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Triumphant Entry

How do you come to this account fresh every time when it is the most cliched and well known event after Christmas and Easter? Author Kenneth Bailey suggests we need to stand at the back of the scene with the Jews who were there. What would they have seen that I would miss, culturally significant things that make the story richer?

We can't miss the significance of Jesus' choice of animal because Matthew tells us it was chosen to fulfil scripture and Messianic Prophecy. The donkey was the common domestic beast of burden. Drivers mostly sat side saddle rather than astride for ease of getting on and off with the goods loaded on the animal. Perhaps Jesus rode side-saddle in this peaceful way too, expressing His humility and being relaxed and happy through it all. Jesus may even have looked upon it as His

funeral procession, for when Mary anoints His feet with expensive nard He declared that in doing so she had prepared Him for burial. We don't really know how He rode the colt but it was a far more humble choice than a mighty steed.

The crowd are calling out, "Blessed be the One who comes in the Name of the Lord", and "Hosanna" which means, "Save us". Jesus did not stop them. He accepted their accolades. This is quite a contrast to most of His ministry where He often forbade people to declare who He was in public. There were changes afoot. This time Jesus was not coming into Jerusalem just to celebrate Passover or as a Teacher with His disciples. This time He was coming as The Lord.

This was also the day by Jewish tradition that the people had to select their Passover lamb ready for the feast. God's spotless lamb, His Son, presented Himself ready to be the sacrificial lamb sealing the eternal Passover for everyone.

Dear Lord. How did You manage to carry on in Your everyday life with the foreknowledge of Good Friday? You obediently rode into Jerusalem knowing it was to Your death. Only love could have done that, duty would have given up much earlier. Thank You that Your love kept You on-course for without You we would all be lost. Help us to sing our praises and join the victory march in Your honour every day of our lives. Amen. Margey Knapp



Readings This Week:

Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 21:1-11

You Can Now Download Weekly Readings!!

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Worship Opportunities

Sunday 5th April	9.30 am	Palm Sunday Online Service
Friday 10th April	9.30 am	Good Friday Online Service
Sunday 12th April	9.30 am	Easter Sunday Online Service
Sunday 19th April	9.30 am	Contemporary Online Service

Kids at Heart

During the service this week, we will be looking at "Palm Sunday" based on Matthew 21:9

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



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.

Please Note No Salt Factory Services Until Further Notice

Join In Livestreams Each Sunday At 9.30am

What's Happening In Our Community

New Weekly Newsletter Format

If you know someone who doesn't receive our emailed Newsletter or will still want a printed copy, please let Robert know at

office@gglc.org.au. Printed copies will only be available upon ordering.

Easter Services at Golden Grove Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday Devotion and Reflective Piece Good Friday Live Worship @ 9.30am Easter Sunday Live Worship @ 9.30am

See GGLC website for link to services

Life in the Vine Publication

The March 2020 edition of our community magazine is available NOW.

Order your copy at office@gglc.org.au

or view/download from our website.

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Looking For Something To Do While Social Distancing?

Remember GGLC Library has many books for borrowing! Come on in for a quick browse.

You might be surprised on what you find!!



Also available— Christian music in CD format!!

Wedding Announcement

Jon and Jacquie Schutz will be celebrating the marriage of their daughter

Emi to <u>Kieran M</u>eaney

on Saturday 4th April.

Please remember the young couple in your prayers as they begin their marriage and their partnership through life together.

"Cant get to church to give your offering money? Want to be more organised with your giving?"

REG is the ANSWER!!

Regular Electronic Giving (REG) is a convenient, safe and confidential way of giving to our congregation and the wider Lutheran Church. If you are away from church for any reason, your offering is still made. REG has a positive effect on our cash flow. Visit the LCA REG page <u>www.lca.org.au/REG</u> for more information.



To check out the benefits of REG and to register: www.lca.org.au/REG

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 BSB 704942 Account 100118259

ONE-OF DONATIONS

During this time of shutdown due to COVID-19, please consider how you can continue to make your free-will offering. GGLC can now accept one-of donations through our website. For more information visit https://www.gglc.org.au/church/index.php/products/

> offeringdonation or click button below





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We Now Have Online Ordering Available During Open Hours!! To order go to <u>cafeconnect.com.au</u>



Information On Using Zoom Meetings

Many of you may have seen warnings about **Zoom** meetings on the Internet or in the recent LCA eNews.

