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**KNOWING  
 CHRIST AND  
 MAKING HIM  
 KNOWN**

# GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

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*Our goal:*  
**Care, Communicate,  
 Connect so that people  
 may know CHRIST.**

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## 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 message shared with us today .



*Tea & coffee is available in the Fellowship Centre following morning service and at 5.45 pm a light meal is available prior to the 6.30 pm evening service Please feel welcome to join us.*

### Before worship

**Psalm 150:6 (MSG) – “Let every living, breathing creature praise God! Hallelujah!”**

All throughout the Psalms (and Bible, too) we are reminded of all the reasons we have to praise God. From God’s creative brilliance to Jesus’ monumental sacrifice, or the sheer love of God to the protection of the Holy Spirit. Even the undeserved grace that we receive and the freedom that comes with God’s forgiveness. There are so many reasons that we have to praise God.

I’ve always seen praising God as a celebration: full of life and energy. Now I’ve had some pretty rad birthday parties over the years (from HJs on the playground, to bowling, then sophisticated dinners where I spill food all over myself), and I reckon God wants us to party when He asks us to praise Him.

We find in all our readings today that people praise God for the life He has given us. The Israelites were grumbling and moaning as they wandered through the desert hungry. So the Lord satisfied their needs and gave them a reason to praise. As God promises to Moses in Exodus 16:12 (NLT): “In the evening you will have meat to eat, and in the morning you will have all the bread you want. Then you will know that I am the Lord”. In Philippians 1, Paul writes that he is torn between the benefit of death and life, believing that “living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ”. We can praise God with our lives, “conducting ourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ” (Philippians 1:27).

Finally, in the Parable of Vineyard Workers, we see the opposite of praise: ungratefulness. Even though all the workers agreed on the wages they were eventually paid, they were unhappy when they compared their pay to others who did ‘less’ work. This parable refers to the kingdom of God, and how it doesn’t matter how long we believe in God, rather if we believe and if we give Him praise.

We are created to show God our thanks and appreciation for the gift of life we have. That’s pretty special if you ask me.

Jason Kupke



### Readings for today

**Exodus 16: 2-15**  
**Phil. 1:21-30**  
**Matt. 20: 1-16**

### Worship Opportunities

<b>Today</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>11.30 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship with HC Korean Community Church Salt Factory worship
<b>Friday 26th Sept</b>	<b>2.30 pm</b>	End of term 3 closing chapel
<b>Sunday 28th Sept</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>11.30 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship Korean Community Church Salt Factory worship with HC



### 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 special time for children in the foyer area 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 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

What do you think of praising God?

Is it something you just don't get around to? Do you find praising God boring? Are you unsure what I am talking about in regard to praising God?

When we read the psalm for this week- **Psalm 150**, the culmination of the Book of Psalms and our series "*Living Psalms*", we might get the impression that the writer is grasping at means to express his praise. He has so much praise for God that he has to call on all that he can to express it. He knows that the Lord is worthy of praise - so worthy in fact that he will go to whatever extremes he can, to offer his praise.

This morning I am going to have a closer look at this psalm with you by considering the **where, why and how of praise**.

I have entitled this "**the power of praise**". But in fact the power is not in the praise. It comes from our faith in God and that we are in fact created to praise God and so praise is good for us.

This morning **Anthony Mertin** and **Dale Bruce** will be receiving his first communion/ being admitted to the Sacrament of the Altar. Welcome Anthony and Dale into communion membership of our congregation and welcome to all your family and those friends who have come to celebrate this important event in your life.

Also this morning we'll be giving our farewell (prayer and blessing) to **Matt Bishop** who has been doing his ALC field -work with us over the last 3-4 years. Matt will starting is vicarage in the next few months. This is not our actual goodbye. He will be preaching for us on the 5<sup>th</sup> October while I am on annual leave.

The youth are putting on a **special morning tea** after worship this morning as an their expression of service. As part of their Friday night activity they baked and we shall enjoy their efforts this morning.

This evening I shall be taking this up at the "*Hill Connect*" youth service at Strathalbyn.

**Salt Factory** this evening is a praise night where you are asked to bring along "your expression of praise": either a song, reading.....

We wish those on the **GGAF camp** this weekend "tighlines" as they say, and God's blessing on Yorke Peninsula.

