

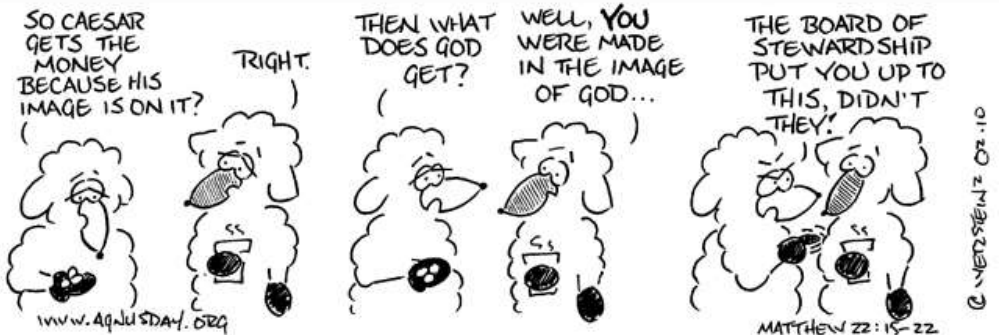
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ST PETER'S LOXTON

October 22nd, 2023

Welcome!

What belongs to God? This is a good question to ask in response to the bible reading from Matthew 22:15-22



If you are new, visiting or returning, it is awesome to have you here today.

If there is anything we can do to help you, please do not hesitate to ask an usher who is wearing a purple lanyard. If you would like us to follow up on your visit today, please fill out a connect card and place it in the offering box/bag.

If you have questions about Christianity or want to learn more about Jesus, please don't hesitate to contact our Pastor.

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Today in Worship

Lectionary Bible readings set for the 21st Sunday after Pentecost:

OT: Exodus 33:12-23 **NT:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 **Gospel:** Matthew 22:15-22

Next week: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Romans 3:19-28; Matthew 22:34-46

In our prayers this week:

- † Glenis Albrecht, John Hampel, Maureen Rosenzweig, Beth Haddon and Gavin Hunwick.
- † Those members in nursing homes in the area: Betty Bradtke, Daphne Winter, Gloria Farley, Rowly Lange, Glenis Albrecht, Jeff Pfitzner, Desma Altmann, Gwen Chapman and Shirley Lipacis.
- † As we go for a walk around our neighbourhoods to keep fit and get some fresh air, let's remember to bless the people we pass along the way.

S.O.A.P Journal

Scripture: **Matthew 22:15-22**

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the poll-tax^[a] to Caesar or not?' ¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, 'You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax.' They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, 'Whose image is this? And whose inscription?' ²¹ 'Caesar's,' they replied. Then he said to them, 'So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.' ²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

Observe: Underline any words or phrases that stand out to you in this passage.

Ask: What is going on in this passage? What is Holy Spirit saying to me? Is there something I need to change? What is the good news for me?

Pray: Record any prayer points that have surfaced through your study

FAQ

Holy Communion is an important aspect of our meeting together in worship. Jesus meets us in an intimate way giving himself to us, his body and blood, in the bread and wine. It is a gift of grace where we receive forgiveness and are strengthened in our faith. We warmly invite those who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord to join us in this special meal.

Children are very welcome at St Peter's, and we love to see them join in worshipping God with their gifts. The pray-ground is for younger families to be closer to the action and have more room to move. Colouring and activity sheets are also available for children in the dark green plastic tub.

The freewill money offering is part of our worship service and shows our thankfulness and trust in God. We give in response to God's blessings and ask him to bless our money but also our time and our gifts for his glory.

Regular Electronic Giving (REG) Details:

BSB: 704-942 Account Number: 52667

Name: St Peter's Lutheran Church, Loxton

National Grower Registration (NGR) Number: 13985291

Serving in Worship

Ministry Area	10am (29 th Oct)	10am (5 th Nov)
Steward Teams	Terry J & Phil A	Darren Nitschke
Organ/Band	Youth Band & Dulcie S	Merrilyn & Jenny P
Tea and Coffee Cart	Nathan & Jayne Wishart	Helen & Terry Jaeschke
Bible Readers	Rosemarie H & Delphie B	Nev Thiele & Bec Schaefer
Computer Operator	Tania Klix	Isaac Schaefer
Welcoming	Cathy C, Chris G, Geoff & Beth H and Gordon Z	Daphne N, Jenny B, Shane, Jodie B & Jan Z
Holy Communion Asst.	Bec Arnold & Heather Z	Tania Klix & Julie Fielke
Flowers	Sue Flight	Heather Zimmermann
Offering Count Team	Veronica King	Phil Smith
Cleaning Team	Heather Zimmermann	Judy & Barry M

Are you ready to get involved or change your involvement in the worship life at St Peter's?

If so, Contact Jo at the Ministry Centre on 8584 5522.

