



22nd July 2007—8th Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME to all worshipping with us today.

Greetings to any visitors here with us today. We are pleased to have you join us and we trust you have felt welcomed and pray the Holy Spirit may enlighten and empower us with the message shared with us today.

*Tea & coffee is available in the Fellowship Centre following morning service and at 5.45 pm a light tea is available prior to the evening service at 6.30 pm.
Please feel welcome to join us.*

TWO MINUTES

Luke 10: 38-42 Mary or Martha – Your Choice?

I have always thought that Martha seems to get a 'bad rap' when you hear explanations regarding the story of Mary and Martha. We are told that Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet, absorbed in His teaching, while Martha ran around like a headless chook attending to the chores and then complained about it. We are told that it is good to take 'time out' and that we should be like Mary. We even feel guilty when we get too 'busy' in our lives to be good 'Marys'. In reality though we will always be a combination of Mary and Martha. We can't sit around all day lost in God's word, no matter how awesome it is. There is a time for work, for living as well. So what's the real point of today's Gospel? Our lives are filled with choices, priorities, even anxieties and troubles as well as joy. At the beginning of Creation God purposely made us each with a free will to cope with the many choices of life. Often we change our choices and sometimes our decisions are changed for us or even reversed. Jesus teaches us that there is however one choice that cannot be taken back and that choice is Jesus Himself. Mary knew the rich and glorious secret of God that St Paul proclaims in his letter to the Colossians; that when you choose Jesus you allow him into your heart and your life fully and completely. So Mary made her choice and Jesus also encouraged Martha to come and sit and learn so that she too could choose. It's the same one choice that all mankind needs to make.

Prayer: Holy Spirit search my heart now to see if I have chosen Jesus in the most deep and intimate way. If not, guide me to make that one choice needful, Jesus my Saviour and my Lord. Amen

Michael Gower



Readings for today

Amos 8: 1-12
Col. 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

Readings for 29th July

Hosea 1:2-10
Col. 2:6-15
Luke 11:1-13

Worship Opportunities

Today 22nd July	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship
Friday 27th July	8.45-9.15 am	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club
Sunday 29th July	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship with HC
Friday 3rd August	8.45-9.15 am	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club

Family Friendly Worship

At Golden Grove, we love **everybody** to be involved in worship.



Please encourage children and visitors to join in the singing and prayers, and to stand and sit at appropriate times when they are able. This is best done by leading by example!

For our 'little ones' - Quiet bags & busy books are available for worship time from the church foyer. Paper & pencils are available for children (and adults too if they would like to take notes of the message!!!)

It is not appropriate for unattended children to play in the foyer at any time during the service. Please ask an usher if you require assistance, or speak to a "Ministry Leader" if you would like to help young families during Worship times.

Thank you for worshipping with us!



- **Today** I am preaching on **Spiritual disciplines**. I am basing the sermon on 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 especially *I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should*. This was a topic that was given to me from the Worship team/ Salt Factory team. Have a look at "Hey let's talk about the sermon" to get some idea what I am preaching about.
- **Next week** I plan to start the sermon series: "*Fight the good fight*" on spiritual warfare with the sermon: Resist the devil. Based on James 4:7: *So humble yourselves before God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you.*
- **This week** is the last chance to book in to see the film "**Amazing Grace**" with the congregation. The film starts at 6.45pm. at Hoyts, TTP. Book in with Judith. I also encourage you to join us back in the Fellowship Centre following the film for supper.
- **Last week** I referred to the book *Amazing Grace* by Eric Metaxas available from our library. Why don't you be first to borrow it?
- Don't forget about the Willow **Global Leadership Summit** for 12, 13 October. The early bird rate runs out **3rd August**. More details see notice board and www.willowcreek.org.au or see a member of the Management Team.
- I have been giving out (*mainly through the pigeon holes*) an invitation to the **leader's retreat on 20th October**. If you are a leader in the congregation and have failed to get one, please see me. (I am sorry for this oversight.)
- We've been holding "**healing services**" on the 3rd Sunday of each month for the last 4 months but the attendance hasn't been going up yet (in fact quite the contrary). (I realize that the last one was in the middle of the school holidays.) In a discussion after the last healing service we pondered why people aren't attending. We considered factors like the name of the service, the time and place and possibly that people don't feel that it's for them because *they* aren't sick. The thought was also offered that some might consider it threatening. However, we agreed that we love that with the healing service we have 3 opportunities a month to have Holy Communion on a Sunday morning, that you can (if you request it) have hands laid on you and be anointed with oil for healing, give your testimony, discuss Bible readings in worship and that the Worship Centre is so versatile that the numbers in attendance isn't really a factor. The healing service is a reminder that we all need healing. The next service is planned for 19th August, 11am in the Worship Centre for all us sinners who are sick.

Pastor Leon

Hey let's talk about the sermon!

(These questions may help you to get more out of the sermon. Why not use them in your devotional time or in a discussion with a friend or in your small group?)

