



Trinity Grapevine

Cairns Lutheran Parish

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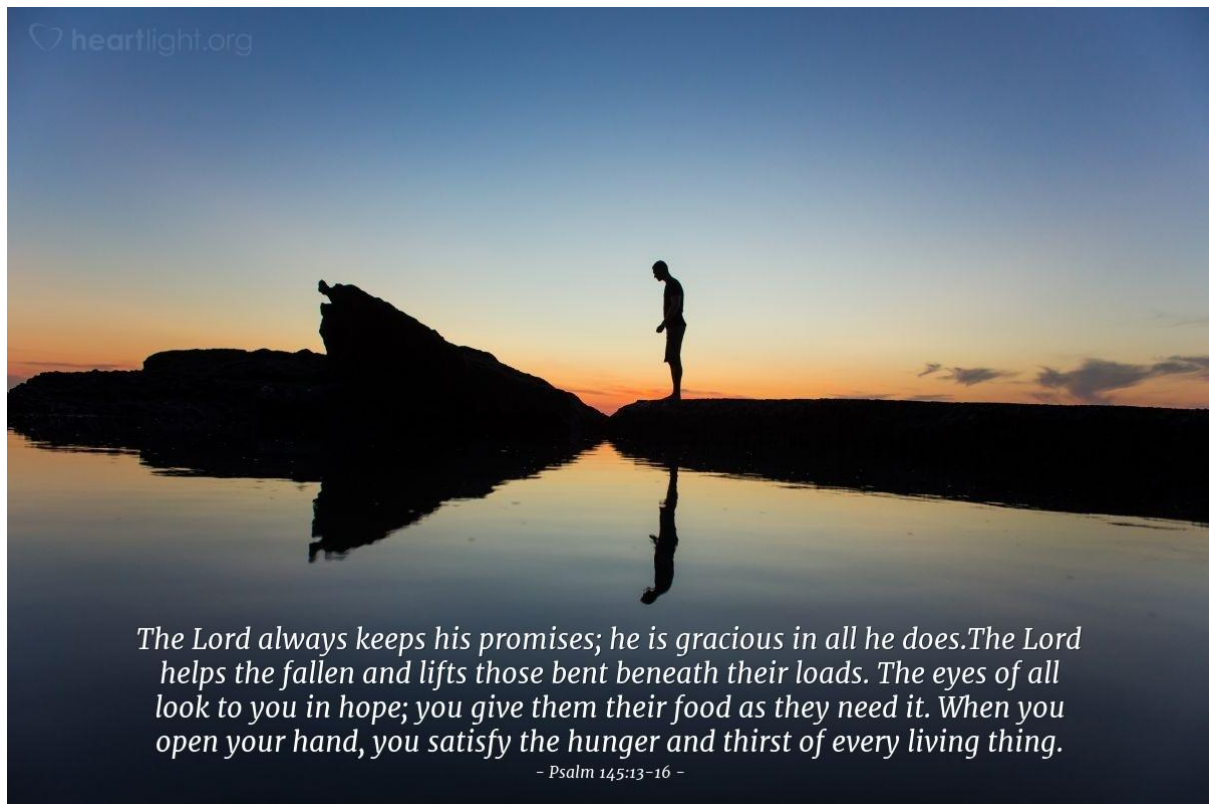
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Mission - Let your light shine for the Gospel.

Task - Keep spreading the Good News!



The Lord always keeps his promises; he is gracious in all he does. The Lord helps the fallen and lifts those bent beneath their loads. The eyes of all look to you in hope; you give them their food as they need it. When you open your hand, you satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.

- Psalm 145:13-16 -

Prayers

- ✚ For any who are sick or struggling, and we think especially of Maria, Elaine H, Sergio and Eddie, and all those caring for and supporting them.
- ✚ For those grieving and for those who mourn the loss of loved ones at this time of the year.
- ✚ For Sonia, Carolyn and their families as they mourn the loss of their mother Dulcie Ramm.
- ✚ For those who are unable to attend services and share in Christian fellowship.
- ✚ For the congregations of Trinity, Our Saviour, Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Coen as they faithfully continue services to hear God's word and equip members to share the Lord's mission in Far North Queensland.

