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Luke 2:1-7 (NLT)

The Birth of Jesus

2 At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire.

2 (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

3 All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census.

4 And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee.

5 He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

6 And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born.



7 She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

Luke 2:8-14 (NLT)

The Shepherds and Angels

8 That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep.

9 Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, **10** but the angel reassured them.

"Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.

11 The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!

12 And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

Luke 2:15-20 (NLT)

15 When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

16 They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

17 After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.

18 All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, **19** but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often.

20 The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

Luke 12:13-21 (NLT)

Parable of the Rich Fool

13 Then someone called from the crowd, "Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father's estate with me."

14 Jesus replied, "Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?"

15 Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."

16 Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops.

17 He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.'

18 Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods.

19 And I'll sit back and say to myself, 'My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!'"

20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?'"

21 "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for the people of Ukraine, and for everyone caught up in consequences of war.
- We pray for people without enough to eat.
- We pray for the residents and staff of McKay House, where there has been a Covid outbreak.
- We pray for the people around NSW who are still unable to return to their homes because of flood damage.
- We give thanks for the occasions in life which bring a smile to our lives; birthdays, awaiting the birth of a great-grand-daughter, or a health clearance from a medical provider.



Meg's Musings



This year the August winds seem to have arrived a few weeks early.

There have been several days when a gusty wind has been the most noticeable aspect of the weather. The coming of spring also brings other changes with it. The Magnolias have begun blooming, and are a delight to see.

Violets are now flowering. They are easy to overlook, but they do brighten up our late-winter gardens.

There's an abundance of citrus fruit.

Looking past the strong winds, and finding the positives is important. It helps us to realise that God is always there, sending sunshine as well as wind, and adding colour, beauty and flavour to our lives.

Blessing from Meg

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9
Colossians 3:1-11



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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Small toys and balls, toothbrushes etc would be much appreciated.

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Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."



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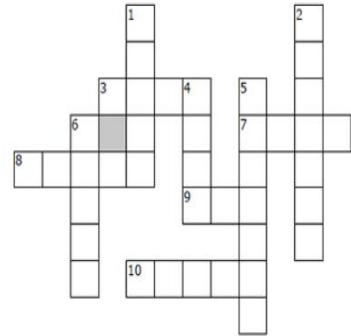
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The Parable of the Rich Fool

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:15 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. One who acts unwisely
7. Having great material wealth
8. Large farm buildings used for storing farm products and sheltering livestock
9. To take food into the body through the mouth
10. An official who decides cases brought before a court of law

DOWN

1. Agricultural products, such as grain, vegetables, or fruit
2. A person who educates or gives instruction
4. The period of time between birth and death
5. A male having the same parent or parents as another
6. To take liquid into the mouth and swallow

CHURCH SERVICES



7 August ~ 8.30am Gowrie ~ Meg Mangan
7 August ~ 11am West ~ Meg Mangan

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me.

I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and a lot of the roads were not paved.

Ah! Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable.

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

May you always have:

- Love to share,
- Cash to spare,
- Tires with air,
- And friends who care.



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