

November 19th 2023

God Is Appealing Through You

10.30am

Song Pre-Service: Today, Tomorrow and Forever (Sanctus Real) <https://youtu.be/Pyrrz37fPiw> CCLI No. 7151169

(Georgie) *Welcome:* Good morning everyone! It's great to have you with us today as we worship together as God's people. I'm Georgie Schuster the worship leader and Craig Joppich is our guest speaker for today.

Housekeeping: mobile phones off/silent, toilets along the rear corridor to my right, Connect Cards to assist us with caring & connection in our community. Pencils are available in the chairs on the side.

Call to Worship:

As you are able, please stand as we begin this time of praise and worship. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Song: Lord Reign In Me (Brown) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzEkhTwiODc> CCLI No. 2490706

Band continues to underplay (e.g. guitar picking/keys).

Praise Points from the past week: (roving microphone needed) **(Georgie)**

If you'd like to share something from the past week that gives you reason to praise God, please raise a hand so we can bring a microphone to you.

Band continues into next song once praise points concluded.....

Song: Today, Tomorrow and Forever (Sanctus Real) <https://youtu.be/Pyrrz37fPiw> CCLI No. 7151169

(Please be seated)

Theme of the Day: **(Georgie)** The theme for today is 'God Is Appealing Through You'

Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 11-21 (NLT) **(Georgie)**

Message: testimony – God Is Appealing Through You **(Craig Joppich)**

I invite you to stand as you are able for our next two songs **(Craig Joppich)**

Song: I Speak Jesus (Here Be Lions) https://youtu.be/FpGYImM_VeM CCLI No. 7136201

Song: O Come To The Altar (Elevation) <https://youtu.be/ycWDFd0yCHA> CCLI No. 7051511

Call to Confession: **(Georgie)**

Can we have a time of quiet for a few moments now as we join together in confession. There will be no words for you to say today, just close your eyes and respond as the Holy Spirit leads you.

Spirit of God, you are the breath of creation, the wind of change that blows through our lives, opening us up to new opportunities and new hopes, new life in Jesus. Forgive our closed minds which barricade themselves against new ideas, preferring the past to what you might want to do through us tomorrow.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

Forgive our closed eyes which fail to see the needs of your world, blind to opportunities of service and love, and forgive our closed hands which clutch our gifts and our wealth for our own use alone

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

Forgive us our closed hearts which limit our affections to ourselves and those around us.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

Spirit of new life, forgive us and break down the walls of our selfishness that we might be open to your love and open to serving your world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

God's Word of Forgiveness: **(Georgie)**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, because of Jesus and by the Grace of God, we can be assured that our sins are forgiven. Go in peace and through the power of Holy Spirit, serve the Lord. Amen.

General Prayers & The Lord's Prayer **(Georgie & children)**

Announce Retiring Offering: **(Georgie)**

Through our freewill offerings we honour God and join his mission of making Jesus known in our community. Many do this electronically. Otherwise, you are invited to place your freewill offerings in the bowls at the doors as you exit the church. Connect Cards can also be placed in these bowls. It would be helpful for our offering counters if you can do this soon after the service.

I invite you to stand as you are able for our final song.

Song: For All You've Done (Hillsong) <https://youtu.be/9Dg-ma1bACQ> CCLI No. 4254689

Sharing the Blessing: **(Georgie)** 'I invite you to turn to others, and raise a hand or two, and repeat after me:'

May the God of hope;

Fill us with all joy and peace;

As we trust in him;

So that we may overflow with hope;

By the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

(Please be seated)

Announcements: **(Georgie)**

- 1. Thank you to our guest speaker** for today. Thanks Craig for your message and helping lead the worship.
- 2. Celebrations: "5 or 0" Anniv's and B'days** Julie Freund and Gaynor Gower are celebrating special Baptism birthdays.
- 3. Para Vista Community Carols on Sat 9th Dec 7pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.** This is a free event, but you need to book tickets on the website or through the Church Office. Postcards are available for you to give to family, friends and neighbours.
We also have posters that we would like to be displayed in the community. If you are able to help, please take one or more posters, to display in shop windows or notice boards, work places or schools. Please ask permission from the venues!
- 4. Chris Jaensch – help for carols night** Chris needs help from kids (and their parents) to join him for his Christmas play and songs that will be part of the Carols night on December 9th.
- 5. Half Yearly meeting** will be held TODAY starting at 12.15pm. There will be a BBQ after the 10.30am service, so you can eat before the meeting starts! All money raised supports the Family Hub.
- 6. KAPS and Ignite** – next week 26th November 4-7pm. Last event for the year.
- 7. Lutheran Care food collection** -food items will be gratefully received next Sunday, 26th November. See the weekly news for items specifically requested.
- 8. Prayer Available after service** in the quiet corner adjacent to the organ
- 9. Hospitality.** Hasn't it been a privilege to worship our great God together? But is that the only reason we are here together this morning? We now have an opportunity to check in with each other and find out how we've been travelling with Jesus this week. If you are visiting with us this morning, we'd love to meet you

and get to know you. So, everyone, please take some time now to say hello to someone you haven't met before, particularly if they are of a different generation to yourself. The cafe is open so grab a cuppa and chat.