Before Worship

Are you ready? That is a question that I am asking over these weeks as we take a closer look at Matthew 25.

Today we are asking ourselves Do we really know the Lord?

The sermon is based on Matthew 25: 14 -30 (the story of the talents (so called) or the bags of gold. The master gave out 5 bags to one servant, 2 bags to another and I bag to the third. It’s this third one who dug a hole (rhetorically ‘for himself’) and hid his bag (his talent) and said Master,… ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ (verse 24, 25) that prompts that question Do we really know the Lord.

It’s what we do (with what the Lord has entrusted with us) that shows how well we know the Lord. It’s important for its knowing God that can get us through hard times.

This morning I would like to consider with you: What does it mean to know God and how do we get to know Him better. I will be putting to you three ways we can get to know God better. All based on how we get to know anyone better.

Pastor Leon
Propers
Psalm 123
P: I lift up my eyes to you,
C: to you who sit enthroned in heaven
P: As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master,
C: as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress,
P: so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
C: till he shows us his mercy.
P: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us,
C: for we have endured no end of contempt.
P: We have endured no end
C: of ridicule from the arrogant, of contempt from the proud.

Let us pray.
Help us, Lord Jesus Christ, to wait for you,
to wish for you, and to watch for you,
so that when you come again you will find us ready.
For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BIBLE READINGs FOR TODAY
Judges 4:1-7 Deborah, one of the judges p167
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Be ready for the Lord's coming p825
Matthew 25:14-30 The parable of the talents p694

Worship in the Valley: 26th November 2017
Our Parish
Carlsruhe 9.30am Reading
Saddleworth 10.30am Holy Communion
Riverton 9.00am Preaching
Other Christian Communities
Baptist 10.00am Saddleworth
Catholic 8.30 Riverton
Uniting 9.30am Riverton
NEXT WEEK’S BIBLE READINGS 26th November 2017
Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 The Lord himself will be the Shepherd King p600
Ephesians 1:15-23 Christ reigns at God's right hand p814
Matthew 25:31-46 The King's final judgment p695

Worship in the Valley: 3rd December
Our Parish Parish Advent Service Carlsruhe 10.30am Luncheon

Other Christian Communities
Baptist 10.00am Tarlee Catholic 10.30am Riverton
Uniting 9.15am Tarlee

General Synod 2nd – 7th October 2018
Rosehill Gardens, Sydney NSW
Theme: faith.freedom.future
If anyone is interested in nominating themselves or someone else to represent the Parish for General Synod, please contact either Chairman Richard Bruhn or Secretary Vicki Schutz Before beginning of December

BOOK KEEPER
The LCA SA-NT District Office seeks an experienced Book Keeper to work 3 days per week (0.6 FTE), starting asap. This is a six month contract with the likelihood of permanency.
The successful applicant will be experienced in using the MYBO AccountRight platform as well as the Microsoft Office suite of programs. They will have the ability to provide high quality and efficient book keeping services, excellent time management skills, the ability to work individually and as part of a small team and be willing to assist in the day-to-day activities of the District Office.
The successful applicant will ideally be a member of the Lutheran Church. If not, they should be a member of a Christian Church.
For a copy of the Job Description for this role please contact the District Office, administration.sa-nt@lca.org.au or phone 8267 5211. All applications, including a current resume and references, should be submitted via email by no later than 4th December 2017 to District Administrator, Angela Rogers angela.rogers@lca.org.au
What’s Happening in the Parish (and further afield)

THIS WEEK:
Wednesday (22nd November)  Saddleworth Meals on Wheels

Wednesday (22nd November)  1.00pm Riverton Ladies Guild

Thursday, Friday (23rd 24th November) Pastors Days Off.

NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday (26th November)  10.30am First Communion at Saddleworth.

Next Sunday (26th November)  6pm Friendship Group (See pastor for details)

Next Tuesday (28th November)  7.30pm Parish Elders’ Meeting (Manse)

Next Wednesday (29th November) 11am Worship at Riverton Hospital
Next Wednesday (29th November)  12noon CWA luncheon club

Next Thursday (30th November)  10.30am Light Zone Pastors’ Fraternal (Kapunda)

COMING UP:
Sunday 3rd December Parish Advent service events and community lunch at Carlsruhe -10.30am

Daily Bible Readings

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You are encouraged to set time aside each day to have a look at these Bible passages - Daily Bible Readings

**ALC Graduation**

All are invited to celebrate the academic achievements of graduates of Australian Lutheran College at the University of Divinity’s upcoming Adelaide Graduation Ceremony. The Graduation will be held at Immanuel College, Novar Gardens on Thursday, 30 November at 7.30pm.
BAPTISM & SALVATION

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