

LIVING IT

ST PETER'S LOXTON

August 4th, 2024



Our theme for today is “When God holds up the mirror”. In part two of the David and Bathsheba story, God sends the prophet Nathan to confront David over his evil acts. Nathan leads David to see his sin and how it has impacted others. David sees himself for what he really is – like looking in a mirror – he sees the magnitude of his sin and his need for God’s mercy.

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Today in Worship

Bible readings for celebrating the 11th Sunday after Pentecost today:

Readings: 2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Next week: 2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33; Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2; John 6:35,41-51

In our prayers this week:

- † Gavin Hunwick, Kay Doecke, and Kristen Doecke.
- † Those members in nursing homes in the area: Betty Bradtke, Gloria Farley, Rowly Lange, Gwen Chapman, Shirley Lipacis and Norma Ray.
- † Our National Church body as it prepares for the Convention of Synod and discusses the 'way forward' for ordination practice.
- † Daniel and Allyson Dutschke, Ken Tscharke, Gavin and Lynette from Golden Grove Lutheran church, as they travel to Papua New Guinea to spend time with Asaroka High School.
- † Each other, as we consider the story of David and how God uses Nathan to confront David's sin, that we might allow God to hold up a mirror to us and see ourselves as He does.

S.O.A.P Journal: Ephesians 4:1-7

Scripture: "As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it."

Observe: What grabs your attention? Are there links to other parts of the Bible? How does it connect to the context of the chapter?

Apply: What does this mean for me? How might it challenge me? How might it comfort me?

Pray: Record any prayer points that have surfaced through your study.

FAQ

Holy Communion is an important aspect of our meeting together in worship. Jesus meets us in an intimate way giving himself to us, his body and blood, in the bread and wine. It is a gift of grace where we receive forgiveness and are strengthened in our faith. We warmly invite those who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord to join us in this special meal when celebrated. Please speak to Pastor if you are unsure or would like to learn more.

Children are very welcome at St Peter's, and we love to see them join in worshipping God with their gifts. The pray-ground is for younger families to be closer to the action and have more room to move. Colouring and activity sheets are also available for children in the dark green plastic tub.

The freewill money offering is part of our worship service where we offer our thanks and trust to God. We respond to God's grace and acknowledge him as the giver of everything.

Regular Electronic Giving (REG) Details:

BSB: 704-942 Account Number: 52667 Name: St Peter's Lutheran Church, Loxton

National Grower Registration (NGR) Number: 13985291

Serving in Worship

Ministry Area	8.30am (11/8/24)	10.30am (11/8/24)
Steward Team	Neil Harvey & Chris Gilbert	Bruce, Daniel, Ethan and Clinton Schubert
Service Leader	Pastor Jason	Pastor Jason
Band/Organ	Jenny Patching	Jenni Sander
Tea and Coffee	Terry & Helen Jaeschke	Theo & Helen Kaesler
Bible Reader	Chris Gilbert	Brenton Reimann
Data / Sound Desk	Heather/Stan	Oscar B/Band
Welcoming	Theo & Helen Kaesler	Clarke Schober, Beth & Geoff Haddon
Holy Comm Asst.	n/a	n/a
Flowers	n/a	Rachacia Doecke
Offering Count Leader	n/a	Theo Kaesler
Cleaning Leader	n/a	Chris Gilbert
Thrive Creative Response	n/a	Ben & Lauren Grieger

*Are you ready to get involved or change your involvement in the worship life at St Peter's?
If so, Contact Jo at the Ministry Centre on 8584 5522.*

St Peter's News

WELCOME!

We're glad to have you with us today, whether it's your first time, you're a returning visitor, or just passing through. If you need assistance, look for our ushers in purple lanyards - they're here to help. To stay connected, fill out a connect card and drop it in the offering box. If you have questions about Christianity or want to learn more about Jesus, please get in touch with our Pastor. We're here to support you in any way we can!

Small Groups News

- "Gladdy's" care group meets today, 5pm in St Petri
- "Chappies" care group meets next on 11th August, 12.30pm @ Trevor & Judy Falting's new home!

TODAY is our Curry & Casserole Cookoff!

Are you game? The worlds hottest curry: 100 chilli coconut cream chicken curry! For consumption on our "Curry and Casserole Cookoff" Sunday (TODAY) with \$20 donated to our Mission Project fund for every bowl eaten. Warm yourself up on the inside and take part in a good cause! Guaranteed chicken curry (no dogs or cats will be used in this recipe). - *Shane*



