

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin

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

*When you spend
time with God,
you invest in a
forever
friendship.*

Sunday 19th June 2022 Pentecost 2

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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 Brian Schwarz for leading today's services at St Peter's Greenock, and Gnadenfrei Marananga and to Alex and Bernadette Zimmermann leading the service at Nain.

OPENING.....

As many of you as were baptised into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ. (Gal 3:27 NRSV).

PRAYERS

Lord, govern the world and keep it in peace, so that your church may joyfully serve you in all quietness. 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:

Loving heavenly Father, you have made us yours and set us free to serve you. Teach us to give of ourselves out of thankfulness for all you have done. Amen

PARISH PRAYERS – THIS WEEK ...

Pastor Brian & Janet Schwarz, Alex & Bernadette Zimmermann (LR – Nain)
Lisa & Taylor Bretherick (M); Belinda Nitschke (GR); Matthew Nitschke (N)
Those who are experiencing health challenges, seeking strength and peace.

TODAY'S PSALM 22: 19-28

But you, Lord, do not be far from me.

You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

Deliver me from the sword,

my precious life from the power of the dogs.

Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;

save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

I will declare your name to my people;

in the assembly I will praise you.

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you descendants of Jacob, honour him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

For he has not despised or scorned **the suffering of the afflicted one;**

he has not hidden his face from him **but has listened to his cry for help.**

From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;

before those who fear you I will fulfil my vows.

The poor will eat and be satisfied;

those who seek the Lord will praise him—may your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth **will remember and turn to the Lord,**

and all the families of the nations **will bow down before him,**

for dominion belongs to the Lord **and he rules over the nations.**

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 19th June – Pentecost 2 (Green) – Psalm 22: 19-28

1st Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9 The Lord will punish the rebellious but save those who serve him

2nd Reading: Galatians 3: 23-29 We are Christ's, justified by faith

The Holy Gospel: Luke 8: 26-39 Jesus heals a man with demons

Pastor Schwarz's Sermon Theme Luke 8: 26-39

'Stay in the freedom Christ gives'

NOTES ON THE READINGS...

Isaiah 65:1-9:

God was ready for the people of Judah to come to him, but too many were intent on the abominations of idol worship to respond to his repeated invitations. His warnings here echo the close of the commandments that such hardened apostasy will provoke punishment on the people for the sins of their fathers also. However, the Lord will patiently establish the future emergence of those who are faithful. They will live in his kingdom and possess the inheritance promised long ago to the faithful ancestors.

Galatians 3:23-29:

The Old Testament believers were saved by faith, but did not know of the free forgiveness of Christ. They were under the restraints of the law, with all the frustrations of never reaching the perfection that

the rules of the 'schoolmaster' required. With Christ came assurance of the full and free forgiveness; simply through faith in what the perfect Son of God achieved for sinners. Through faith all believers have close and intimate relation with Christ. They have 'put on Christ'. Being children now, not wards of a schoolmaster, they are all on exactly the same wonderful footing in their salvation regardless of their gender, caste, race or socioeconomic status. They are also heirs along with Christ.

Luke 8:26-39:

The deplorable condition of this Gerasene man was indeed piteous. That it was a case of particularly violent demon possession was apparent from the hostile recognition of Jesus as the Son of God, shrieks of opposition to Jesus' orders of exorcism, the man's ability to break bonds, and the fear of the spirits to return to 'the abyss'. The departure of the spirits to their unexpected destination in the herd of swine demonstrated powerfully the power of Jesus over the forces of evil. Now the man was miraculously calm, spiritually hungry and touchingly receptive to Jesus' teaching. The angry reaction of the local people to the sight of their material loss over against a soul set free for eternal life is surely not without its current parallels within our own experience.

