

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin

St. Peter's Greenock (GR)

St. Michael's Gnadenfrei, Marananga (M)

Nain Lutheran Church (N)

*A heart in tune
with God can't
help but sing
His praise.*

Sunday 21st May 2023

Ascension Sunday

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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.

Join Pastor Graham Jenke for services at Nain, and at St Peter's Greenock, or join Cathy and Grant Wills taking the Lay Reading service at Gnadenfrei Marananga.

Sunday 21st May – Ascension Sunday (White)

Nain 9.00am HC with Pastor Graham Jenke

Gnadenfrei Marananga 9.00am LR with Cathy & Grant Wills

Greenock 10.30am HC with Pastor Graham Jenke

OPENING.....

Jesus said: "Do not cling on to me. Go and tell my friends that I am ascending to my God and your God."

Our Lord has gone up with a shout, like the sound of the trumpet!

While he blessed them, Jesus parted from them, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Clap your hands, all peoples! Applaud God with songs of happiness!

The man wearing the crown of thorns is now king of all the earth!

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our king, sing praises!

PRAYERS Let us pray that Christ will rule over all.

Thank you, eternal Father, that your Son Jesus ascended to your right hand, to rule over all things as Lord. Keep your church in the unity that the Spirit gives and bring all creation under his rule of grace and peace, just as he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Offering Prayer

Living God, your Son Jesus Christ at his ascension gave gifts to his church. Lead us, as members of his body on earth, to use the gifts we have received to do your will. Amen.

PARISH PRAYERS – THIS WEEK ...

Pastor Graham & Faye Jenke; Grant & Cathy Wills (LR – Marananga); Sue Stubing (M)

Tony & Carol Kalleske, & Dana(G), Mark Kernich (G) Kevin Schild (N)

Those who are experiencing health challenges, seeking strength and peace.

SA-NT District Synod representatives: John Schild (GR); Bernadette Zimmermann (N)

PSALM 47: 1,2,5-7 (NLT)

Come, everyone! Clap your hands!

Shout to God with joyful praise!

For the Lord Most High is awesome.

He is the great King of all the earth.

God has ascended with a mighty shout.

The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King over all the earth.

Praise him with a psalm.

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

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

Message Theme & Text: **'The Ascension of our Lord is no myth!'**

Sunday 21st May – 7th Ascension Sunday - Year A (White) Psalm – 47:1,25-7

1st Reading: Acts 1: 1-11 Jesus' ascension, promise and commission

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 Christ is the supreme Lord over all things

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53 Jesus commissions and blesses the disciples

NOTES ON THE READINGS

ACTS 1:1-11

The visible ascension was not necessary for Jesus personally, as his glorification and exaltation was in effect actually from after his death and in his resurrection. It showed the disciples though, and the church, the logical culmination of his ministry which commenced in the humble process of a human birth. Now he concludes his work of salvation and earthly appearances in the supernatural ascension of his human person, thus demonstrating his exaltation and heavenly

glorification. The cloud which took him from their sight is strongly reminiscent of the cloud which surrounded visibly the special presence of God among his people during his dealings with Israel. The heavenly messengers appeared consistently at other key points of our Lord's earthly ministry and will appear with him when he comes.

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

There is a power which God works to make Christians what they are as their faith interweaves with their visible love. God further gives wisdom, revelation, enlightenment and the hope of their inheritance by that power. Again, that same power has exalted Christ in his resurrection and enthronement at the right hand of God. Ascended far above all power and dominion, our sovereign Lord Jesus, both fully divine and fully human, knows our human experiences, problems and needs. He directs his rule of all things for the benefit of his church.

LUKE 24:44-53

In this last teaching session with his disciples, Jesus alludes to the importance of all his redeeming activity in God's sweeping plan carried out over thousands of years. The revelation of law through Moses and prophecy through especially inspired men all had fulfilment in Jesus' redemption. Therefore his work needs proclamation in terms of repentance and forgiveness of sin. The church will continue this work. The disciples returned with joy after their Lord's separation, for they knew that what was taken from them was merely his visible presence. He was, in reality, with them always.

Sunday 28th May – Pentecost (Red)

Pentecost Day Liturgical colour is Red which celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit, you may like to wear red or include an item of red on the day.