St Peter's News

Governing Council *Contact Kelvin Burgemeister*

- Governing Council is looking for disciples who are willing to use their gifts to help with the maintenance and upkeep of facilities.
- As part of our commitment to the LCA child safety standards we will be creating an enclosed area at the front of the ministry centre by installing pool type fencing around the barked area. We will also remove the concrete gutter by the paved path for safer transport of the coffee cart.
- Gas heaters have been removed from Peace Hall.
- Electrical maintenance completed around our campus.
- The Lutheran Church of Australia are running webinars to share with congregations various frameworks that explore how the LCA could organise itself heading into the October 2024 convention of Synod. More details to come.

Ministry

Thank you to all those who have completed the **Serving in Worship survey**. We are busy collating all the responses and will begin to update our serve rosters and create opportunities for people to serve in other parts of our worship ministry. We are busy collating all the responses (109 so far) and will

Small groups *Contact Jo Oldman*

- "Harriers" small group meets next today, 3pm, Ministry Centre
- "StarWest" small group meets next today, 4.30pm, St Petri Hall

Children and Youth

Thrive: (Pre and Primary Schoolers) meets in term time in Peace Hall at 9.30-10am.

Noah's Ark Playtime: 9-10:30am, Thursdays during term time for pre-schoolers and their carers.

St Peter's Youth: To be announced

Coming Up This Week

Today	10.00am – HC Combined Worship
Mon 23rd	9-11am – Toy Library (Peace Hall) 10-3pm – Office Reception Open
Tues 24th	Office Closed
Wed 25th	1.30pm – Card Group (Ministry Centre Meeting Room)
Thurs 26th	9-11am – Toy Library (Peace Hall) 9-10.30am – Noah's Ark Playtime (St Petri - Lauren Grieger) 10-3pm – Office Reception Open
Sun 29th	10.00am – HC Combined Worship

From The Ministry Centre

Time Out Devotional Books: We have some 2023 Time Out's left over which are still a great devotional resource, they will be available at the front of church to just take as needed. Also, if you're keen to order a Time Out for 2024, please complete the order form (front of church) or let Brenton know.

Rosters: The November roster is out now. You can view the master roster by logging into stpetersloxton.elvanto.com.au. Questions/problems? Contact Brenton!

St Peter's Staff

Lead Pastor: Jason Sander (Tuesday off)

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Pastoral Care Director: Jo Oldman (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday)

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Office Secretary: Brenton Reimann (Monday & Thursday)

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Reception attended Mondays and Thursdays 10am - 3pm

(Please contact the Ministry Centre 8584 5522 to make an appointment with Pastor outside these times)

Announcements

- Ping Pong-A-thon: A huge thankyou from Ben and the team organising this years Loxton event. They very much appreciate your support and your generous financial support. You can still donate via <https://pingpongathon.com/t/loxtonsouthaustralia>
- All Saints Day: We will be celebrating All Saints Day on Sunday 5th November. If you have a loved one who has died in the last 12 months you would like acknowledged during the service, please let Brenton know at the Ministry Centre by Monday 30th October.
- Hymnfest 2023: Will be happening on Sunday 5th November at St Peter's from 2pm with an afternoon tea in Peace Hall afterwards.
- Camp Kedron AGM: On Sunday 12th November is the Camp Kedron AGM @ 2pm at Camp Kedron. All members of St Peter's are invited to attend. We will reflect on the past year's achievements, discuss future plans and elect new leaders to guide our committee.
- Loxton Lights Up: This year we have the opportunity to run the Free Kids Craft tent in East Terrace on Lights Up Day (Saturday 25th November). We are looking for a group of volunteers who are interested in helping out in the tent on the day and chatting with the families as they come through. If this is of interest please have a chat with Jo or Brenton.
- Outdoor Christmas Decorations: At 8am on Wednesday 8th November a small group of volunteers will be meeting at the church to set up the external Christmas decorations around the church property. We are keen for any extra helpers to join us, as many hands make light work. For further information please contact Jo.

LCA/NZ PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS *Reflecting God's Love*

REPORT ABUSE

If you have experienced abuse or have witnessed poor behaviour from someone working for, or connected with, the Lutheran Church in Australia or New Zealand, or if you believe that someone else in the church is at risk, it is important that you let us know.

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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What symbols or images are on the coins you use?
2. What is tax and why do people have to pay taxes?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses and the glory
of the Lord

2nd reading

1 Thessalonians

1:1-10

Thanksgiving for faith

Gospel reading

Matthew 22:15-22

The question of paying taxes

DISCUSS

Jésus said, "Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21). What belongs to earthly rulers? What belongs to God?



ACTION RESPONSE

Discuss what your household gives to the Lord (e.g. giving your time serving others or a financial offering). Include each household member in the practice of giving (even very young children can be involved).



PRAYER

We praise you Lord, for you are great and mighty, there is no one like you. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

All thanks to God who gives us food and blesses all our days. To him who rules from heaven above, we offer heartfelt praise. Amen.



BLESSING

May God give you faith, love and hope and keep you strong in following him.

GIVE THE EMPEROR WHAT
BELONGS TO HIM AND GIVE GOD
WHAT BELONGS TO GOD.

MATTHEW 22:21

VERSE OF THE WEEK