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

Sunday 26th June Pentecost 3 (Green)

St Peter's Greenock 9.00am with Pastor Peter Kriewaldt

Nain 10.30am with Pastor Peter Kriewaldt

Gnadenfrei – Inter-Church visit to Karlsruhe Congregation (Waterloo)

Sunday 26th June – Pentecost 3 (Green) – Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20

1st Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Elijah taken to heaven

2nd Reading: Galatians 5: 1, 13-25 Freedom in Christ to live by the Spirit

The Holy Gospel: Luke 9: 51-62 The cost of following Jesus

St Peter's Greenock: Sunday 26th June

Flowers – Judy Mosey **Cleaning** – Lyn Waldhuter & Kylie Lindner

Welcoming / Attendance / Morning Tea – Carol & Tony Kalleske **Sound** – Jack Mickan

Readings – Hannah Barkley **PowerPoint** – Henry Barkley **Kids' Chat** – Michelle Mickan

Music – John, Ali & Kylie **Stewards** – Trevor Waldhuter & Mark Kernich

Covid Restrictions - our response of care

Please do not attend worship if you are unwell or if you have Covid symptoms, or been exposed to Covid and feel the need to adhere to health and safety protocols.

Masks are not mandatory at worship. However you are still encouraged to wear a mask if this helps you to feel more comfortable. We will need to be aware that some people may not be comfortable and may choose to adopt or refrain from some practices out of caution and personal circumstances. People are asked to be mindful of respecting people's choice to wear or not to wear masks.

- **Parish Prayer Group Tuesday 21st June, 10.00am** at Helen Wendt's and continuing 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. All welcome.
 - **Congregational Leaders Meeting Wednesday 22nd June, from 5:30pm** in St Peter's Chat Room re: "Implementation of new LCA Child Safety Standards" RSVPs closed 16/6.
 - **Friends of Lutheran Archives meeting (FoLA) Thursday 23rd June** at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Nth Adelaide. What is the role of researchers (historian, anthropologist, linguists) in Native Title hearings, and what are they looking for when they come to Lutheran Archives? Three experts who have investigated different regions explain what kind of evidence they find in Lutheran mission records to present to the Court. \$4.00 donation, supper. All welcome.
- **Call Committee:** The Call Committee would like to advise that a Parish Call Meeting will be held on **Sunday 26th June** at 7pm in the Greenock Church.
- **Ladies Fellowship meeting on Tuesday 28th June** at Gnadenfrei at 1.30pm. Bible study (p6 *Lutheran Women* mag for June/July issue; please read 4th Petition Lord's Prayer in Small Catechism). Bridal Show and Tell.
 - **From Parish Council: LCA General Synod Alternate:** Greenock Parish has a delegate who is planning to attend the in-person sessions of Synod in Melbourne from Thurs 9th – Sun 12th February 2023. However, it has been recommended that an alternate person be appointed in case the delegate is unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances. Please let your Parish Council members know ASAP if this is something that you would like to be ready to attend on behalf of the Parish. The Alternate needs to be registered by July 15.
 - **Barossa Lutheran Care:** The Emergency Relief programme will appreciate your support during June with items of Adult toothbrushes, tinned mixed vegetables & tinned ham.
 - **Holy Communion at home:** If you, or you know someone, who requires Pastoral visits with Holy Communion, please let one of your congregation Pastoral Assistants know so that this can be arranged.
 - **For General Information- Members of the Parish Call Committee are –**
St Peter's Greenock: Jack Mickan, Amy McDonald, Sandra Nicholls & Henry Barkley
Nain: Geoff Saegenschmitter, Tracey Obst & David Materne
St Michael's Gnadenfrei Marananga: Ginny Jones & Jenny Neldner
 The Call Committee has had discussions with two pastors and are hoping to have discussions with more pastors later this week/early next week. Please pray for our Committee members and our prospective new pastor.
 - **The Manse** has been leased to a Queensland family on a short-term basis.
 - **Latest LCA e-news:** Press Ctrl and click on this link <http://lcaenews.online/220607>
 - **Stamps for Mission:** Place in marked box at your church (then to Rhonda Schild).

Please also send your Bulletin notices by Wednesday 5pm to the Parish Office address – greenock.sa@lca.org.au. Late notices may miss out being printed or may have to be heavily edited to fit on the Bulletin pages. Thankyou.