UPCOMING SERVICES

2nd August – Trinity Lutheran Church, **9am**

9th August – Peace Lutheran College, **9am**

16th August – Trinity Lutheran Church, **9am**

23rd August – Peace Lutheran College, **9am**

30th August – Trinity Lutheran Church, **9am**

DATE CLAIMERS

16th August – Retiring Offering - MAF

17th August – Church Council Meeting, **5.30pm** at the Church

22nd August – Trinity Lutheran Ladies Meeting at **9.30am** at the Church.

5th September – Walk My Way, Peace Lutheran College, **9.00am**

Time to get involved in **Walk My Way, Cairns, 5th September, 9.00am**

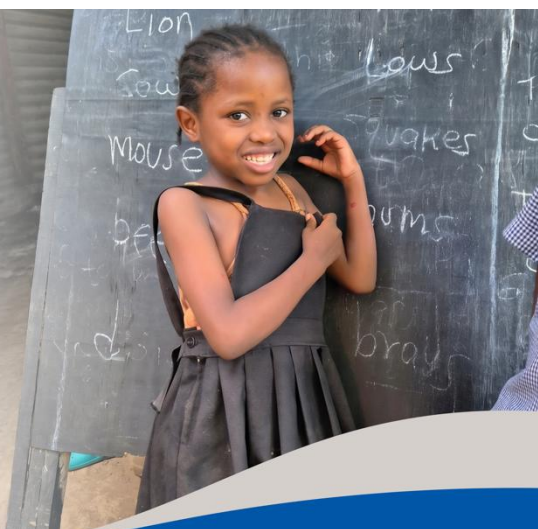
You are invited!

Join ALWS Walk My Way Cairns as we step out to protect refugee girls from child marriage.

Saturday 5 September 2026

9:00AM, PEACE LUTHERAN COLLEGE,
COWLEY STREET, KAMERUNGA

Register at [Cairns.walkmyway.org.au](https:// Cairns.walkmyway.org.au)



This year Peace College is hosting a Walk My Way fundraiser on 5th September, supporting the work of ALWS.

Cairns Walk My Way will bring generations together in a shared journey of compassion, connection and hope. Grounded in Lutheran values and open to all, every step raises funds for ALWS school kits supporting refugee girls to access education. This is part of ALWS' PRECIOUS campaign to protect girls in danger from child marriage.

Let's step out so children can step Up!

You can find more information, register or donate here: <https:// Cairns.walkmyway.org.au>

Arrive at 9am for a briefing with the event getting going at 9.30am.

Your participation in an ALWS Walk My Way event reminds the Australian community of the challenges of poverty and conflict that children face daily... and your fundraising efforts provide practical supports that change lives. Thank you!

Congregation and Parish News

Safety matters

Our church has an **evacuation plan** which is displayed at key exits in the church. As a refresher, in the unlikely event that we need to evacuate our church, use any exit where it is safe to do so. Our designated meeting places are on the footpath towards the driveways. Always make judgements about what is safe to do and ensure those around you are able to evacuate safely also.

Church Life Survey

As previously advised, we will be participating in the Church Life Survey later in the year. Elaine Krenske will be our co-ordinator.

We have selected October 18th to complete the survey.

This is a survey that occurs every 5 years and we encourage our members to participate as the responses to the survey will assist us to plan for our congregation.



Parish Directory - Apologies

Thanks to all those who have confirmed their desire to be part of the latest Directory. The work to update the Directory commenced, but was paused before we had spoken to all members of the congregation following concerns raised regarding compliance with Privacy Legislation. Following additional correspondence from the LCA Queensland District, a decision has been taken to place the Directory on hold until we have agreed suitable processes and controls to the satisfaction of the Council. We apologise to those who were looking forward to the Directory. We will keep you informed on our progress on this.

