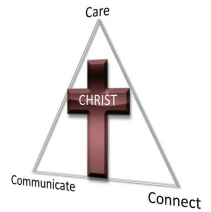


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may worship Him  
and receive the gift  
of eternal life"*

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6th December 2009—2nd Sunday of ADVENT

## 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 messages 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 evening service at 6.30 pm. Please feel welcome to join us.

### TWO MINUTES

#### Malachi 3:1-4

*<sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver.*

Hoping to put this passage into context, I proceeded to research the refining of silver.

Silver ore and scrap silver have to go through a refining process in order for the pure silver to be separated from the dross. Cupellation is when it is heated to 1,200 degrees Celsius in a special furnace. First though, the silver scrap or ore is placed in a solution of 30 percent to 35 percent nitric acid. It takes an ounce and a half of nitric acid to dissolve one ounce of silver.

Boy, that looks complicated. Anything that passes through 1,200 degrees Celsius is going to take a beating. So then, how much work is God doing in our lives if he is like a refiner of silver?

Think about how often we fail at the simplest things in life, how often we fall into the temptations of sin, how often we try to change our lives and fall flat on our face. Only God has the power to change our lives from the inside out. Through the Holy Spirit, he puts our complex human lives through the extreme refining process that we need in order to be more like him. But for God, it is as simple as reaching out his hand to touch us.

**Prayer: Thankyou Lord for your awesome power in our lives. Help us to desire to be set apart from the evil of this world, so we might be servants of your church. Amen.**

**Brian Quick**

### Worship Opportunities



#### Readings for today

**Malachi 3:1- 4**

**Phil. 1:3-11**

**Luke 3:1- 6**

Readings for 13th Dec

Zeph. 3:14-20

Phil. 4: 4- 7

Luke 3: 7-18

<b>Today 6th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC
<b>Thurs 10th Dec</b>	<b>2.30 pm</b>	End of year closing chapel
<b>Sunday 13th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship
<b>Sunday 20th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship Christmas Drama presentation ( <i>Dress rehearsal</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 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

Today we are commencing a program entitled "**Creating confidence to share your faith**", based on the *Everyday Evangelism* course. The main feature of this program is the message given on the first Sunday of each month. We'll do this for the next 4 months. So *I strongly encourage you to set aside these Sundays to worship at GGLF to allow God to create that confidence.* I believe it will give a strong lift to your life.

Today we are considering **You are "an evangelist" with a valid style.** Do you realize that there are at least 9 different evangelism styles recorded in the Bible? What is your style? How can you be more effective in being an evangelist? What is "**My personal mission field**" and "**My Focused Prayer List**."? How can they help you in your task of being an evangelist? These are some questions that will be answered in this morning's address.

Again a reminder: **The Gathering** is now planned for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2010: a week earlier than previously advertised. It is a day before our confirmation services. *But with Kaleb's Journey bike ride being reduced from the 8 day ride to a day event we thought it freed up the month to be able to hold The Gathering 2010.*

Today the "Head to Heart-ers" (confirmees) are **washing cars** in our car park as they learn about serving. **IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR CAR WASHED PLEASE LET PAUL KNOW!** Those happy to have their car washed are encouraged to park by the tree-line boundary of our car park & the Wynn Vale campus.

I hope you can stay for our half yearly Meeting and School Election Meeting at 11am this morning.

Also the **Friends of Asaroka** are having a shared lunch get together today. Why not stay for lunch and find out where God is taking our partnership with Asaroka?

Next Sunday Jon & Leanne Schiller (our Fellowship Group coordinators) have organized a meeting for **the leaders of our Fellowship Groups.** If you belong to a Fellowship Group make sure your leader or a representative is present. Why not just plan to come yourself. It will be inspiring. I am sure it will be a time of encouragement, mutual sharing and support or as we say in our goal, we'll: **Care Communicate and Connect.**

### This week:

**Wednesday:** 6.30pm School Council Dinner/  
Neighbourhood Watch

**Thursday:** 2.30 pm School Closing Service  
7.00 pm School graduation Service

### The following week:

**Monday:** 7.30pm Management Team

**Next Sunday:** 11 am Fellowship Group Leaders' meeting

## Salt Factory Worship

**Tonight: 6.30 pm service—Come from 5.45 pm** onwards for food (gold coin donation) and drinks (\$1).

**Please note:** There will be **NO** Salt Factory catering next week through to Feb 2010 during the school holiday period.

**NEW MEMBERS**

**WELCOME!**

### Jack & Judy Ross

We are delighted to formally receive Jack & Judy into membership of our church family at our morning service today, even though they have been worshipping and fellowshiping with us for a little while now!

We pray we can be of mutual support and encouragement as we seek to grow in faith and service to our Lord. If you haven't already, please introduce yourself to Jack & Judy.

### Notice to Members of GGLF Half-Yearly Meeting AND

### Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School Annual Election Meeting

**to be held this morning 11 am in the Worship Centre**

Copies of Agendas for each of these meetings are available from the Church Foyer.

