



# **Trinity Grapevine**

## **Cairns Lutheran Parish**

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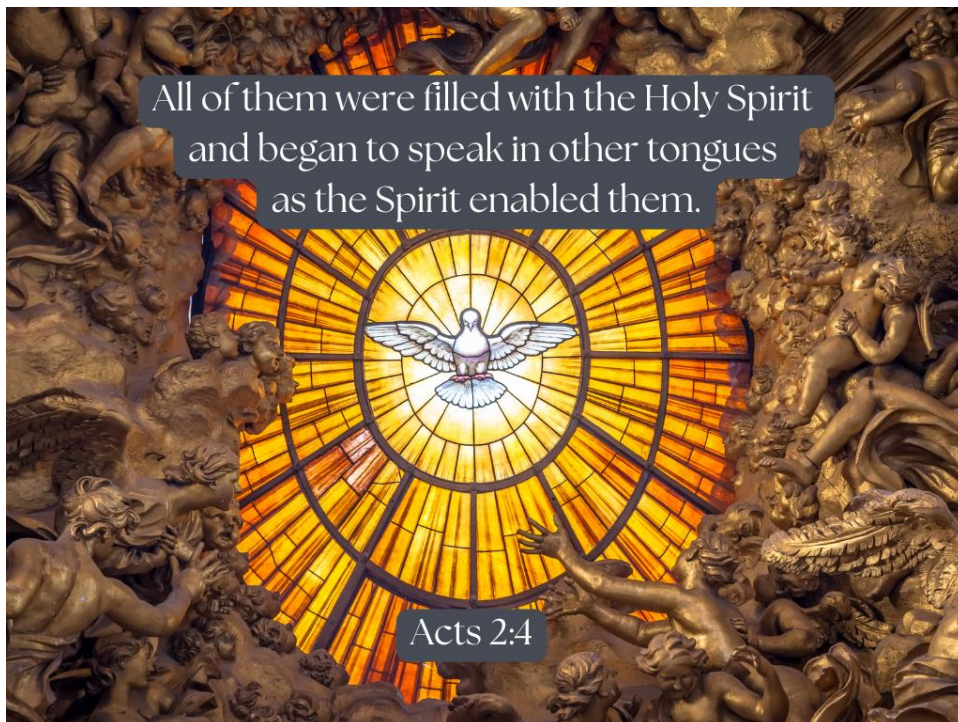
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**June 2025**

**MISSION: Let your light shine for the Gospel.**

**TASK: Keep spreading the Good News!**



## **Prayers**

- ✚ Trinity, Our Saviour, Hope Vale and Wujal Wujal 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 Merry Weidner, Lauri, Eddie, Pastor Barry, Pastor Aldal, Pastor Peter Close and all those caring and supporting them.

## **UPCOMING SERVICES**

**1<sup>st</sup> June – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** - Trinity Lutheran Church at **8.30am (NOTE SPECIAL TIME)**  
Worshipping with Synod participants

**8<sup>th</sup> June – Pentecost** – Peace Lutheran College at **9 am**

**15<sup>th</sup> June – Holy Trinity, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** – Trinity Lutheran Church at **9am**

**22<sup>nd</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** – Trinity Lutheran Church at **9 am**

**29<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** – Trinity Lutheran Church at **9 am**

## **DATE CLAIMERS**

**9<sup>th</sup> June** – Trinity Council Meeting at **5.30pm**

## **A Huge Thank You for all the help at our Working Bee**

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May we had a great turn out of volunteers to help with our Working Bee.

It was an opportunity to get the grounds cleaned after a long wet season and to give the Church some extra attention ahead of the worship service with Synod Participants in early June.

There was general agreement that the morning was a huge success.

Many thanks to all who gave of their time. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

## **News from Trinity Council**

We look forward to being able to ensure that any decisions relevant to our Parish arising from Synod are shared with members of the congregation.

The Trinity Council is currently looking at applying for a grant to renew our seating and carpet in the church. Other possible scope items are also being explored.

Quotes are currently being compiled and the application for the grant closes in late June. We will be in a position to advise whether we were successful or not by August.

## **Pastor David**

Many of you will have noticed that a sighting of Pastor David can be a rare thing these days. Pastor David and Pam have put in a mighty effort to support Hopevale and other Cape York communities with regular worship, Easter worship and funerals.

A huge thanks to both Pastor David and Pam for all that you are doing. We are blessed to have you both, as are the congregations on Cape York.

## **Are you missing emails from Trinity Lutheran?**

If you would like to receive our regular emails, we have some forms you can use to sign up as you enter the church.

We can also accommodate a hard copy Bulletin for those not on email. Let Jo-Anne know and she will update our contact lists.



## Morning Tea

We have commenced the routine provision of morning tea following services held at Trinity. Most weeks it will simply be Tea, Coffee and biscuits with occasional special catering. We are trialling a self-service type of set up which reduces the work of setting up and cleaning up significantly. We would love you to take advantage of the relaxed space and wonderful company following each Sunday service at Trinity.

## Trinity Chair absence until late July

Just a note to advise that my family and I will be overseas from mid-June to late July. During this time, the standard email address will be monitored, and Jo-Anne Scarini (Trinity Council Secretary) will act as a point of contact for any matters that you would like the Council to deal with.

## Do you have some time you could give to Church activities?

Please prayerfully consider providing support to the congregation as our Property Manager.

We remain very low on Ushers. If you can support even for a limited period, please see Andrew Schelberg or a member of the Church Council.

We are hoping to increase the feed on Facebook. If you are interested in supporting this effort, speak with Jo-Anne Scarini.

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## The Holy Spirit

21 May 2025

by Pastor Rob Edwards

Pentecost season raises the subject of the Holy Spirit, and His actions in our lives and the impact on us.

