



# **Trinity Grapevine**

## **Cairns Lutheran Parish**

**Pastor: 0447 782 969 (Phone held by Pastor David Spanagel)**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

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### **December 2024**

**MISSION: To maintain a beacon of hope for Christ.**

**TASK: Invite someone to join us as we prepare to celebrate the arrival of Christ our Saviour.**

#### **Prayers**

- ✚ Trinity and Our Saviour congregations as they faithfully continue services to hear God's word and equip members to share the Lord's mission in Far North Queensland
- ✚ To those who are unable to attend services and share in Christian fellowship with their congregations
- ✚ For Lauri, Eddie, Pastor Aldal and all those caring and supporting them.
- ✚ For Maria and Andrew Schelberg and for those supporting them.
- ✚ For Pam Spanagel.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS (DEC 2024 – JAN 2025)**

December 16<sup>th</sup> – Church Council Meeting.

December 29<sup>th</sup> – Last 0800 am Sunday Service.

January 5<sup>th</sup> – First 0900 am Sunday Service

January 28<sup>th</sup> – School Resumes at Peace Lutheran College.

### **Ways of Giving:**

1. Offering plate during service
2. Regular Electronic Giving (REG) with LLL – visit the [LCA website](#) or complete the forms available on the front table at Church
3. [Home | LCA Donations & Payments](#) To donate, click on Parishes & congregations.
4. Deposits into the Trinity's NAB Account –
  - National Australia Bank  
BSB 084472 A/C 508664430

### **Alternative ways to attend Sunday Services**

- **Radio - 89.1 FM** Sundays at 9:00am and **92.3 FM** Sundays a service recorded by Pastor Greg is broadcast. Access this at the same time on *Cairns FM 89.1 or 92.3FM* on your devices.
- **View@Home Lutheran Media Livestreaming**  
Worship online live or during the week at:  
[St Michael's Lutheran Church, Hahndorf, South Australia](#) Streamed live at 9:30am (Aust CST) each week  
[Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Toowoomba, Queensland](#) Streamed live at 9am Queensland time every Sunday.  
Or go to [www.livestream.com/luthworship](http://www.livestream.com/luthworship) and click the location.

### **Containers for Change**



Our code is: **C10162743**

### **Directory:**

If you would like to be included in the next Trinity directory Forms are available for completion on the table at the entrance to the church. Sixteen forms have been received to date. Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December the cut off date.

### **Confirmation Classes:**

Following several recent enquiries about confirmation and further discussion it seems that January will be suitable for the majority.

Therefore we kindly ask anyone interested in having young people confirmed contact Pastor David by 15<sup>th</sup> December either personally, by email ( [david.spanagel@lca.org.au](mailto:david.spanagel@lca.org.au) ), or by a written note at church on Sunday with their name and contact details.

Pastor David will then work with those families (and Pastor Adam Eime) for a week in January with a view to having a Confirmation service before school commences in 2025.

**Request for Volunteers:**

Please prayerfully consider providing support to the congregation as our Safe Church and WHS co-ordinator.

We are running very low on Ushers. If you can support even for a limited period, please see Andrew Schelberg.

LCAQD Synod is programmed to take place at Peace Lutheran College from 30<sup>th</sup> May to 01 June 2025. LCAQD have forwarded a list of volunteer roles for anyone interested. I appreciate that the event is still a long way off and I will bring it to your attention in the New year.

**ROSTERS:**

**Please arrange a swap if you cannot help on your allocated day.**

	<b>December 1<sup>st</sup> Trinity</b>	<b>December 08<sup>th</sup> Trinity</b>	<b>December 15<sup>th</sup> Trinity</b>	<b>December 22<sup>nd</sup> Trinity</b>
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Martin Klink	Peter Schmidt	Rod Krenske	Martin Klink/ Pastor David (HC)
<b>Lesson Reader</b>	Jenny Henselheit	Elaine Hausler	Bernie Mackenzie	Michael Fraser
<b>Ushers</b>	P&P Schmidt	A&M Schelberg	A&M Schelberg	R&E Krenske
<b>Powerpoint</b>	Kissi Klink	Bernie Weidner	Elaine Krenske	Peter Ricketts
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Raelene Ricketts		P&P Schmidt	
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 1
<b>Mowing</b>	R. Lehmann / A. Schelberg	R. Lehmann / A. Schelberg	R. Lehmann / A. Schelberg	R. Lehmann / A. Schelberg