TRINITY LADIES GROUP - RAFFLE

BEAUTIFUL KNEE RUG

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH

SELLING THROUGHOUT AUGUST

TICKETS \$2 OR 3 FOR \$5

DRAWN 30TH AUGUST

The prize was lovingly made by
Marianne Weidner

A photograph of a square patchwork rug with various colors including red, green, yellow, and grey, arranged in a geometric pattern.

Do you have social media skills you would like to share?

An important outreach for our Church is our Facebook page. We regularly publish upcoming service times, information from the lectionary and photos from significant events. If you have an interest in supporting these efforts, let Jo-Anne know and she will have a discussion on how you could get involved.



Bringing the District Strategic Charter to Life at Trinity

The LCAQD (Lutheran Church of Australia Queensland District) Strategic Charter is a shared missional compass launched by Bishop Mark Vainikka at the 2026 Synod. Designed for congregations, schools, and ministries, it provides five "Open Doors" to guide the church's mission and future.

The Council and Pastoral Assistants agreed to seek interest from anyone in the congregation in participating in a workshop on how the Charter could apply at Trinity. You will find a sign up sheet at the entrance to the church. Please add your name if you have an interest in working together on this and indicate which dates may work for you.

You will find a short video on the strategic charter here:

<https://vimeo.com/1198560138?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=cj>

United in Hope, Fund raising efforts for Ministry in FNQ

During the 2025 Synod, delegates voted to raise \$60,000 per annum for the three years 2026, 2027, and 2028 for Ministry in FNQ.

At the time of drafting this piece, the fund raising has reached just over \$50,000 for this year with Lutherans across Queensland working hard to identify ways to raise funds to support this cause.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Glencoe recently hosted a trivia night, raising \$1,500 for United in Hope.

The congregation put on a great night of food and fellowship as a fundraiser, opening the night with prayer and reference to FNQ ministry and the blessing of our indigenous brothers and sisters. Mention was made of the example of people like Pr. George Rosendale.

The quiz related to the "Winter" theme and in the absence of snow, tables were decorated with locally grown cotton. A silent auction also operated featuring plants, craft, best fruitcake in SE QLD and of course a bottle of red!

Quiz guests came from locals and congregations in the Toowoomba area. One of Glencoe's gifts is hospitality and we thank God for a well run demonstration of that.



Photo: Liz Schultz's winning team at the Glencoe Lutheran Church Trivia Night

From Around the Region

Dear Friends,

A day like today in Hope Vale, Monday 6th July, could easily feel like the events of a month. This is how it unfolded.

After some preparation in the Op Shop ready for trading today, I met with the Church Council Chairperson for an hour at 9 am as she was leaving for the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair later in the day. Back to the shop at 10am.



The photos above show the Cooktown Crocs football club and Agnes and her family, Selika, Nathaniel, Adrian, Nahkezia & Chase. This is a cross-section of the people we have the opportunity to minister on a daily basis. In the case of the Football players, it was an invitation to 'Bless the Jerseys' however I made sure I went further and recognised the players and their God given ability.

I prepared for a Holy Communion service with staff and residents in aged care at 10.30. I followed this with a visit to see an older lady who was moving into the last days of her life and providing her with the gift of Holy Communion.

On the walk back to the manse I was approached to conduct a graveside funeral farewell for an infant who had died at birth, this was arranged for Sunday 12th July at 5pm.

Back at the shop at 11am! Business was brisk!

A little later a tradesman came to repair a door lock on the manse damaged by a recent break-in, then a phone call from the Chief Justice Department in Queensland with a request from the Wujal Wujal people to attend a Native Title land court hearing at Wujal Wujal on 12th August to open the days' proceedings with a prayer. While the person I spoke to said it was 'unconventional' they were prepared to write it into a very tight program.



It was then over to the church at 4pm for the Baptism of 14 year old Rahni Indiyah Bowen. A positive highlight of the day. The photo shows Rahni in the middle.

