



HENTY LUTHERAN PARISH
5th Sunday of Easter
10th May 2020 #18



I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life

In the gospel according to Matthew Jesus teaches that we are to *enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few* (7:13–14).

These words of Jesus are life shattering for us today, they fly in the face of what is expected by society. Our world teaches us that exactly the opposite is important. Our world expects tolerance: today we live in a relative truth society, we live in a world that likes to think that the truth is what an individual makes it. If something is true for you it may not be true for someone else. And therefore that means that we should be accepting and tolerant of all truths because they are true for someone.

According to popular culture this logic is also applied to our spirituality; it suggests that there are many ways toward salvation and enlightenment. It wants us to believe that our eternal destiny is like a great religious smorgasbord from which we get to pick and choose. And that one religion is just as good as another. In fact, as far as the world is concerned, the only wrong religions are those religions that claim to be the only way to salvation.

Even though this might be the case, in our gospel reading this morning we hear Jesus say; *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”* For us **truth** is not a relative concept. The truth for us as Christians is found only in the Word, it is only found in Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate.

Therefore, hold on to this truth, cling to it because it is through Jesus Christ and His work on the cross that we have been given the gift of the forgiveness of sins, access to the Father and eternal life, all for his name’s sake.

Memory Verse of the Week

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations

Psalm 100:5

Prayer Points

World - for those who have lost loved ones , for Christians around the world who are being blamed for this pandemic

Australia - for the gradual easing of restrictions and that all Australians would continue to act in a caring and responsible way

Church - for Colvin MacPherson (*Linda*) Sydney Latvian, Mark Schultz (*Jo-Anne, Jack, Anna, Alex, Georgia*) and Mark Simpfendorfer (*Kaye, Calvin, Joshua, Dylan*) LifeWay Epping, LifeWay Newcastle

Parish - for all who are sick and in hospital

Henty - for all members and friends including Sharon Gardiner, Grant, Shelley, Kyla & Zane Gardiner/Richardson, Roger, Vodeen, Jayden, Tariq, Tyreece, Dustin, Beau, Mahliq & Brailey Graetz

Culcairn -for all members and friends including those celebrating birthdays; Heather Baker 11th, Stan Scheetz 13th

Pleasant Hills - for all members and friends including Barry & Bruna Terlich & family

Culcairn

1) **Rosters:** 17th May (*white*)

Cleaners: Rhonda Hartley

Grounds: Ivan Stoll



Henty

2) **Rosters:** 17th May (*white*)

Grounds: J Kilo, B Davidson, Stephen Bahr



Bible Readings for Sunday 17th May:

Acts 17:22-31 Paul in Athens

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22 Suffering for doing right

John 14:15-21 The promise of the Holy Spirit

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