

LIGHT LUTHERAN CHURCH INC

A sincere, warm welcome to all our members and any visitors who are worshipping with us today. May God bless our being in His presence and in Christian fellowship with each other.

Sunday 17th May
Ascension Day



Bethel

Bethlehem

St John's

St Mark's

Trinity

Bethel

Allen's Creek

Kapunda

Freeling

Rosedale

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, you are inseparable from your Son Jesus. We live divided and separate lives and get in the way of closeness. Please help us to get over our precious egos. Cure us of whatever sickness it is that keeps us apart. Bring us closer to you and closer to each other. And help us to love one another as you love us. Amen.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Holy Father, your Son prayed for his disciples that they would be one, just as you are one. We have eaten from the one bread, and we have drunk from the one cup; keep us and your whole church harmoniously together in faith and love, united by the one Spirit.

[Worship Service YouTube Link](https://youtu.be/lhHGc9blC80)

Ascension Day: <https://youtu.be/lhHGc9blC80>

Bible Readings

Sunday 17th May

Acts 1:6-14
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Sunday 24th May

Acts 2:1-21
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 7:37-39

This Week

Mon 18th Isaiah 32:14-20
Tue 19th Isaiah 41:17-20
Wed 20th John 17:11b-26

Thurs 21st 2 Corinthians 5:1-10
Fri 22nd 1 John 2:24-29
Sat 23rd Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT– CHILD SAFE

The Light Lutheran Church is committed to providing a safe church environment for children and young people. Light Lutheran Church acknowledges that children are a precious gift from God, with special vulnerabilities, that they require nourishment and nurture in their spiritual development and that they are to be protected from all forms of abuse. Light Lutheran Church also affirms that it has no tolerance for child abuse and that all its people have an important



responsibility to care for children and to keep them safe. The way we care for children reflects our genuineness of faith. It is also a reflection of God's love and his divine protection.

Women's Fellowship

May

Wednesday 20th: Visit to Knight's Roses meet at St Mark's 9:30am

Kid's Club

KIDS CLUB

Kids Club Sunday 17th of May 9am at the Freeling Church Hall with an invitation to school aged children Kindy- year 7 to join, Tern 2 dates are 17th and 31st of May and 14th of June,

Care and Share



Friday 22nd May 9:30am in the St Mark's Supper room. All welcome to join in fellowship

Bible Study at Kapunda



Bible study is on Wednesday 3rd June at 1pm in the St John's hall.

Lutheran Care~

Looking for support with **Shampoo and Conditioner, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste & Tuna.**

We gratefully accept donations at our office: Shop 7/8, 109-111 Murray St, Tanunda, (opposite the Clubhouse, behind Amanti Pizza).

Please call our Emergency Financial Assistance Coordinator, Louise, on 0447 971 406 with any questions. We appreciate your support.



A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

THAT THEY MAY BE ONE

JOHN 17:20-23

I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me because of their testimony. My prayer for all of them is that they will be one, just as you and I are one, Father—that just as you are in me and I am in you, so they will be in us, and the world will believe you sent me.

I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are—I in them and you in me, all being perfected into one. Then the world will know that you sent me and will understand that you love them as much as you love me.

Gospel of John.

This prayer of Jesus, the High Priestly Prayer has been the subject of significant controversy. Part of it is what Jesus prays for. He prays for unity among his followers. Does that mean that we have work to do, to maintain unity? Or does that mean that we have nothing to worry about? Jesus has it under control. The sad thing is that throughout the history of Christianity we have been everything but unified.

Even our little group of Jesus' followers find it difficult to maintain a modicum of agreement and unity. The joke states that where there are four Rabbis there are eight opinions. I think we Lutherans believe that there is only one opinion that matters and its mine.

*There are two thoughts from the prayer which really stimulate my interest. One is how Jesus speaks about unity. **"You are in me and I am in you!"** This is the way that Jesus speaks right throughout the*

Elsewhere Jesus is even more direct with Thomas: "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). I understand the significance of unity; however, I struggle to understand the preciseness of the language and the metaphysical image. This confusion becomes even more significant when Jesus goes on to describe the relationships that we share in exactly the same language. So that they may be one, as we are—I in them and you in me, all being perfected into one.

