

WELCOME 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024 – 18 PENTECOST '24 B

Matthew 28:16-20 & Acts 1:1-8

Welcome! It's great to be together again today! Along with your worship order you have *Growing Praise* inserts & *Bible Study Qs* that are able to lead you deeper into God's word/work in your life & help you share that w/ someone else. We also use them for our *Zoom Bible Study Catch-ups on Friday @ 1p.m.*

(this week's slide image)

As we move into this week... We welcome Bredan Handel from Olive Tree Media. Brendan's in Wagga to help the various congregations learn to work together to engage our community missionally...evangelistically...inviting our family, friends, & neighbours to seriously consider the offer of life in Christ...his victory won for us over sin, death & evil by his death, resurrection & rule.

You've heard me being excited about the opportunities we have over the course of the next year & Brendan is just the first glimpse of what the Spirit has in store for our community.

As a church we say...: (new slide – our logo & vision – then text underneath)

God has called Living Water Fellowship to be a vibrant Christian community that glorifies God by inviting all people to become disciples of Jesus who grow in his grace and go in his power to show his love to the world.

You know how Jesus said it...

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.

And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere — in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

We'll explore, experience, & live that together today...

Let's pray...

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, heavenly Father, you know that we are set in the midst of so many challenges & seemingly great dangers. We become fearful & anxious & seek shelter instead of perseverance. We duck & cover instead of holding our heads high. Grant us your strength & your protection. Defend us from fear in danger & fatigue in our daily work. Equip us to stand triumphant over all temptations. At every step let our feet move in time to your stride & walk confidently in your way; according to the life you give through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord alive in us...Amen.

Let's hear God's word...

Let's pray...

Let's pray... Sovereign Lord, your hand has touched the dry bones of our lives & given birth to faith in you. Your Word has breathed new life where there was death, your spirit raised us up from where we lay, your love has brought us home & to your Cross, and by your grace we stand forgiven, free. Make us now a living sign of your presence & generous gracious provision to the world. Every word & deed a further invitation to join you for eternity...from now on in Jesus Christ... Amen