



**LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

OF AUSTRALIA

SUNDAY

22/03/2026

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

# ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

CABOOLTURE AND BRIBIE ISLAND



The Resurrection and the Life

## Upcoming Worship

### Service Times @ St Paul's This Week

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar, Bribie Is @8am

Caboolture @ 9am

Mon, 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar, Aged Care @ 10am

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Mar, Caboolture @ 6:30pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Mar, St Paul's LPS 8:45am

### Next Week

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday

School Sunday Yr5 Cab @ 9am

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> Mar, Aged Care@ 10am

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April, St Pauls LPS, 1pm

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Cab @ 6:30pm

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Caboolture @ 9am

In this week's Gospel reading we encounter the powerful story of Lazarus. When Jesus arrives in Bethany, Lazarus has already been in the tomb for four days. Mary and Martha are grieving, and the whole community feels the weight of death. In the middle of this sorrow we hear the simple but profound words: "Jesus wept."

They remind us that Christ sees our pain and shares in the grief of this broken world.

Yet Jesus does not remain at the tomb in silence. Standing before it, he declares, "I am the resurrection and the life." Then, with a loud voice, he calls, "Lazarus, come out!" And the dead man walks out of the grave.

This sign reveals who Jesus truly is. He has authority even over death itself. The story also points forward to the greater victory of Christ's own resurrection. Because of him, death does not have the final word. Even in the midst of loss, grief, and uncertainty, Jesus continues to speak life and hope to his people.



## Bible Reading

### This Week

John 11:1-45

where love comes to life

# St Paul's Lutheran Church, Bribie Island - Events



## Ladies Fellowship

Ladies who would like fellowship, chat and a cuppa meet on the 1st Thursday of the month and our next get together will be meeting on the 2nd April @ 9.30am at 154 Boronia Drive Bellara

## Bible Study

Bible Study is held on the 4th Thursday of the month. Pastor Michael Braunberger is leading Bible Study on the Gospels, and our next study will be on the Gospel of Mark meeting on the 26th March @ 1.30pm at 3 Elizabeth Batts Court Banksia Beach.

# PALM SUNDAY

Next week our Year 5 students from St Paul's will be presenting the Gospel for us.

Please bring a plate to share at morning tea.

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."



## Women's Fellowship

St Paul's Aged Care Village  
Community Hall

**Monthly Meeting**

All Welcome to this enjoyable morning of fellowship.

9am, Tuesday,  
14th April

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**JOHN**  
**3:16**

# Lenten Devotions

*All Lenten Devotions are from 6:30  
at St Paul's Caboolture  
or online from 3pm*

Please feel free to invite friends and family along to this service.  
Or, why not introduce them to our church by joining with them online.

**25th March Lent 5 Devotion**

**The Last Word on Life**

Discussing eternal life and overcoming fear of death.

To watch these devotions online go to our Facebook page or  
<http://www.youtube.com/@StPaulsCaboolture>

## **MARCH GIFT AND GIVING**



A few weeks ago we had the privilege of having Barrie come and present on the great work being done by the Gideons here in Australia and throughout the world in the areas of Education, Military, Emergency Services, Prisons, Hospitals, Aged Care, Medical Centres and Hotels.

If you would like to assist the Gideons in God's mission on our behalf please give generously to the Gift and Giving basket at the front of the church.

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LUTHERAN WOMEN OF QLD RETREAT

