



GGLC OFFICE

Please Note New Office Hours Until Further Notice



Tuesday to Friday—8am to 1pm

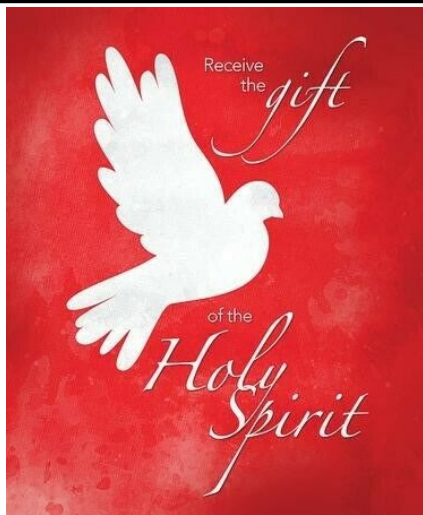
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26th April 2020—Third Sunday of Easter

Please join us this Sunday in our livestreamed Service—9.30am
Please visit the church website <https://www.gglc.org.au> for links of Youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEnQVJInZt7ubvRVPB87yeA> or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/gglc.lca/> on Sunday before service.



Receive the Holy Spirit

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38

When Peter preached his very first sermon some things are a little unexpected. Naturally, Peter tells the crowd that Jesus went to the cross so that all humanity would not have to suffer the judgement that comes from sin. Naturally, he called for them to repent and put their faith in the work of Christ and not look to those things that are passing away. Surprisingly, he promises that when they commit to Jesus, they will have the opportunity to receive the Holy Spirit.

What Peter declared to the crowd at Pentecost remains true for us all. God’s Holy Spirit is a free gift for all of us who have faith in Jesus. This Holy Spirit is not a force that can be conjured to do our bidding. Nor can God’s Spirit be separated from the person of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is a person who partners with us as we give witness to our faith in Jesus. The closer we are to Jesus and the more we seek to serve him, the greater the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

In this Easter season as we celebrate the risen Christ and what that means for the world, we acknowledge that we need to the filling of the Holy Spirit. As we are filled with joy may we be empowered to proclaim that Jesus is Lord.

Pastor Greg



Readings This Week:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Luke 24:13-35

You Can Now Download Weekly Readings!!

CLICK HERE



Online Worship Opportunities

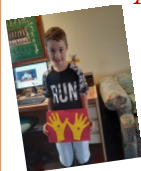
Sunday 26th April	9.30 am
Sunday 3rd May	9.30 am

Kids at Heart

During the service this week, we will be looking at “The risen Lord comes along side us in our journey of faith – Road to Emmaus ” based on Luke 24:15

Check Out GGLC Website For Children Activities With This Weeks Theme!!

CLICK HERE



Remember to continue to send in your weekly artwork submissions. We love seeing what the children are creating! Please also share our webpage with family members to view your child’s master pieces!



The Children’s program operates under the ChildSafe LCA program which is a safety and risk management system with a focus on keeping children and young people safe in their programs and activities.

What's Happening In Our Community

GGLC Notice of Annual General Meeting

Members of the Congregation are advised that the 32nd Annual General Meeting will be held on

Sunday 24th May 2019 via teleconference

Details of teleconference will be advertised closer to event

Please set the time aside to participate in this meeting with an opportunity for updates and questions in regards to the current situation we find ourselves in.

Digital copies of the AGM Book of Reports will be available from May 10th. Printed copies will be available upon request.

Remember to check out Pastor Greg's Daily Devotion Videos.

<https://www.gglc.org.au/church/index.php/publications/bible-study-Pastor-Greg>

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Support your local community & us

Many local businesses and restaurants now doing takeaway need your support. Access these and many other offers on eGift Cards to help you save.

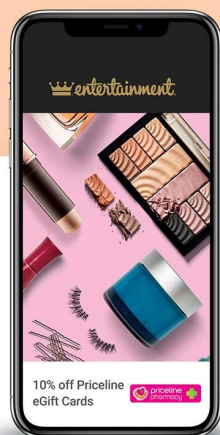


Connecting Communities

There has never been a more important time to support us with our fundraising and local business at the same time.

20% of each Membership sale goes directly to supporting our cause.

