



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

# GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

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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

Biblical people were more familiar with the servant/master relationship than we are so had a better understanding of the humility of Jesus to, **'take on the very nature of a servant'** as is referred to in our Epistle reading. Jesus chose to live the same servant/master relationship that humans have with their Maker.

He gave up His right to be God. It was not forced on Him but His choice. He became human like us, to save us. He did it with love and compassion for every person in the world. He put His Master's needs and desires before His own. He put our needs before His own.

He obeyed His Father above all else and He did it in a meek way that was unpretentious (especially compared to the Pharisees and Teachers of the Law). He came riding a lowly donkey not a powerful steed. Everyone could see His integrity but only those with the eyes of faith could see who He was.

He was submissive to human authority when it achieved God's Will, and compliant despite their evil intent, right up to His death on the cross.

**He chose not to grasp** (or cling to) the superiority of His Divine Nature, but to abase himself. He identified with the least of us **so that we may grasp** and hold onto Him, to His sacrifice, to know God and be saved. He changed our relationship from that of servants to Children of God.

*Jesus at Your Name we bow and with our tongues we confess that You are Lord. Thanks for Your unspeakable gift to us. Please help us to be humble, meek, unpretentious, obedient, loving and compassionate and to live with integrity and faith, evermore praising Your Name, to the Glory of God the Father, Amen*

**Margey Knapp**



### Readings for today

**Matt. 21:1-11  
 Phil. 2:5-11  
 Matt. 27:31-37**

### Worship Opportunities

|                             |  |   |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Today</b>                | <b>9.30am<br/>11.30 am<br/>6.30 pm</b> | Contemporary worship<br>Korean Community Church<br>Salt Factory worship with HC |
| <i>Easter Service Times</i> |  |   |
| Maunder Thursday            | <b>7.00 pm</b>                         | Worship with HC   |
| Good Friday                 | <b>9.30 am</b>                         | Worship with HC   |
| Easter Day                  | <b>7.00 am</b>                         | Easter Dawn Service at Golden Grove Cemetery ( <i>Crouch Rd, Golden Grove</i> ) |
|                             | <b>9.30 am</b>                         | Easter Main service with HC   |



### **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!**

## Pastor's Column

**Palm Sunday!** The beginning of Holy Week! Easter commemorations and celebrations coming up!

Today we taking in **the smell of wood**

*Talk to someone who loves working with wood - they love the smell of wood, along with its texture, its feel, and the opportunity to express their creativity makes it a wonderful medium.*

*Jesus probably worked with wood. His dad was a carpenter and so he would have learnt the trade. Remember the flashback in "The passion of the Christ" movie, when he thought back to happier days with his mum in the carpentry shop.*

What was the time he was most likely to smell wood?

Would it have been when he was carrying the cross to Golgotha? Yes, Simon of Cyrene had to help him carry the cross. With what he had been through he was probably too weak to do it on his own. He struggled, in fact according to tradition he fell three times on his way to his crucifixion. Yes, then he certainly would have taken in the smell of wood. That is the Bible passage: **Matthew 27:31-37**, we are looking at this morning.

I wonder whether **the smell of wood** would have cast his mind back.

Possibly wood have taken him back to why he was doing this- to think deeper about it and forward- in other words to what this was going to lead to. **Back/ Down/ Forward:** smells have that effect- and that is what we are taking in this morning

Remember if you have **missed out on any of the sermons in this series** they are all available on our website in the section "For Members".

**Also on our website is "When God Almighty came to be one of them- a diabolical viewpoint"? There will be a new devotion every day during this coming week.**

In **Salt Factory** worship this evening we are taking up the theme of the smell of wood in a camp fire service. (How very fitting.)

The themes over the **Easter weekend:**

- Maundy Thursday (led by our Salt Factory team): **the smell of faith;**
- Good Friday: **the smell of love**, where we think back to the smells of Lent;
- Easter dawn service (ecumenical service at Golden Grove cemetery, combined again with Golden Grove Uniting Church): **the smell of life and joy;**
- Easter main service: **the smell of hope**, where the Korean Community Church will be joining us.

At all of these services we will offer Holy Communion.

**And don't forget the hot cross bun breakfast before the Main Service (at 8.45am).**

**Advance Dates:**

- Pastor will be away at **Pastors' Conference** at Birdwood on 30<sup>th</sup> April/ 1<sup>st</sup> May
- **Synod** weekend: 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> May, at Mawson Lakes Community Church
- Our Church's **Working Bee** on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.
- Our School and Church **Annual General Meeting:** 25<sup>th</sup> May

Pastor Leon

**What is happening this week - at a glance?**

**This week:**

|                    |                                       |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday (14/4/14)   | GGLF Council <b>7.30pm</b>            |
| Thursday (17/4/14) | Maundy Thursday worship <b>7.00pm</b> |
| Friday (18/4/14)   | Good Friday worship <b>9.30am</b>     |
| Sunday (20/4/14)   | Easter Dawn service <b>7.00am</b>     |
| Sunday (20/4/14)   | Hot Cross buns <b>8.45am</b>          |
| Sunday (20/4/14)   | Easter Main service <b>9.30am</b>     |

Last week during our worship we watched a video of Grace presenting her inspired poem  
It was a little hard to hear so I have printed it out for you.

