The gains of heaven will more than compensate us for the losses of earth.

Welcome as we share God’s Word through prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

We give thanks to Pastor Philip Bentley for leading today’s services at St Michael’s Gnadenfrei Marananga and also at Nain. Thanks to John Barkley and Kylie Rosenzweig for leading the service at St Peter’s Greenock.

TODAY’S PSALM … Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

For you make me glad by your deeds, LORD; I sing for joy at what your hands have done.

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, ‘The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.’

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen.
PARISH PRAYERS – THIS WEEK …

Pastor Philip & Narelle Bentley;
John & Ali Barkley & Family, Kylie & Timothy Rosenzweig & Family (LR – Greenock);
Irene Wohlers (M); Roger & Rosie Wendt, Alec, Tahlia & Lee (GR);
Karyn Materne (N); all who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

PRAYERS…

Prayer of the Day: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Multiply your mercy upon us that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through good things temporal that we finally lose not those that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Offering Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for sending your Son to establish your kingdom among us. Teach us to live by faith in him, and gladly serve you with all that we are and all that we have. Amen.

READINGS…

1st Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24 God’s promise of hope
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17 Living for Christ, by faith
The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34 The growing seed, the mustard seed

Sunday 20th June – Pentecost 4 (Green) – Psalm 107:1-3,23-32
1st Reading: Job 38:1-11 The might of the Creator
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Paul’s sufferings as God’s servant
The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:35-41 Jesus calms a storm

NOTES ON THE READINGS… Sunday 13th June – Pentecost 3

Ezekiel 17:22-24: “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. All the trees of the forest will know that I the Lord bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10(11-13)14-17: Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due to us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. [Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. We are not trying to commend
ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. If we are ‘out of our mind,’ as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!

**Mark 4:26-34:** Jesus also said, ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces corn – first the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. As soon as the corn is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.’

Again he said, ‘What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.’

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

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**SERVICES: Sunday 20th June (Pentecost 4 – Green)**

**Nain 9.00am HC** with Pastor Philip Bentley

**Gnadenfrei Marananga 9.00am** Gavin, Lynette, Joel S.

**St Peter’s Greenock 10.30am HC** with Pastor Philip

**St Peter’s Greenock: Sunday 20th June**

Flowers – Wilfriede Kalleske  Cleaning – Lauren Pietsch/Briony Kalleske.

Welcoming / Attendance Roll / Morning Tea – Lisa & Nick Werner  Readings – Lisa Werner


**St Michael’s Gnadenfrei Marananga: Sunday 20th June (please advise Lynette of any changes)**

Cleaning – Dulcie Waechter  Flowers – Margaret Roennfeldt

Welcome / Attendance for June – John & Yvonne Pfeiffer  Readings – Gavin, Lynette, Joel S.

Morning Tea following printed protocols in Hall – Mavis Neldner

**TAKE NOTE…**

1. **Name tags:** Please wear to help Pastor Philip & Narelle get to know our names.
2. **Prayer Group:** No gathering on 15th June. Next get together is **Tuesday 6th July** at 10.00am at Helen Wendt’s home. All welcome.
3. **Parish Council Meeting** to be held on **Thursday 17th June**, 7.30pm at Greenock Chat Room.
4. **Ministry Leaders’ Forum** (including Barossa Pastors) *Thursday June 17*th at Faith College.

5. **Ladies’ Zone Retreat Friday 18*th June* at Neukirch.

6. **Lutheran Care** supports local families in need through Emergency Relief. Specific items required for **June** are **tinned mixed vegetables, 425g tinned plain tuna** and **shampoo**. Check if there is a donation place at your church or deliver to Lutheran Care at 26 Second St, Nuriootpa.

7. **Latest LCA e-news**: Press Ctrl and click on this link [http://lcaenews.online/210608](http://lcaenews.online/210608)

8. **2021 edition** of Australian Lutheran College's (ALC) ‘Saints Alive’ is out now. PDF: [click here.](http://lcaenews.online/210608)

9. **Movie**: Join us for our next movie at Holy Trinity Nuriootpa as we show the movie “The Book of Esther” on **Sunday 13*th June**. Good battles evil in this timeless story of Biblical heroism. The righteous Jew Mordecai and the despicable Haman square off for control of the young Persian King Xerxes. But Haman’s plans include something horrible for Mordecai and his people. It is up to Mordecai’s niece Esther to win the affection of the King, unmask Haman’s treachery and save the Jewish people. Based upon the Book of Esther, this delightful retelling emphasizes values of courage, faith and obedience. Everyone welcome to join us at 7 pm. Cost is $5 which includes popcorn and a drink. Hope to see you there!

10. **Birthiing Kits**: The members of the Gnadenfrei and Greenock Ladies’ Guilds have regularly packed Birthing Kits for PNG. Their goal for 2021 is 50 Kits!! Over the years various items have become surplus stock ‘for the next time’. This year they’d like some help from you for the following: **cloth nappies 60cm x 60cm used or new; large safety pins or nappy pins for the nappies; newborn size 000 singlets new or used; face-washers.** [TARGET Gawler is useful]. Old sheets that are not too thin can be handed onto Jenny Neldner or you can cut them into the 1metre squares. **Cotton fabric only – not jersey or stretch material.** Of course monetary donations can buy items for a Kit and are most welcome. Kits will be packed after Bible study at the meeting of the Guilds on **Tuesday 22*nd June** in the Gnadenfrei Hall. Birthing Kits are a small way women in Australia can help the women of Papua New Guinea have a clean and safe delivery, and show that they care for their sisters in a neighbouring country. We may not be able to travel overseas – but the Kits can.

11. **Barossa Christian Life Week** is a five-day camp for high school aged students centred on an unforgettable experience of faith, friendship and fun! Camp this year is on the **5th to 9*th of July** and being held at Cornerstone College in Mount Barker. The cost is $190 per person and LLL Australia are generously sponsoring **first time campers for only $20** for the whole week! For more information, check out the BVCLW Facebook page or email us [barossaclw@gmail.com](mailto:barossaclw@gmail.com). Organisers would like handwritten letters for campers as words of encouragement. Please see the Barossa CLW notice at each church for more information (also included in the Bulletin email for 6*th June and print version).

12. **Professional Standards**: June and July workshop dates have been announced, including Safe Church Level 1 Workshops, Safe Church Level 1 Refresher Training and Safe Church Level 2 Training. You can now book in to these sessions. [Read more about this](http://lcaenews.online/210608).

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**From your Bishop: District Synod message**

“We may be uncertain about the near future, but we are ‘dead and resurrection’ certain about our eternal future, and that makes all the difference...”

Read more of Bishop David’s Synod address here