



Trinity Grapevine

Cairns Lutheran Parish

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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 any who are sick, and especially Eddie and Pastor Aldal, and all those caring and supporting them.

UPCOMING SERVICES

6th July – 4th Sunday after Pentecost – Trinity Lutheran Church at **9 am**

13th July – 5th Sunday after Pentecost – Trinity Lutheran Church at **9 am**

20th July – 6th Sunday after Pentecost – Trinity Lutheran Church at **9 am**

27th July – 7th Sunday after Pentecost – Peace Lutheran College at **9 am**

DATE CLAIMERS

28th July – Trinity Council Meeting at **5.30pm**

Many thanks

Peter Ricketts has invested significant time and effort into upgrading the streaming capabilities of Trinity Lutheran Church.

This required significant focus on equipment specification, sourcing and installation. We very much appreciate his skills and knowledge applied to these tasks and his commitment and follow through in getting the system operational.

While we still have some embedding work and some additional equipment requirements ahead of us, the system he has installed will serve the Trinity Lutheran congregation, and congregations elsewhere in North Queensland, for many years to come.

Each of us serves in different ways as we are able. Peter has applied his gifts in a manner that will bring God's word into the lives of many. We sincerely thank him for his efforts.

O what joy!

The Synod Sunday service at Trinity was a very joyous occasion with Bishop Paul, Bishop Mark and Pastor David officiating! Most of the liturgy was sung and the packed church raised the roof. It truly was an experience of being in the presence of all the company of heaven.

A special acknowledgement for the musicians, who do a wonderful job every week, but really excelled for this special event. What a treat to sing along to organ, flutes and acoustic guitar.

The feast that was enjoyed by all after the service was also quite an experience.

Many thanks to all of the willing volunteers that jumped in to assist with all of the work, both in the lead up, and on the day of the service.

In Memoriam

Four members of our congregation passed into God's care during June: Pastor Marinus Hofman, Pastor Barry Lang, Merry Weidner and Lauri Oinon.

Pastor David has worked with the families to lovingly prepare their memorials and funerals.

Thank you to the congregation for the support you have provided to grieving family members.

Congregational Giving

At our AGM earlier in the year, we adopted three charities for the congregation to support throughout this year. The congregation has a history of support with each organisation.

You will see a retiring offering on the following days for the following organisations:

- 3rd August, Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

- 21st September, Support of Pastor Mick Hauser's work at Martin Luther Seminary in Lae, PNG.
- 19th October, Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS)

Further notice will be provided in the lead up and on each day.



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.

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.

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

Special Convention of the 21st General Synod: online, Saturday 18 October 2025

Synod will consider a doctrinal statement on ordination as resolved at the 2024 Regular Convention, along with matters of unfinished business. Delegates have been sent further information. No new business will be received. [Read more](#)

Greetings from Pastor Greg Schiller - Gutnius 2, 14 June 2025

I arrived back in the Barossa Valley on Thursday, after 13 weeks away, and have seen some lovely rain on the weekend!

The picture shows one of the very few sunny afternoons for my daily walk at Lutheran Highlands Seminary, Ogelbeng. I often walked around the student and staff food gardens, because longer walks to nearby villages could get me caught in the rain. Papua New Guineans are skilled food gardeners and plan their gardens for a continuing supply of fresh food. This is essential for the staff, who aren't

highly paid, and for the seminary student families, as the seminary budget, with the student fees, is not usually able to supply food – except in times of shortage.



Having lived at Ogelbeng before, I was caught off guard this time by the weather. It was an excessively long and very wet – wet season. I don't remember wet seasons like this at Ogelbeng. I remember very long and very wet – wet seasons in Lae. The locals also confirmed that we were experiencing an unusually wet and very long wet season. So, it wasn't just my failing memory.

Another challenge was the excessively long power outages – usually for a week or more at a time. Then on again for a short time and off again for another week or more. Usually, in the evenings, our campus generator

would give us 2-3 hours power. The limited time was because of the tight seminary budget. I coped as best I could with solar power set up in my office, and always keeping devices and power bank charged, using gas for cooking – but I was in the end not able to keep the fridge going with so little power.

As Term 1 came to a close, I spent time reflecting on how I could improve my teaching methods to better engage students in their learning. I decided to take a more practical and participatory approach — and it worked out really well!

Let me share one highlight from my Year 5 class on the Book of Revelation. Instead of focusing on the usual symbols and predictions often associated with Revelation, we explored how to preach from the text — a shift that matched the Revised Common Lectionary readings between Easter and Pentecost, which all had texts from Revelation.

Students told me they had never heard a Lutheran pastor preach on these passages. Their only exposure had been through groups using Revelation to scare people with timelines and predictions about the end times — missing the heart of Revelation's message. Together, we uncovered the true focus of the book: not on terrifying beasts, but on the Lamb — Jesus Christ — and his message of grace, peace, and encouragement to believers, especially in times of trial.

Because these students completed their practical year last year, they were already used to preparing sermons. So we worked through all six lectionary texts from Revelation for the Easter-to-Pentecost season. By the end of term, each student had produced outlines and full sermons on all six texts! I also modelled sermons from three of these texts during weekend devotions at student district gatherings.

I also shared with them a Revelation study I had first prepared over ten years ago for a Lutheran Secondary School students Bible camp here in PNG. So many of the seminary students were asking about Revelation that I had it printed and distributed to all students from Years 1 to 5.



I'm now planning to revise and translate it into Tok Pisin, as it was originally written in English. At my farewell services over Pentecost weekend, students expressed their excitement and confidence in preaching from Revelation. Many said they were ready to help our Lutheran Church in PNG

rediscover and proclaim the Good News (Gutnius) of Revelation. Even students from younger years are already looking forward to their Revelation classes!

This whole experience has made me want to rework how I teach this subject — and others. I'm also beginning to think about how I can help mentor other lecturers to take over these subjects, possibly through team teaching in the future.

In the coming weeks, I'd love to share more updates and stories with you — I wasn't able to send many newsletters during my time at Lutheran Highlands Seminary. At least now I'll have 24-hour electricity again... and I suppose I won't complain about the rain — we do need it!

I'm including a few extra photos of the seminary gardens for you to enjoy. Please note that gardening here means digging ditches — because of the torrential rainfall!

Blessings,

Greg



ROSTERS

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

	July 6 th Trinity 09:00am	July 13 th Trinity 09:00am HC	July 20 th Trinity 09:00am	July 27 th Peace College 09:00am HC
Pastor / Lay Reader	Michelle	Pastor David	Martin	
Lesson Reader	Jenny Henseleit	Charlotte Eime	Michael Fraser	
Ushers	B&M Weidner	B&M Weidner	P&P Schmidt	
Powerpoint	Bernie Weidner	Elaine Krenske	Rod Krenske	
Lead Musician	Julie Smith	Julie Smith	Julie Smith	
Church Cleaning	B&M Weidner	Jenny Cook		
Mowing	B. Weidner / R. Krenske			

KEY CALENDAR EVENTS

21st June – 13th July – Peace College School Holidays

18th July – Cairns Show Day

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

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**

Live Streaming at Trinity

You can find live streams at the following address:

<https://www.youtube.com/@cairnslutheranlive/streams>

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: Chairperson - Michael Fraser, Secretary - Jo-Anne Scarini, Treasurer - Andrew Schelberg, Member - Rod Krenske, Member - Mark Henseleit, Property Manager - Vacant.

Our Saviour: Chairperson - Lynalee Strickland, Vice Chairperson - Roger Strickland, Secretary - Kathy Tidmarsh, Treasurer - April Strickland.

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