

General Information

Devotion

When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy (Psalm 94:19).

[Read Psalm 94:16-19](#)

I'd heard all about the craziness going on in shops, but when I actually went there trying to do my normal week-to-week shopping, I was incredulous at the fact that there were empty shelves. All I wanted to do was cook this recipe I'd googled, but I couldn't get chicken! I'd heard about toilet paper, I'd heard about sanitizers. But not chicken. What am I going to have for tea tonight? There wasn't any chicken. No frozen vegetables. It was mental. And people were looking at each other and going, 'What is going on?'

God doesn't condemn us for our anxiety. He knows us, and he knows us well. But this is an opportunity to ask how can we put that anxiety to rest? Are we going to turn back in on ourselves and try to find the answers within ourselves? And then end up squabbling in the supermarket lane over toilet paper. Or is this a call for us? God is saying, 'No, don't look to your own answers. Look outside of yourself. Turn yourself over to me. Trust me.'

Many generations before us have endured terrible hardships, and God has brought them through. He'll bring us through as well.

Instead of living with fear, selfishness and hoarding, maybe there are opportunities in this situation to reframe our world. We could get on the phone and call someone who is in self-isolation. Or reconnect with people we've lost touch with. Maybe we can learn some positive ways to use social media. Let's use these challenging days to show the love that God gives us through Jesus Christ.

Bible Challenge 2020

Mon	Apr 6	Isaiah 24: 1-23
Tues	Apr 7	Isaiah 25: 1-12
Wed	Apr 8	Isaiah 26: 1-21
Thu	Apr 9	Isaiah 27: 1-13
Fri.	Apr 10	Isaiah 28: 1-29
Sat.	Apr 11	Isaiah 29: 1-24
Sun.	Apr 12	Isaiah 30: 1-33

Dear God, thank you for your love and care, even when I am afraid and anxious. Help me to trust in your loving presence and share your love with others. Amen.

Pastor Richard Fox.

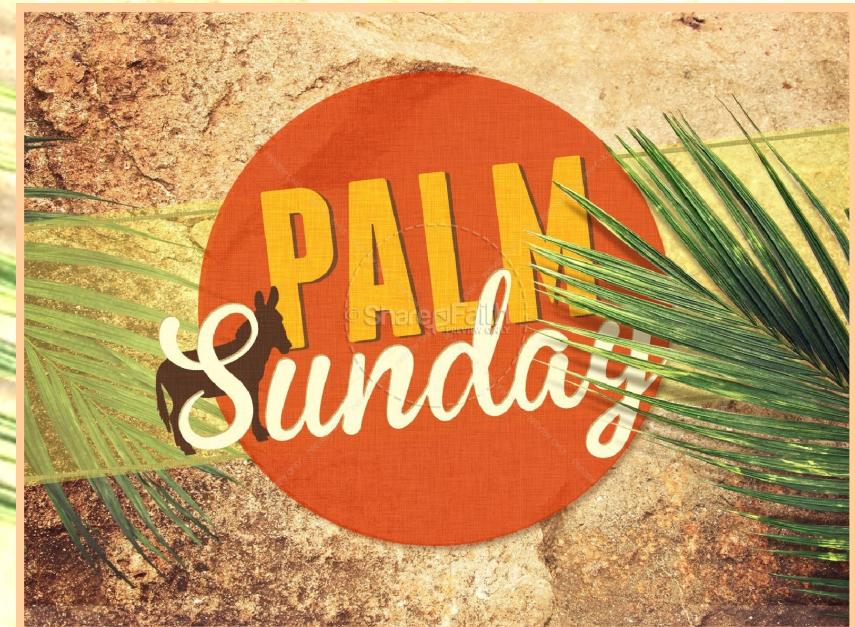
How cool is it that the same God who created mountains & oceans & galaxies, looked at you and thought the world needed one of you too.



St James Lutheran Church

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5th April 2020
Palm Sunday



Hey, we're glad you're here!

Online Service Times

Due to restrictions on church gatherings, services are now streamed online, via Facebook and YouTube.

Here's our schedule;

PALM SUNDAY	9:30 am
Maundy Thursday	7:30 pm
Good Friday	9:30 am
Easter Monday	9:30 am

Find us on Facebook - search for St James Lutheran Church Whyalla, find us on YouTube or go to our webpage www.stjameswhyalla.org.au

Don't have internet? Then check your letterbox for Pastor Lee's sermon and other resources to keep you informed.

Practice safe hygiene, social distancing and stay home wherever possible.

Prayer Care

Brereton Family,
Grant Jeffery, Alan Jones,
Daph & Jim Havelberg,
Anne Schuppan, Simon
Schuppan.

Bible Readings for Today

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The obedience of the Lord's servant.

Philippians 2: 5-11

Obedient servant and exalted Lord

Matthew 26: 14—27: 66

Jesus Suffering and death.

Contacts

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Church@Home is a central repository for live-streaming options, family faith-building ideas, daily devotions, health and safety at home, and loads of other resources to help you live and grow as God's people at home. New resources are being added here all the time. Please also stay in touch with each other locally, using whatever methods are available to you: phone calls, Zoom, FaceTime, Skype, delivering non-contact care packs, and perhaps relearning how to write and post physical letters. Press CONTROL+CLICK on the picture to go there!

KIDZONE

Here's a link to a rocking little number for the young at heart to sing and dance to. Press CONTROL+CLICK on the picture to take you there! And play it loud.



Easter Faith Family Trail at Home

Explore the events of the Easter story through a variety of activity stations. Each station has a theme, Bible passage, questions to chat about, and simple activity and prayer ideas. Using locations and items from around the home, we invite your household to choose at least one activity in the lead up to or during Easter. This is a great opportunity to grow faith at home for people of all ages, particularly families with children under 12. Most of the ideas use multiple senses to engage with the Easter story. We hope this resource equips your family to play, talk and pray together so that you may grow in faith, especially as you celebrate what Jesus has done for us this Easter.

Click (or Control+click) on the picture to take you where you can view the web version or download the print version.

