St Peter's Lutheran Church Elizabeth

521 Main North Road, Elizabeth

'A Christ Centred Community where God's Love is experienced and shared, so that all may know and worship Jesus'

Sunday 31st August 2025

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Year C

Pastor Leon Rosenberg

10:00am Worship

TODAY'S Readings

Jeremiah 2: 4-13

Hebrews13:1-8,15,16

Luke 14:1,7-14

A word from Pastor Leon

At the SA-NT District Convention in May, the Church heard from many delegates who were representing communities who have been struggling through drought conditions. One way we chose to respond was by encouraging us all to pray for all those coping with the difficult season we are experiencing.

Today we have been asked as a District, to hold a District- wide service of acknowledgment and prayer for communities impacted by drought and so the order of service this morning will be a little different than what we would normally have. It's **"A service of praise and prayer in a time of drought."** Consequently, we have different Bible readings than the ones that were set down for today, an extensive prayer for this time of drought.

I shall be preaching on the topic that I have already advised you about **"The Fruit of the Spirit based on Galatians 5:22,23.** However, a video sermon from Bishop Andrew Brook for" the service of praise and prayer for a time of drought" is available on the LCA SA NT website

As I said to you in the Word from Pastor Leon, last Sunday, in the sermon today, I am planning to put the Fruit to you **in context**; give a **brief description** of them; give **one example** of the Fruit and then one practical use of the Fruit- **in prayer** (ie. using the Fruit of the Spirit to confess our sins, thanks and praise God, and as a taster for our requests.) I have prepared a **Handy Prayer Help** (Wooden disk) with the Fruit if the Spirit wood burnt on, to help you pray the Fruit of the Spirit. Feel free to receive one from me.

There is another special aspect of our worship this morning. **Alex Murch is renewing her Baptism.** She was baptised about 22 years ago at Woodside Lutheran Church but has chosen to recommit herself to her baptismal vows and receive the blessing that God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit gives through this Sacrament and be admitted to the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

From tomorrow (1/9/25) we shall be on **Recuperative Leave** till the 23rd November. I plan to be back for Advent, leading up to Christmas. People have been asking me what we are doing these 13 weeks. Heidi's cousins from Germany are coming out to Australia and we planning to show them around the south western part of Western Australia in the first part of our Leave. However, the second part of our Leave is still open. I do know that during that time I will be celebrating a significant birthday.

In my absence Lisa is holding the **church's mobile** (0490 555 563). For pastoral care contact the **elders: Robert, Erika, Colleen, Graham**. If you need a pastor, **Pastor Graham Harms** has made himself available during this period. His mobile is: 0413 131 015.

I understand that in January there will be a review on my ministry here at St Peter's to determine whether I should continue here for another year.

God be with you.

Pastor Leon