

19th August 2007—12th 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

The Fire we go through.

"I have come to bring fire to the earth, and I wish that my task were already completed" (Luke 12:49)

These words from the Gospel reading are hard words from Jesus.

We think of Him bringing love, joy, peace ... (the fruit of the Spirit). Isn't this why we come to church?

But there is another side. He promises us turmoil as well. When Jesus finds someone, the Gospel has done it's work and a person's life is changed, there is bound to opposition to it - opposition even in that person's family. We see that clearly in inter-faith families (eg. a person comes to the Christian faith in Egypt and the rest of the family who are still Islamic turn on him - See "Bibles for the Persecuted" which is being promoted today). We also see it when a person takes their faith seriously and the rest of the family feels as though they have become too zealous.

Jesus goes onto say that this is a sign of the times. It is showing that the Gospel is at work.

The word of comfort in all this is that Jesus knows the turmoil we are going through. He suffered and died for the truth. But he also rose again - he is with us through our turmoil. And indeed he does send us the Holy Spirit who will produce that fruit in us - even in the midst of the turmoil - the fire we are going through.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, please help us when we have turmoil in our family and with others around us because of the Gospel. Thank you for this word of prophecy. Thank you that you know what we are going through, you are going through it with us and you send your Holy Spirit to help us through it. May we become stronger through these hard times as you refine us. Amen.

Pastor Leon

Worship Opportunities



Readings for today
Isaiah 5:1-7
Heb. 11:29—12:2
Luke 12:49-56

Readings for 26th Aug
Jer. 1: 4-10
Heb. 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

Today 19th August	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Healing Service with HC Salt Factory worship with HC
Friday 24th August	8.45-9.15 am	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club
Sunday 26th Aug	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship
Friday 31st 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!

Pastor's Corner



• **Today** "Answer Accusation" is the topic for the sermon. The sermon is based on Revelation 12: 9, 10- *This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the Devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels. Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens, "It has happened at last—the salvation and power and kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ! For the Accuser has been thrown down to earth—the one who accused our brothers and sisters before our God day and night.*

• Don't forget about the **Healing Service** at 11am this morning.

• Welcome to the Klose family who have joined us this morning for **Aidan's Baptism**

• In a month's time (21st September) we are having our first **Holy Communion at the Friday morning service**. This is a trial. It reminds us that Friday morning "chapel" is a legitimate worship service of our congregation. If you are able, please join us.

• Note that we are offering "**Step up to Communion**", starting on the 14th September. If you are about 10 or older and want to know more about communion or if you know someone in this situation please consider this opportunity. We expect a number of people will be taking their first communion on 21st October.

• This coming week I shall be joining the team to go to PNG to represent you in our ministry of support and encouragement at **Asaroka**. Please remember to pray for us in our absence from you. Next Sunday Pastor Jim Prenzler will leading the service in the morning and Ivan Schmocker will be speaking at Salt Factory.

• I have noticed that a few people have felt the need to **take time off** from different roles in our worship roster. I understand that all need to take a break from time to time. I hope these people don't feel burnt out or not valued by our congregation (They certainly haven't indicated that to me). Remember when we feel burnt out we could be trying to do something by our own strength instead of relying on the Lord or trying to do more than what the Lord wants of us. Also the Lord values what we are doing if we are doing it to His glory, even when we don't feel that anyone notices or cares. Keep in mind: when we are in an awkward situation because people have pulled out we are more likely to rely on the Lord.

• It is estimated that over 200 million Christians in over 60 countries face persecution on a daily basis....Would you like to be part of the **Bibles for the Persecuted Church Program**? It starts on the 2nd September and runs until Sunday 23rd September. You will receive a 21 day devotional booklet with reports from countries where Christians are being persecuted for their faith and a Bible money box. The idea is to use the devotional booklet each day and put money in the money box (eg. 41 per day for the 21 days will enable the Bible League to put a Bibles in 3 households in country where Christians are persecuted. See the map on the notice board for what countries we are talking about). The boxes will be collected on 30th September. Please collect your box and devotional book from the table in the foyer.

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?- Remember copies of the sermon available at the front door.)

1. How do you feel when someone accuses you of something?
2. For what does the devil accuse you?
3. How do you feel about the devil accusing you while you are in the "family home"?
4. How do you feel about taking on the Accuser's job for him? Can you identify when you have done this?
5. What is the difference between God and the devil accusing us?
6. What is to be our answer to the devil's accusation?



Baptism

Joining God's family & GGLF through the gift of Holy Baptism is

Aidan Shaun Klose

We are delighted to share in the celebration of this special occasion with Aidan, his parents Travis & Vicki Klose, sponsors Erica Klose & Adrian Hoffman together with other family and friends here with us today.