Somehow in between all of this we ended up with takings of \$1,800 from the Op Shop. My phone number on the door 'if I wasn't there' helped even if there were a few trips back and forth from other town locations to attend the shop, hence the bicycle.

God is always good all the time providing everything we need for the ministry He places before us on a daily basis.

A day like this really highlights the need for a permanent resident Spiritual leader in this region. While there are lots of 'spiritual warfare' battles going on the fact remains our Lutheran Church has built a strong underlying presence in the north that the people still see as vitally important in their time of greatest need.

Photo: The Pastor ready to ride....photo in front of Hope Vale Manse



Things haven't slowed down since that day.... At 4pm on the 7th July we celebrated the Baptism of Addilyn Thillinuu Ford.

We held a double funeral for Sam Michael and Ciara McKinley at Hope Vale on 14th July.

Airi Ovaska's funeral was held on 23rd July 9.30 am at Cairns Funeral Directors Chapel. Internment at Tully cemetery.

We also have the funeral of Lewis Charlie in Hope Vale pending.

There will also be the Baptism of *Manaia Scarlett Rose Pearson* on 9th August at Trinity at 11am. A Hope Vale family.



Photo: NAIDOC day celebrated in Hope Vale on 9th July.

Thrift Shop Support Greatly Appreciated

A huge thankyou to everyone in the Cairns Parish who has donated items for sale in Hope Vale, they have all found a new home. Our sales have been 'huge'! The following are our most urgently needed; towels, large plastic bowls/plates, pillows, double bed sheets, microwave oven(s).

There are various long term initiatives being put forward by local people and organisations in Hope Vale who are doing their part to ensure that we are in a position to maintain a pastor for the long term. These suggestions are being carefully considered and will be implemented accordingly.

May God continue to add His Blessing to all we do in His Name.
Respectfully collated in His Service
David

Home visits

We are very thankful for the efforts of our Locum Pastor, David Spanagel, including his efforts to visit those experiencing challenges across the congregation.

Michael Fraser has taken on a role of scheduling visits that are requested, so please contact Michael on TrinityLutheran4870@outlook.com should you wish to be included in the list of those to receive a visit.

If you receive a call from someone wanting to schedule a visit, know that it is the result of our efforts to reach out to members of the congregation, especially those experiencing some challenges.

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**



2026 Australian Census: Recording Your Religion

The Australian Census will be held on Tuesday 11 August 2026. Question 24 asks about each person's religion. This question is optional.

As Lutheran is not included among the listed denominations, members who choose to answer the question are encouraged to enter "Lutheran" in the "Other—please specify" box. Doing so will help ensure that Lutherans are accurately represented in the Census.



ROSTER - August

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

	August 2nd Trinity 9.00am	August 9th Peace 09:00am	August 16th Trinity 09:00am HC	August 23rd Peace 09:00am HC	August 30th Trinity 09:00am
Pastor / Lay Reader	Peter Schmidt	Pastor Adam	Michelle Brayshaw	Pastor Adam	Pastor David
Lesson Reader	Rod Krenske		Elaine Krenske		Nikki Williams
Ushers	Michael Fraser		Rod & Elaine K		Rod & Elaine K
Powerpoint	Elaine Krenske		Kissi Klink		Richard Lehmann
Lead Musician	Sharon Beck		Sharon Beck		Sharon Beck
Church Cleaning	Jo-Anne Scarini		Raelene Ricketts		Anita Moran
Mowing	R. Lehmann / A. Schelberg				

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

Live Streaming at Trinity

We continue to work to bring a live stream to those across the region. We have not yet been able to do this reliably. Once we get this working, 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:

- [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, Martin Klink, Michael Fraser, Phoebe Weier.

Trinity Council: Chairperson - Michael Fraser (0487 582 994), Secretary - Jo-Anne Scarini (0427 031 132), Treasurer - Andrew Schelberg, Member - Rod Krenske, Member - Mark Henseleit.

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

Parish Council: Chairperson - Isaac Strickland, Secretary – Rod Krenske, Treasurer – Jo-Anne Scarini

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, and Bernie Weidner.