### Rose display 4th & 6th December

Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School invites you to view a display of roses in the Church Foyer. It is being organised to raise funds to rehabilitate a Sloth Bear (Dancing Bear) into the wild. Please come along & view roses grown in our own gardens, school grounds & elsewhere. We are seeking a gold coin donation. Thank you

## YOUTH NEWS

### UP & COMING

**Confirmation group** - The confirmation group is exploring serving others so **today** we are going to be washing as many cars as we can during service. We cannot say that we will get everyone's cars washed or even a great deal of cars washed but we will be doing our best to do as many as we can. If you do not want your car washed then please let us know. We will probably be focusing on the most dirty cars first so if that is your car and you want it clean then next Sunday is probably a good day for you. **Those people happy to have their car washed are encouraged to park by the tree-line boundary of our car park & the Wynn Vale campus.**

**Last REV 320 Friday 11/12** - The next meeting is the last for the Year and all year 6 students are invited as a transition to REV for next year. We will be meeting at the Church and weather permitting will probably have water events to keep cool and just get to know each other. Think about bringing some food to share.

**REV320 CHANGE CAMP Fri 16th to Sun 18th January** - If you are in Year 7 or higher for 2010 then you are invited to the REV 320 CHANGE CAMP. Everyone is always going through change but many of you are going through big life changes. At this camp we're going to explore how we face these changes while we also go canoeing, swimming and do other such fun activities. Change is good—let's celebrate it with a great Camp at the start of year.

## KIDS AT HEART



**Here comes Christmas!** We thought it would be nice for the children to make something for keeps for Christmas so a few weeks ago the children began making a nativity scene. They are making different parts of it every week. We hope lots of children can participate in this and see it to completion.



Last week the children made shepherds and today they will be making Jesus, Joseph & Mary.

Next week they will be finishing off so if children bring home their craft can you please get your child to bring it back to church next week.

If any children missed out on a week or two they can still catch up

Blessings,

Lesley and the [K@H](#) team.

Paul Swansson, Adele Leach, Emi Schutz, Dave Shrowder, Pastor

## WANTED

Children to participate in Christmas Play. Please see Lesley Friedrich or Jacque Schutz after service today if your child is interested or contact Lesley on 0402 036 183.



### CHRISTMAS LUNCH at GGLF

Come and join us for a hassle free relaxed lunch on Christmas Day. All members of GGLF, extended family and friends are invited. Festive fare, no charge. Special Guest.

For catering **please RSVP before 13th Dec 2009**  
Ring Marty - Home 8251 7108 or Mob 0439036177

### Fellowship Group Leaders Meeting: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 11am

**AIM:** For the Vision team to encourage and support the wonderful work that our Fellowship Groups are doing at GGLF. We would like to direct the fellowship, serving and studies that occur in our 22 groups towards our common goal: **Care, Communicate and Connect for people to know Christ.** We feel that to achieve this goal, which was adopted at this year's Annual General Meeting, we need to harness what God is doing in and through our Fellowship Groups. We hope that all group leaders will attend this meeting or delegate a representative to attend on their behalf. *(We believe this is very important so we plan to email this message to every group leader, personally invite them as well and encourage you to pass this information on.)*

Jon and Leanne Schiller  
(Fellowship Group Coordinators)

### **Ordination of Paul Hannola—ALC Graduate Student Today, 2pm at Concordia College Chapel, Highgate**

Many of you may recall Paul spent time in our congregation during his training and since today will be a special day for him as he is among those graduates being ordained into the public ministry of the Lutheran Church of Australia we have taken the opportunity of remembering Paul and sending greetings on behalf of GGLF.

Please uphold Paul and all the other graduates in prayer.



## Friends of Asaroka Let's Get Together Today 12 noon for a shared lunch

An invitation to **ALL** members of all groups who have travelled to PNG **and including congregational members** who are interested in our partnership with Asaroka please come along for a shared lunch and a short meeting time to bring you up-to-date news. Hope you can be there!

We wish to share an excerpt from a letter received from the Principal of Asaroka Lutheran Secondary School acknowledging the support and donations received from our congregation to them.



"We write to acknowledge the receipt of your kind donations and support. We have received all that you have sent on 18th September 2009.

All 40 boxes of items were received in good condition and were distributed as requested and as seen fit by the secondary school.

Below is a brief outline of the distribution of items.

- Clothing
  - Jackets were issued to Asaroka Lutheran Secondary and Primary Academic and support staff.
  - Blue collar shirts have been distributed to Academic staff of Asaroka Lutheran Secondary and the rest reserved aside to be worn by school's outreach and sports team on special school occasions.
  - small size blouses, shirts and dresses were given to the Primary School and large sizes are kept by the secondary school with the intention that the blue shirts will later be used as uniforms.
- Books—Primary school books were given to the Primary School together with the boxes that had their labels. Others are placed in the secondary school library.
- Fabrics—were gladly received by the catering department
- Tools—were gladly received by Practical Skills or Design & Technology Department.
- Farm—All tractor and farm implements were received gladly by the farm.

Do know that your kind contributions and donations for three consecutive years have elevated the school to a higher status—that is from High school to Secondary school. For example many have said that our school has the best computer laboratories as compared with other existing Secondary schools in the province and even the country. Asaroka would not have been like this without your kind support.

There is more to share and be grateful about for what the Lord has done in our lives and at our school. But above all let us thank the good Lord for his saving grace and love which has bound us together.

Thank you for your prayers and we hope to meet again soon."

Mr Pombre Inji  
Principal