We pray Aidan may continue to grow in the love & strength of God



Baptism, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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)

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

REV₃₂₀ (yrs 7-9) Bring \$4
Friday 24th August, 7-10 pm
'Game Show Night'

Bakery (15-20 year olds)
Friday Aug 31st, 6-9 pm

Youth Alive
Sept 7th—

Be quick to book a place. Brett has 35 tickets at \$20 each. Come and see Switchfoot and dance group The Nubian Gents and the complete Exo day experience.

Providence
4th-6th of October

World Harvest Christian Centre (Ingle Farm)
Providence is a conference to help young girls (aged 8-18) realize their value and potential, gain confidence and skills and overcome life's challenges. See Brett for details. \$40

Christian Life Week

Oct 1-5 at El Carim camp at Ironbank near Stirling. See Luke Napier for details.

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, Life in the Vine, 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'.

ROSTERS

The worship service rosters for Sept – Nov are in your pigeon holes today. Many thanks from the Worship Team to all who help and are dedicated and committed to our worship services.

Please note that although the Team draws up the rosters **you are responsible for organizing your own swaps** if the rostered date does not suit.

The next trimester of rosters Dec – Feb will be drawn up at the end of October. Closing date to let Anna Watson know of any considerations will be 19th October.



Pipework for Asaroka

Great news! By Sunday 19th August, the irrigation equipment should be in Lae ready to be picked up for road transport to Asaroka!

Please keep it's safe transit in your prayers.

VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA PETITION

Recently a bill to legalise euthanasia was proposed by Hon. Bob Such MP. If you oppose this bill and would like your voice heard, an opportunity is available through signing a petition. Please see petition in Church Foyer.

**PREPARATION FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE
TO RECEIVE HOLY
COMMUNION IN THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
ON A REGULAR BASIS**



4 SESSIONS:

1. 14TH SEP.
6.30PM .FRI DAY
DINNER
2. 23RD SEP.
3. 14TH OCT.
4. 28TH OCT.
4.30 PM.
SUNDAY- JUST BEFORE
SALT FACTORY
ENROLL BY 7 SEP
COST \$10

7 STEPS:

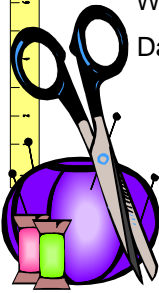
CONTINUE
COME
PREPARE
BELIEVE
EAT AND DRINK
REMEMBER
CELEBRATE

**FIRST
COMMUNION
PLANNED FOR
SUNDAY 21ST
OCT .6.30PM**

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Attention Quilters & Stitchers

QUILTING & EMBROIDERY EXHIBITION



Where: Golden Grove Lutheran Church

Date: **Saturday 22nd September**
10.00 am—5.00 pm
Sunday 23rd September
11.00 am—4.00 pm

Proceeds to:
Habitat for Humanity—supporting Judi &
Anna Doecke going to Vietnam Sept
29th-Oct 13th.
PNG visit supporting Asaroka High School.

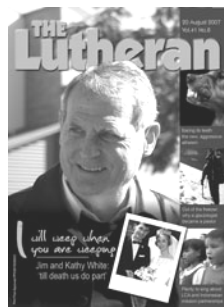
A wonderful opportunity to show and share **YOUR** talents with others.

We need your quilts and stitcheries to exhibit

Collect a registration form from either: **Judi Doecke, Heidi Rosenberg, Margey Knapp or Liz Shrowder.** Registration forms will also be available from the Church Office.

Registrations close MONDAY 17th Sept 2007
We don't need your pieces (master of favourite) until the Friday of the show.

You can't have a quilt show with out a **Quilt Raffle!** The organising committee have made a Lap Quilt to raffle with **1000 tickets at \$1.00 each.** If you can help us sell a book, please see one of the committee or pick one/some up from the church office. **Flyers** advertising the event have also been printed. Collect some to distribute to friends, clubs etc you are involved with. All the proceeds will be given to the causes advertised.



ATHEISM WITH TEETH

Gone, apparently, are the dreamy days when atheists left us religious folk alone to do our own thing. Suddenly, atheism has become aggressive.

THE SERVANT SONG

Cancer, pain, death, separation. It's not what we're thinking about when we make our wedding-day promises. But those promises might be what we cling to when the worst happens.

PHOTO ALBUM: INDONESIA

New schools and congregations, care for the needy in their communities, working cooperatively with Muslims – the Lutheran churches in Indonesia have much to teach us in the LCA/NZ.

OUT OF THE FREEZER

'Save me and I'll become a pastor!' A rash promise, made not once but twice – and twice glaciologist Andrew Ruddell forgot about his promise. But God didn't.

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