Coming Up This Week

Today	10.30am – HC Combined Worship <i>After Service</i> - Curry & Casserole Cookoff (Peace Hall) 1.30pm – St Peter's Half Yearly Meeting (Peace Hall) 1-3pm – KOYB Rehearsal (St Petri) 5.00pm – "Gladdy's" care group (St Petri) 6.30pm – KOYB BBQ (Peace Hall)
Mon 5th	9-5pm – Toy Library Open (Peace Hall) 11-1pm – FOODBANK Mobile Hub (Carpark) 3.30pm – Confirmation Class (Peace Hall) 7.30pm – Indoor Bowls (Peace Hall)
Tues 6th	9.00am – Know Your Bible Study (Meeting Room)
Wed 7th	9.30am – Monthly Prayer Group ALL WELCOME (Meeting Room)
Thurs 8th	9-5pm – Toy Library Open (Peace Hall) 1.30pm – Women's Fellowship (St Petri)
Fri 9th	9.00am – Noah's Ark Playtime (St Petri) 2.30pm – Loxton Lutheran School Assembly (LIFE Centre)
Sun 11th	8.30am – Traditional Worship 10.30am – Contemporary Worship 12.30pm – "Chappie's" care group @ Trevor and Judy's home 1.00pm – St Peter's Prayer Group (Main Church) 2-5pm – KOYB Rehearsal (Peace Hall) 2.00pm – "The Way Forward" Gathering (Peace Hall)

Next week in worship: King David and his family are in utter turmoil. He is at war with his own son, having first lost the respect and then control of his family and the kingdom. We will explore the consequences of our past actions and how we might move to bring God's grace to bear.

St Peter's Staff

Lead Pastor: Jason Sander (Tuesday's off)

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Reception attended Mondays and Thursdays 10am - 3pm

(Please contact the Ministry Centre 8584 5522 to make an appointment with Pastor outside these times)

Announcements

- **The Riverland Zone Way Forward gathering** is on Sunday, 11th August, at 2pm in Peace Hall. This is for those wanting to hear about plans for the wider church regarding ordination practice. Bishop Andrew Brook will be leading the gathering.
- **Sound desk training** August 18th, 3pm, in the Church. This will be led by Adam Pedler from the Chaffey Theatre and is for those who currently operate the desk and for others interested in operating the desk.
- **Loxcare needs donations of blankets.** It would be greatly appreciated if you could drop off any donations at Loxcare. Thank you!
- **The Parish Half-Yearly** meeting will be held on Sunday 18th August, 2pm (after St John's Myrta's 100th celebrations) at the Concordia Fellowship Centre. Guest Speaker Abbey James will share personal reflections on her overseas mission work. Please send any apologies to Heather Zimmermann please.
- **St Peter's mission project** involves our village partnership with the Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS), aimed at supporting farmers in Burundi. Thanks to your generous contributions, we have raised \$2,687.60 this year. Our commitment for 2024 is \$5,500, and we are confident that together we can achieve this goal.
- **Pilgrims of Zion Lutheran Church, Bookpurnong** are celebrating 100 years on Sunday, 8th September. Morning tea from 9am; Thanksgiving Service and History 10am, light lunch after. RSVP Trevor Fielke 0427838255 or tfielke@inet.net.au if intending to come.
- **St John's Myrta** will be holding their 100th Anniversary on Sunday 18th August, from 9.30am, bring a plate to share for lunch and fellowship.
- **Half Yearly Meeting:** TODAY, 1.30pm in Peace Hall after our Curries and Casseroles Cookoff!

REPORT ABUSE

If you have experienced abuse or have witnessed poor behaviour from someone working for, or connected with, the Lutheran Church in Australia or New Zealand, or if you believe that someone else in the church is at risk, it is important that you let us know.

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Growing FAITH at home

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Jesus is the
bread of life.



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Sunday between
July 31 and August 6



CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. Talk about a time you were really hungry.
2. Jesus called himself the bread of life. He said that those who come to him will never go hungry. What do you think he meant?
3. Without food, hunger is something that can happen to us every day. How are you fed by Jesus, the bread of life, so you do not experience spiritual hunger?



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

S	John 6:24-35	Jesus is the bread of life
M	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	Bread from heaven
T	Ephesians 4:1-16	Unity in the body of Christ
W	Matthew 6:9-13	The Lord's Prayer
T	Deuteronomy 8:1-10	You do not live by bread alone
F	Isaiah 55:1-11	The abundant life
S	Psalms 78:23-29	God feeds the people

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and
whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

JOHN 6:35



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Fasting is a tradition found in many religions.

For Christians, one reason for fasting is to be aware of how dependent we are on food and on God to stay alive. Fasting and prayer go together.

There are many ways to fast, from avoiding all foods to restricting one's diet for a specific period of time.

Choose a fast that works for you.

When you end your fast enjoy some food while reading John 6:24-35.

Reflect on the presence of your Lord Jesus Christ, the bread of life.

Conclude the time by praying the prayer from this week's Growing Faith at Home.



ACTION RESPONSE

As Jesus feeds us spiritually and physically, he invites us to feed others.

Gather some grocery items to donate to a local food pantry that serves the needy in your community.

Pray for the people that will receive these gifts.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Jesus, bread of life, feed us, body and soul. Jesus, bread from heaven, come and make us whole. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we come to you to be fed. Fill us that we may do the work of God by believing in you. Amen.



BLESSING

May Jesus, the bread of life, fill you with faith, hope, and love now and always.