



NEWSLETTER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2026

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beyond
measure

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

DIARY DATES

- Thurs Oct 1:** Elders meeting.
Sunday Oct 4: Service 9.30 a.m. And service at Stanthorpe 1.30 p.m.
Thursday Oct 8: Church Council meeting 7.15 p.m.
Sunday Oct 11: Service 9.30 am. Bible Study to follow.
Saturday Oct 17: Service at Glenarbron.
Sunday Oct 18: Service 9.30am
Sunday Oct 25: Service 9.30 am. Bible Study to follow.

Advent 2026. "Save the date"

Advent Sunday is the 29th November 2026. We will have a joint service with the Good Shepherd congregation invited to join us. After worship we will have an evening fellowship sausage sizzle meal in the hall.

GIFTS AND TALENTS FORMS

It's that time of year again when we need to produce the Rosters for next year - 2027. Your volunteering is very much needed and appreciated to keep our church operating. The Gifts and Talents forms will be handed out in early October and we ask for them to be completed and handed back that same morning please. Once these have been compiled we will be able to ascertain how many teams we need and the regularity of our service to our Redeemer Church.

Thank you in advance.

Northridge Retirement Village

The gardens are looking beautiful at the Village. The residents are keen for any help to keep their gardens looking lovely, and for help with potting plants, etc.

St Lukes Lutheran Church Crows Nest 100 year celebration - 18 October 2026

To celebrate 100 years of the Lord's faithfulness St. Lukes Lutheran Church Crow's Nest have invited us to a Special Celebratory Service to be held at **2pm on 18 October**.

Celebrations will follow in the Hall with a shared afternoon Tea and fellowship.

RSVP 4 October 2026 to: ruthgenrich@gmail.com

NCLS Survey

Pastor Stuart is still awaiting the arrival of the surveys (which have been delayed by printing issues. Once they've arrived we'll organise a time to complete them together.

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Newsletter: Tracey Wright (Items for newsletter before 22nd of the month prior please. (Email: tntwright@outlook.com.au)

Hall Bookings: 0402050465 (Dawn Humphrey)

Live Stream: Sunday Services are Live streamed on YouTube @RedeemerLutheranChurchTmba
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOhIiSSVetvBpjJSzG7g4FA>

Why, and how, do we Lutherans distinguish between **law** and **gospel**?

It can be hard to read the Bible. There are historical and cultural events which we find hard to understand. However, a good starting point for reading, understanding, and applying Scripture is for us to see how it:

- 1) reveals something about the human problem (namely, sin) which can't be solved by humans, and
- 2) proclaims God's answer to our human problem of sin through the words and work of his Son Jesus.

As we read the Bible (or hear the preaching of it), we'll hear the **law** communicating God's expectations of us, accusing and convicting us of our sin (because we fail to keep his commands), and therefore exposing our need for a Saviour. On the other hand, we'll also hear the **gospel** telling us the good news of what God does for us humans, most especially through his Son Jesus, who forgives and cleanses us of sin, who kept the law perfectly for us (and gives us his own righteousness through faith), and promises us eternal life with God in heaven. Or, to put it even simpler, when reading the Bible (or listening to sermons), the **law exposes our need for Christ**, and the **gospel comforts us with Christ**.

Unfortunately, **we humans have a habit of confusing these two**. We try to turn the free gift of forgiveness and grace into something we (or those around us) still need to work towards or earn. Not only this, but **we also attempt to silence the accusations of the law** by denying God's Word applies to us or by attempting to dismiss God's commands as out of step with a 'loving' God. When we do such things we minimise *our need for Christ*, belittle *the work of Christ*, and ultimately *rob ourselves and our troubled consciences of the comfort of the gospel*.

The Lutheran teachings on law and gospel are to guide us toward despairing of ourselves and our own works (which will never be good enough) and giving true honour and glory to Christ (who is truly good enough!). Accordingly, the **law will make us uncomfortable**. But this isn't where the Bible and any sermons should leave us. We should also be **led to the comfort which is ours through the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** who was obedient for us, suffered for us, died for us, and rose again for us. He fully forgives us for all our sins, gives us his own righteousness, and promises us eternal life with our Triune God. This good news comforts our consciences and grants us peace.

Carefully distinguishing between law and gospel, and understanding how they function, is helpful for us so we may to read, understand, and apply Scripture (and the preaching of it), and ultimately brings us comfort through faith in Christ.

The Glorious Light: Distinguishing Law & Gospel

The Law: God's Holy Mirror

It rebukes sin and exposes our inability to meet God's perfect expectations.



The Gospel: The Good News

It offers forgiveness and eternal life as a free gift through Christ's merit.



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The Danger of Confusion

Don't Turn Gospel into Law
Requiring human merit for salvation robs the believer of peace and comfort.



Silencing the Law
Humans often use denial or self-justification to avoid the Law's necessary accusations.



Preserving Christ's Merit

Distinguishing these teachings ensures the Gospel remains a "glorious light" of grace.

Attribute	The Law	The Gospel
Primary Action	Rebukes and convicts	Comforts and saves
Human Effort	Shows our failure	Christ's finished work
The Result	Exposes need for a Savior	Grants peace with God

Denial Self-Justification

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