



LUTHERAN
CHURCH

OF AUSTRALIA

SUNDAY

01/11/2026

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23rd Sunday After Pentecost

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

CABOOLTURE AND BRIBIE ISLAND



With All the
Company of Heaven
All Saints' Day

Upcoming Worship Service
Times @ St Paul's
THIS WEEK

Sunday, 2nd November

Caboolture @ 9am

Monday, 3rd November

Aged Care @ 10am

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, 9th November

Bribie Island @ 8am

Caboolture @ 9am

Monday, 10th November

Aged Care @ 10am



Bible Readings

This Sunday

Revelation 7:9-17

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

Next Sunday

Joshua 24:1-3a

1 Thessalans 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

There are people whose absence remains woven into our days. We hear their voice in a familiar saying, remember their laughter around the table, or find ourselves wanting to tell them something. Time passes, yet their place in our lives remains.

All Saints' Day holds these memories together with the promises of Jesus. There is room for gratitude and sorrow, for treasured moments and things left unfinished. Our hope rests in the Saviour whose mercy is greater than our failures and whose love carries us through death.

In Revelation, John sees a multitude beyond counting gathered around the Lamb. Behind every face is a life: ordinary days, struggles, relationships and prayers. Jesus has brought them safely through. They are his.

At communion, the words "with all the company of heaven" give us something profound to consider. Those we love who have died in Christ belong to the same Lord who gives himself to us. We continue to miss them, yet our belonging together in Jesus endures.

This week's sermon and devotions reflect on that belonging: the forgiveness that makes us saints, the tenderness of God towards our tears, and the fellowship we share across the generations. Through all our remembering, Christ remains faithful. He holds those who have gone before us, and he holds us still.

Belonging to Christ • We *grow, connect, and thrive* • To *serve* others

What's On at St Paul's

UPCOMING MONTH

Heavenly Father, bless every gathering this month and draw us closer to You and to one another.



**Each Tuesday
From 1pm**

Bible Study

Exploring the previous Sunday's readings and sermon in depth.



**Wednesday
4th November
6:30pm**

W.I.P.

An evening of craft, games and chatting for women of all ages



**Thursday
5th November
9:30am**

Ladies Fellowship Bribie Island

A regular gathering for women featuring faith, fellowship, friendship and encouragement.



