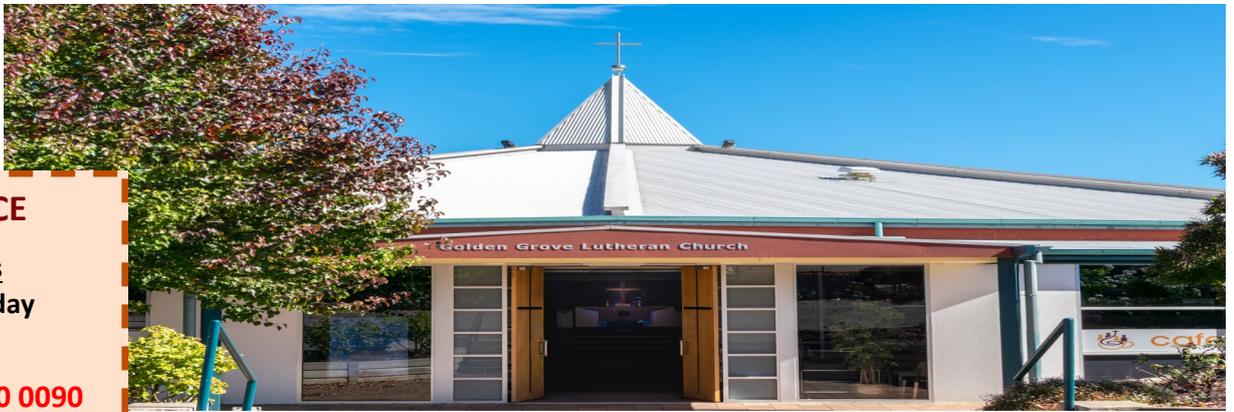




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28th February 2021—2nd Sunday in Lent

Please join us this Sunday at our 9.30am or 6.30pm services or in our livestreamed Service—9.30am

May we all be encouraged and strengthened in our faith through the Word of God.

Café Connect will be open following both services. ALL WELCOME!!



The Way of the Cross

People of Jesus' day were familiar with cross bearers. Rome consistently rid itself of the dross of society, condemning each to carry their own cross to their place of execution. People saw this and understood that the moment a cross was shouldered, death was inevitable. Jesus knew His own cross would mean the same.

Yet here, in today's reading we have Jesus directive to everyone - the crowds and disciples, to "Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me!" v34. Thanks to Him, our cross does not lead to death but through His death every day to eternal life.

Our cross is associated with an uncountable number of little deaths where we look to God and choose His way wherever it conflicts with the way of the flesh. But this is not a law whereby if we break it we are condemned. It involves acknowledging our failings and His Lordship of our life.

When Peter had it wrong, Jesus corrected Him with a loving rebuke, "You do not have in mind the concerns of God but merely human concerns!" v33. I know this is a rebuke I deserve too. Yet Jesus forgave Peter this and even his subsequent self-preservation attempt at Jesus' trial when he denied knowing Jesus three times. Like Peter, we fail because of sin. The forgiveness Jesus gave him and gives to us is assured in His cross. We are saved already. Our daily cross bearing then becomes the way of joy, not to save ourselves or so we can be proud but so the Gospel is lived before others. And the final result will be that in acknowledging Him as Lord, He will acknowledge us as His, when He comes in glory.

Dear Lord, help us love and choose the cross You have given us that we might acknowledge Your cross and glorify You with every breath. Amen.

Margey Knapp



Readings This Week:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

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Kids at Heart

During the service this week, we will be looking at the theme "Baptism"

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Worship Opportunities

Sunday 28th February	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Worship Salt Factory Service with HC
Sunday 7th March	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Worship with HC Salt Factory Prayer Healing Service



Livestreaming Sunday Service—9.30am

Please visit the church website

<https://www.gglc.org.au> for links of our YouTube channel or Face-

book page. We encourage you to share our links/information to those who can't make it to our services or are homebound!



Salt Factory 6.30 pm

Come at 5.45 pm for food and fellowship before the service commences

Gold coin donation

Look forward to seeing you there!

