



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

*Our mission: "Making
Christ known in the
community so that all
may worship Him
and receive the gift of
eternal life"*

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



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25th March 2012—5th Sunday in Lent

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
and at 5.45 pm a light tea is available prior to the 6.30 pm evening service
Please feel welcome to join us.*

TWO MINUTES before Worship

"Jesus has taken our place."

Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did. "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate, knowing it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead. "What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked them. "Crucify him!" they shouted. "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!" Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. (Mark 15:6-15)

We describe what Jesus' passion ("The Journey to the Cross" as we have termed it this Lent in our congregation) means with various images.

One of those is that Jesus has taken our place. He has become our substitute. What we deserve he has taken upon himself. That is literally what we see in this incident above (which is part of the Gospel reading for this morning).

How do you think Barabbas would have felt? He – and everyone present - knew he was guilty of insurrection and murder and so deserving punishment. He was certain of his imminent torture and death. Yet, he was being released, set free, returned to society as though nothing had happened. And this stranger, which he would have been able to tell, and who Pilate knew was innocent, was taking his place. Then to see that stranger flogged and handed over to be crucified!

I reckon he would feel the same way we would feel when we take to heart what Jesus has done for us.

Isn't it relief, gratitude and a desire to learn more of Jesus and reform our lives?

May we take the message of being "in the court" to heart and allow that to indeed reform our lives.

Prayer: Father, thank you that have given us this message of substitutionary sacrifice- it gives us such relief. Thank you, Jesus that you took our place in the court and on the cross. Dear Holy Spirit teach us more about Jesus so that we may grow in gratitude towards you, the Father and the Son and express that in love for you and the people about us. Amen.

Pastor Leon

Worship Opportunities

Readings for today

Jer. 31:31-34
Heb. 5: 5-10
Mark 15: 1-20

Readings for 1st April

Isaiah 50: 4- 9
Phil. 2: 5-11
Mark 15:21-32

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| Today 25th March | 9.30 am 6.30 pm | Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship |
| Friday 30th March | 8.45-9.15 am | Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club |
| Sunday 1st April | 9.30 am | Contemporary worship |



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

A special welcome to our District President, Pastor **David Altus** who will be presenting the address this morning. We are continuing our Lenten series "**Journey to the Cross**" by joining Jesus in the Roman court.

Next Sunday in the morning we shall be commemorating *Passion Sunday* and the theme for the address is "**On a hill**" based on Mark 15:21-32. Are we just people who pass by the cross like Simon of Cyrene would have or do we linger, and as we linger, what do we do?

Over the Easter weekend you have 3 opportunities to linger and worship at GGLF: Maundy Thursday on the theme: "**Back to the upper room**" (based on Mark 14:22-24) (*Salt Factory band*), Good Friday- the theme is "**On the cross**" (based Mark 15:33-47) and the Easter Main Service on the theme of "**At the cemetery**" (based Mark 16:4-8). As well as this, we are holding a 6.15am Easter Dawn Service at Drumminor Gardens, Harrison's Funerals. The theme is "**On the way to the cemetery**". (Mark 16:1-3)

Tonight **Salt Factory** is expected to be very well attended. Young people who meet together under the banner of "*Resonate*" will be in attendance.

We are bringing the program, "**The Gift that Lasts**" *Bibles for persecuted Christians* (that devotional resource with reports from countries where Christians are being persecuted for their faith along with the Bible shaped money box) as I reported last Sunday. If you brought you Bible shaped money boxes you are welcome to place them in the baskets the ushers will bring around.

And **Step Up to Communion** concludes this afternoon for all those who have started this course and would like to have "*Holy Communion on a regular basis in the Lutheran Church.*" We are planning **The rite of first Communion** for Salt Factory service (Year 4/5 School family Service) next Sunday.