# Women in the Wilderness

MAROOCHY WATERFRONT  
CONFERENCE CENTRE

15TH – 17TH MAY, 2026

*Come and be refreshed  
and inspired!*

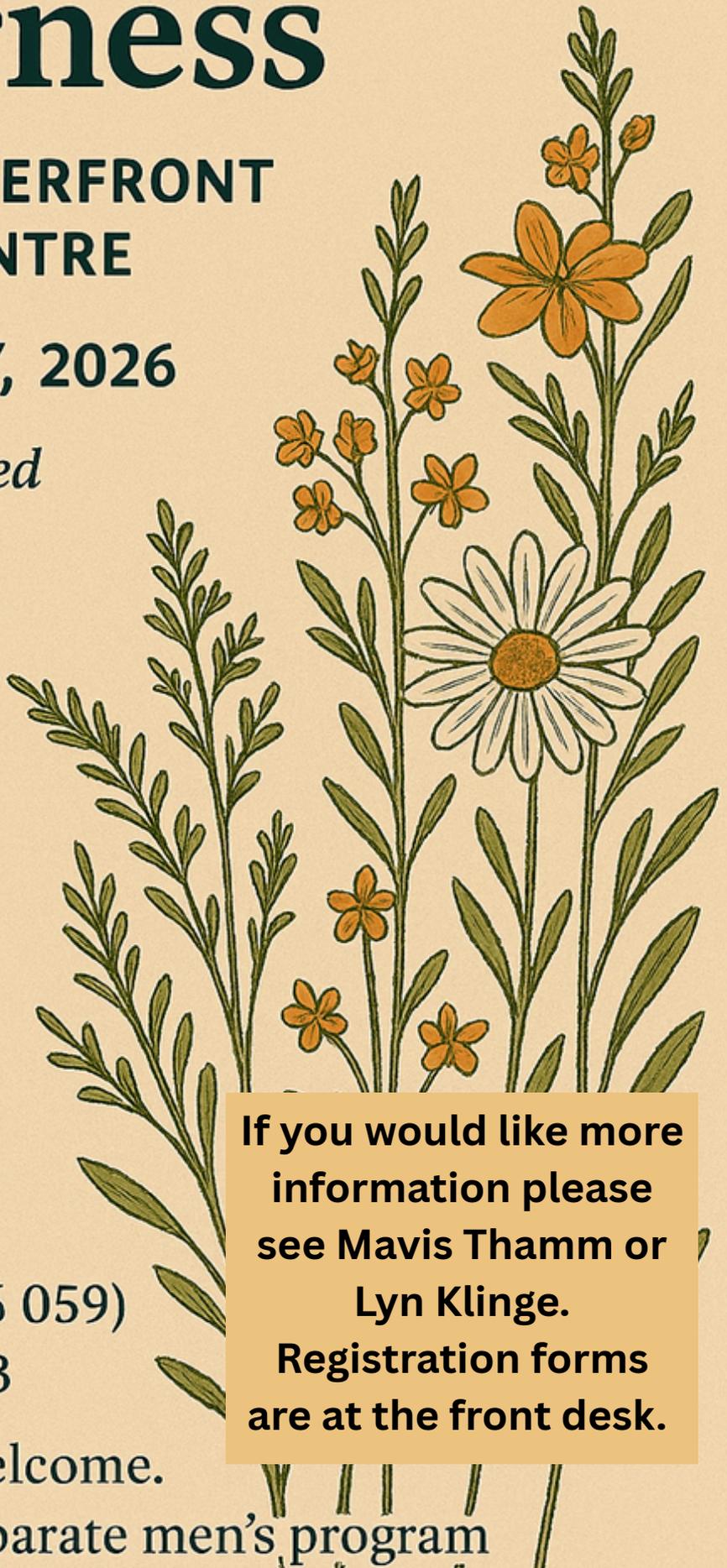
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- Taizé service
- Bible Study
- singing, worship,  
prayer, fun  
and friendship

Twin share ensuited  
rooms, each with  
a mini fridge

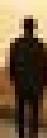
ph Marilyn (0419 266 059)  
or Pam (0416 203 433)

Women of all ages welcome.

Couples welcome, separate men's program



**If you would like more  
information please  
see Mavis Thamm or  
Lyn Klinge.  
Registration forms  
are at the front desk.**



### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Bringing Our Needs to Jesus

**“Lord, the one you love is ill.” — John 11:3**

Mary and Martha sent Jesus a simple message when Lazarus was sick. They did not explain everything or tell Jesus what to do. They simply brought their concern to him. Their words show us something important about prayer. We do not need perfect words or long explanations. We can simply bring what is on our hearts to Jesus. Sometimes our prayers are just a sentence: “Lord, help.” Sometimes they are quiet tears. Jesus hears them all. Like Mary and Martha, we can place the people we love and the struggles we face into his hands and trust that he cares deeply for us.

- What is something in your life you need to bring to Jesus in prayer today?
- How can Mary and Martha’s prayer shape the way you pray?

***Lord Jesus, thank you that we can bring our needs to you. Help us trust you with the people and situations we care about. Amen.***

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March: When God Seems to Delay

**“Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.” — John 11:5**

Even though Jesus loved this family, he did not come immediately when Lazarus became sick. From the outside, it may have seemed confusing or even painful. Sometimes our prayers feel like that too. We ask God for help, but the answer does not come when we expect it. Yet John reminds us that Jesus loved them. God’s delays are not signs of his absence. Often God is working in ways we cannot yet see. The story of Lazarus shows us that God’s timing can reveal something greater than we imagined. When prayer feels unanswered, we can hold on to this truth: God still loves us, and he is still at work.