Renew now



BONUS

- ★ 2 months extra Membership FREE on Single & Multi City Memberships*
- ★ Buy today and have 6 months to activate your Membership*
- ★ Or activate today and continue to save on gift cards, local takeaway and essentials

To purchase through GGLC - <https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/161k370>

Support your local community



Restaurants in the Membership are increasing takeaway options for delicious meals at home. Visit entertainment.com.au to find them near you.

NEW VIDEO SERIES COMING!!!



Natasha's Story Time



In the wake of GGLC Playgroup and Mainly Music cancellations, Natasha has created a new video series to keep connected with our extended family. Each fortnight, beginning Wednesday 28th April, a new video will be released which includes a story, nursery rhyme and activity to share.

Link—<https://www.gglc.org.au/church/index.php/ministries/playgroup>

CLICK HERE

Please share this with all families with children!
Remember to check it out this Wednesday!



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2020

ANZAC DAY

LEST WE FORGET

Parts Extracted From Heartland eNews 22 April 2020

*And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed;
for this must take place, but the end is not yet. (Matthew 24: 8 NRSV)*

This is an unusual Anzac Day, with almost all public commemorations cancelled.

This year, most Anzac Day commemorations in Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere have been cancelled due the coronavirus outbreak. Even if we can't attend dawn services and marches this year, we can still remember and honour the men and women of Australia's and New Zealand's armed forces who have risked their lives—and who continue to risk their lives—to protect the security of their fellow citizens.

2020 marks 75th anniversary of end of WW2

It is now 75 years since the Second World War ended in 1945, on 8 May in Europe, and on 14 August in the Pacific. The Ode of Remembrance recites that *'age shall not weary them'*, but all the same the ranks of WW2 veterans are now very thin, and all are in their 90s or older. So, our time of recognising and personally thanking these living veterans will soon come to an end.

Defence personnel deployed for peacetime responses

Our governments often authorise deployments of Defence Force personnel to respond to disasters at home and abroad. In 2020 Australia has over 58,000 permanent and over 21,000 reserve Defence Force personnel, and New Zealand has over 9,000 permanent and nearly 3,000 reservists. Between us, that's a total of more than 90,000 personnel, plus civilian support and families. In times of crisis such as these, the presence of Defence personnel who personify espoused Anzac virtues such as courage, discipline, ingenuity, mateship, humour and service often serve to calm and reassure anxious civilians. We can be thankful that our Defence Forces have no role in government or politics, which rests firmly and democratically in the hands of the electorate.

Others among us who exemplify the same Anzac spirit in disaster response

In 2020, in addition to acknowledging our Defence Force personnel, we can also give thought to, and thanks for, for the many non-military personnel, such as doctors, medical staff, support staff, and others, who are serving us well in the frontline battle against COVID-19. The scale of the challenge we are facing, as governments, businesses, workers and society, is frequently being compared to a wartime situation.