I am excited about the **E100 Challenge**? I announced last week that we, as a congregation, are taking it up in May (we begin 6th May). E 100 Bible reading Challenge is a resource to help us get into reading our Bibles. It features 100 carefully selected readings designed to give people a good understanding of the Bible story. It encourages us to build a regular habit of spending time with God through prayer and Bible reading. We hope that individually we will use the devotion book (*Companion Book, cost: \$15*) as well as read our Bibles for 10 minutes every day (*Reading Planner \$4*), our Fellowship groups will follow the Discussion Guide and I will preach on the theme each week for the 20 weeks of the Challenge. "E" by the way stands for "essential". (The Old Testament section of this goes from 6/5/12-13/7/12 and we start the New Testament in September. Why not join the Challenge? We'll hear more about E 100 over the next week. *Companion Books and Reading Planners available soon.*

Pastor Leon

What is coming up in the next fortnight?

Today (25/3/12) 1pm GAAF Fishing at Salisbury wetlands

Today (25/3/12) 3.30 Step Up to Communion session 4 and 5 (for those who missed out last week)

Today (25/3/12) 4.30 Step Up to Communion session 6

Monday (26/3/12) Pastoral Carers

Tuesday (27/3/12) 3.40 the Journey session 2

Tuesday (27/3/12) School Council

Friday (30/3/12): 8.45 Worship with the school community

Friday (30/3/12): 7pm Rev320 Quiz Night.

Monday week (2/4/12): Worship team

Tuesday week (3/4/12) 3.40 the Journey session 3

Wednesday: (4/4/12) 7am Prayer/Breakfast (Prayer TTG)

Easter Services

Thursday week (5/4/12): **7.00pm Maundy Thursday Worship**

Friday week (6/4/12): **9.30am Good Friday Worship.**

Sunday week (7/4/12): **6.15am Easter dawn service at Drumminor Gardens (Harrison's Funerals) with hot cross buns following**

Sunday week (8/4/12): **8.45am Hot Cross bun breakfast here in our Fellowship Centre**

Sunday week 9/4/12): **9.30am Easter main service.**

(Unless otherwise indicated all meetings start at 7.30pm.)

SALT FACTORY

Worship tonight 6.30 pm

A Shared meal (gold coin donation) beforehand at 5.45pm gives you a chance for fellowship & food.

Rostered for catering next Sunday 1st April—Schiller/McLuckie group

YOUTH NEWS!

Coming up this week is REV320 (Years 7 to 10) on **Friday, March 30** from **7pm** until **10pm**. It is a **Quiz Night** so get your quiz face on! An exciting way to end the term as you'll be asked about things ranging from bananas to monkeys and anything in between. By the end of the night, you'll find that there is already someone there who has all the answers! Under 18s require a guardian to fill out and sign a Childsafe form, available on our website (youth.gglf.org.au). If you register on this website, you can fill in the form on your computer, print it off, sign it and bring it on the night!

The following week we will be holding the annual **Night To Remember** beginning **Thursday, April 5** after the Maundy Thursday service. This is designed for Bakery aged youth (Years 10 to 12) and adults who are interested in developing their faith and walking with Jesus through his final days. We will be staying at the church overnight, watching a movie or two and having plenty of amazing discussion. So we hope to see you there! For more information on any of the above, please email Jason on jason@gglf.org.au.



Mainly Music

this Tuesday 27th
March at 9.00 am in
the F/ Centre.

New registrations at 8.45 am
\$5 per family (first session is free)

"Sit & Sew"

Monday 2nd April

7.00-9.00pm in the F/Centre
Bring whatever project you are working on. Cost is \$5.00.

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for Next Sunday 1st April

| PA + Opening/Closing up | Power-point | Music Group | Greeters / Ushers | Readers 9.30 am only | Children's Address 9.30 am | Prayers 9.30 am only | Assistants with HC | Flowers | Church Cleaning | Salt Factory Catering |
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| | Candy Fry | Kristian Appelt | G & P Copeland | Schutz | Pastor Leon | Rosalie Hoklas | | Monika Kohlhagen | Schiller/Schmocker | |
| Isaac Nelson | | SF Band | Thiel | | | | Tania & David Nelson | | | Schiller/McLuckie |

Life in the Vine

Articles are due for the April 2012 edition of Life in the Vine **today Sunday 25 March 2012.**

Articles can be sent by email to: litv@gglf.org.au

If you have news to report or a story to share, the community wants to hear from you!