- Have you ever experienced a time when God seemed slow to answer prayer?
- How does knowing Jesus loved this family change the way you see the delay?

***Loving God, when we struggle to understand your timing, help us trust your love and your wisdom. Amen.***

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March: The Resurrection and the Life

**“I am the resurrection and the life.” — John 11:25**

When Martha met Jesus outside Bethany, she was grieving her brother. In that moment Jesus made one of the most powerful promises in the Bible: “I am the resurrection and the life.” Jesus does not simply offer advice or comfort. He offers himself. Life itself stands before Martha in the person of Christ. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus defeats death and gives eternal life to those who believe in him. This promise means that death does not have the final word. Even in the face of grief, Christians live with hope. Because Jesus lives, those who trust in him will live also.

- What does it mean to you that Jesus is the resurrection and the life?
- How does this promise bring hope when facing grief or loss?

***Lord Jesus, thank you for being the resurrection and the life. Strengthen our faith and fill us with your hope. Amen.***

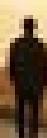
### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Jesus Wept

**“Jesus wept.” — John 11:35**

This is the shortest verse in the Bible, yet it reveals something powerful about Jesus. Standing beside the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus knew he would soon raise him from the dead. Still, he wept. Why would Jesus cry if he knew the miracle was coming? Because he saw the grief of Mary and Martha. He saw the pain that death brings into the world. And his heart broke with theirs. This shows us that Jesus is not distant from our suffering. When we mourn, he mourns with us. When we feel overwhelmed by grief or loss, we are not alone. Our Saviour stands beside us with compassion and love.

- How does it comfort you to know that Jesus understands grief?
- When have you experienced God’s comfort in a difficult time?

***Compassionate Lord, thank you that you see our pain and care deeply for us. Be close to all who are grieving today. Amen.***



**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Come Out**  
**“Lazarus, come out!” — John 11:43**

With a loud voice Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb. And the dead man walked out. It was an incredible moment that showed Jesus’ power over death. But this story is not only about Lazarus. The voice of Jesus still calls people today. Sometimes we feel trapped by fear, guilt, shame, or despair. These things can feel like tombs in our lives. Yet Jesus speaks a powerful word: “Come out.” He calls us out of darkness and into the life he gives. His grace brings freedom, hope, and a fresh start.

- What might Jesus be calling you to leave behind today?
- How can you respond to Jesus’ call to step into new life?

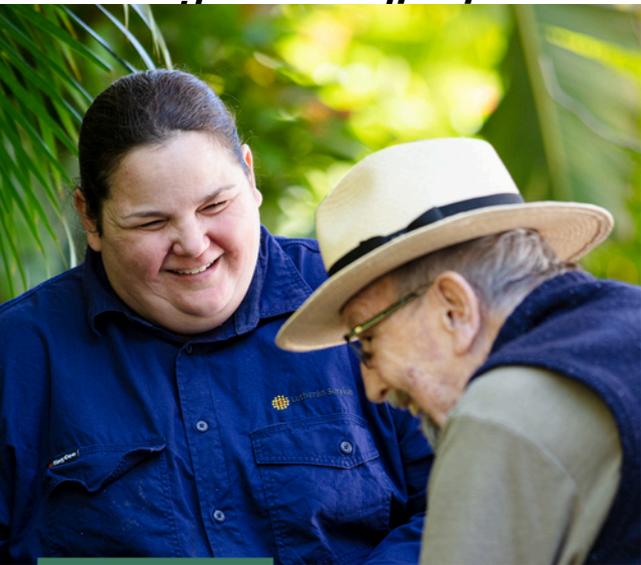
**Jesus, call us out of whatever keeps us trapped. Lead us into the freedom and life you promise. Amen.**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Unbind Him and Let Him Go**  
**“Unbind him, and let him go.” — John 11:44**

After Lazarus came out of the tomb, he was still wrapped in burial cloths. Jesus then told the people around him to remove them. This shows us something important about the life of the church. Jesus brings new life, but he also calls the community to help one another live in that freedom. We walk together as we follow Christ. We encourage one another, support one another, and remind each other of God’s grace. The church becomes a place where people help remove the “grave clothes” of fear, shame, and guilt. Together we help one another live in the hope of the resurrection.

