



**GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH**



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**16th December 2018—Third Sunday of ADVENT**

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**WELCOME to worship today**

May we all be encouraged and strengthened in our faith through the Word of God and the Lord's Supper which we share with one another .



Tea & coffee is available following morning service and at 5.45 pm a light meal is available prior to the 6.30 pm service

Please feel welcome to join one another.  
**ALL WELCOME**

**Before worship**

**Advent Joy**

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:4-6*

Just over a week until Christmas and I see quite different emotions in people. Some are beginning to get into the joyous mood of Christmas celebration while others are not feeling the joy at all. Certainly every one of us faces different situations that affect our view of the run up to Christmas but how we choose to respond makes all the difference.

Christmas can be tough for lots of people. Those who have lost loved ones; those who are separated from family; those who have unhappy memories of Christmas' past and those struggling to make Christmas what they think it should be. The Apostle Paul knew about privations and struggles. His advice to the early Christians was to allow God into our situations rather than trying to shoulder the whole burden ourselves. We do this by praying with confidence that God is willing to hear our prayers and to respond in a way that will be to our good. We also do this by seeing the blessings of God at work in the here and now.

In prayer and giving thanks we can recover the joy of the Christmas season, no matter our situation. Paul says emphatically that this will lead to us rejoicing in the Lord. As we ponder God becoming human through the Christmas miracle, as we see him breaking into time and space, may we see him active in our lives.

Pastor Greg



**Readings for today: Zephaniah 3:14-20  
 Philippians 4: 4- 7  
 Luke 3: 7-18**

**Salt Factory Service  
 Tonight 6.30 pm**

Come at 5.45 pm for food and fellowship before the service commences.

Gold coin donation.

Look forward to seeing you there!

**Worship Opportunities**

<b>TODAY 16th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am 6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory service
<b>Sunday 23rd Dec PLEASE</b>	<b>9.30 am NOTE ONLY</b>	Contemporary worship <b>ONE SERVICE</b>
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>A celebration of Jesus birth with Readings and Carols</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Contemporary worship</b>
<b>Sunday 30th Dec PLEASE</b>	<b>9.30 am NOTE ONLY</b>	Contemporary worship with HC <b>ONE SERVICE</b>

## Kids at Heart

Children are invited to join Kids at Heart children's ministry time during the morning worship service. This Sunday the BibleSong topic for Advent 3 is "Joy"

*The Kids at Heart BibleSong program operates under the ChildSafe LCA program which is a safety and risk management system with a focus on keeping children and young people safe in their programs and activities.*

## Cafe Connect Logo - Have Your Say! Only until 5pm Thursday 20th December

Take the 1 minute survey of logo options:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XVQDRLC>

From over 160 unique logos, the Cafe Logo Selection Team has shortlisted 8 options for your vote. Voting is only open for a short period of time.

Please vote before 5pm on Thursday December 20 to have your say.

## The Open Door Community Bookshop in Gawler

*Christmas at The Open Door - Gawler Arcade, Gawler. ph: 85221677.*

- \* 2019 Calendars & Diaries (various sizes) available.
- \* **Devotion book for 2019: Time Out to Tune in** - by Australian writers - based on the Lectionary Bible reading for each day.
- \* 20% Sale storewide for 15 Dec to 24 Dec.; also Stock Clearance items.
- \* **Trading:** M-F 9-4.30, Sat 9-1, **closed** 25 Dec 2018 **reopen** 2 Jan 2019



## Time Out to Tune In

This book provides Christian devotions, by Australian writers, for each day of the calendar year. Each meditation is a 'time-out' of about 3-5 minutes, and consists of a Bible reading, some thoughts on the passage, a 'faith talk' question to challenge you, and a short prayer. The meditation is based on the lectionary Bible reading for the day. Take five minutes of your day to tune in to Jesus. Cost: \$23.00. Please let Jenny Rawolle or Judith Whaites know if you would like to order one.

## RosTers for next Sunday 23rd December

PA + Opening/ Closing up	Power-point	Music Group	Greeters / Ushers	Readers	Devotion for Bulletin -----Prayers	Assistants with HC	Flowers	Church Cleaning
Paul Friedrich	John Fielke	Allyson Dutschke	J Canavese D Quick	Rosalie Hoklas	M Knapp ----- M Knapp		Jenny Canavese	

## Golden Grove Lutheran Church Christmas Celebrations Richardson Drive, Wynn Vale

Christmas Eve

7pm

A celebration of Jesus' birth with readings and carols

Christmas Day

9:30am

Contemporary Worship

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## Christmas Shopping - Save Money and Raise Funds for GGLC

If you are an online shopper, this is an opportunity to save on purchases from a large range of major retailers. Groceries, travel, electronics, clothes, wine, pharmacy, furniture... there is a list of over 1200 participating stores. Most of the savings go straight back to you, and a little bit also comes to GGLC.

We have joined the CashRewards program as a community, and if you join as an individual through one of the links below, GGLC will receive a sign-up donation of \$10 per person and a small fraction of the cashback every time you purchase online through a retailer found on the CashRewards site.

<https://www.cashrewards.com/community/faith-based-organisations/golden-grove-lutheran-church>  
( or use the short link <http://bit.ly/gglccashrewards> )

It's unusually easy to sign up. And it's a way to boost our budget while you spend less (Only works for online purchases).