Submission Guidelines:

- Articles should be approximately 500 words to a page (images will reduce this amount).
- Short stories and jokes are also welcome!
- Photos should be sent in a high quality resolution. Please make sure you have obtained permission to use any photos of people before submitting.
- Announcements and advertisements will be included where possible.

Life in the Vine is a quarterly publication from Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship. Keep those articles coming in!
Brian Quick - Editor

Fasting in Lent

1. Fast from anger and hatred.
Give your family an extra dose of love each day
2. Fast from judging others. **Before making judgments, recall how Jesus overlooks our faults**
3. Fast from discouragement. **Hold on to Jesus' promise that he has a perfect plan for your life**
4. Fast from complaining. **When you find yourself about to complain, close your eyes and recall some of the little moments of joy Jesus has given you.**
5. Fast from resentment or bitterness.
Work on forgiving those who may have hurt you.
6. Fast from spending too much money. **Try to reduce your spending by ten percent and give these savings to the poor.**

Asaroka Phone System Installation Project

At a morning service recently it was shared that Peter the Principal at the Asaroka Secondary School has asked if we are able to send an expert to install the large phone system that was donated and went up in the container last year. The system is worth well in excess of \$20,000 and needs to be managed carefully. They are keen to have this running as it will give many benefits to the schools there and their operation in various ways.

Christiaan, a member of our congregation, who happens to be an "expert" in this area and was the actual person who did a great job in checking and preparing the phone system for shipment has now been asked to go to PNG to complete this project which we started last year. At this stage, he will be travelling with Daryl Trigg and Andrew Tiller who are planning a trip there in July to spend a few days with Peter and the teachers.

This is a Partnership project, with us sending Christiaan there to manage the installation and they need to provide other materials (cables, connections etc) ready for when he gets there.

We estimate that the cost will be about \$2500 and are appealing to members of the Congregation and School Families to try to raise this amount over the next few weeks so bookings can be made.

Money can be passed to Judith Whaites or via Daryl (if easier for school families) or put into the collection plates at services in an envelope marked 'Phone System At Asaroka'.

Thank you in advance for your support of this project.



Golden Grove Amateur Fishing FISHING AT SALISBURY WETLANDS Today 25th March 2012

Time: 1.00 pm (includes pre-fish briefing)

Where: Meet at Watershed Café car park off Salisbury Highway – park at rear of the car park. A map is available for directions.
Weighin: 5.30pm

Fishing for: Carp (include some very large carp- heavy line (20lb+), longer rods, long handled landing nets, gaffs and rod holders may be beneficial), Yabbies

Suggested Bait: Bread, Corn, Worms etc, carp is good bait for yabbies

BYO: Fishing gear, Yabbie Nets, Sunscreen, Hats, Drinks, Chairs or Mat etc

Note: Special permission has been granted by Salisbury Council (thanks to Sam Kenny for organising this event) for GGAF Members to fish sections of the Wetlands near the Watershed Café (no closer to the Café than 40m)

Fishing is restricted to a section of wetland along Salisbury Highway to minimise disturbance to bird life.

Members are welcome to walk along the trails throughout the afternoon (walking trail details, drinks and snacks are available at the Café).

Only footprints are to remain within the wetlands (all litter taken away) and no carp is to be returned to the water.

For enquiries contact Graeme 0419 828 091 or Zimmo 82891212

NEXT EVENT

28th April (Saturday) – Port Victoria Jetty 10.30 am

Open Day—Today

25 March 2012, 1.30pm - 4.00pm

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The Board is seeking nominations for the following vacant positions. Treasurer, Fellowship Group Coordinator and Nominations Team. Please contact Michael Vullings Ph: 0412 823 891 for further details.