**Tuesday
10th November**

Ladies Fellowship Caboolture

A regular time of encouragement and sharing

THIS WEEK

Weekly Bible Study at the Church Tuesday @ 1pm

**This study looks at the
previous Sunday's readings
and sermon in depth.**

HISTORY BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

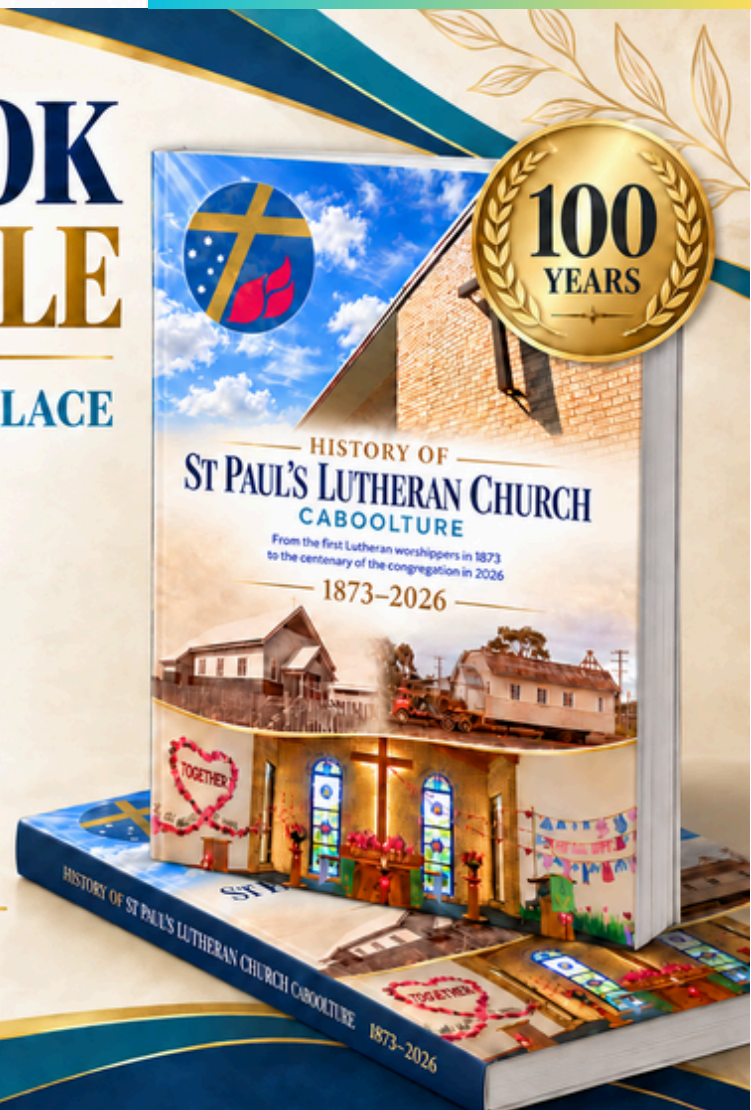
A CENTURY OF FAITH, PEOPLE & PLACE

Take home the story of St Paul's Lutheran Church Caboolture—a richly illustrated journey from the first Lutheran worshippers in 1873 to the congregation's centenary in 2026.

Through photographs, records and shared memories, meet the people, milestones, ministries and places that have shaped our life together.

A meaningful keepsake for members, families, former members and friends—honouring the past, giving thanks to God and carrying the story into the future.

\$15 EACH



WE'RE HIRING

Community Outreach & Engagement Coordinator

A role shaped
together

Help people of all ages belong, grow
in faith, connect with others and
serve our community.

Could this be your next calling?

Build relationships with children, young people and families. Strengthen connections across our church, schools, aged care and community partners.

Bring your gifts and passions.

The role will develop alongside the pastor and Church Council.



PART TIME

15–20 hours per week
FTE 0.4–0.6



APPLICATIONS CLOSE
6 NOVEMBER 2026



Interested? Ask Pastor James or Lois Kube for more information, and check out stpaulscaboolture.org.au/employment/ for the full position description.

● BELONG • ● GROW • ● CONNECT • ● THRIVE • ● SERVE

St Paul's Lutheran Church
CABOOLTURE

Ladies Fellowship

Faith. Friendship. Fellowship.

A welcoming place for women of all ages
to connect, share life and grow in faith together.

Come as you are—whether you're a familiar face
or joining us for the first time. There's a place for you.



Our next get-together

Tuesday 10th November
9:00am

For more details, please see Adele Leach

Work in Progress

An evening of creativity,
conversation and connection.

Whether you're halfway through a knitting project, have a scrapbook gathering dust, enjoy sewing, painting, puzzles, or simply want to spend time with others, **Work in Progress** is for you.

Bring along an unfinished project, learn a new skill from someone else, play a game, or just come for a chat and a cuppa. There's no pressure—just a welcoming space to encourage one another and enjoy good company.

For women of all ages.

1st Wednesday of every month

Create. Connect. Encourage.

Next
get-together:

Wednesday 4th November @ 6:30pm



Bribie Island

Ladies Fellowship

Faith • Fellowship • Friendship

-  **First Thursday**
of every month
-  **All women welcome!**
-  For the address, please
contact Linda
0431 570 299

Next fellowship time:

5th November @ 9:30am

Bible Study

Fourth Thursday of every month

A relaxed, friendly group for **all ages** to explore the Bible, grow in faith and discover **God's great love** for you.

-  Led by
Pastor Michael Braunberger
Currently studying
the **Gospel of John**
-  3 Elizabeth Batts Court,
Banksia Beach
-  **All welcome!**
Come as you are.
Everyone belongs.

