



**GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH**



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**23rd December 2018—4th Sunday of Advent**

**WELCOME to worship today**

Greetings to any visitors. We are pleased to be together and trust you have felt welcomed. May we all be encouraged and strengthened in our faith through the Word of God



**Before worship**

***For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given:  
 And the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
 And his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor,  
 The mighty God, The everlasting Father,  
 The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9v6***

Centuries ago Isaiah received inspiration to prophesy about Jesus and to pronounce His Name—revealing Jesus’ character long before He came in flesh.

“He will be called, Wonderful. . . “. Jesus is awe-inspiring, above expectation, embodied perfection, beyond description . . . all too wonderful to declare. He deserves to be addressed as Wonderful, not just described as wonderful.

‘Wonderful Counsellor’. Jesus is joined in Trinity with the Holy Spirit and brings wisdom and counsel to us, counsel that outshines all human knowledge, inspiration or intelligence and connects our heads and hearts to Him, steering us to the bosom of the Father, all the while shouldering and sharing in our everyday burdens of life.

‘The Mighty God’. Not a small part of God, not a representative or symbol but The Eternal Spirit of the Trinity, embodied in the Christ child. Mighty in deed, mighty in love, mighty in giving. Mighty in action and stronger than all principalities and powers that exist.

‘The Everlasting Father’. It is confusing that this name is given to Jesus, but again, the total Essence of God fills the three persons of the Trinity such that all their actions and character are forever and completely intertwined and in harmony. Jesus will only be what His Father is.

**“If you have seen me, you have seen the Father”** Jesus said. John 14v9. And though Jesus lived and died in the flesh, He is alive, He is eternal, the ‘Alpha and the Omega’.

‘The Prince of Peace’. Both Christmas and Easter emphasise the peace that Jesus settles between God and mankind. Jesus is the embodiment of peace, He is the architect of eternal peace, He is the giver of indescribable peace. There is no other name under heaven that can bring such peace.

Let’s meditate on every Name of Jesus and worship Him, for each one is a description of His truly loving character.

Happy Christmas everyone.

Margey Knapp



**Readings for today:**

**Luke 1:39-55**

**Worship Opportunities**

<b>Celebrate Christmas with us!</b>	<b>Christmas Eve 24 Dec</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>A celebration of Jesus birth with Readings and Carols</b>
	<b>Christmas Day 25 Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Christmas Day worship with HC</b>
<b>Sun 30th Dec (one service only)</b>		<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Contemporary worship with HC</b>



Greetings from your staff members  
 Pastor Greg, Natasha, Paul & Judith  
 We trust your Christmas celebrations  
 will be blessed rejoicing and celebrating  
 the birth of Christ, and the New Year  
 full of new opportunities keeping focus  
 on Jesus.



### CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Our Christmas offerings will go to support the work and ministry of Australian Lutheran World Service & Lutheran Community Care.

Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. If you wish your offering to be tax deductible you will need to enclose your donation in an envelope clearly marked with your name.

### Kids at Heart

Kids at Heart will be taking a break over Christmas and into the new year and will resume on 20th January 2019 with BibleSong.

During this time a children's worship activity bulletin will be prepared and available for children to complete (if they wish) while remaining in church. These children's activity bulletins will be located in the church for collection.



### Congratulations

to Pastor Len Tschärke  
 on receiving the honour of the  
 Companion of the Star of Melanesia  
 (CSM) award

Presented on behalf of the government of  
 Papua New Guinea  
 by Mr Himony Lapiso

*To God be the Glory*



Mr Himony Lapiso and other visitors joining with us today to share in celebrating this significant honour with Pastor Len & Claire

**Please note** GGLC Office will be closed between Christmas & New Year's. Thereafter the office will only be attended on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> January. Pastor Greg will return to the office 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. If there is an urgent need please call Pastor Greg on 0413 075 665

### Worship times for January 2019

**Please note that during January there will only be ONE SERVICE held each Sunday at 9.30 am excepting 6th January when along with the 9.30 am service, there will be a Healing Service held at 6.30 pm.**



"Time Out to Tune In... - Australian devotions for a year.

Copies of the new 2019 devotional book are available at a cost of \$23. If anyone would like to order one please contact Judith Whaites 0431 670 140 or Jenny Rawolle 0400 513 448 .

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Date	PA + Opening/Closing up	Power-point	Music Group	Greeters / Ushers	Readers	Devotion for Bulletin Prayers	Assistants with HC	Flowers	Church Cleaning
Sun 30 Dec	Jon Schutz	Schutz		Mills		- ----- -	R & D Kloeden	Jenny Rawolle	
Sun 6 Jan 2019	Robert Mills	Geordie Mills	Jacque Schutz	Fielke	Jenny Rawolle	Ps Greg ----- Ps Greg	J Rawolle E Mills	Judith Whaites	Kloeden