The second thought that I often come back to is the insignificance of the group of disciples balanced against the 'glory' of the Father. Sometimes glory seems to mean the magnificent presence of God. Sometimes it seems to mean giving honour to God. What does 'glory' mean in this context? Jesus gave glory to the Father 'simply' by doing what the Father asked of him. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Jesus asks the Father to give him glory, he was referring to his death on the cross. Here the will of the Father is fulfilled, and God's purposes for humanity are reaching their peak. (The Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus are almost an after-thought, the icing on top of the cake.)

But in this prayer Jesus also talks about returning to the glory he shared with the Father, before coming to earth. Here glory almost certainly means the magnificent presence of God. However, when Jesus is talking about you and I seeing God's glory, it may well be happening within the gathering and the living of the small community of disciples. We live and experience the glory of God. Maybe we are part of that glory.

Your shepherd-servant and brother in Christ.

Pastor Geoff

LIGHT FAMILY ACTIVITIES



You are invited

Pastor Geoff Kuchel
Retirement Service

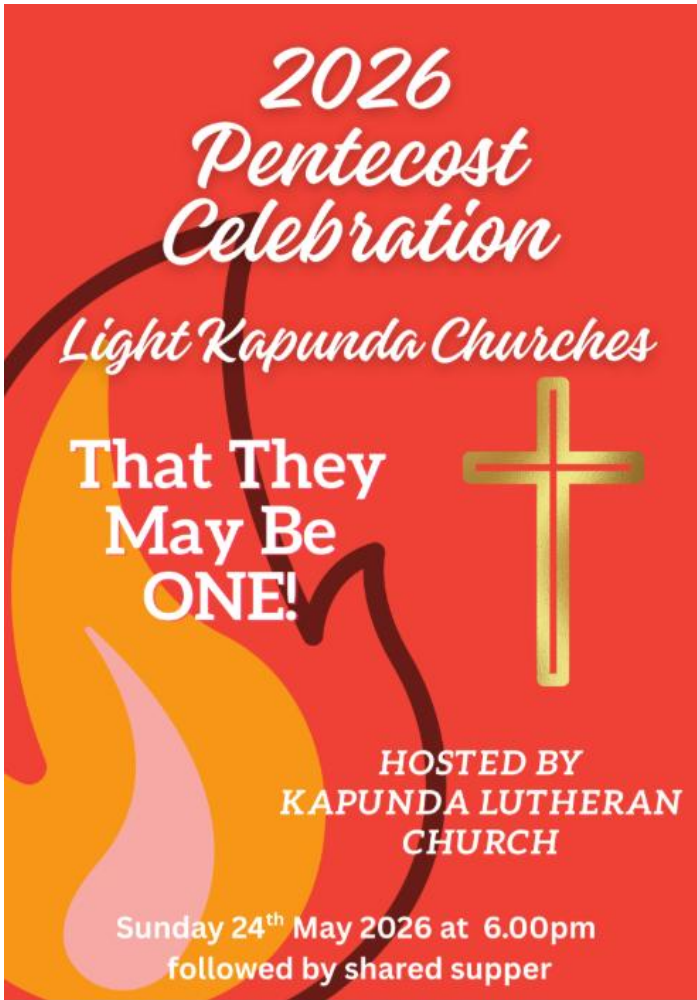
Sunday 28 June 2026
10.30am

St Mark's Lutheran Church, Freeling

Pooled lunch to follow,
please bring plate of sweet
and savoury to share.

All welcome

Greenock Lutheran Parish Youth Program: Greenock Lutheran Parish have started up a youth program and would like to extend the invitation to all young people in high school and older.



*2026
Pentecost
Celebration*

Light Kapunda Churches

**That They
May Be
ONE!**

**HOSTED BY
KAPUNDA LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Sunday 24th May 2026 at 6.00pm
followed by shared supper

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 24th May- Pentecost Sunday

	Allen's Creek	Bethel	Freeling	Kapunda	Rosedale
Service Times	10:45am	9:30am	9am Baptism	10am	No Service
	HC	LR	HC	LR	
Pastor	G Kuchel		G Kuchel		

Sunday 31st May- Trinity Sunday

	Allen's Creek	Bethel	Freeling	Kapunda	Rosedale
Service Times	Mission Festival service starting at 10:30am with Guest speakers from our local Pastoral Care Workers. Service followed by a pooled lunch please bring a plate of savoury and sweet to share. Retiring offering for Local Pastoral Care Workers.				

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