Zoom does have shortcomings but is generally safe if used according to best practice - for example, don't be like Boris Johnson and publish your Zoom meeting ID to the world. There are some good guidelines here to avoid having your meeting "zoom-bombed":

https://www.pcworld.com/article/3535213/how-to-prevent-zoombombing-by-being-smarter-than-boris-johnson.html

and other useful advice about setting up conference calls here: https://blog.zoom.us/wordpress/2020/03/20/keep-the-party-crashers -from-crashing-your-zoom-event/

Concern has also been expressed about security and eavesdropping with Zoom, which is a valid concern for private and sensitive conversations. Zoom does not provide military grade security of group conversations. Just like the old-fashioned operator in the telephone exchange, Zoom acts as the middleman to hook up all the attendees together, so it theoretically has the means to monitor and record conversations and video - which it probably doesn't, but if you do have concerns about this, then don't use Zoom. Skype is similar in this respect.

There are many other options, although it can be equally hard to work out which are really secure and which are not, and many have limitations on the number of video call participants. Those that are generally considered secure and good options include **WhatsApp** (subject to only allowing 4 participants). **Facebook Messenger** using "Secret Conversations", **Google Hangouts** (10 participants) and **Cisco Webex Meetings** free tier (also 10 participants).

Death Notices

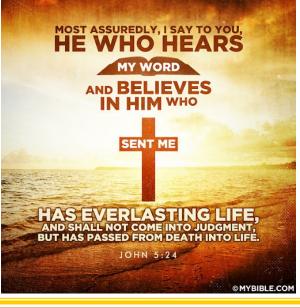
It is with deepest sorrow that we inform Golden Grove Lutheran community the deaths of:

Dawn Rutter

who passed away on the 21st March. Laid to rest 30th March.



Coral Kittel who passed away on the 27th March. Funeral arrangements in progress.





Do you have a need? any need? Home Bible Studies have been cancelled until further notice.

Remember: Jesus name is above all names, we know that Jesus name will slice & slam through anything that tries to come against us (virus). We have been part of couple thousand healings/miracles—God's glory & power at work. If you or anyone that you know has been effected by the virus **please ring us** and we have 100% confidence in God that when we pray that this virus will die and fall of you.

This is only a small sample of testimonies of the many Hundreds/Thousands of Healings and miracles that occurring in our midst and wider community.

Thankyou Jesus !!



https://www.youtube.com/playlist? list=PLFeEL5FGigpDKnE3qRjeAtP3jkdvr5Vs4 (Small sample of testimonies from Golden Grove Lutheran Church Youtube site)

Contact Jon: 0424 186 149 or Paul: 0413 604 000



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.**



Boxes are always in the Foyer waiting to be filled!

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. [Psalm 121:3-8 NRSV]

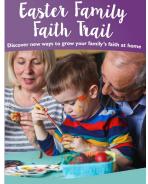
Videos of Pastor Greg's messages can be viewed on our website or YouTube, and announcements are made on Facebook as soon as new items become available.

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: <u>http://www.gglc.org.au/</u>, go to "For Members" and select "Pastor's Messages" Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/gglc.lca/</u>

Easter Faith Family Trail at Home

Explore the events of the Easter story through a variety of activity stations. Each station has a theme, Bible passage, questions to chat about, and simple activity and prayer ideas. Using locations and items from around the home, we invite your household to choose at least one activity in the lead up to or during Easter. This is a great opportunity to grow faith at



home for people of all ages, particularly families with children under 12. Most of the ideas use multiple senses to engage with the Easter story. We hope this resource equips your family to play, talk and pray together so that you may grow in faith, especially as you celebrate what Jesus has done for us this Easter.

To access the Easter Faith Family Trail at Home booklet please click here: <u>https://lca.box.com/shared/static/</u> <u>zwj3gea7dr3g1kimjd65htkpejcxj5bh.pdf</u>





Open Door Community Bookshop Temporary Closure

Due to the current COVID-19 situation we have closed our store as of 31 March 2020.

We sincerely regret that we are unable to serve our loyal & valued customers especially at this Lenten/Easter season.

An online resource for Easter for the movie-buffs (12 movies & extras, for \$30) - From "Movies change people" - a frequent email we receive at the bookshop. <u>www.hopeathome.com.au/#movies</u> And for the children: Cecil and the Lost Sheep (lots of fun)

web: www.lostsheep.com.au/

fb: www.facebook.com/cecilthelostsheep

Like us on facebook:

www.facebook.com/opendoorcommunitybookshop

We look forward in faith to when we can once again serve you at the shop.

May God's love and peace remain with you all. From the Team Management and Staff.

This week GGLC celebrate birthdays with Mieke Appelt We hope your special day is blessed with God's love & grace!

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

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