Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost **9th 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

Through the storms of life, O God, you are with your people in the person of Jesus your Son. Calm our fears and strengthen our faith that we may never doubt his presence among us but proclaim that he is your Son, risen from the dead, living for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer Points

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

- That we step out in confidently in faith when the Lord calls us to "Come" (Matthew 14:20-31).
- That the Lord removes all jealousy and bitterness from our hearts and brings healing to damaged familial relationships (Genesis 37:4).
- That we always look to the Lord for strength and seek His face (Psalm 105:4).
- Thanksgiving as we remember the Lord's wonders and miracles and give Him praise as we tell others of His wonderful acts (Psalm 105:2, 5).
- For reassurance and comfort in the knowledge that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Romans 10:13).
- Thanksgiving for all those who have brought us the good news of salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus (Romans 10:9, 15).
- For all who are grieving and mourning the loss of loved ones, including Cheryl Ziegeler, mourning the loss of her mother, Jackie. That God's love and care bring comfort as He binds up the wounds of their hearts and catches each tear as it falls (Psalm 147:3, Psalm 56:8).

Prayer Points Continued….

- For congregational families: Schwarz, Scholz, Ruwoldt and Rosenzweig (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 blasting off into space and looking at comets. 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 date for SPY is ***Friday 21st August from 7-9pm.***
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 21st August – Boys on Supper
Friday 4th September – Girls on Supper
Friday 18th September – Boys on Supper

Lutheran Women SA-NT Metro North Zone

A reminder that registrations close Friday 14th August for the Lutheran Women SA-NT Metro North Zone Fellowship Day on ***Thursday 20th August*** at 521 Main North Road, Elizabeth, with coffee from 9.15am ahead of a 10am start. This years' theme is 'Ears to Hear, Hands to Care, Hearts to Love'. Please bring your own lunch; tea and coffee will be provided.
RSVP details are available on the table in the narthex.

Please note that gentlemen are welcome to attend.

Australian Lutheran World Service – Walk My Way 2026

Walk My Way is an initiative of Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS), the Lutheran Church of Australia's Overseas Aid and Resettlement Agency and was initiated to create awareness of global issues impacting some of the world's most disadvantaged and vulnerable people and to raise funds so that children in some of the poorest countries in the world can access a better future. Last year 4,396 people stepped out and raised $272,127, which gave more than 10,800 children access to education, safety and nutritious food.

This year, hosted by Our Saviour Lutheran Church, **Walk My Way Aberfoyle Park** is part of ALWS's PRECIOUS campaign – protecting girls, restoring dignity and creating futures full of hope. 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.

The free community event is for people of all ages and abilities. You are invited to walk, talk, pray, reflect, as you walk around the Happy Valley Reservoir, enjoying the native bushland with water views. Walks vary in length with 2.6km, 5.3km and 10.6km options, starting and finishing at Our Saviour Lutheran church, where you will enjoy the congregation's gracious community hospitality. If you choose not to walk, you can support in other ways by cheering the walkers on, praying for the campaign or giving a donation.

This year's walk 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/

Celebrations

Let's Celebrate!

- God's blessing to the following people as they celebrate their birthday this week: Chris Stafford, Peter Oster, Emily Koelman and Terry Meads.

Electronic Giving

BSB: 704 942 Account Number: 100083145
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Rosters and What's On

This Week: 9th August		9.30am		Readings
Ushers		R Brettig		Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22,45b Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33
Greeters		R Timms, M Stewart		
Projection	**Sound Desk**	M Stewart	M Hall	
Readings and Prayers		C Freeman		
Communion		C Stafford		
Coffee		P&C Freeman		
Next Week: 16th August		**9.30am**		**Readings**
Ushers		C Ziegeler		Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11:1-2, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28
Greeters		A&E Khosravani		
Projection	**Sound Desk**	M Ruwoldt	M Uebergang	
Readings and Prayers		R Burls		
Communion		NA		
Coffee		R Timms, M Stewart		

Calendar

Sunday 9th August	Tuesday 11th August	Wednesday 12th August	Thursday 13th August	Sunday 16th August
9.30am Service	9am Playgroup	9am School Chapel	7.30pm KYB	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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