anniversary this week: Dennis & Robyn Clark.

Electronic Giving

BSB: 704942 Account Number: 100083145

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Rosters and What's On

This Week: 30th August		9.30am		Readings
Ushers		B Voigt, N Urbon		Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28
Greeters		V Lamonby, N Urbon		
Projection	**Sound Desk**	W Burls	M Jenke	
Readings and Prayers		V Lamonby		
Communion		NA		
Coffee		J&M Williams		
Next Week: 6th September		**9.30am**		**Readings**
Ushers		R Brettig		Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20
Greeters		E Shrowder, R Timms		
Projection	**Sound Desk**	C Freeman	M Hall	
Readings and Prayers		K Koelman		
Communion		R Burls		
Coffee		Weiss Family		

Calendar

Sunday 30th August	Tuesday 1st September	Wednesday 2nd September	Thursday 3rd September	Friday 4th September	Sunday 6th 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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