



Jesus said, "I am the vine,
You are the branches."
John 15.5

Our mission:
**KNOWING
CHRIST AND
MAKING HIM
KNOWN**

GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our goal:
**Care, Communicate,
Connect so that people
may know CHRIST.**

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WELCOME to all worshipping with us today

Greetings to any visitors here with us. 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
Please feel welcome to join us.*



Before Worship...

One of my favourite Bible passages is Hebrews 2 v 13b where Jesus is attributed as saying to His Father, "Here I am with the children God has given me."

I always have this vision of me as a little girl being held onto by my mother who, knowing best, was taking me somewhere that I was reluctant to go.

I see Jesus firmly grasping my wrist and hauling a reluctant me into heaven. It is such a comforting picture for me when I am so aware of my sinful nature. It reminds me that Jesus is the one who is faithful; He knows best, He is the One who is able to save me.

How beautiful is today's reading from Jeremiah that describes the return of the exiles to Jerusalem. Not everyone was ready - some were expectant mothers and some even in labour! Not every one was capable of the journey on their own - the blind and the lame were included. Some would be weeping and praying as they went. But God declares, "I will bring them," I will gather them," I will lead them." He would watch over His flock and both deliver and redeem them. Though there was even reluctance they would join in the praise and rejoice in the bounty of the Lord.

Jesus the little child of Christmas came to fulfil the promises of old, to be that Saviour who would lead His people to joy and to their eternal home. In Him we are chosen and predestined according to God's own plan to be in His foremost family and be saved.

Lord, we want to 'be in that number, when the saints come marching in! Thank You Lord that You do not disqualify us because we are sinful, weak, disabled, sad, indisposed or even plain reluctant - but You take the lead and bring us safely home, redeemed and sanctified by Jesus.

Let praise be evermore on our lips and in our hearts, in Jesus' Name, amen.

Margey Knapp

Worship Opportunities



Readings for today

Isaiah 9:1, 2, 6-7
Gal. 4:4-7
John 1:1-18

Today 4th Jan 2015	9.30 am 11.30am	Contemporary worship with HC Korean
Sunday 11th Jan	9.30 am 11.30am	Contemporary worship Korean
Sunday 18th Jan	9.30 am	Contemporary worship with HC
Sunday 25th Jan	9.30 am 11.30 am	Contemporary worship Korean



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 children's area inside the church.

The "Kids at Heart" team run a **QUIET** craft table during the sermon. That way, the children have some time with their parents during the morning services, and also a little bit of time to be creative, to wriggle around and to learn about our God and what He means to us through artistic activities, with their friends. All children are welcome to join in this time. 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!