1. How is your "spiritual exercise program" going?
2. Why do we practice "spiritual disciplines"?
3. What do you feel more important for you - meditation or fasting? Why?
4. How is your prayer life? How can you improve it?
5. How is your study life? What do you think about the tool pastor presented to improve it?
6. What can you do if you see yourself "failing" in your spiritual disciplines?

The Salt Factory

'A service of Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship, run by young people for all people'

Tonight—6.30 pm service starts

Come from 5.45 pm onwards for food (gold coin donation) and drinks (\$1 cans)

Time to take a break—Brett away on leave

Brett is on leave from 7/7/07 to 28/7/07 taking a well deserved break from all things Youth.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Forum – www.gglf.org.au/youth/forum

REV₃₂₀ (yrs 7-9)

Friday 27th July, 6pm-10pm. Bring \$4

Movie night. We would like to join with congregation members and go to Hoyts TTP to see the movie **Amazing Grace**. **Meet at church by 6.00 pm**. Ticket cost \$9

Invitation to the Movies— Friday 27th July, 6.45 pm

A group booking has been made at Hoyts, TTP to see the movie "**Amazing Grace**" which opens in cinemas on Thursday 26th July. Cost: \$9 children (*15 yrs & under*) and \$11 Adults. Please see Judith for bookings and payment.

Golden Grove Amateur Fishing



West Lakes Fishing
Sunday 29th July, 1.30-4.30 pm

Meet in carpark at the Inlet Reserve, Tennyson (corner of Trimmer Parade & Military Road)

Fishing for mullet, bream & whiting

Suggested bait: cockles & tubeworm

Note: toilets are close by

Any enquiries to Graeme Hoklas 8289 6803 or Zimmo 8289 1212.

ALL VERY WELCOME—especially new comers

Life in the Vine—Articles are due for the next edition on **Thursday 26th July**. Please note my email address is

dtnelson@internode.on.net

So if you have any stories, photos, jokes or advertising just email me at the address above, leave a note in my church pigeon hole or simply give me a call on 8288 7351. Keep those articles coming in!
Tania Nelson

GGLF Ladies Guild for a Day !

The *GIFT* craft group would like to invite any interested ladies of the congregation to help us host the ladies from the Strathalbyn congregation. They are travelling here to visit Pastor Leon and have a look around our church and school on **Wednesday 8th August from 10.30 am to 12 noon**.

Morning tea provided and a lovely morning guaranteed!

Pastor Leon's Message

is available in printed copy form each week immediately after the service from the entrance table or ask one of the ushers. Please feel welcome to take a copy home.

Internet access to weekly GGLF bulletin, Pastor Leon's message, GGLF draft constitution and other info.

You can get to it by going to www.gglf.org.au and then clicking 'Click here to access gglf files'.

BOOK SALE & Cake Stall

Devonshire Teas, Sausage Sizzle, Clowns

Saturday, 4 AUGUST

9 am to 4 pm



Over 4000 second-hand books priced to sell !
Including Fiction, Non fiction, Children's & Picture books & more !
All proceeds to support Asaroka School (PNG)

Come along and bag yourself some bargains !

Donations of all types of books can still be left at the church office until 29 July.

We are also looking for **homemade cakes and goodies** for the cake stall. All items need to be labelled with ingredients, date baked, weight, and if it has been frozen. Cooking donations can be brought to the Fellowship Centre on Friday 3rd August or Saturday morning 4th August.

Any queries ph **Nadia** on 0422 406 331

For book sale queries please ph : Alison 8395 9118 or Dorothy 8263 4809

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you may be aware, Brett Copeland and I have both been involved in instructing the confirmation or "Next Step" class, and also in revising the constitution of GGLF.

About 4 years ago, several members of the congregation including Pastor Alex Stevenson and Rainer Mayer met to discuss the goals and methods of instructing confirmation lessons. The "Next Step" was set up as a temporary answer for this. As recent instructors of this course, we believe strongly that the purpose and content of "Confirmation" needs to be reassessed at a congregational level at GGLF.

Coincidentally (or as we believe, God-incidentally), one of the issues that is proving to be most contentious in the discussions around the constitution revision, is the issue of membership – or more specifically, "confirmed members" e.g. What do we mean by confirmed members? Would somebody who has been instructed in an "Alpha"-type confirmation course be recognized as a "confirmed" member in another Lutheran congregation? Is there a core component that we as a congregation believe all "confirmees" should know? Should "confirmation" be an automatic component of Year 7 in a Lutheran School? Is there a minimum age for confirmation, or for voting members? Who needs to be confirmed? These are but a few of the questions we are asking ourselves and the other constitution committee members and of course, Pastor Leon Rosenberg.