### **The Man On The Cross**

I look into the eyes of the man on the cross,  
those eyes are full on innocence,  
no guilt lies behind them.

His lips dry and cracked,  
But not one bitter word has left them.  
Only words of love and wisdom.

I smell the bloodstained rope,  
my eyes fill with tears,  
how could someone suffer for me knowing all I've done.

I hear the crowd mocking him,  
Saying "If you are Gods Son, save yourself and  
come down from the cross",  
but I know he's here to save us all.

He has spoken and touched all of our hearts,  
we can never fully repay him for what he's done,  
but only hope to be in his image and work to his glory.

I look into the face of the man on the cross,  
that used to be the face of my child,  
who laid in a manger,  
but now that is the face of the man,  
the one who saved us all.

Grace Atta

### **CHRISTMAS PLAY SCRIPTS**

All budding scriptwriters are asked to submit their offerings for this year's Christmas Eve play.

Please remember it needs to be family / child / community friendly and run for no longer than 45 minutes.

We require the plays before the end of June ready to choose the finalist and start preparations in August.

Scripts may be left at the Office or given to a Worship Team member.

There will be a new devotion every day during this coming week from the series "When God Almighty came to be one of us—a diabolical viewpoint." These are available to download from our website—  
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# RosTers for Next Sunday : 20th April

| PA + Opening/Closing up | Power-point    | Music Group      | Greeters / Ushers           | Readers        | Children's Address<br>-----<br>Kid's Craft | Devotion for Bulletin<br>-----<br>Prayers | Assistants with HC     | Flowers | Church Cleaning | Salt Factory catering |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--|---|------------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Karl Dutschke           | Judith Whaites | Allyson Dutschke | A. Schmidt<br>C. Hersevoort | Andrew Schmidt | M Seidel<br>-----<br>L Friedrich           | Ps Leon<br>-----<br>M Knapp               | D Shrowder<br>G Hoklas |         | Kloeden Knapp   |                       |
|                         |                | <b>NO</b>        | <b>SALT</b>                 | <b>FACTORY</b> | <b>SERVICE</b>                             |   |                        |         |                 |                       |

## Youth News!



*He gave Himself as an offering for sin so that He'd see life come from it – life, life and more life - Isaiah 53:10b.*

For anyone in Years 8 to 12, please come along to a **Night to Remember**. Be prepared for an amazing, spirit-moving evening, beginning at the church after the Maundy Thursday service around 8:30pm on Thursday, April 17th. BYO snacks, sleeping gear, Bible, pens, etc. We'll be staying at the church overnight until the beginning of the Good Friday service (which you're more than welcome to stay for!) Over the course of the night the plan is to watch a movie or two, have a lot of discussion and follow in Jesus' footsteps through the Stations on the Cross. This is an exciting, challenging night where we walk through Jesus' final moments and realise how deep His sacrifice for us was. If there's a favourite youth event among the leaders, this would be the one!



We had a brilliant service night last week, helping out at three different houses in our local community. It's definitely important for us as a youth group to put an emphasis on helping others, and we hope (and pray) that positive seeds are sowed through these activities. We continued to look through the Bible in devotion, focusing on Israel's wandering and disobedience to God.

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**Just a reminder to pick up a flyer** (available from table in Church Foyer & **return with deposit of \$30 to school/church office**)

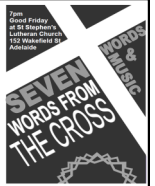
## Easter reading available from our library

The spinners in our library have been filled with inspirational Easter reading and Easter kids books. Check it out and feel welcome to borrow.



"Seven Words from the Cross" in words and music.

**Good Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.**  
St Stephen's Lutheran Church,  
152 Wakefield Street, Adelaide.



## GGLF Working Bee

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
**8:30am to 3:00 pm**



We'll be carrying out a variety of jobs around the church facilities, including general tidy-up (inside and out), painting, repairs to chairs, and other miscellaneous jobs.

As well as improving our facilities, working bees are a time of fellowship and an opportunity to become better acquainted with others in our community.

If you have any queries, or are aware of any specific jobs that you feel should be done, please contact Simon Ahrens (0421 910 604).

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

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