**Next Sunday** we start our new series, "**Letters from God**" based on the second reading for the day. We start with Paul's epistle to Philippians, then 1 Thessalonians and finishing with Ephesians. The first of these is **Encouragement to be humble** from **Philippians 2:1-13**.

I shall be leaving for **Pastors' Conference** at Port Lincoln tomorrow week (Monday 29/9/14) and shall be conference that week. The follow 2 weeks I am taking the second part of my **annual leave**. I plan to be back on deck on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October**.

*Pastor Leon*

### Diary Dates:      This week

<b>TODAY</b> (21/9/14)	Special morning tea put on by our Youth Fellowships.
<b>TODAY</b> (21/9/14)	<b>5.45pm</b> Salt Factory dinner and worship - <i>Praise Night</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> (23/9/14)	<b>7.30pm</b> Endeavor School Council
<b>Wednesday</b> (24/9/14)	<b>Pastor's Day Off 1pm</b>
<b>Friday</b> (26/9/14)	<b>2.00pm</b> End of Term School Worship, with Chris Jaensch, Psalm 19 'the sun'

## REACHING OUT THROUGH PRAYER

*"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked for." 1 John 5: 14-15"*

**Pray in a small group for a personal breakthrough (or silently) in the "House of prayer" with fellow Christians. Let the Holy Spirit (Teacher) guide & help us for personal break through - Exams, assignments, Job opportunities, health, financial, family & work issues anything at all**

*the Holy Spirit as promised by Jesus is the "Helper" the spirit of truth - John 14:15*

**Meet us at 5.30pm this Sunday in the small chapel next to Fellowship lounge area: (this "Reaching out through Prayer" is a GGLF Youth initiative)**

The prayer session will kick off for a Prayer for Youth - including existing and new leaders for our youth at GGLF /Resonate (**lead by our Youth of GGLF**)

Followed by individual requested prayers



# RosTers for Next Sunday : 28th September

PA + Opening/Closing up	Power-point	Music Group	Greeters / Ushers	Readers	Children's Address ----- Kid's Craft	Devotion for Bulletin ----- Prayers	Assistants with HC	Flowers	Church Cleaning	Salt Factory catering
Sue Fielke	John Fielke	Hybrid Band	Davidson Dabinett	Rosalie Hoklas	R Hoklas ----- N Stevenson	Ps Leon ----- Ps Leon		Heidi Rosenberg	Shrowder Thiel	
Nicholas Schmocker			Elnora Schmocker				L Napier T Rawolle			NO CATERING



## YOUTH NEWS



*Ephesians 5:8 - For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.*

*Isaiah 53:10b - He gave Himself as an offering for sin so that He'd see life come from it.*

An epic night of Laser Skirmish last Friday @ GGLF Youth, as 45 people rocked out the compound for some hectic game-play. We love having nights like these, as we turned the school-ground into a battle-ground with the red-team ending as victors! A big thanks to Monkey and Kaboom for coming down once more and helping us out (quick plug for Locked and Loaded). Our focus then turned to the smaller prophets of the Old Testament: our last session before Jesus hits the scene in our devotional journey!

Please, please pray as our youth ministry continues to transition, with Nicole Fielke stepping up further in Term 4! And if you have any brilliant ideas for youth events or youth in general, please let Jase or Nicole know.



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### Christian Life Week (CLW)

Is coming up very soon on the 29th Sep- 3rd Oct at Walker Flat! Regos close very soon, so get on it. CLW is for years 8-10 and the theme for the camp is 'Get Connected' -

It costs \$185 (Bus fee + \$15) so why not register today for what I would say is the "best experience ever through worship time, small groups and the awesome games.

CLW has personally helped me during my high school years and understanding that we are all loved and that God has a great plan for our lives" (Nicole Fielke).

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OR visit us on facebook- [facebook.com/metroclw](https://www.facebook.com/metroclw)

### GGLF CHRISTMAS PLAY

The directors are starting to plan for this years Christmas Eve play and as part of the preparation are calling for lots of children and adults to make family groups. No lines required—just people.

Also looking for people interested in singing in a choir.

If you would like to be involved please contact

Dawn Rutter on 0401 740 701

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### MISSING BIN KEY

The key to the waste collection bin which is normally located in the cupboard in the Fellowship Kitchen is missing. If anyone knows its whereabouts can you please let the Admin office know.

Thank you