- Who has helped you grow in faith or experience God’s grace?
- How can you help someone else live in the freedom Christ gives?

**Lord Jesus, thank you for the community of faith. Help us encourage and support**



**Lenten Appeal 2026 -**

**Pay it forward. Be the comfort.**

This Lent, support us to walk alongside patients and families. The Lenten Appeal supports chaplaincy in hospitals and at Mary and Martha’s Domestic and Family Violence refuge.

**Where your support goes:**

Hospital Chaplaincy: Lutheran hospital chaplains work across Brisbane, Gold Coast, Hervey Bay, Mackay, and Mt Isa.

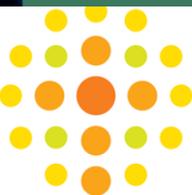
Your gift ensures all are trained, supported, and sustained in their ministry.

Mary & Martha’s Refuge Chaplaincy: Women from all walks of life come to our domestic violence refuges to escape domestic and family violence.

We provide safe, secure, short-term accommodation.

General Donations: To ensure your generosity has the greatest impact, we will direct your gift to the area of greatest need - reaching individuals and families at the moment they need it most.

[https://donate.lutheranservices.org.au/lenten-appeal-2026?\\_gl=1\\*j9mbgg\\*\\_gcl\\_au\\*MTI4ODg0MDA4Ny4xNzcxNTQ3ODkz#](https://donate.lutheranservices.org.au/lenten-appeal-2026?_gl=1*j9mbgg*_gcl_au*MTI4ODg0MDA4Ny4xNzcxNTQ3ODkz#)



**Lutheran Services**

*There for you*



**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

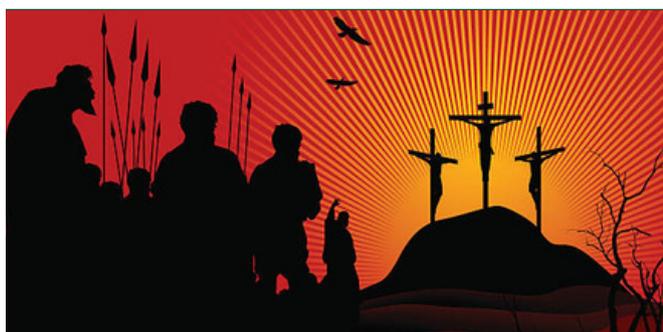
I bought a dog and I called him 5 Miles, just so I could tell my friends I walk 5 Miles twice a day.

# Holy Week @ St Paul's 2026



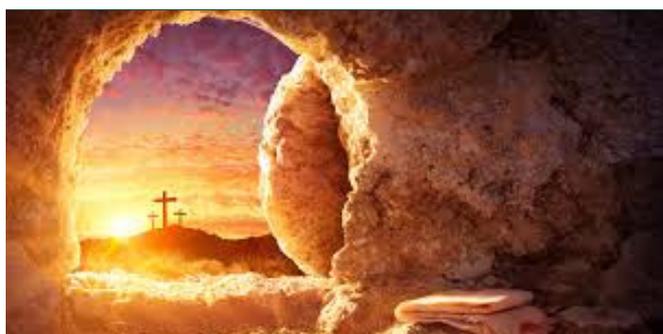
**Palm Sunday – St Paul's Family Service with Year 5's**  
**Date: Sunday, 29th March**  
**Time: 9:00am**  
**Location: St Paul's Caboolture**

**Maundy Thursday – Reflective Communion Service**  
**Date: Thursday, 2nd April**  
**Time: 6:30pm**  
**Location: St Paul's Caboolture**



**Good Friday – Meditative Stations of the Cross**  
**Date: Friday, 3rd April**  
**Time: 9:00am**  
**Location: St Paul's Caboolture**

**Easter Dawn Service**  
**Date: Sunday, 5th April @ 6am**  
**Location: Woorim Beach, Bluey Piva Park (in the event of bad weather we will meet at The Orchid House)**



**Easter Celebration Service**  
**Date: Sunday, 5th April**  
**Time: 9:00am**  
**Location: St Paul's Caboolture**



## Growing FAITH at home

FIFTH  
SUNDAY  
IN LENT

YEAR A

Jesus is the  
resurrection  
and the life



GrowMinistries  
LCA CHILD, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



## CONVERSATIONS

*Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:*

1. Mary and Martha were very sad because their brother Lazarus had died. What did Jesus say to comfort them? (Read John 11:23-25).
2. How do Jesus' words make you feel? Why?



## BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.  
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

<b>S</b>	<b>John 11:1-45</b>	The raising of Lazarus
<b>M</b>	<b>Ezekiel 37:1-14</b>	Valley of dry bones
<b>T</b>	<b>2 Kings 4:18-37</b>	Elisha raises a dead child
<b>W</b>	<b>Acts 20:7-12</b>	Paul raises a young man
<b>T</b>	<b>Matthew 9:18-19,23-25</b>	Jesus raises a dead girl
<b>F</b>	<b>Romans 8:6-11</b>	The realm of the Spirit
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalm 130</b>	A song of ascents

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

I am the resurrection and the life.  
Those who believe in me will have life  
even if they die. And everyone who  
lives and believes in me will never die.

JOHN 11:25-26



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

When Jesus was confronted with Mary and Martha's grief, he also wept (John 11:35).

In your home devotion times this week, make a point of praying for people who are experiencing times of sadness e.g. those who are sick or who have recently had a friend or loved one die.

If you know someone going through a tough time, make them a card to let them know you are thinking of them.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God,  
through this food  
you give us life  
for today, and  
through your Son  
you give us life  
forever. Amen.



## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we  
believe you are the  
Christ, the Son of  
God. Thank you for  
the promise of life  
forever with you.  
Amen.



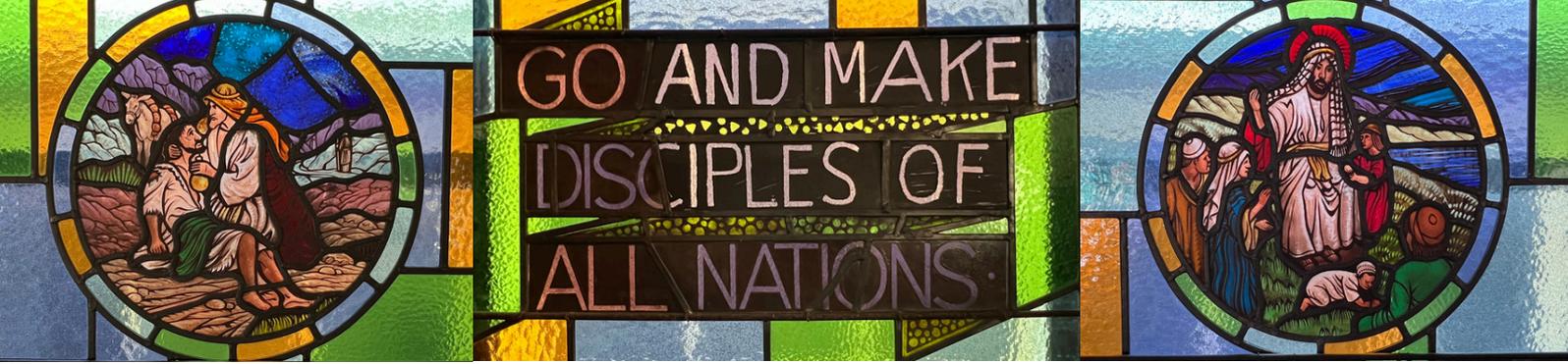
## ACTION RESPONSE

Make up a bouquet of flowers for someone who has recently lost a loved one. Deliver it yourself or ask your pastor to deliver it for you.



## BLESSING

May the Spirit of  
God live in you  
and fill you with  
new life.



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### Prayer of the Week:

Almighty God,  
look in mercy on your family.

By your great goodness, guide and protect us forever  
in body and soul.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

### *Please pray for...*

**Health & Wellbeing, Recovery:** Sue Ancell, Glenys Creevey, Clare Dopking, Marie Nicholson, Paul King; Cynthia Schulz, Peter Thamm, Leanne Maroske, Geoff Stapleton, Eileen Lattimer, Russell Wuersching; Ross Krieg; Wendy Riekstins; Ann Diment; Steve Carrington; John Smout; Dianne Kleidon; Gwen Horsfield, Robert Keller; Jan Maroske.

**Surgery on Tuesday:** Ross Klinge

