

St Stephen's Lutheran Church



Sunday 13th April 2025

9.00am - Special Order + HC
10.30am - Chinese Worship
11.00am - Contemporary
Worship + HC



Welcome

Please take a moment to sign our visitors book in the church foyer.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Preacher: Tanya Wittwer
Sermon Text: Luke 19:40
Sermon Title: Cosmic Alignment

BIBLE READING

Luke 19:29-44

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY

Generous God, we give thanks for this beautiful city and for the privilege of being here. Thank you for the many activities that we host. Help us to keep our eyes on you as we enjoy the good things that life has to offer. Keep us mindful of the needs of those who are struggling financially, physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Help us to be generous and to share our plenty with those who have less.

Loving God, as Easter approaches, help us to put aside the distractions of life, and to spend time reflecting on Jesus and what his life and death mean for us. We pray for protection for all of those who are travelling, for safety on the roads and in the airways.

Ever present God, thank you for journeying with us over the last decades as the issue of women's ordination has been discussed and debated. We rejoice that Maria Rudolph will be ordained today, and Tanya Wittwer on May 10. We pray for all of those women who have been called to be pastors who can now train and prepare for ordination.

We pray for our community: for Daniel Nagel as he celebrates his birthday; for Pat Welke and Lola Keller; for Royce Linke and the Wurst family. for those who will be attending worship with us in the coming week. We pray for those who are ill and for those who are worried. Grant us all your peace, faithful God, and help us to know that you are holding us in the palm of your hand.

Worship is live streamed on YouTube.

To access, go to www.youtube.com and search 'St Stephen's Lutheran Church, Adelaide'



An audio version of today's sermon will be available on the church website for you to listen to.
New sermons are posted during the next week.

Next Sunday's Bible Reading

Luke 24:1-12
(Dawn Service - John 20:1-18)

In the spirit of reconciliation we acknowledge the Kaurna people, traditional custodians of the land on which the St Stephen's church stands. We pay our respect to their Elders, past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

9AM WORSHIP DETAILS

Organist: Morris Rieger

1. **TIS 333** 'All glory, praise and honour'
2. **TIS 187** 'Let all creation dance'
3. **TIS 538** 'Feed us now'
4. **TIS 240** 'All go to God when they are sorely placed'

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving Father of all, your only Son came as a servant and was obedient all the way to his death on the cross. Make us humble like Christ, and bring us to be with him in his glory. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, keep our hearts oriented to you this day, so we may follow Jesus into peace that holds in times of trouble. Make us humble and self-giving, serving others as he served us. Amen.

PSALM 118:19-23

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

Upcoming Preachers

13/03/2025	Tanya Wittwer
Maundy Thursday	Peter Lockwood
Good Friday 10am	Mark Altmann
Easter Sunday 6am	Bishop Paul Smith
Easter Sunday 8am & 10am	Helen Lockwood
27/04/2025	TBC
4/5/2025	Susan Wood



You are invited to join us for tea & coffee
after the 9am service or a light lunch
after the 11am service.
All welcome.



WHAT'S ON... WHAT'S NEW...

Easter Services 2025

Maundy Thursday - 17th April

6.30pm - Contemporary Service
8.00pm - Traditional Service

Good Friday - 18th April

10.00am - Reflective Service
7.00pm - God's Own Fool:
Passion Drama Service

Easter Sunday - 20th April

6.00am - Dawn Service
8.00am - Contemporary Service
10.00am - Traditional Service
10.30am - Chinese Worship

Hot Cross buns,
tea and coffee following
each service on Easter Sunday.
Please join us.

Easter Tracts

Easter tracts and cards in the tract stand.
There are plenty available and something for
everyone!



ALWS Walk My Way St Stephen's Strollers

Join the St Stephen's team or sponsor them in ALWS's Walk My Way on Saturday May 3rd. You can volunteer to help on the day, walk 3km or walk 10km. Joining with hundreds of others to support vulnerable children impacted by poverty and war in Somalia, South Sudan, Kenya, Ethiopia, Burundi, Nepal and Ukraine.

Register and join us or Donate to the team's fundraising at
<https://adelaide.alws75.org.au/page/STSTEPHENSStrollers>
or via the QR below.



Donations to ALWS can be made at
www.alws.org.au

By the grace of God and the call of the church ...

Tanya Wittwer will be ordained at St Stephen's on **Saturday 10th May at 11 am**. A light lunch will follow the service; please bring something to share if it is convenient to do so.

Maria Rudolph's ordination will be today, 13th April at 2 pm at Concordia College. Sue Westhorp will be ordained on 27th April at Luther College, Croydon.



**Sunday School is held at 10.30am.
Come and join us!**



THIS COMING WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 2025		School Holidays	
Mon 14	1.00pm	Jazz Group	Hall
Thur 17	12.00pm	Gladys's Gerhardy Friend Group	Glynde
	6.30pm 8.00pm	Maunder Thursday Contemporary Service Traditional Service	Church Church
Fri 18	10.00am 7.00pm	Good Friday Reflective Service God's Own Fool: Passion Drama Service	Church Church
	Sun 20	6.00am 8.00am 10.00am 10.30am	Easter Sunday Dawn Service Contemporary Worship Traditional Worship Chinese Worship

SMALL GROUPS

Women's Fellowship:

Thursday 1st May 2025 1.00pm at Glynde

Gladys Gerhardy Friendship group:

Thursday 17th April 2025 12.00pm at Glynde

Regular Electronic Giving (REG)

Direct Debit Request Forms and Information are available from the brochure rack in the narthex.

PRAYER GROUP

For prayer requests and inquiries about the prayer group, please email Colleen Fitzpatrick on coljon@internode.on.net

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Our current Church Council members are:

Chairman : Karl Schenscher

Vice-Chair : Julie Rodda

Secretary : Janice Bartholomaeus

Treasurer : David Zweck

Additional members : Douglas Sia, Paul Bohlmann, Tim Chen, Marcia Lohe, and Eleanor Long.