

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin

St. Peter's Greenock (GR)
St. Michael's Gnadenfrei, Marananga (M)
Nain Lutheran Church (N)

*A heart filled
with praise
brings
pleasure to
God.*

Sunday 15th May 2022 Easter 5

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Bulletin info to Nola or to Parish Email by **Wednesday by 5pm.**

Welcome... We pray that you are blessed through the hearing of God's Word and His assurance of sins forgiven. May your lives respond in praise and thanksgiving. Thank you to Pastor Les Pfeiffer for leading today's services at Nain and Gnadenfrei Marananga and to Alison Barkley and Rosalie Olafsen leading the service at St Peter's Greenock.

PRAYERS

Lord God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Lead us to love what you command and desire what you promise, so that, among the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found. We ask this 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... Let us pray:

God of love, you have shown us how you love us and all people.
Lead us to love one another through our lives and our gifts. Amen

PARISH PRAYERS – THIS WEEK ...

Pastor Les & Kathryn Pfeiffer, and Alison Barkley & Rosalie Olafsen (LR – Greenock)
Irene Wohlers (M); Emily Mibus (GR); David & Angela Materne (N)
Those who are experiencing health challenges, seeking strength and peace.

TODAY'S PSALM Psalm 148

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; **praise him in the heights above.**

Praise him, all his angels; **praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

Praise him, sun and moon; **praise him, all you shining stars.**

Praise him, you highest heavens **and you waters above the skies.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for at his command they were created,

and he established them for ever and ever—

he issued a decree that will never pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth,

you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

lightning and hail, snow and clouds, **stormy winds that do his bidding,**

you mountains and all hills, **fruit trees and all cedars,**

wild animals and all cattle, **small creatures and flying birds,**

kings of the earth and all nations, **you princes and all rulers on earth,**

young men and women, **old men and children.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, **for his name alone is exalted;**

his splendour is above the earth and the heavens.

And he has raised up for his people a horn,

the praise of all his faithful servants,

of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the Lord.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen.

Bible Readings:

Sunday 15th May – Easter 4 (White) – Psalm 148

1st Reading: Acts 11:1-18 Peter explains how God's salvation is also for Gentiles

2nd Reading: Revelations 21: 1-6 God will wipe away all tears

The Holy Gospel: John 13: 31-35 The new commandment to love one another

Pastor Pfeiffer's Sermon Text Revelations 21:3,4

NOTES ON THE READINGS...

ACTS 11:1-18: Although Jesus had clearly told the disciples before his ascension that the gospel would go out from Jerusalem to Samaria, to Judea and thence to the furthest parts of the world, Jewish Christians had great difficulty at first with associating in any way with Gentiles. The vision received by Peter at Joppa clearly indicated that Jewish ceremonial laws were no longer binding as God's law. He was also directed to go to the home of a Roman officer in Caesarea. Here Peter experienced the response to the gospel among Gentiles in the same tongues spoken by the Holy Spirit's power on Pentecost day. Baptism of those people marked the beginnings of the first non-Jewish church. A great reason for the Jerusalem church to rejoice!

REVELATION 21:1-6: The events here described follow on the final destruction of Satan, his angels, and all evil at the end of all things. There is also a renewing or re-creation of the earth and a new heaven. Out of heaven comes the new Jerusalem, or the reconstituted and perfected church – the people of God. They live now with God immediately among them. There appears to be less difference between heaven and earth. Now all suffering and tears have disappeared with the passing of all evil. God's word and God's almighty being guarantee this.

JOHN 13:31-35: These words belong to the final discourse of Jesus with his disciples in the upper room the night before his death. Judas has just departed to do his treacherous work. The Lord refers to his suffering and death as his glorification. Note that it is expressed in the past tense. So certain is his commitment to the Father's will. The love of Jesus thus expressed is to be conveyed in the love of his redeemed people to each other.

SERVICES: Please refer to Bulletin for services – sometimes The Leader makes wrong entries from info given to it on Friday before Wednesday issue

Sunday 22nd May Easter 6 (White)

Nain 9.00am HC with Pastor Brian Schwarz

Gnadenfrei 9.00am LR with Grant & Cathy Wills

St Peter's 10.30am HC with Pastor Brian Schwarz

Sunday 22nd May – Easter 6 (White) – Psalm 67

1st Reading: Acts 16:9-15 Paul takes the good news to Philippi

2nd Reading: Revelations 21: 10-22, 22:5 The new Jerusalem

The Holy Gospel: John 14: 23-39 'I'm going to the Father'

or John 5:1-9 Jesus heals a man at the pool

St Peter's Greenock: Sunday 22nd May

Flowers – Erica Kernich **Cleaning** – Megan Klose & Sally Kalleske **Sound** – Lisa Werner

