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July 20th, 2025



Week 6 in our Sermon Series

St Peter's Lutheran Church

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Today in Worship

Bible readings for this week & next:

<u>July 20th:</u> Luke 15:1-2,11-32; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Isaiah 57:14-21 <u>July 27th:</u> Luke 19:1-10; Galatians 5:13-14; Jeremiah 31:31-34

In our prayers this week:

- † Kristen Doecke, Gavin Hunwick, Mark & Jan Wagner, Darrell Cubahiro, Wendy Walker, Bruce Schubert and Stan Zimmermann.
- † Those members in nursing homes in the area: Nita Awege, Betty Bradtke, Gloria Farley, Shirley Lipacis, Norma Ray, Ruth Schutz, John & Val Hampel, Jeff and Kay Westbrook.
- † Pastor Jason's sermon series, "Come to the Table", as we learn from Jesus about being people of grace and acceptance.
- † Those who come to our carpark every fortnight for foodbank for those who organise this much needed service, the staff and volunteers – and those who come because they are struggling, pray for them to meet the God of provision and blessing, and pray for God to show us how we might take up this opportunity to share God's amazing love and grace.

S.O.A.P Journal:

Scripture:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

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

<u>Apply:</u> What does this mean for me? How might it challenge me? How might it comfort me?

<u>Pray:</u> 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: 52667 OR BSB: 105-059 Account: 245 008 840 is also ok. National Grower Registration (NGR) Number: 13985291

Ministry Area 8.30am 27/7/25		10.30am 27/7/25	
Steward Team	Darren Z, Tania & Tony	Bruce, Clinton, Daniel & Ethan	
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Service Leader	Pastor Jason/Kelvin B	Pastor Jason/Kelvin B	
Band/Organ	Delphie Biele	Merrilyn B & Rachacia D	
Tea & Coffee	Theo & Helen	Adrian & Beth	
Bible Reader	Les B	Daniel Reimann	
Data/Sound	Janice & Terry	Daniel R / Band	
Video Recording	Les B	Brenton R	
Welcoming	Theo & Helen	Glanys S, Geoff & Beth	
		Haddon	
HC Asst	n/a	n/a	
Flowers	n/a	Marj Rudiger	
Offering Counting	n/a	Theo Kaesler	
Cleaning Leader	n/a	Jan & Gordon Z	
Thrive Ministry	n/a	ТВС	

Serving in Worship

Are you ready to get involved or change your involvement in the worship life at St Peter's? If so, Contact Pastor Jason or Brenton Reimann 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 Group News

 "Gladdy's" care group meets next on Sunday 10th August, 12.30pm in St Petri Hall

Finance Update from our Treasurer

• St Peter's May Financial Update:

2025 Budget: \$313,700 (increased from \$304,200 in 2024 due to rising costs).

2024 Shortfall: Offerings ended \$22,663 below budget.

Current Giving: As of the end of May, offerings are \$8,982 below budget. *Mission Fund:* Current balance is \$2,537.

Thank you for your continued generosity. Every gift helps sustain the mission and ministry of our church. *"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops."* — Proverbs 3:9.

Regards, Clarke Schober (Treasurer)

Coming Up This Week

Today	8.30am – HC Traditional Worship	
-	10.30am – HC Contemporary Worship	
	1.00pm – St Peter's Prayer Group (Church)	
	<i>4.00pm</i> – Freedom Through Forgiveness Seminar (Peace Hall)	
Mon 21 st	9-3pm – Ministry Centre Open	
	<i>9-12pm</i> – Toy Library Open (Ministry Centre)	
	11-1pm – FOODBANK Mobile Hub (Carpark)	
	3.30-5pm – Connect & Confirm Youth Group (Peace Hall)	
	5.15-7.15pm – Riverland Freestyle Martial Arts (Peace Hall)	
Tues 22 nd	Ministry Centre Closed	
Wed 23 rd	<i>10.30am –</i> Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship	
	<i>1.30pm –</i> Card Group (St Petri)	
	2.00pm – Hymnfest Meeting (Ministry Centre)	
Thurs 24 th	9-3pm – Ministry Centre Open	
	<i>9-12pm –</i> Toy Library Open (Ministry Centre)	
Fri 25 th	Loxton Quilters All Day (Peace Hall)	
	9-3pm – Ministry Centre Open	
	9.00am – Noah's Ark Playtime (St Petri)	
Sat 26 th	Loxton Quilters All Day (Peace Hall)	
Sun 27 th	8.30am – Traditional Worship	
	<i>10.30am</i> – Contemporary Worship	
	<i>1.00pm</i> – St Peter's Prayer Group (Church)	
	5.00pm – Gather2Worship (Peace Hall)	