Hear. Learn. Grow. Together in God's Word.

Next Bible Study to be held on:

26th November @ 1:30pm

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A visit, a chat, a moment of prayer

You don't have to walk alone.

Would you appreciate a home visit, a listening ear, prayer or Holy Communion? Whether you're going through a difficult time or would simply enjoy a friendly chat, we'd love to hear from you.

We have a caring team ready to visit and support those in need, and anyone who would simply welcome a visit.

Home visits • Pastoral support
Prayer • Holy Communion

If you would like a visit, or know someone who would welcome one, please get in touch.

Contact Pastor James

0473 461 506

You are always welcome to reach out.



Gift and Giving *for November*



Dorothee Orphanage

in Panzi, Bukavu - The Democratic Republic Of the Congo (DRC)



Please help to provide, a safe & loving home, food, clothing, medical care and schooling for these precious children.

Donations can be left in the Gift & Giving bag at the front of the church

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through online banking to -

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Account 169299 - Ref: GandG

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

- Acts 20:35

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OUR WORK TOGETHER

Your Church Council • St Paul's Lutheran Church

Meeting update • Wednesday 21 October 2026

CHURCH + SCHOOL

Principal Katrina Valencia shared challenges in planning the extension of triple streaming at St Paul's Lutheran Primary School, particularly revised flood zoning.



Listening, learning and supporting our school together.

GIVING TO SERVE

Council approved budgeted donations to:

- ♥ Finke River Mission
- ♥ ALWS
- ♥ Chaplaincies
- ♥ Domestic violence housing



Gift and Giving collections: one calendar month for each cause.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

National Church Life Survey (NCLS)

8 NOVEMBER

📍 Bribie Island

15 NOVEMBER

📍 Caboolture

🕒 After worship



Alternatives available for those unable to participate on these Sundays.

Together, we help shape our congregation's future.

COFFEE MINISTRY

Our Coffee Ministry Team continues to explore options for hospitality and connection.



WE ALL HAVE A PART

Thank you for your ongoing support, prayers, generosity and participation in the life of your congregation.



Together we grow, bound in Christ's love.

TOGETHER WITH THE WIDER CHURCH



2027 LCA Queensland District Convention of Synod

📅 FRIDAY 4 – SUNDAY 6 JUNE 2027

📍 North Lakes Hotel

Nearby congregations, including St Paul's, have been asked to provide volunteers for various event functions.

More details soon.

THANK YOU FOR OUR ANNIVERSARY



We give thanks for our wonderful anniversary service and members past and present who attended.

Special thanks to everyone whose extra efforts made this a special day.

Letters of thanks are being sent to dignitaries who attended or were represented.

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Monday: The People We Miss: Safe in the hands of Jesus

Revelation 7:9–10

You hear a familiar laugh in a crowded room and turn around. For a moment, it sounds just like someone you miss. Or you reach for the phone to share some news before remembering that they will not answer. Love leaves its mark on ordinary days. So does grief. John's vision gives us somewhere to bring that ache. He sees a crowd beyond counting, gathered around Jesus. Each person is known by the Saviour who brought them safely through. Among them are the people we love who have died in Christ. Their lives are held securely in his care. The Jesus who died and rose again has kept his promise to them. They are with him. You can thank God for the way someone made you laugh, taught you to pray or quietly cared for you. You can also tell him how much their absence hurts. He welcomes both your gratitude and your tears. Today, as you remember someone you miss, entrust them again to Jesus. His care for them continues, and his care for you continues too.

- What ordinary moment brings someone you love to mind?
- What comfort does it give you to know that those who die in Christ are safe with him?

Lord Jesus, thank you for the people whose love has blessed my life. Hold me close when I miss them. Help me rest in your promise that those who die in you are with you. Amen.

Share one grateful memory with someone who knew the person you miss, or write that memory down as a prayer of thanks.