Welcoming / Attendance / Morning Tea – Kym Kalleske & Peter Rawlings

Readings – Sandra Schwarz **PowerPoint** – Rhys Werner **Kids' Chat** – Paula Menzel

Music – John, Ali & Kylie, Sally & Megan **Stewards** – Isaac & Hannah Barkley

St Michael's Gnadenfrei Marananga: Sunday 22nd May (please advise Nola of any changes)

Cleaning – Cathy Wills **Flowers** Cathy Wills **Readings** – Grant & Cathy Wills

Welcome / Attendance for May – Jenny Neldner **M/Tea** – Cathy Wills

TAKE NOTE

COVID UPDATE. The further easing of COVID restrictions effective from April 15th means that masks and check-ins are no longer required in churches. Please continue to make use of hand-sanitizer when entering the buildings, monitor for symptoms and stay home if you are unwell. Communion at the altar rail has been resumed, coming forward as directed by the usher. Morning tea has also resumed and you are welcome to stand to eat and drink. Thank you for adhering to these guidelines. We are grateful for this easing of restrictions.

Members are reminded to not attend church or other events/gatherings when feeling unwell or think they have been exposed to COVID-19.

Please remember that people can wear a mask if they choose to do so. It is important that we are kind and considerate to everyone whether they choose to wear a mask or not.

- **St Peter's Greenock** – Thankyou to members who contributed to help the Flood victims over the past few weeks. A considerable amount was raised. This will be a huge blessing.
- **WRAP-UP - "The Chosen" Lenten Study:** Thanks to the 40 individuals who attended and contributed to the recent eight Wednesday night Lenten Study sessions To see the New Testament portrayed in a modern, Biblical and personal way, and to share with one another through various faith conversations and prayer, has been uplifting and rewarding. We plan on running Season 2 of "The Chosen" in the future, so stay tuned for more – John Barkley
- **The Call Committee** meeting with Pastor Stephen Schulz is scheduled for Thursday 26th May at 7pm. Congregation Members: Please check the list of pastors available for Call and advise your Congregation Representative/s of your suggestion prior to this date.
- **Latest LCA e-news:** Press Ctrl and click on this link <http://lcaenews.online/220510>
- **Parish Council Meeting: 16th June** at 7.30pm in the Greenock Church Chat Room.
- **Parish Prayer Group Tuesday 17th May, 10.00am** at Helen Wendt's and continuing 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. All welcome.
- **Gnadenfrei Bible Study Group** will meet for a planning night **Wednesday 18th May** 7pm at Ian and Ginny Jones home. All welcome.
- **Ladies Fellowship Meeting Tuesday 24th May** 1.30pm Greenock Chat Room "Biggest Afternoon Tea" to support Cancer Council. Please bring an interesting cup, mug, teapot or tea set for display. A plate of afternoon tea and a donation for Cancer Council would be appreciated. Bible Study from *May Lutheran Women*. Select your favourite Psalm to contribute (*reference see page 9*).
- **Welcoming New Members to St Peter's** – a special "Welcoming Service" will be conducted by Pastor David Gogoll at **9:00am, Sunday 29th May**, to officially welcome new members into the St. Peter's family – *Brett, Kirsty, Jacob & Ruby Seabrook, Rose Smith, & Mark Wendt*. Please join us as we celebrate this special occasion, followed by morning tea.
- **Barossa Lutheran Care:** The Emergency Relief programme will appreciate your support during **May** with pantry items of; Chunky soup, toothbrushes, 2 in1 Shampoo/Conditioner
- **2022 SA-NT Convention of Synod:** a one-day event held at Redeemer School Nuriootpa on **Saturday 14th** was attended by delegates from the congregations of this Parish – Kevin Schild (Nain); John Schild (St Peter's).
- **Friends of Lutheran Archives (FoLA)** Meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church North Adelaide **Thursday, 19th May**, 7.30pm, Peter Monteith, Professor of History, Flinders University explores the history of the Loveday Internment Camp in SA during WWII. \$4 donation appreciated, supper. All welcome.
- **German Heritage Research Group:** History Festival Seminar, **Saturday 21st May** 10am-4pm at Langmeil Church, Tanunda – stories of *Trades and skills of German Settlers in SA*. Stories of women shearers, shepherds, Harz miners, tradesmen turned missionary, bullocky, blacksmith, builders, chemist, cheese-makers, optician, printer, hawker. Cost \$50 with lunch & refreshments.
- **Stamps for Mission:** Place in marked box at your church (then to Rhonda Schild).

Please remember that all notices/Roster information for the Bulletin needs to be in by 5pm Wednesday. Please also send to the Parish Office address. Late notices may miss out being printed or may have to be heavily edited to fit on the Bulletin pages. Thankyou.