	<b>December 24<sup>th</sup> Trinity 06:00pm</b>	<b>December 25<sup>th</sup> Trinity 08:00am</b>	<b>December 29<sup>th</sup> Trinity 08:00am</b>	<b>January 05<sup>th</sup> Trinity 09:00am</b>
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Pastor David	Pastor David	Pastor David	Rod Krenske
<b>Lesson Reader</b>	Richard Lehmann	Rod Krenske	Elaine Krenske	Maria Bitmanis
<b>Ushers</b>	P&P Schmidt	A&M Schelberg	B&M Weidner	P&P Schmidt
<b>Powerpoint</b>	Rod Krenske	Richard Lehmann	Peter Ricketts	Elaine Krenske
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	TBA	TBA	Sayaka Pitt	TBA
<b>Morning Tea</b>			Team 2	TBA
<b>Mowing</b>			R. Lehmann / A. Schelberg	TBA

**Calendar – January 2025 Services**

<b>January Sun 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Service with Holy Communion</b>	<b>Trinity</b>
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>	<b>Trinity</b>
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Service with Holy Communion</b>	<b>Trinity</b>

## Key Holders

Please be advised that the following people hold keys to the church, should access to the building be required for example to carry out cleaning.

Michael Fraser  
Rod Krenske  
Richard Lehmann  
Grace Pullar  
Andrew Schelberg  
Bernie Weidner

## The Heart of Sharing Jesus

As we enter the season of Advent, I invite you to reflect on the beautiful opportunity Christmas provides to share God's love with others. In the story of the babe of Bethlehem, we see the heart of our faith: God coming to us in humility and love, offering hope, meaning, and purpose to a world in need.

According to McCrindle Research, this year, Christmas traditions will draw people together in many ways...

- 76% of Aussies plan to spend time with family.
- 49% will decorate their homes.
- 40% will bake Christmas treats.
- 39% will visit Christmas light displays.
- 37% will rewatch a classic Christmas movie.

And **1 in 5 Australians (20%)** say they're planning to attend a church service.

This babe bore witness to truth not through power or status, but through love, prayer, service, and suffering. His kingship whispers through the quiet moments of compassion and sacrifice—moments that show us what true hope looks like.

***Sharing this good news is not about pressuring others or seeking to dominate the conversation. Mission is about living out the hope we have in Jesus, so that others may see and be drawn to Him. It's about serving others in kindness, praying for their needs, and even walking alongside them in their struggles.***

This Christmas, consider who in your life might need to hear of God's love in a fresh way. Perhaps it's a friend, a neighbour, or a colleague. Invite them to join you at a service or a community event, or simply share with them why the birth of Jesus brings hope to your life.

Let's be ready to share the reason for the hope we have, as Peter encourages us in Scripture—not with coercion, but with gentleness and respect. Together, through love and faithfulness, we can point others to the King who truly gives life.

May God bless you as you reflect on His great love and look for ways to share it this Christmas.

**Date Claimers**

**Fire Wind Silence – Date Claimer**

**An Experiential, Collaborative Conference, supported by LCAQD – Date Claimer**



**FIRE, WIND, SILENCE **  
**HOLY SPIRIT**

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FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2025  
5.30PM–7.30PM  
OPTIONAL DINNER & WORSHIP

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SATURDAY, 1 MARCH 2025  
8.30AM–4PM  
WHOLE DAY CONFERENCE

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PRAYER  
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TESTIMONIES  
SPEAKERS  
FOOD

## Walk My Way Brisbane 2025 – Date Claimer



# Mark your calendar

When ALWS began in 1950, it was so people like you could walk alongside people in need... and that's exactly what you continue to do today through ALWS. Thank you!