Tuesday: The Regret You Keep Carrying: Washed clean by the Lamb

Revelation 7:13–14

Sometimes a memory returns just as we are trying to sleep. We replay a conversation, remember our impatience or wisdom we had made one more visit. We find ourselves thinking, "If only I had..." Some regrets concern things we can still put right. Others involve opportunities that have gone. Jesus knows them all. The people in John's vision stand before God in white robes because the blood of the Lamb has made them clean. Their place with God rests on Jesus' mercy. The same mercy for you. At the cross, Jesus took responsibility for your sin and paid its cost. When he forgives you, that forgiveness is complete. You can stop treating a painful memory as a debt you must keep paying. His forgiveness also frees you to act honestly. Where an apology is possible, you can make it. Where the person has died, you can confess your sin to God and receive the forgiveness Christ has already won. You cannot rewrite yesterday. Jesus gives you mercy for yesterday and a new beginning today.

- Is there a regret you need to name honestly before Jesus?
- How might receiving his forgiveness change the way you live today?

Merciful Jesus, you know the memories I struggle to release. Forgive my sins, quiet my accusing thoughts and help me trust your finished work. Give me courage to make amends where I can. Amen.

Name one regret in prayer, then slowly read 1 John 1:9 as God's promise to you.

Wednesday: Your Place in the Family: Loved while you are still learning

1 John 3:1–3

A child comes home with a disappointing report, a broken lunchbox and a confession about something that happened at school. There may be a difficult conversation ahead. There will certainly be things to learn. Yet a loving parent still opens the door and welcomes their child home. Belonging gives a child somewhere safe to tell the truth.

John tells us that the Father has lavished his love on us: we are called children of God, and that is what we are. Through faith in Jesus, this is your place in God's family. You can come to your Father with the parts of your life that need forgiveness and help. He already knows them. His love gives you courage to stop hiding. Perhaps you feel too impatient, distracted or ordinary to be called a saint. Saints are people Jesus has made holy by forgiving their sins. They are still learning to live as his children. Today, your Father will hear you when you pray. He will teach you through his word. He will forgive you when you fail. You belong to him throughout the learning.

- When do you find it hardest to believe that God welcomes you?
- What would you like to tell your heavenly Father today?

Loving Father, thank you for making me your child through Jesus. Help me come to you honestly and trust your welcome. Teach me to live in the security of your love. Amen.

Begin your prayers today with these words: "Father, I am your child, and I need your help."



Thursday: Close Enough to Wipe Your Tears: The Shepherd knows your sorrow

Revelation 7:15–17; Matthew 5:4

A child falls over and comes running, trying to explain what happened between sobs. Someone who loves them kneels down, listens and gently wipes their face. Wiping away tears means coming close. Revelation promises that God himself will wipe every tear from his people's eyes. The Father knows each sorrow personally. He will bring suffering and death to an end when Christ raises his people to everlasting life. Until that day, Jesus stays close to those who mourn. At Lazarus's grave, he wept with the people he loved. Their grief mattered to him, even though he was about to call Lazarus back to life. Your grief matters to him too. You can believe in the resurrection and still cry because you miss someone. You can trust Jesus and still need company, rest or a listening ear. Today he promises comfort. Sometimes he gives it through a passage of Scripture. Sometimes through someone willing to sit quietly beside you. The Shepherd who will finally end your tears is caring for you now.

- What sorrow would you like to place into Jesus' care today?
- Who helps you experience his care when life is difficult?

Tender Shepherd, you know the tears I show and those I hide. Comfort me with your presence and promises Help me receive the care of others as I wait for the day when sorrow ends. Amen.

Ask a trusted person for company or prayer, or offer that same gentle presence to someone who is hurting.

Friday: All the Company of Heaven: One Saviour across the generations

Revelation 7:9–12; Hebrews 12:22–24; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

Look at an old family photograph. A baby sits on a grandparent's knee. Years later, that baby will welcome grandchildren of their own. One photograph can show only part of the family's story. When we gather for communion, we see only part of Christ's family too. "With all the company of heaven" includes the saints who have died in Christ. They rejoice in his presence while we receive his true body and blood with the bread and wine, for our forgiveness. We belong to the same Jesus. At his table, our Sunday morning opens onto his eternal promises. His sacrifice on the cross is complete. He gives us blessings to us now and a foretaste of the feast to come. His gifts reach beyond the limits of our years on earth. We share one Lord with Christians before us and around the world today. We also look forward to the feast that will include generations whom he has yet to call. The Saviour who holds your loved ones feeds you. In him, you remain members of one family.

