

St Stephen's Lutheran Church



Sunday 9th March 2025
First Sunday in Lent

9.00am - Matins
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: David Gogoll
Sermon Text: Luke 10:25-42
Sermon Title: Love your neighbour

BIBLE READINGS

Luke 10:25-42

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY

Gracious God, as we venture further into Lent, we pray that it would be a time of prayer, reflection and repentance, giving us courage and strength to face the challenges before us. 'Come, Lord Jesus, come into this weary world. Oh how we long for you to come, Lord, come.'

All powerful God, you are stronger than any cyclone and greater than any wind. We pray for those who have been adversely affected by Tropical Cyclone Alfred. We pray for those whose health and livelihood has suffered; we also pray for first responders who have worked to ensure peoples' safety and comfort, and those who are providing care and relief in the aftermath.

We pray for our community, and for our congregational leaders. As the Annual General Meeting approaches, we give thanks for our Church Council and for all that they do for us. We pray for those who are willing to serve in this way, and that there would be people who are prepared to do so into the future. We pray for the discussions that are underway with the North Adelaide congregation and that their outcome would be pleasing to God and of benefit to our congregations. We pray for the members of our congregation, and that their needs would be met. We remember the Wurst family and pray for their comfort and strength. We give thanks for Jill Pratt and her joyful service among us, as she celebrates her birthday this week.

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 13:1-9, 31-35

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: Andrew Ampt

1. **LH 500** 'Blessed Jesus, at thy word'
2. **LH 163** 'Would you know what I most prize?'
3. **LH 875** 'There's a wideness in God's mercy'
4. **LH 903** 'Tell out my soul'

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Our Saviour Jesus Christ, you died for our sins, were raised from death, and call people to follow you. Make us faithful disciples, and use us to draw others to you. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

**God of love, teach us to give of ourselves in love, and use us and our possessions to help other people.
Amen.**

PSALM 15

- O GOD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?
- 2 Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; The one who does justice will live in the presence of God.
 - 3 those who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;
 - 4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honour those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
The one who does justice will live in the presence of God.
 - 5 those who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.
The one who does justice will live in the presence of God.



**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...

Upcoming Preachers

16/03/2025	Susan Wood
23/03/2025	Stephen Haar
30/03/2025	Tanya Wittwer
6/04/2025	Helen Lockwood

AGM

This years AGM will be held on **Sunday 30th March 2025** at 1.00pm In the social space

Nominations for AGM

Please contact James Gerhardy on jjgerhardy@gmail.com regarding nominations for the AGM.

ALWS - Walk my way

To celebrate 75 years of service, ALWS aims to support 75,000 children with the essentials for a happy, healthy life - food, school and safety. The walk will be happening in Adelaide on **5th May 2025**. If you are interested in walking or donating you can register or donate at alws75.org.au or call 1300 763 407.

Lenten Services

Lenten services will be held at St Stephen's at 7pm and also at Immanuel North Adelaide at 10.30am on the 12th, 19th, 26th March and 2nd and 9th of April.

(Free 2 hour parking at the North Adelaide Village, opposite the Church)

Lenten Devotion

If you would like a Lenten devotion delivered each day to your email, one option is to go to:



luthersem.edu/godpause and click on the "Subscribe to God Pause" button on the right hand side. Because it comes from Luther Seminary in the US, it will appear late in the day rather than the morning.



Lenten Service Themes

12th March	I am the Bread of Life	John 6:35-40
19th March	I am the Light of the World	John 8:12-20
26th March	I am the Door	John 10:1-10
2nd April	I am the Good Shepherd	John 10:11-18
9th April	I am the Resurrection and the Life	John 11:17-27

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



THIS COMING WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

March 2025			
Mon 10	1.00pm	Jazz Group	Hall
Wed 12	9.30am & 6.45pm 10.30am 7.00pm	Yoga Lenten Service at Immanuel North Adelaide Lenten Service	Hall Immanuel Church
Thur 13	7.00pm	City of Adelaide Band	Hall
Sun 16 March	9.00am 10.30am 11.00am	Alternative + HC Chinese Worship Contemporary Worship + HC	Church Hall Church

SMALL GROUPS



Women's Fellowship:

Thursday 3rd April 2025 1.00pm at Glynde

Gladys Gerhardy Friendship group:

Thursday 20th March 2025 12.00pm at Glynde