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4th January 2009— 2nd Sunday after Christmas

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.

TWO MINUTES

John 1 v 16,17

"Out of His fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

'The law, given through Moses' - that looks like a good place to start these thoughts. Familiar territory! The Law, like a mirror, look into it and see yourself as James 1 v 23 implies. I grasp hold of that mirror with both hands looking into it for hope and help but instead I feel desperate and fearful as I take each bit and see how I measure up. No way – not even by the punctuation can I live according to the Law. Yet in the Epistle (v4) today we hear God say, 'He chose us in Jesus before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight.'


So here I am peering into the mirror of God's holy law, searching for some way to justify myself, some iota of it that I can succeed at and just as I squint for the smallest vestige of help I see a change is happening! What can it be? Watching closely it is as if the back of the mirror is gradually being scratched away and a new image is appearing. Ah, amazing images appear . . . The baby Jesus in a manger, Jesus the teacher, there's Jesus the helper, the healer, look Jesus praying, Jesus on the cross, Jesus cooking breakfast for his friends - a glimpse 'through the looking glass,' into God's reality. What I see is the fulfillment of verse 16 quoted above. The glorious grace (Jesus) in place of grace already given (the Law).

I no longer need to despair for Christ has fulfilled the law for me - every letter, every noun, verb and punctuation mark! Through Him I am adopted as a Child of God. Grace upon Grace. I am that holy blameless child He saw before the creation of the world and all through the Christ child who came at Christmas.

In praise of Your Glorious Grace, Dear Lord, Thank you, thank you, thank you. Amen.

Margey Knapp

Worship Opportunities



Readings for today
Jer. 31:7-14
Eph. 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9) 10-18

Readings for 11th Jan
Genesis 1:1-5
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

Today 4th Jan 2009	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship DVD series (<i>instead of Salt Factory worship</i>)
Sunday 11th Jan	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC DVD series (<i>instead of Salt Factory worship</i>)
Sunday 18th Jan	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship DVD series (<i>instead of Salt Factory worship</i>)
Sunday 25th Jan	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC DVD series (<i>instead of Salt Factory worship</i>)

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 in the church.

Activity sheets for young readers and writers—Families with children of all ages, please notice there are new activity sheets (e.g. word puzzles) available for various age groups. The sheets will be changed over periodically. Please help yourself - they can be found with the children's toys, pens and papers etc.

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

Welcome to our worship on this 2nd Sunday in Christmas. Anna is speaking on a wonderful text Jeremiah 31:7: "This is what the LORD says: "Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations. Make your praises heard, and say, 'LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.'" Notice what Anna says about being the remnant. Thank you Anna.

Next week we have **another guest speaker**. Pastor Len will be officiating **Holy Communion**.

Remember instead of Salt Factory worship we have a special DVD series every Sunday evening in January, starting to night.

Please note the flyers for our new **Youth Team Leader**: applications close on 16th January and flyers for the **Everyday Evangelism** Course we are running in March.

At the beginning of this New Year I would love to **encourage you to take up** (or take up again) some spiritual disciplines such as a set time for prayer, Bible reading and journaling. I am sure I will remind you about these throughout this year.

Another book I would like to recommend to you is RT Kendall's latest: **"Did you think to pray?"** (Soon to be in our library). I read it over Christmas. RT Kendall writes so simply but what he says is profound. If you want to understand where I am coming from I would encourage you to read this book.

I will be back from Annual Leave in 8 days time and I have noticed in my diary there are many appointments planned for the second part of January and February. Keep your ears open.

Pastor Leon

A golden opportunity

We offer you a golden opportunity at Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship, SA

Youth Team Leader -

30 hour per week paid position.

We already have age specific groups:

"CCs", "Rev320", "Bakery" and "Salt Factory"

(worship run by the youth for all ages).

We have great potential with our school,

our gifted people, our location

and now we would like to make the next step...

Are you being called to take up this golden opportunity?

To receive a "Position Description" please call Judith on 828 26050

or email her on office@gglf.org.au.

Any other enquires call Pastor Leon Rosenberg on 0432 224 721

or email: rosenberg.leon@goldengrove.sa.edu.au.

Applications are to be received by Friday 16th January 2009.

They are to be addressed to Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship

PO Box 1371 Golden Grove 5125 or emailed to the above.

(Please supply the names and contact details of 2 referees



BREAD MINISTRY

The ministry to our community through the bread ministry is in danger of coming to an end.

We need extra people in the new year to collect bread from Bakers Delight at Golden Grove Village on Friday evenings at 5.20pm and deliver it to the church.

If you can help out approximately every 6 weeks, please ring Jenny Rawolle on 8251 3448.



Our Sympathy

Loving thoughts and prayers are extended to **Steve McLuckie &**

family on the passing of Steve's mother on Saturday 27th December.

We uphold you in prayer and pray God may be your strength and comfort in your time of sorrow and loss.

YOUTH SPOT

The **REV 320** camp is fast approaching. It will be from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th January 2009, and is for everyone in years 7 – 9. It will be held at Glenhaven campsite and will include many different activities and small group times, where we will tackle the topic of 'taking the next step'. If you are interested in coming along please call me and I will get you all the information! ☺ I hope to see many young people there!

Alyssa ☺

Church pens (red pens with "Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship" inscribed on the side) are available to fill in the "Welcome Sheets". Please leave them in the holder in the foyer or on the seats in the worship centre on leaving the service. If you would like to souvenir one please make a gold coin donation in the receptacle provided for this purpose.

Meals Ministry—(A practical way we can share & show God's love)

Families rostered to support Meals Ministry in January are: **McLuckie, Watson, Taylor.**

Calling all Women

To retreat @ Australian Lutheran College, North Adelaide from Fri 16th -Sun 18th Jan 2009.

Retreat welcomes women of all ages regardless of whether you belong to a guild/fellowship.

Over the weekend take time to explore and be challenged by **"About Time,"** an opportunity for women to reflect on God's gift of time and God's call on our time.

Catch up on the latest life-changing stem cell research

Ministry, mission, moving and more in Aotearoa.

Need a good laugh? Retreat is a fun time as well as a time for learning, caring, uplifting experience as women of God together.

Retreat offers all women an inspirational and refreshing beginning to the New Year for just \$70 inclusive. **Please see our noticeboard for further details.**

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Wed	7 Jan	Nicole Fielke
Thurs	8 Jan	Nicholas Trigg

We hope your special day is blessed with God's love & grace
