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Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

Refugee Week 15-21 June 2025

With the celebration of Australian Lutheran World Service 75th Anniversary I was reminded how refugees have played a significant role in our church and God's ministry through us.

On 20 June throughout the world Refugee Day is commemorated, with some having a whole week's focus on refugees from 15-21 June.

This is a great opportunity for your community to remember what God says to us about refugees, being a refugee, to pray for refugees and to invite refugees to connect with God through your community.

You may wish to consider a worship service, bible study or prayer that focuses on what God says to us about refugees.

Some potential Bible passages include:

Leviticus 19:33-34

Psalm 146:5-10

Hebrews 13:1-3

Matthew 25:31-46

Some potential Hymns and Songs

LHS 347 Guide me o thou great Jehovah

LHS 732 Comfort Comfort all my people

LHS 788 Lord who left the highest heaven

LHS 799 In Christ there is no east or west

LHS 855 Brother Sister let me serve

LHS 853 A new commandment

LHS 875 There is a wideness in God's mercy

AT 313 Christ be our light

Some possible internet resources that may also help you

Australian Lutheran World Service <https://www.alws.org.au/> search for refugee

Refugee Week <https://www.refugeeweek.org.au/>

World Vision <https://www.worldvision.com.au/global-issues/work-we-do/refugees/refugees-and-asylum-seekers>

Human Rights Commission NZ <https://tikatangata.org.nz/news/celebrating-refugee-week-read-watch-listen>

National Council of Churches Australia <https://www.ncca.org.au/?s=refugee>

Faith Forward worship resources <https://www.faithward.org/world-refugee-sunday-worship-toolkit/>

Globalrefuge Resources <https://www.globalrefuge.org/blog/resources/congregational-resources/>

CLWR <https://cdn.givecloud.co/s/files/1/0000/0010/files/clwr-world-refugee-sunday-2021-congregational-resources.pdf>

As you walk with Jesus may God's love be revealed!

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