Thanksgiving prayers for Anzac Day

- God, our creator and sustainer, you revealed yourself and your character to us in your Son, Jesus Christ. As we have just celebrated at Easter, he died that we might live.
- We thank you for those who devote their lives to serving others, often placing themselves in harm's way. Bless them with courage, wisdom and insight to know and act when it is possible to preserve and nurture life, when it is necessary to give their lives, and when, as a last resort, the only option left is to take life. Help us not to judge them for doing what is necessary, even though sometimes we might not desire it. Give us grace and generosity of spirit to thank them for their service.
- On Anzac Day we especially give thanks for the men and women who have served, or are currently serving, in our Defence Forces. Help those who currently serve to conduct themselves well. Bless the work of all Defence Force chaplains, including the leadership of Lutheran pastor, (Brigadier) Darren Jaensch, Director General of Chaplaincy for the Australian Army. Help the chaplains enable active service personnel and veterans who still suffer physically and mentally from wartime experience to find peace through faith in you and your Son Jesus Christ.
- In this time of COVID-19 we thank you for the skilled Defence personnel who are assisting in the response to the virus. We also thank you for the many civilians displaying the Anzac spirit, serving their neighbours with courage, compassion and discipline. God our helper and comforter in times of trouble, please help us all to work well together, and sustain all these volunteers and workers when they grow weary.
- We pray especially for:
 - Our leaders who believe that none of us is expendable, who must weigh up the expert advice they receive; help them to make the right decisions.
 - Those who plan, coordinate and implement public health measures, such as public health officials, scientists, health service managers, doctors and nurses, pharmacists, medical suppliers, and cleaners.
 - Those who plan, coordinate and execute economic measures, such as politicians, senior public servants, academics, lobbyists from businesses and unions, and those who implement financial support programs for employers, individuals and families.
 - Chaplains, pastoral care staff, social workers and mental health experts who provide counselling and guidance for those suffering from anxiety and depression in uncertain times.
 - Charities who help with the needs of individuals and families who 'fall through the cracks' of other systems of support.
 - Teachers who must rapidly adjust educational methods to keep students learning while schools are closed.
 - People with skills in communications technology who are working to keep communities functioning.
 - Volunteers, who so often are the ones who must make a little go a long way when there isn't enough for everyone.
- We pray for the leaders and people of nations with fewer resources than we enjoy, whose governments are under-equipped to respond. Please help them to negotiate this most challenging time wisely, justly and compassionately. Help wealthier nations like ours, even as we grapple with our own crises, to reach out where we can with a helping hand.
- Finally, we pray for ourselves, for patience, peace and endurance. Help us to accept the constraints on our usual freedoms and give us the will to act in the best interests of all.

In Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Pastor John Henderson, Bishop, Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand, Adelaide, 22 April 2020

News from Friends of Asaroka



Photo is of departing chaplain Benson Samarapa and his wife.

Pastor Jacob Maso reports that they have been in lockdown.

1. School closed due to Governments discussion as of 23rd March due to corona virus.
2. Tractor is fine. Has recently ploughed rice field just below the southern cross. Rice has been planted and it's growing.
3. Internet connection is temporarily on hold due to the cost of more than K10,000.00. Principal said we will wait for a better business deal for reconnection.
4. Late Rev Tscharke's monument still needs some more work to complete before ready to unveil.
5. Please pray for a new chaplain, which the head office in Lae will send. Chaplain Benson Samarapa's term has expired.
6. The family of the late Mr Nendo have been allowed to stay at the school for the year by the governing body, while they wait for their entitlements from the government through the Education Department.

We have also been advised that Sonia head of Nursing at the Goroka Hospital is unwell and has been in the Pt Moresby Hospital.

Please remember the Asaroka community. Continue to keep our sisters and brothers in PNG in your prayers as they too experience a time of challenges and hardships!

Videos of Pastor Greg's messages can be viewed on our website or YouTube, and announcements are made on Facebook as soon as new items become available.

If you choose to give the video posts a Like/Share on Facebook, you're helping to increase the number of people that might see Pastor Greg's message. A seemingly trivial click - it may be the easiest act of ministry you ever do!

Website: <http://www.gglc.org.au/>, go to "For Members" and select "Pastor's Messages"

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gglc.lca/>

Looking for resources to help keep faith alive at home, connect with our community, and stay safe, during this time of physical isolation?



Church@Home is a central repository for such resources to help us keep the faith alive! New resources are being added all the time.

[Click here](https://www.lca.org.au/churchhome/) or on the above image to go to the Church@Home landing page.
<https://www.lca.org.au/churchhome/>



Support for the work and ministry of **Lutheran Community Care** is ongoing and encouraged.

During the month of **April** LCC invite you to replenish their Emergency Relief shelves with donations of **Cereals, Coffee, Pasta Sauce & Tin Harvest Meals.**




BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
 This week GGLC celebrate birthdays with
Daniel Dutschke
Kristian Appelt
 We hope your special day is blessed with
God's love & grace!

GGLC OFFERINGS

Members are offered the opportunity of Regular Electronic Giving (REG) which provides a way to give regularly and consistently without having to remember to bring money for the offering plate every Sunday. More information about REG can be found in the

[Giving section of the LLL website.](#)

The LLL Account No. for GGLC Regular Electronic Giving is 28190/S1/GOL (use this for transfers from your LLL account to the REG account).

To transfer money into the LLL Golden Grove Lutheran Church REG Account from another bank please use

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