

Third Sunday of Advent, 15th December, 2024

Sunday Worship times

Burnie 9:30am

(Pastor led service 2nd and 4th Sundays,
Lay-led services on other Sundays)

Devonport: 2pm (2nd and 4th Sundays
only)

Launceston: 10am

(Pastor led service 1st and 3rd Sundays,
Lay-led services on other Sundays)

Welcome and thank you for joining us.

If you're visiting us today, we would love to
chat more with you.

Please join us for morning tea after service if
you are able.

If you're planning to attend Holy Communion,
when it's offered, please take note of what we
believe (see the back page).

Pastor's sermons are available on our parish
website.

Readings for the 15th December, 2024

Zephaniah 3:14-20 The Lord will renew us by his love

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice! The Lord is near

Luke 3:7-18 What must we do?

Songs

LHS 1 Hark! a herald voice is calling

LHS 733 Daughter of Zion, O rejoice

LHS 147 O Morning Star, so bright and fair

LHS 13 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

AT 20 Come. Lord Jesus, come

Readings for the 22nd December, 2024

Micah 5:2-5a The shepherd king to be born in
Bethlehem

Psalms 80:1-7

Hebrews 10:5-10 Christ came to do God's will

Luke 1:(46b) 47-55 Song of Mary (Magnificat)

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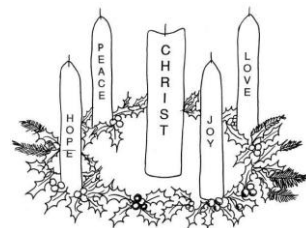
Parish Website: www.northtaslutheran.org.au

Podcasts: Here She Stands Podcast (with Lexy Bourne) <https://youtube.com/@HereSheStandsPodcast>
Ready for Church (with Pastor Sam and Ruby)
<https://www.youtube.com/@readyforchurchpodcast>

Facebook: Lutherans In Tasmania <https://www.facebook.com/groups/507445136934687>

LCA eNews: <https://www.lca.org.au/lcaenews/>

Bulletin: Produced every Saturday. Please have all notices to Donna by Friday.
Email donnalealees@gmail.com or call 0418 307 369.



Martin Luther Lutheran Church, 14 Mooreville Road, Burnie.
Trinity Lutheran Church, 93 Forbes St, Devonport.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 225 St John Street, Launceston.

Parish Announcements

Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council will meet at 11am Wednesday, 18th December 2024 at the Devonport church.

Bible Studies

Please note the weekly bible study times below for each congregation. All are welcome.

Burnie: Thursday, 6pm.

Devonport: Tuesday, 11am.

Launceston: Wednesday, 5:15pm.

Prayer Points

- For our hearts and minds as we prepare ourselves in this season of Advent.
- Please continue to pray for our Bishop, our Pastor and their families.
- For those suffering with ill health.
- For our congregational and parish councils.
- For those who are grieving, and facing their first Christmas without a loved one.
- For peace in countries where there is unrest, conflict and war.

Worship at Home

For anyone unable to attend worship, please remember the resources on the LCA website. The Church@Home page has a number of links to live-streamed services each week.

<https://www.lca.org.au/worship/wpp/churchhome/>

Sickness

Please be considerate of our elderly and medically vulnerable members - remember good hand hygiene, and please stay home if you have symptoms of a contagious sickness. COVID is doing the rounds again.

Daily Bible Reading 16/12/24-22/12/24

Monday	Ephesians 1:15 – 2:7
Tuesday	Ephesians 2:8–22
Wednesday	Ephesians 3:1–13
Thursday	Ephesians 3:14–21
Friday	Ephesians 4:1–16
Saturday	Psalms 80:1–7
Sunday	Luke 1:39–45

Launceston Announcements:

Notice about Congregational Meeting

The vote whether to remain with the LCA on 15th December will be **an indication only** of how members are inclined.

Because the meeting was not discussed or decided upon at Church Council October meeting, the vote would not be a legally constituted one. Our church council will need to convene a meeting to allow this to happen.

Burnie Announcements

Christmas Service Time

Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December, 7pm

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December, 8.30 am

(Lay read service)

Sunday 29th December, 9.30 am

(Regular lay read service)

Prayer Group

Prayer Group is on a short hiatus until the New Year (watch this space for a return date.)

Church Council Meeting

Church council will meet at the church 2pm, Thursday, 19th December, 2024.

Garage Sale Dates 2025

Our garage sale will be held Saturday, 22nd February and Saturday, 1st March from 8am-12pm.

Please leave any donated items in the cornered off area downstairs. (No clothing or large furniture items please). If members find items they would like to purchase before the garage sale, please Glen for payment.

Rosters for 22nd December 2024

Cleaning/MTea: Holland **Piano:** Lexy **Readings:** Tas

Prayer: Pastor **Flowers:** Chris (A) Erika (F)

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*When it is offered: In **Holy Communion*** (the Lord's Supper) we receive together with the bread and wine the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Those who receive the sacrament worthily are those who repent of their sin, trust in Jesus Christ as their only Lord and Saviour, recognise his real presence in the sacrament, and intend to lead a holy life in obedience to God's word. If you are not a communing member of the Lutheran Church of Australia, would you please speak to the pastor before the worship service.*

**Holy Communion is currently withheld at the moment. Please speak with Pastor Sam if you have enquiries about this.*

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In observing Christ's command to love one another, we're to treat each other with respect and dignity. In honouring people, we're also fulfilling our responsibility under the law of the land. The LCA is committed to providing a safe church environment for children, youth, and all vulnerable people who are present at its activities. If anyone feels they've been subjected to sexual abuse or harassment in any form by anyone who holds a position of trust in the church, please contact: P: 1800 644 628 (free call)

E: report.abuse@safeplace.lca.org.au