In 2025 our church will celebrate 75 years of reaching out in love through ALWS by stepping out to bring the gift of education to refugee children.

Join us at **Walk My Way Brisbane on Saturday 10 May 2025** at QUT Gardens Point Campus, Brisbane City.

You could choose to step out with us for a 3km or 12.5km walk along the iconic Brisbane River or come to enjoy the vibrant community hub with live cultural performances, food stalls and activities.

Mark your calendar today... and stay tuned for more event details in the New Year.



**ALWayS for those forgotten**

## **Affirming Our Faith and Mission Together in the LCA-NZ**

At Synod 2024, the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand (LCA-NZ) prayerfully considered a proposal on ordination. This proposal aimed to provide a way forward that embraced the diversity of perspectives within our church while striving for unity. Delegates — pastors and laypeople — voted with a clear majority of 269 to 108, exceeding the two-thirds threshold required for theological matters.

The respect shown by all participants at Synod was a testament to the grace and humility with which we approached this challenging issue. Our hope was, and continues to be, that this spirit of respect would extend to all corners of the LCA-NZ as our congregations, entities and individuals reflect on the decision.

We acknowledge that this decision has been met with joy by many, while others are experiencing deep struggle. To those wrestling with their conscience, we extend compassion and understanding. Respecting their journey of discernment is vital, even as we continue to walk together as the body of Christ.

We grieve the pain felt by some, just as we have grieved for those who, in the past, found themselves struggling in a church that did not permit the ordination of women. These struggles remind us of our human limitations and the imperfection of our unity. Lord, have mercy on us all.

Yet, in the face of accusations that we have forsaken God's Word or turned away from the Gospel we need to respond. These claims contradict the very essence of our faith and our lifelong journey as followers of Christ nurtured within the LCA-NZ. We reaffirm that our church is grounded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ: saved by grace alone, through faith alone, as revealed in Scripture alone.

The day after Synod, as was the case the day before, we are still baptized children of God. We remain committed to God's Word, which is 'God-breathed' and makes us 'wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3). We gather as God's people in worship around Word and Sacrament, receiving the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins. This commitment has not changed.

We are deeply concerned by narratives that question the faithfulness of the LCA-NZ to God and His Word. Only God has the authority to judge the faithfulness of His people. Such judgments are both hurtful and unhelpful. We are all sinners in need of grace, and our focus must remain on the Gospel, which brings life and hope to a broken world.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It is His forgiveness and grace that sustain us—not human demands or interpretations. We encourage all who are troubled to trust in this unchanging grace. The LCA-NZ has not forsaken the Gospel. We have not abandoned our commitment to God's Word. Rather, we remain deeply committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with a world in need, well equipped by our rich Lutheran theology to do this.

We see countless members of our LCA-NZ who have this heart for the Gospel and for sharing it with others. This is where our energy belongs: in proclaiming Christ's love and engaging in His mission. We trust in the promise that Jesus is with His church — His one holy, Christian, and apostolic church — to the very end of the age. May the Lord of the church continue to bless and guide us as we live out His mission together.

Yours in Christ



The District Mission Directors

(Pastors Brett Kennett, Ian Rentsch, David Schmidt, and Stephen Schultz)

### **Stories of Faith**

We love to share stories of faith and hope from our LCAQD congregations and other agencies. Can you please help us by alerting us to relevant Facebook posts or emailing stories and photos/videos for sharing to [communications@qld.lca.org.au](mailto:communications@qld.lca.org.au)?



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# THE GIFT OF GOD

## JESUS, PRINCE OF REAL PEACE

With Christmas approaching, this edition addresses the question, 'What is real peace?' Read stories from across our church about the power of this real peace in our lives, in our churches and even as we face death.

### PLUS

- Congregational life resources, including for Christmas
- News from around the LCAQD
- Themed Bible study – ideal for small groups

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