Greenock 9.00am with Pastor Eugene – **Harvest Thanksgiving** (more info Page 4)

Nain 9.00am LR with Bernadette Zimmermann

Gnadenfrei Marananga 10.30am with Pastor Eugene - **Thanksgiving Service** followed by a pooled luncheon with Pastor Eugene, Nikki and family

Sunday 28th May – Pentecost - Year A (Red) Psalm – 104:24-34,35b

1st Reading: Numbers 11: 24-30 Seventy elders of Israel receive the Spirit

2nd Reading: Acts 2:1-21 The coming of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Gospel: John 7:37-39 Jesus promises streams of life-giving water

St Peter's Greenock: Sunday 28th May

Flowers – Elaine Obst **Cleaning** – Helen Wendt & Ail Barkley

Readings – Janet Nitschke **Welcoming/Attendance** – Judith & Trevor Mosey

Kids' Chat – Sandra Schwarz **PowerPoint** – Rhys Werner **Sound** – Lisa Werner

Music – Mixed musicians **Stewards** – Karen & Tania Kalleske

TAKE NOTE

➤ **LCA SA-NT District Pastors' Conference & Convention of Synod**

Please continue to pray for Pastor Eugene and our delegates as they elect leaders for our District and look for God's will for our Church this weekend at the District Convention at Encounter Lutheran College Victor Harbor.

- **Pastor Eugene Online** – Have you visited Pastor Eugene’s Facebook Page? Check out the link at the top of today’s Bulletin. It’s a great way to connect with Pastor daily as he provides pieces of wisdom, Worship info, Sermon Notes, Prayer Points and other ministry insights.
- **Greenock Lutheran Parish Ladies Fellowship Meeting *Tuesday 23rd May***, 1pm in the St Peter’s Chat Room.
- **Parish Bible Studies *Wednesday 24th May*** at 10.30am at Gnadenfrei Hall.
All are welcome to attend in exploring God’s Word. A cuppa will be available for 10am, if you’d like to arrive early and catch up with others.
- **Confirmation *Tuesday 23rd May***, 4pm in the St Peter’s Chat Room.
- **Ministry With Younger Generations *Wednesday 24th May*** 7.30pm in the St Peter’s Chat Room. This week we will be exploring some reasons why younger generations have been disconnecting from the church. If you missed the first session, you’re still welcome to come along and participate. Please contact Pastor Eugene if you would like more information.
- **St Peter’s Harvest Thanksgiving Service (Pentecost Sunday)**:
Donations of food items are being sought to make a “Thanksgiving Display” for the 9:00am Service, on ***Sunday 28th May***. These items will then be donated to Lutheran Care Barossa. The following food items are in need: Tinned tuna, Chunky soup, Tinned ham, Tinned fruit, Tinned mixed vegetables, Tinned peas/corn, Tinned tomatoes, Two minute noodles, Long life full cream milk, Pasta sauce, Jams, Peanut butter, Vegemite, Sweet biscuits, Savoury biscuits, Cereal, Rice, Tea bags, Pasta, Coffee, Sugar, Milo - ***Fresh produce also accepted***. Please let John or Ali Barkley know if you can assist with setting up the “food display” on *Saturday 27th May* at 4:00pm. Items can also be left in the Chat Room and will be incorporated into the displays. Many thanks in advance.
- **Prayer Group *Tuesday 6th June***, 10.00am at Helen Wendt’s and continuing 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. All welcome.
- **Barossa Lutheran Care** The Emergency Relief programme will appreciate your support during **May** for shampoo/conditioner, Vegemite and tinned mixed vegetables.
- **Latest LCA e-news**: Press Ctrl and click on this link- <http://lcaenews.online/230516>
- **Friends of Lutheran Archives meeting (FoLA) *Thursday 25th May***, 7.30 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Archer Street, North Adelaide. Cost \$5.00 donation, supper and all are welcome.
In the Barossa & Beyond: George French Angas, artist & naturalist. Guest Speaker is Dr Philip Jones, historian and ethnographer based at the South Australian Museum, specialising in the historical paths of objects and images across cultural boundaries.
His latest book is *Illustrating the Antipodes: George French Angas*. Livestreamed on <https://www.youtube.com/@friendsoflutheranarchives9644/live>
- **Mens Health Week Fundraiser** run by Tanunda Medical Centre ***Wednesday 14th June*** at 6pm, at Artisans of Barossa | Local GP’s speaking on Health Issues affecting men, such as prostate, testicular, and skin cancer | 3-course meal – A great chance to socialise with other men and invest in your health | Proceeds going to prostate and testicular cancer research | More details: Contact **Ali Barkley** – 0408 807 634 Bookings (by 31/5) via this link...
https://artisansofbarossa50.rezdy.com/545378/event-men-s-health-week-fundraiser?_gl=1*1kliwye*_ga*MTk2MDI3OTk3NS4xNjY3MzYyMjcx*_ga_J7XS0R0D6*MTY4MTQzMjUxMC4zOS4xLjE2ODE0MzYzZmZcuMzguMC4w&fbclid=IwAR1urnwIjw821nkSXeaBCaXVq8-KvClroQJPap8g7cjgD9K4L2V-hRWaU0