



Living Hope, Life and Peace in Christ

1 Peter 1: 3 – 5 are some of my favourite verses in the Bible. Peter summarises so many elements of our faith so beautifully in this passage. Peter here gives us a wonderful description of what the living hope and life and peace in Christ means. He summarises Jesus' life, death and resurrection and its meaning for us.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 1 Peter 1:3

Peter commences on a note of praise to God – because the hope we rejoice in as Christians is founded in God's salvation which comes through Jesus. It is a living hope that enables the recipients of the letter – in Peter's time Christians scattered throughout northern Asia Minor – and now us – to persevere and rejoice despite the prospect of future suffering.

Peter doesn't ease our burden by saying: "when things are tough, don't worry about others, take care of yourself." Peter suggests that the tougher the times the greater the need to live a life of love for others. He doesn't lighten our load by saying we don't have to live like Jesus in hard times, but rather writes to give us the power to love.

Peter also emphasises our dependence as Christians on God's initiative to our salvation. It is not earned but directly arises from the grace of God. Thus we receive a new life which is possessed as a living hope. The coming of Christ is a matter of complete confidence. Peter calls our Christian hope - "living hope." because it is based on the resurrection, showing that Christ's work is complete and highlighting that we receive both the word and the assurance that it is true.

and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 1 Peter 1: 4

Through the resurrection God has given new birth into a living hope that can't perish, spoil, fade; and is kept in heaven for us until the coming of salvation. It will last forever. Our inheritance already belongs to us, one day in heaven we will collect it, and so the difficulties of this life diminish in the face of it.

who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1: 5

God's power is stronger than all of the forces currently lined up against Christians and will shield us like in Romans 8 until the final full revelation of our salvation. Through faith we will be shielded.

Peter saw Jesus and loved him. It doesn't surprise him that the Gentiles who didn't, also know him and love him. He expects them to. He understands that it is about receiving the Spirit. He talks in the present tense – you are – we have faith in him and love him now, we strive to live a life reflective of the fruits of the Spirit, as we already know the joy we will experience when we see Him.

Will Wallace

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE VIEW CALENDAR AT WWW.GGLC.ORG.AU
FOR MORE DETAILS AND UP TO DATE EVENTS

JULY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 July 9.30am Worship 5.45pm SF Meal 6.30pm Salt Factory					1 9.30am Mainly Music 7.15pm Youth Cluedo Night	2
3 9.30am Worship 5.45pm SF Meal 6.30pm Salt Factory Prayer Healing Service	4 Café Closed (School Holidays)	5	6	7	8	9
10 9.30am Worship 6.30pm Salt Factory Discussion Sunday	11 Café Closed (School Holidays)	12	13	14 10.00am Day Connect Group @ GGLC	15 GGAF - Beachport	16 (South East) Trip
17 9.30am Worship with HC GGAF - Beachport 6.30pm Salt Factory with HC	18 Café Closed (School Holidays) (South East) Trip	19	20	21	22	23
24 9.30am Worship with HC 5.45pm SF Meal 6.30pm Salt Factory with HC	25 6.30pm Young Adults Bible Study	26	27 7.00pm Online Live Bible Study	28 10.00am Day Connect Group @ Ross	29 9.30am Mainly Music 7.15pm Youth	30 7.00pm GGLC Trivia Night

Jam-packed July

Pastor Greg is on leave for July. In his absence he's assembled a stellar lineup

July 3
Kendall Kahl (9.30am)
GGLC Member
Healing Service (6.30pm)

July 10
Will Wallace
(9.30am & 6.30pm)
GGLPS Principal

July 17
Pastor Paul Smith
(9.30am & 6.30pm [replay])
Bishop LCA NZ

July 24
Pastor David Altus
(9.30am & 6.30pm [replay])
Bishop SA/NT

July 31
Pastor James Winderlich (9.30am)
Principal ALC
Joel Schiller (6.30pm)
GGLC Youth Coordinator

café connect
reopening 25th July

21-23 Richardson Drive, Wynn Vale

Closed during school holidays

FISHING TRIP to BEACHPORT

Limestone Coast (South East)

Friday 15th to Monday 18th July

ACCOMMODATION/MEETING Place: Beachport Caravan Park

ALL WELCOME at any time during the weekend
for **FISHING, FUN & FELLOWSHIP**

Contact: Graeme Hoklas on 0419 828 091

GATHER THE GANG AND GET COMPETITIVE!

GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH TRIVIA NIGHT

Form a group and get ready to battle it out!

- teams limited 8-10 people per table -

July 30 | 7:00PM for 7:30PM Start to 10:30 PM

\$10 Per Person, Under 15 free

- payable at event, eftpos available -
- BYO Drinks, Nibbles & Gold Coins For Games

All Proceeds Go Towards Ongoing GGLC Ministries
(for more information visit <https://www.gglc.org.au/church/index.php/ministries>)

GREAT PRIZES, GREAT ENTERTAINMENT GREAT FUN!!

Registrations Essential - Visit bit.ly/2022gglctrivia

MONTHLY MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Worship Team - *Behind the Scenes*

The worship team is made up of 7 congregational members who bring different skills, but a common interest in worship. We meet every 4 - 6 weeks, depending on the season of the church year and the amount of planning needed for upcoming services.

Each meeting begins with a Bible reading and meditation on the place of worship in our faith journey, led by Pastor Greg. We then have a time reflecting on recent services, considering what went well, and where improvements could be made.

Most of the meeting is devoted to discussion and planning for the worship services coming up in the next month, or so. Ideas about the worship form, what elements of the service (such as dramas and visual presentations) need to be planned, and planning for special events, such as baptisms, are discussed. The creativity of the team comes to the fore during these discussions and has led to the establishment of some wonderful new traditions, such as having coffee and Christmas tree decorating on the 4th Sunday in Advent. It also results in the Christmas play and moving Easter worship.

We are blessed to have a wealth of talented people that the team can call on to be involved in creating visual displays, taking part in dramas, helping to make the Christmas gifts given out after the Christmas play and so on.

A review of Salt Factory Worship and the Children's Ministry also occurs at every meeting. Other business is then discussed, which over the past three years has mainly involved in planning how we could continue worship during COVID restrictions. Again, we have been so richly blessed to have members with the knowledge and ability to make our online services happen.

The team welcomes new members, as new ideas and inspirations are always appreciated.



Other Ministries @ Golden Grove Lutheran Church



Vine Kids Every Sunday the "Vine Kids" program is offered to the children during Sunday morning worship. During the service, a small lesson is delivered to the children followed by an activity that supports the theme.



GGLC Youth GGLC Youth aims to disciple all youth with a biblical focus as well as offering fun and engaging activities. Youth is run on a weekly basis during school terms.

TO SEE MORE MINISTRIES, PLEASE VISIT WWW.GGLC.ORG.AU

WEEKLY SERVICES @ GOLDEN GROVE

9.30 am Morning Service: Contemporary Style Worship with Holy Communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Vine Kids is available for all children each week including lesson and activity. This service is also livestreamed each week.

6.30 pm Salt Factory: Informal style of worship featuring the Youth Band. A shared tea from 5:45pm precedes this service (except during school holidays & long weekends). A Prayer Healing service is held 1st Sunday of month for anyone to receive prayer for any healing.

ALL WELCOME



**LUTHERAN
CARE**

The donation of food items is greatly appreciated and allows Lutheran Care to offer a more diverse range of support services to the community. Examples include Tin Fruit & Vegetables, Noodles & Pasta, Can Soup & Cup-of-Soup, Cereals, Rice, Shampoo, Sanitary Items, Toiletries, etc.

Boxes are always in the church foyer waiting to be filled.

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THE GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY.



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Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5