



NEWSLETTER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2026



If you are visiting today, welcome!
Please join us after service for a cuppa in the hall.

DIARY DATES

- Sunday Sept 6:** Service 9.30am - Twmba Bells performing 15 minutes prior to service.
Sunday Sept 6: Service Stanthorpe 1.30 p.m
Sunday Sept 13: Service 9.30 am. Bible Study to follow.
Sunday Sept 20: Service 9.30am
Thursday Sept 17: Church Council meeting 7.15pm
Sunday Sept 27: Service 9.30 am. Bible Study to follow.

NORTHRIDGE SALEM ANNIVERSARY

Northridge Salem will be celebrating 30 years of operation on the 9th October at 9.30 a.m. (Actual anniversary date is 22nd Dec., 1996.) If you have details of any people involved in previous committees, planning or building, could you please advise their names to Pastor Mark Brinkmann so they can be included on the invitation list and their involvement included in the Northridge Origin Story.

Upcoming NCLS Survey

You would have all recently completed your census. Sometime over the next two months you'll also be asked to complete the National Church Life Survey (NCLS) after worship at church. This survey (used together with data from the census) will help us reflect on the health and vitality of our congregation and the wider community. This will be completed via a survey form or online. Results from this survey will be shared when completed.

Pastor Stuart.

Green thumbs needed:

If you have some spare time and like to garden and have a chat, you would be welcome at Northridge Retirement Village to help residents maintain their gardens. They'll probably offer you a cuppa too. ☕

Toowoombells Handbell Choir Concert

The Toowoombells together with the Brisbane Bells will be holding a concert in our church on September 20th – flyers are available in the foyer.

As appreciation for using our church, the Toowoombells will perform for 15 minutes prior to our worship service on the 6th September.

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Newsletter: Tracey Wright (Items for newsletter before 22nd of the month prior please. (Email: tntwright@outlook.com.au)
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Live Stream: Sunday Services are Live streamed on YouTube @RedeemerLutheranChurchTmba
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOhIiSSVetvBpjJSzG7g4FA>

What is the gospel?

The word translated as 'gospel' in the Bible is εὐαγγέλιον (or euangelion), literally means 'good news,' especially when referring to the good news of a battle won which meant the people were now free from oppressors and can live in peace. When used as the good news (gospel) of Jesus Christ, it is the good news of his victory over sin, death, and the devil which brings us forgiveness, peace, and life.

In the Lutheran Church we have two main ways to speak of the gospel. The first is in a 'general' or 'broad sense' of everything Jesus said and did. This is understanding is used in Mark 1:1: **The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God** and Mark 1:15 where Jesus said: **"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."**

However, we Lutherans also speak of a more narrowly understood, or specific, gospel when distinguishing the Gospel from the Law. When I capitalise the word Gospel, I'm referring to the 'gospel' in this specific sense.

When the Law of God's holy expectations strike our consciences, the specific Gospel of Jesus Christ is what comforts us the most. This Gospel is most clearly defined by St Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4:

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

So here we have a more narrowly defined Gospel in contrast to the Law:

- the **forgiveness of sins** (through Jesus' death, which was confirmed by his burial) **and**
- the **promise of eternal life** (through Christ's resurrection, which was confirmed by the witnesses).

We receive and believe this specific and comforting Gospel of the forgiveness of sins and the promise of life eternal with through various means in the church:

1. Through the preaching the Gospel in the sermon (when we hear sins are forgiven and the promise of eternal life),
2. Through our participation in Baptism (which forgives our sins and joins us to Jesus who lives in heaven),
3. Through our participation in Holy Communion (as we receive forgiveness of sins and commune with the eternal inhabitants of heaven),
4. Through the public or private absolution of our sins (where we hear our sins are forgiven), and
5. Through the mutual sharing of the God's forgiveness and promise of eternal life in our conversations.

In this sense, the Gospel (the specific good news of Jesus' death for the forgiveness of our sin and his glorious resurrection which gives us the hope of eternal life) will always comfort and grant peace to our consciences, assure us we belong in heaven, and strengthen our faith in God.

What Is the Gospel?

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The Good News of Jesus Christ

Meaning of "Gospel"

- Greek: "euangelion" = "Good News"
- Victory bringing freedom, peace & safety
- Jesus' triumph over sin, death & the devil

The General Gospel



Everything Jesus Said & Did

The Specific Gospel



Christ Died, Was Buried & Rose Again

The Core Gifts of the Gospel



Forgiveness of Sins



Eternal Life

How We Receive the Gospel



Preaching



Baptism



Holy Communion



Absolution



Conversation



What the Gospel Does for Us

- Comforts Our Consciences
- Grants Us Peace
- Assures Us of Heaven
- Strengthens Our Faith