

St Stephen's Lutheran Church



Sunday 6th April 2025
Fifth Sunday in Lent

9.00am - Traditional + 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: Helen Lockwood
Sermon Text: Luke 18:31-19:10
Sermon Title: Sight and Insight

BIBLE READING

Luke 18:31-19:10

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY

Steadfast God, we pray that we would feel your presence when so much in our world seems to be in chaos. Hold us close and grant us your grace as we face the challenges and changes in the world around us. We pray for those who are vulnerable physically, emotionally and spiritually. We pray for those who are reaching out to those in need, and give thanks for their loving care and concern.

Creator God, as daylight saving comes to an end, we thank you for the opportunities that we have had over summer to spend time with family and friends, to enjoy arts and creativity and the wonders of creation. We give thanks for the beauty of nature. We give thanks for great artists whose work is freely accessible to us in our city. We also pray for the visitors who are coming to Adelaide at this time and give thanks for sports men and women who provide entertainment for so many,

We pray for our community: for Kath Schoff and Steven Elovaris as they celebrate their birthdays; we pray for Amelia Sloan and Thomas Hoffman who were baptised a year ago. We pray for each other and the bonds of friendship that we have within our community that sustain us when times are tough, and with whom we can share our joys and sorrows. We also pray for those who are preparing our worship times over Easter, and for those who will be involved in leading them.

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 Readings

Luke 19:29-44

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

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| 1. TIS 584 'Just as I am' | 3. TIS 498 'Draw near and take' |
| 2. TIS 648 'May we accept each other
Lord' | 4. TIS 129 'Amazing Grace' |

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the lost, we are quick to judge and slow to accept those whom we consider lower than ourselves. But you show us the way of acceptance, forgiveness, and peace. We honour your name for teaching us to love, for the sake of the one who is the essence of love itself, Jesus Christ our loving Lord. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family and in the community beyond us. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PSALM 84:1- 4, 10-12

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
2 My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
3 Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
4 Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah
10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.
11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favour and honour.
No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.
12 O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.



**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 - Traditional Service
7.00pm - God's Own Fool:
Passion Drama Service

Easter Sunday - 20th April

6.30am - 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.**



Daylight Savings

Daylight savings ends
THIS weekend. On
Sunday morning, 6th April
at 3.00am we need to
move our clocks back by
an hour.



Lenten Services

Lenten services will be held at St Stephen's at
7pm and also at Immanuel North Adelaide at
10.30am on 9th of April.

9th April - Robin Mann

I am the Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18

Upcoming Preachers

6/04/2025	Helen Lockwood
13/03/2025	James Winderlich
Maundy Thursday	Peter Lockwood
Good Friday 10am	Mark Altmann
Easter Sunday 6am	Tanya Wittwer
Easter Sunday 8am & 10am	Helen Lockwood

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](https://adelaide.alws75.org.au/page/STSTEPHENSStrollers)
or via the QR below.



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

Offering Update for period to March 2025

Community	March Actual	March Budget	Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
English	17,346	20,436	- 3,090	51,947	58,500	- 6,553
Chinese	3,250	4,760	- 1,510	10,068	12,376	- 2,308
Total	20,596	25,196	- 4,600	62,015	70,876	- 8,861

THIS COMING WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 2025			
Mon 7	1.00pm	Jazz Group	Hall
Wed 9	9.30am & 5.45pm 10.30am 7.00pm	Yoga Lenten Service at Immanuel North Adelaide Lenten Service	Hall Immanuel Church
Thur 10	11.00am 7.00pm	Red Cross City of Adelaide Band	Hall Hall
Sun 13 Palm Sunday	9.00am 10.30am 11.00am	Matins Chinese Worship Contemporary Worship + HC	Church Hall Church

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.