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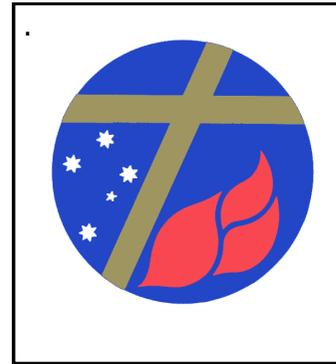
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## ST PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

at Eastside Lutheran College  
15 Acorn Drive, Warrane  
Divine Service 10:00am  
4th January, 2015

**Second Sunday After Christmas**



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## TODAYS READINGS

**Jeremiah 31:7-14** The Lord will gather Israel

**Ephesians 1:3-14** Paul's thanksgiving and prayer

**John 1:(1-9)10-18** We saw God's glory in Jesus



Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome visitors worshipping with us today. We hope you enjoy our service and feel free to enter God's presence with gladness. Please join us after the service for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.

### TODAY:

**Reader:** Garry Semmler

**Ushers:** Matuschka

### NEXT WEEK

**Reader:**

**Ushers:** Zapart

**Morning Tea Set Up and Flowers:** Haigh and Harriss

**Readings:**

[Genesis 1:1-5](#) In the beginning God creates light

[Acts 19:1-7](#) Paul baptises believers in Ephesus

[Mark 1:4-11](#) The baptism of Jesus

### THIS WEEK IN BRIEF

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
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### AS WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

We do what Jesus commanded: we eat bread and drink wine, we believe what Jesus said: "This is my body", "This is my blood", we remember that Jesus died for us, we believe that God truly forgives our sins, we recognize that we are united with other communicants as one body, we look forward to the never ending feast in heaven. If you have any questions please ask Pastor Paul.

## PRAYER POINTS

These are petitions and praises that will be in our prayers during our Sunday worship service, and that all of our members are encouraged to keep in their prayers during the week.

### *Petitions:*

- For God's guidance as we continue the call process.
- For God to continue to smooth the way for the redevelopment of the hall so that progress can be made as quickly as possible.
- For all those who are travelling over the summer holidays.

### *Healing:*

For God to heal those with various health problems:

Elizabeth Kossmann; Lorraine Semmler (recovering from viral labyrinthitis); Irma Hausmann (recovering from a broken leg); for Geoff Freeman's sister, Samantha, who recently underwent a bone marrow transplant.

For all those who are weighed down with any kind of physical, mental, or spiritual burdens, that they experience God's healing power.

### *Praises:*

For the joy we can experience this Christmas, knowing that God loves us with an everlasting love.

One night a lady came home from her weekly prayer meeting, found she was being robbed, and she shouted out, "Acts 2:38: 'Repent & be baptized & your sins will be forgiven.'" The robber quickly gave up & the lady rang the police. While handcuffing the criminal, a policeman said, "Gee mate, you gave up pretty easily. How come you gave up so quickly?" The robber said, "She said she had an axe and two 38's!"



## **NOTICES**

### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CHAIN**

It's Never Too Late to be a part of the Congregational Prayer Chain.

Just let Lorraine Semmler know if you want to be involved in praying for others. Lorraine emails those on the prayer chain as needs arise so that as many people as possible can be praying for a particular concern.

Contact her at [glsemmler1@bigpond.com](mailto:glsemmler1@bigpond.com)

### **2015 DEVOTION BOOKS**

The 2015 "Time Out" Devotion Books Are Now Available. The cost is \$22. You can place your money in an envelope with the words "Devotion Book" on the front onto the offering plate.

### **THE MESSAGE**

#### THE MYSTERY REVEALED EPHESIANS 3: 6

1. Mysteries can be fun.
2. It's not fun if your life is a mystery:
  - Feeling confused.
  - Not knowing why you're here.
3. God has let us in on the mystery of life.
  - This is the significance of Epiphany.
    - God used a special star to lead Magi to Jesus.
    - God "showed forth" His love to all people.
  - God has shared the mystery and meaning of life with everyone.
  - Ephesians 3: 6 - "The mystery is that through the Gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

4. We know the mystery of life.
  - We are loved by God and included in His family.
  - We are the heirs of heaven.
  - What a difference that makes in our lives.
    - We know who we are.
    - We have security.
5. How has this happened? How do we know this?
  - God came to this earth as a baby.
    - Jesus is both God and man.
  - Jesus spent His whole love showing people how much God loves them.
  - Even though He lived a perfect life, Jesus was crucified as the worst of sinners.
    - He took our place, suffering our punishment.
    - We are now forgiven.
  - Jesus rose from the dead.
    - Death is not the end.
    - We can now live with Him forever.
6. Put all these facts together, and we know the mystery of life: We are loved by God forever.
  - God does whatever is necessary to make sure we enjoy His love.
  - Epiphany reassures us that God's arms are wide open and that He wants to include every person in those loving arms.
7. The Wise Men set a good example for us:
  - Seeking
  - Kneeling
  - Trusting
8. When we let God embrace us in His loving arms, then we can be Epiphany lights in this world.
  - That's the purpose of life: Knowing I am loved by God, I now share His love with others.
9. It's great to have the mystery solved:
  - Through Jesus Christ:
    - I know who I am.
  - I am dearly loved child of God.
    - I know why I'm here.
  - My purpose is to share God's love with others.
    - I know where I'm going.
  - I am going to live forever with my God who loves me.

### **Psalm 147:12-20 New International Version (NIV)**

- <sup>12</sup> Extol the Lord, Jerusalem;  
praise your God, Zion.
- <sup>13</sup> He strengthens the bars of your gates  
and blesses your people within you.
- <sup>14</sup> He grants peace to your borders  
and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.
- <sup>15</sup> He sends his command to the earth;  
his word runs swiftly.
- <sup>16</sup> He spreads the snow like wool  
and scatters the frost like ashes.
- <sup>17</sup> He hurls down his hail like pebbles.  
Who can withstand his icy blast?
- <sup>18</sup> He sends his word and melts them;  
he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.
- <sup>19</sup> He has revealed his word to Jacob,  
his laws and decrees to Israel.
- <sup>20</sup> He has done this for no other nation;  
they do not know his laws. [\[a\]](#)  
Praise the Lord.

### **Prayer for the Day**

Almighty God,  
since you wonderfully created us in your own image,  
and yet more wonderfully restored us:  
Grant that, as your Son our Lord Jesus Christ  
was made in our likeness,  
so we may share in his divine nature;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**