When people asked about John and his strange ways, Jesus asked the question, 'What did you come out to see?' The same question can be asked regarding the Holy Spirit.

What do we expect of the Holy Spirit? What are we hoping or expecting to see or experience? My experience as a member of the LCA since its inception is that our expectations are way too low. Or maybe I should say, too narrow, too specific, too limited. We say the Holy Spirit, 'calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies.' And it seems we interpret those words to be mainly in the area



of giving and building faith, helping us believe and growing within us a penchant for righteousness. This has been usually interpreted as getting to know about Jesus and developing a growing desire to worship Him, and live a holy life. While this is wonderful, and quite a big thing, we do ourselves a great disservice if we see that as the limit of what the Holy Spirit seeks to do in us.

With low expectations, we cannot be disappointed, and that has been at the centre of a lot of counsel I have received over the years regarding things of the Spirit. Just to explain that a bit, I have been told – cautioned, if you will – that if I pray for people for healing, if I pray for gifts, if I pray for renewal, what if nothing happens? I run the risk of destroying someone's faith. That, however has not been my experience, nor is it the approach Jesus calls us to. When He sent out the twelve, then the seventy-two, He gave fairly big, bold instructions, including 'proclaim the kingdom', 'cast out demons' and 'heal the sick'.

Paul calls us to 'eagerly desire spiritual gifts', (1 Corinthians 14:1) which seems to run contrary to our practice.

What did we come out to see? If our experience of the Holy Spirit in our lives is only distinguishable by the fact that I believe and another person doesn't, could it be that our expectation is too low? I don't want to lead anyone to believe that their faith is inadequate. If you believe that Jesus is Lord, then that is quite adequate. But if I read scripture, I see more going on than belief. I see more than salvation. And if I look at what Jesus calls us to, I see so much more than forgiveness of sins and salvation. And if I look at the actions and experiences of the early church, I see lives transformed by the introduction of the Holy Spirit, and I see lives lived in wonder as the helper is given and the miracles begin.

I cannot listen to the readings during the Pentecost season and be satisfied with 'normal church life'. I want more. I know there is more, and as I open myself to that possibility, I see more and I experience more. What have I come out to see? Well, I want to see what God has for me to see. (I guess I need to hold on to my hat.)

May this season of Pentecost be for you an excited expectation of what God may be going to do in you. I don't know what that will be for you – I have found it futile to try to predict what God is going to do in someone – but may you yearn for more of what He has in store for you.

Blessings,

Pastor Rob Edwards  
Peace Lutheran Church, Gatton.

## **Ideas for Pentecost**

This year, Pentecost will be celebrated on Sunday 8 June. The GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) Pentecost resource from Grow Ministries includes some simple suggestions for celebrating Pentecost, whether at home with family members or in worship with your congregation. Click [here](#) to download your free copy.

## **LYQ WINTER CAMP**

Every year children from all over Queensland come for a week of learning about God, spending time outdoors and enjoying games with friends... and lots of good clean fun and laughter!

**Registrations are open 7 April – 9 June 2025. Head to [lyq.org.au](http://lyq.org.au) to find out more, and to register.**

## Live Streaming at Trinity



# YouTube

@cairnslutheranlive

## 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 –
  - o National Australia Bank  
BSB 084472 A/C 508664430

## Containers for Change



You can support the Church when recycling your containers. The following code allows funds to be allocated to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Alternatively you can drop off your containers in the bins held in the Vestry.

Containers for Change Code: **C10162743**

## ROSTERS

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

	June 1 <sup>st</sup> Trinity 08:30am HC	June 8 <sup>th</sup> Peace College 09:00am HC	June 15 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 09:00am HC	June 22 <sup>nd</sup> Trinity 09:00am	June 29 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 09:00am HC
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Bishop Mark / Pastor David Spanagel		Michelle Brayshaw	Martin Klink	Peter Schmidt
<b>Lesson Reader</b>	Emma Pullar		Diane Remilton	Richard Lehmann	Bernie Weidner
<b>Ushers</b>	A. Schelberg		A. Schelberg	R & E Krenske	R & E Krenske
<b>Powerpoint</b>	Elaine Krenske		Richard Lehmann	Kissi Klink	Peter Ricketts
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Peter & Patricia Schmidt		Eime Family	Eime Family	Bernie & Marianne Weidner
<b>Mowing</b>	M. Henseleit / M. Fraser				

## Alternative ways to attend Sunday Services

*Listen to a service*

- **Radio - 89.1 FM** Sundays at 9:00am 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.

*There are a range of view at home options. You can utilise the [Lutheran Church of Australia online worship](#) option that meets your needs.*

Alternatively, you can navigate directly to the following online options, which can be utilised live or during the week:

- [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.
- [Nazareth Lutheran Church](#), South Brisbane Streamed live at 8.30am Queensland time every Sunday.

## Pastoral Assistants

David Spanagel (Locum Pastor), Raelene Ricketts, Aldal Wagim, Martin Klink, Michael Fraser, Phoebe Weier

## Key Holders

Please be advised that the following people hold keys to Trinity Lutheran Church, should access to the building be required for example to carry out cleaning: Michael Fraser, Rod Krenske, Grace Pullar, Jo-Anne Scarini, Andrew Schelberg, Bernie Weidner.

## Your Council Members

	Trinity	Our Saviour
Chairperson	Michael Fraser	Lynalee Strickland
Vice Chairperson	Vacant	Roger Strickland
Secretary	Jo-Anne Scarini	Kathy Tidmarsh
Treasurer	Andrew Schelberg	April Strickland
Member	Rod Krenske	
Member	Mark Henseleit	
Property Manager	Vacant	

## Parish Executive

Chairperson: Roger Strickland, Secretary: Rod Krenske, Treasurer: Jo-Anne Scarini