St Peter's Lutheran Church

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Announcements

- **St Peter's Half-Yearly Meeting** will be held in Peace Hall on Sunday 3rd August, 1pm (after our combined shared luncheon see next note)
- Our next combined Luncheon is on 3rd August after 10.30am service "StarWest" is hosting for us, and would love to have a few more curries and / or rice. Please let Beth Reimann (0457 987 622) know what you are planning to bring. Thankyou!
- Freedom through Forgiveness: is a gathering being held in Peace Hall this afternoon, from 4pm for praise, thanks and prayer, or 5.15pm for sausage sizzle and soup before the 'main' event at 6pm. The evening will be facilitated by Neil Gamble who is visiting Australia for National Forgiveness Week. Neil is part of <u>Father's Hand Ministries</u> in the US. Brenton can book your attendance or <u>use this link</u>. It is free, registrations are needed for attendance only.
- **Confirmation & Youth Group** will recommence on Monday 21st July, 3.30pm in Peace Hall. If you would like to start getting your child picked up in the church van after school, please contact Brenton or Pastor Jason the week before.
- **Noah's Ark Playtime** will commence next week, Term 3, Week 1, on Friday 25th July, 9am in St Petri.
- Home Communion. Are you currently unable to make Sunday Services and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or maybe you know of others in church community? Please contact the ministry centre or let another member of our church know.
- Gather2Worship Sunday 27th July 5pm in Peace Hall: Relaxed contemporary worship for all ages, followed by a simple meal (\$5 suggested donation). Gather2Grow Sunday 10th August 5pm in Peace Hall: Praise, Prayer and Discussion Groups, followed by a simple meal (\$5 Donation) Contact Leonie 0418 895 747 (text or leave message) if you would like to help with welcoming, food preparation, serving, set up, pack up, etc for either Gather2Worship or Gather2Grow.

REPORT ABUSE

If you have experienced abute 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. Phone 1800 644 628 (Australia) 0800 356 887 (New Zealand) Email complaints/Bica.org.au Post PO Box 519, Marden SA 5070 Australia Mobile phone toxit message +61 (0) 438 320 218



Sitting at Jesus' feet





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

- 1. How are the members of your household (or group) alike in personality? How are you different?
- 2. When do you set aside time to listen to Jesus?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Luke 10:38-42	Only one thing needed
М	Genesis 18: 1-10a	A Son is promised to Sarah
т	Colossians 1: 15-28	Christ is supreme
W	2 Peter 1:3-11	Everything we need has been given
т	Matthew 6:25-33	Do not worry
F	Philippians 4:6-9	Do not be anxious
s	Psalm 127	Unless the Lord builds the house

VERSE OF THE WEEK

But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things. Only one thing is important. Mary has chosen the better thing, and it will never be taken away from her."

LUKE 10:41-42



Even when we are busy we, like Mary, need to take time to listen to Jesus.

If you're not in the practice of taking a few moments each day to hear God speak to you, then why not try to do so this week?

Decide on a time each day when all of your household will be available. Set an alarm or give someone the responsibility to gather everyone together.

Try this simple format:

- Share about the events of the day
- Read a short passage of Scripture or a Bible story
- Talk about the meaning of the story or passage for your lives at the moment
- Reflect on what you have heard
- Conclude with a prayer



ACTION RESPONSE

Abraham and Sarah treated their guests like royalty (Genesis 18:1-8). Mary welcomed Jesus with her undivided attention (Luke 10:38-39).

Make plans to show hospitality to someone in your home. Think of someone outside of your usual circle of relatives and friends to invite to your home. Share Growing Faith at Home with them and include them in your household devotion time.



VIEALITME PRATER

God, bless the food that here we see. God bless you, and God bless me. Amen.





BLESSING

Child of God, may Jesus give you a faith that is steady and firm.