- Whom do you remember when you hear "all the company of heaven"?
- How does this promise deepen your understanding of communion?

Lord Jesus, thank you for joining your people to yourself. Strengthen my faith through your body and blood, and keep me in your family until we share your heavenly feast together. Amen.

Before your next communion, read Christ's words of institution slowly, paying particular attention to "for you".

Saturday: Loved and Sent to Love: Walking home together

Revelation 7:17; Psalm 34:8; Galatians 6:2

A meal appears at the door after a difficult week. Someone offers a lift to an appointment. A friend rings and leaves enough time to hear the real answer to "How are you?" Through such ordinary kindness, people help us keep going. The Lamb who leads his people to living water is also our Shepherd today. He feeds us through his word and his supper. He cares for us through the people he places beside us. And he gives us opportunities to care for them. You do not have to solve someone's grief to be a blessing. You can remember a name, listen to a story or sit beside someone whose house feels too quiet. You can tell a child why you trust Jesus. These small acts can carry his love into another person's day. You also have permission to receive help. Christ's family is a place where we bear one another's burdens. Our Shepherd has promised to bring us into life everlasting. With that future secure in him, we can give our attention to the neighbour who needs us today.

Who has helped you experience Christ's care through an ordinary kindness?

Where could you offer care, or allow someone to care for you, this week?

Good Shepherd, thank you for the people who help me along the way. Open my eyes to a neighbour who needs kindness.

Teach me to give and receive care as you lead us home. Amen.

Choose one person and offer a specific kindness: a phone call, a visit, a meal or a practical hand.



Growing FAITH at home

PROPER 26

YEAR A

Greatness
comes through
serving others



Grow Ministries
LCA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



www.growministries.org.au

Sunday between
October 30 and
November 5



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Who is the most important person you have ever met? What made (or makes) them important?
2. Jesus put all his followers on the same level (see Matthew 23:8). What difference should this make to how we see and treat one another?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 23:1-12	Humble yourselves
M	Matthew 18:1-4	Become like little children
T	1 Kings 21:1-28	King Ahab humbles himself
W	2 Chronicles 34:14-28	King Josiah humbles himself
T	Joshua 3:7-17	The crossing of the Jordan
F	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	You are witnesses
S	Psalms 43	Why are you downcast?

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Whoever is your servant is
the greatest among you.

MATTHEW 23:11



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Psalm 43:3 says, "send me your light and truth to guide me". For a fun household activity this week, go on a night walk by candlelight.

If it is windy, you may need to place your candles in clear containers to shield them from the breeze.

If one person's flame is extinguished, another person should help them relight their candle.

Talk about what comparisons you see with your journeys of faith.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, by your grace we eat and drink, by your grace we live. May we say thanks to you this day by how we serve and give. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord, send out your light and your truth, let them lead us today. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

The first of November is All Saints Day. It is an occasion to show love and care to those who are grieving loved ones who have died.

Send a letter and/or card to someone you know who has recently lost a relative or friend. Make a point of praying for them this week.



BLESSING

May God give you a servant's heart. May he bring you joy through serving others.



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Thank you, great God,

for the privilege of serving you.

Keep us from putting ourselves first.

Make us humble and considerate, so that, like your Son,

we can be of service to others.

We ask this through 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, Cynthia Schulz, Peter Thamm, Leanne Maroske, Geoff Stapleton, Ross Krieg, Wendy Riekstins, Ann Diment, John Smout, Dianne Kleidon, Gwen Horsfield, Robert Keller, Jan Maroske, Val Siegle, Sean Giblin, Ann De Berg, Leslie Smith

