

# St Stephen's Lutheran Church



*Sunday 26th January 2025*

*3rd Sunday after Epiphany*

**9.00am** - Spoken + 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: Susan Wood  
Sermon Text: Luke Luke 5:1-11  
Sermon Title: The Life of Meaning

## BIBLE READINGS

Luke 5:1-11

## PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY

Creator God, you made this land of ours with its beauty, richness and diversity. We give thanks for the First Nations People, for their knowledge and wisdom and for their love and respect for the land. Help us to learn from them, and help us to live together in harmony. We give thanks for the opportunities that we have to share with others the gifts that have been so generously placed before us. Help us to speak out courageously in your name for justice and for peace.

Inclusive God, open our eyes to the richness that diversity brings to our lives. Help us to see your image in all those who come across our paths. Help us to acknowledge the gifting that make each person unique, and to encourage and appreciate that. Help us to use our own gifts for your glory and for the good of others.

We pray for students and for teachers as the school year opens before us. Thank you for times of rest and recreation. Thank you for times of learning, and times of teaching. Thank you for the times that we have spent with family and friends and the memories that we have created and those that we have recalled.

We pray for our community and for each member of it; for those who are ill and for those who are receiving medical attention; for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones and for those who are anticipating such a loss. We pray for the family of Hannelore Tebeck who died earlier this week. We pray for Chris Borgelt as he celebrates his birthday.

## Worship is live streamed on YouTube.

To access, go to [www.youtube.com](http://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 Readings

Luke 6:1-16

***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: Sonia Bradtke**

1. **LH 377** 'Take My Life and Let it Be'
2. **TIS 650** 'Brother, sister, let me serve you' [Tune: LHS 855]
3. **LH 392** 'How Firm a Foundation'
4. **LHS 863** 'Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine'

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dear Lord, thank you for the truths that are written in your word. Help us to trust in your plan for our lives and to answer your call through loving words and actions. May our hearts be open to your guidance and may we have the strength to follow wherever you lead us.  
Amen.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Saving God, Help us to live harmoniously, serving and helping one another, and being your instruments to bring good news, healing, and liberty to others.  
Amen.

## PSALM 90:14-17

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and for as many years as we have seen evil.  
Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!



**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...

### Save the date!

We will celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church on the **9<sup>th</sup> February** with a **combined service at 10.30 am**. The congregation began in 1848, electing Elder Borgelt to be ordained as it's pastor, and holding services in Klemzig and Adelaide. In 1862 the congregation built a church in Pirie Street. This was sold in 1899 and the existing church was dedicated on February 11<sup>th</sup> 1900.

### Lunar New Year Celebration 2025

The Chinese Ministry will be celebrating the Lunar New Year TODAY 26th January 2025. As part of the festivities, we will be hosting a special Sunday lunch after the morning services, and everyone in St. Stephen's is warmly invited to join us in the social space. This celebration is a wonderful opportunity to experience traditional Chinese culture and enjoy some delicious food. We would be thrilled to welcome the St. Stephen's community to join us on this joyous occasion.

### Upcoming Preachers

2/02/2025	Helen Lockwood
9/02/2025	Joyce Graue
16/02/2025	Andrew Brook
23/02/2025	Stephen Haar



### Offering Update for period to December 2024

Community	December Actual	December Budget	Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
English	19,507	20,904	1,397	226,849	239,000	12,151
Chinese	3,959	4,712	753	41,241	49,000	7,759
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,466</b>	<b>25,616</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>268,090</b>	<b>288,000</b>	<b>19,910</b>

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



## THIS COMING WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

<b>Jan 2025</b>			
<b>Mon 27</b>	1.00pm	Jazz Group	Hall
<b>Thur 30</b>	7.00pm	City of Adelaide Band	Hall
<b>Sun 2 Feb</b>	9.00am 10.30am 11.00am	Traditional + HC Chinese Worship Contemporary Worship + HC	Church U Hall Church

### *SMALL GROUPS*



#### **Women's Fellowship:**

Thursday 6th February 2025 1.00pm at Glynde

#### **Gladys Gerhardy Friendship group:**

Thursday 20th February 2025 12.00pm at Glynde

#### **Bible Study Group:**

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