The purpose of this letter is to invite your input, so that as a united Church family we may come to know God's will in dealing with this issue. We appreciate that you may have questions, or particular views about what confirmation does/does not entail and we would value any thoughts you have. We are planning to have an open discussion on **Sunday 5th of August at 5.00 pm** in the Worship Centre, to answer questions and more specifically, listen to your ideas and views. If this is not convenient to you, or you would prefer to write down your views rather than speak about them publicly, please feel free to leave a note for us at the church office, or email either of us at the addresses below. Rather than have the expectation that we will come to a conclusion by the end of the 5th August meeting, we see this as the beginning of the discussion.

In the meantime, you may find the following questions helpful in generating your thoughts, prayer, study of scripture and discussion amongst your household and friendship group.

- What is meant by a "member" of the church – and by GGLF?
- What is the obligation of GGLF towards its members?
- What is the obligation of members towards GGLF?
- How do we as a congregation care for our members – and how does this extend to the GGLP school community?
- What is the purpose of confirmation/Next Step?
Are there minimum requirements we expect of the confirmation curriculum? Who should be confirmed? Should lack of confirmation be a mechanism for exclusion?

Yours in Christ,
Julie Hahn and Brett Copeland

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Prayer Opportunities

A prayer box is available in the Church entrance for prayer requests (*either private or public*) on Sundays. If anyone has a prayer request we encourage you to fill out a prayer request form and place it in the right hand side of the box.

Prayer Chain—Means a lot of people praying about an urgent or special need. For urgent prayer requests during the week you are invited to contact one of following people and the prayer chain will be set in progress. (Chris Hahn, Jan Wegener, Pastor Len & Claire Tscharke, Catherina & Wim Belgraver, Anne Hanton, Joan Hochwald, Tanya Wilson, Judith Whaites.) All requests will be kept confidential. The prayer chain is available for everyone in both the church and school communities. Likewise if anybody feels they would like to be a part of the prayer chain we'd love you to join us.

Video Ministry

Each service is video taped, with copies available immediately after each service. Please see the library to loan a copy. Even if you can't make it to the service, you can still participate in worship.

Meals Ministry

(A practical way we can share & show God's love)

Families rostered to support Meals Ministry in July are: Ahrens, Baldock, Seeliger
When donating meals for the freezer we ask that you please attach some details to the container, eg name of the meal, date meal was prepared, a list of main ingredients, and heating instructions.
Thank you.

GGLF Attendance & Offerings

Offerings do not include electronic giving amount of \$8397 per month from 36 contributors.)

	Attendance	Offerings
Sunday 15/7/07, 9.30 am	77	\$ 696.00
6.30 pm	20	\$1885.30



Don't forget the Library is open for browsing and borrowing

Christian greeting cards always for sale in Library—Cost \$2

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Mon	23 July	Phoebe Jachmann-Evans Nicholas Kuchar
Tues	24 July	Kimberley-Ann Kerr
Sat	28 July	Jenny Rawolle

We hope your special day is blessed with God's love & grace

Lutheran Community Care

Our **Winter Appeal** is well underway, but our cupboards are not filling up as we would have hoped and the recent cold weather has seen more people than usual asking for help.

Please refer to the list on the notice-board in our Church Foyer for suggested donations that would greatly assist LCC to reach out with the love of Christ to those who are hungry and cold this winter.

Wicker baskets are available in our Church Foyer for donations of pantry items & LCC have a drop box in the Para Vista Lutheran Church to receive clothing, bedding, towels etc.

We encourage your generous support.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Breakfast— Saturday 4th August, 7.45-8.45 am (NOTE TIMES)

Due to book sale no guest speaker but come and have fellowship over a bacon & eggs breakfast beforehand. **Cost \$6.00/head**

Enquiries to Ken Campbell

0421 428 555 or 8265 3106 (new number)

Next **Friends of Lutheran Archives meeting** will be held on **Monday 23rd July, 7.30 pm** at Bethlehem House, Sudholz Place, Adelaide.
Guest Speaker: Dr Angela Heuzenroeder, PhD in History.
Travellers Tales: Life in Silesia, Brandenburg & Posen through the eyes of three travellers, 1780-1824.
Gold coin donation, light refreshments

POSITIONS VACANT

Administrative Assistant (full time) with Lutheran Education Australia

(Applications close: 30th July 2007)

Administrator—Murray Bridge Lutheran Homes (Applications close 27th July 2007)

Part-time Community Caregiver at Australian Lutheran College (4 hrs per week)

Applications close: Friday 28th July 2007

Disability Support Worker— Permanent part-time

Amandus: Lutheran Association for people with disabilities Inc

Applications close: 1st August 2007

Please refer to the noticeboard for further details.

Presentations by Rev. Daniel Preus, an associate pastor of Hope Lutheran Church, St Louis, Missouri, and Executive Director of the Luther Academy, will be visiting Adelaide at the end of July. He will be speaking on the topic "Lutheran Identity" at Bethlehem House on **Sunday 29 July at 1pm** and at St Mark's Church, Mt Barker, at 7pm. The topic is one that is dear to him and that he has written about winsomely in his book *Why I Am a Lutheran: Jesus at the Center*, published in 2004. See noticeboard.

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