

**ENTRANCE PSALM, PSALM 90:1-6; 13-17**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. **Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men." **For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.**

You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning- **though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.**

Relent, O LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

**May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendour to their children**

May the favour of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands.

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Thank you, everliving God, for giving us your only Son. Move us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



**St Peter's Lutheran Church**

207 Davey Street, Hobart

**October 26th, 2008**

**24th Sunday After Pentecost**

Divine Service 10:00 am

**Let Us Exalt**



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**TODAYS READINGS AND HYMNS.**

**Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

The death of Moses

**1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

Paul does not speak to please people.

**Matthew 22:34-46:**

The great commandment



**The Hymns:**

*'Love your neighbour as yourself.'*

## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Psalm 100:2  
We welcome visitors worshipping with us today. We hope you enjoy our service and feel free to enter God's presence with gladness. Please feel free to join us after the service for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.



## TODAY

**Reader:** Helen Vieth  
**Ushers:** Weidenbach/Hoth  
**Sunday School:** Jodie, Emilie

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Reader :** James Hoth  
**Ushers :** Weidenbach/Hoth  
**Sunday School:** Family Service  
**Cleaning:** Church, **Flowers:** Ruut **Hall:** Harriss  
**Readings:** **Joshua 3:7-17** Crossing the Jordan to the Promised Land  
**1 Thessalonians 2:19-13.** Paul's conduct among the Thessalonians  
**Matthew 23:1-12** Warnings against the scribes and the Pharisees

## THIS WEEK IN BRIEF

**Today:** Retiring Offering the work of Fusion  
**Wednesday:** 5:30 pm Prayer Group  
6:30 pm Choir  
7:30pm Western Shore Growth Group  
**Thursday:** 9:00am Chapel ELC  
**Friday:** 12noon Men's Luncheon  
**Saturday:** 7:30am Prayer breakfast

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## GOD WILL REDEEM MY LIFE FROM THE GRAVE

*God will ransom my soul... he will receive me. Psalm 49: 15.*

In our world the '5-star success system' (possessions, fame, education, vocational success, power) rules, let us remember that all these accomplishments are ephemeral - they will die with us. Sometimes the ungodly are rich, and the faithful poor are oppressed. But the only life worth living is one of uprightness and trust in the living God...

'Hear ye! Everybody, people of high or lowly birth, rich and poor, hear ye!' cries this Levite from the temple (Psalm 49: 1-4). What shall it profit anyone if they gain the whole world and lose their soul? When death stares you in the face, you don't have to be afraid, unless of course, you've trusted in your accomplishments rather than the living God. All human distinctions disappear in the face of death. If you're self-confident, proud of your wealth or status, you've had it! (But the 'real you' is of more value to God than all the wealth in the entire world). Your life savings - or those of another 'redeemer' - won't be enough to buy a reprieve from the grim reaper! Though the rich are now honoured, they will die just as the animals must die. And you're dead for a very long time (vv.5-12). You can't take any of it with you. Evil and good, rich and poor will all die, and their bodies will disintegrate in the grave. But God will not leave the righteous in the dark world of the dead (Sheol) where the ungodly languish: God will receive them (vv. 13-20). Two ways, two destinies: the choice is ours!

*If I have you, Lord, and everything else, I have no more than having you only; if I have everything else and not you I have nothing. Amen.*

*Rowland Croucher, Sunrise Sunset Daily Devotions*

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## NOTICES

### PRAYER GROUP

Prayer group meets every Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 in the church house. Every one is encouraged to attend.

### PRAYER BREAKFAST

Prayer breakfast is on Saturday at 7:30am. We begin with studying Nehemiah and bring something to share for breakfast.

### PASTOR AWAY

Pastor Ben will be away until November 4th. See the lay assistants, Juegen or Gundars for any pastoral care needs until then.

### WESTERN SHORE GROWTH GROUP

The Western Shore Growth Group will meet at Weidenbach's on Wednesday at 7:30 pm

### TASMANIAN STATE DAY

On Sunday November 16th at 10:30am at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 225 St John Street Launceston there will be a special State Day with a guest evangelist, Michael Jang.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

The Sunday School children will be selling handmade bookmarks, magnets and baked goods next Sunday (2/11) to raise money for their Compassion sponsor child's Christmas gift. Please join us and help support our Sunday School stewardship project.

### DAILY DEVOTION BOOKLETS FOR 2009

Church Council will be ordering Devotion books and Diaries towards the end of the month. For any members wishing to purchase one or both items it would be appreciated if they could place an order with Juergen. Cost will be \$18 and \$10 respectively. If possible payment in full or a deposit of \$5 at the time of ordering would be appreciated.

### LOVING HANDS

Loving Hands has been cancelled for this month.

### FROM THE LLL

Our congregation has received a "Notice to LLL depositors" which reaffirms the current lending and investment policies of the LLL. This notice has been placed on the church noticeboard for your information

## TODAY'S READINGS

### THE FIRST READING .

**Deuteronomy 34:1-12** The death of Moses

Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. Then the LORD said to him, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it." And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over. Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses. Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, who did all those miraculous signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

*This is the word of the Lord*

### THE SECOND READING

**1 Thessalonians 2:1-8** Paul does not speak to please people.

You know, brothers, that our visit to you was not a failure. We had previously suffered and been insulted in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in spite of strong opposition. For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from men, not from

you or anyone else. As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.

*This is the Word of the Lord*

### THE GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 22:34-46:** The great commandment

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 'This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says, " 'The Lord said to my Lord "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

