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TRINITY OAKLEY, ST PAUL'S GREENWOOD, ST JOHN'S AUBIGNY,
BETHLEHEM TOOWOOMBA

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Bulletin for the First Sunday in Advent

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INTROIT: Listen, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock! You, who are enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh! Stir up Your strength and come to save us!

Restore us, O God, and cause Your face to shine, that we may be saved!

O LORD, God of hosts, how long will You smoulder in anger against the prayers of Your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them a third of a measure of tears to drink.

You cause us to have strife with our neighbours, and our enemies are laughing among themselves.

O God of hosts, restore us and cause Your face to shine, that we may be saved!

Psalm 80:1-7

COLLECT: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READINGS: Isaiah 64:1-9 The Lord's people long for Him to come.
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 God's rich blessings to the people at Corinth.
Mark 13:24-37 No one knows the day or the hour.

SERMON: Isaiah 64:1-9 Watchmen who pray faithfully and fervently for the return of Christ

First Advent Candle: Expectation and Hope

Scripture: Genesis 3:14-15

¹⁴ Then the LORD God told the snake: "Because you have done this, you are cursed, more than every domestic animal and every wild animal. You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I shall make you and the woman hostile to each other, and I shall make your descendants and her Descendant hostile to each other. He will crush your head, and you will crush His heel."

With the words that God speaks, He sets the course for the rest of biblical history. There is judgment for sin, but also the first hint that the effects of the fall will one day be undone. There is no way back to Eden. The only way for Adam and Eve and their descendants is forward to the cross. The long story culminates in Jesus Christ, the Seed of the woman, but it does not end there. Today, we are part of the unfolding story. We have received God's grace through the Seed of the woman, and now we are sent out to the ends of the earth to bear witness to the completion of God's plan of redemption and to offer His grace in Jesus Christ to all the descendants of Adam and Eve.

We light the candle of Expectation and Hope. May it remind each and every one of us of God's great promise to us. He is our hope, He is our Redeemer, and He is Saviour.

Prayer: Father, during the Advent season may we be reminded of Your promises to us and Your fulfillment of them. Help us to prepare our lives for His Advent within us. In the precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Welcome to all worshipping with us today!

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Please notify pastor of anyone who is unwell or in need of a visit.

COMING SERVICES

6 December 2 nd Sunday of Advent	13 December 3 rd Sunday of Advent	20 December 4 th Sunday in Advent
8.30am OAK HC 8.30am TMBA LR 9.30am AUB LR 10.00am GRN HC 9.00am MINDEN LR	8.30am OAK LR 9.00am GRN LR 8.30am TMBA HC (Children's Christmas Program) 10.30am AUB HC (Children's Christmas Program) 9.00am MARBURG LR 7.30pm Carols Evening at Greenwood	8.30am TMBA LR 9.30am AUB LR 10.00am OAK/GRN Children's Christmas Program 6.30pm MARBURG Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, 6 December		
READINGS: Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8		
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Sunday, 13 December		
READINGS: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28		
HYMNS: 17 1 12 22		
Sunday, 20 December		
READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38		
HYMNS: 4 2 21 627		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take home with you today a copy of the *Advent Devotion Book*. Feel free to take extras to hand on to others.

Tonight, 7.00pm sharp. Parish Advent evening at Trinity Oakey. Please bring along something for a shared tea. At 7:45pm we shall go into the church for a short Advent program.

Wednesday, 2 December, 10.00am. Women's Guild at pastor's place, 34 Fitzpatrick Street. Drive around the back to park. Opening Devotion: *Julie Zischke*. Key Word: *Lift*. Item of Interest: *Something beginning with "Y."* We shall then go to the Wilsonton Hotel for a breakfast lunch – husbands are invited. Please bring a Christmas gift to the value of \$5-10.

The ULMA has formally received an application for membership from *Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jackson, Michigan*. The ULMA have had contact off and on with *Faith* for some time. Since the AELC is in fellowship with ULMA, we need to look at *Faith's* doctrinal statements. Information may be found at www.faithlutheranofjackson.com. However, as you leave, please take with you copies of their *Constitution and Bylaws*, and *A Brief Summary of Christian Doctrine*. *Faith's* pastor, Ross Mahan has received a copy of the AELC *Statement of Faith* and is aware of our fellowship with ULMA. If any congregations have questions, or after reading their statements seek clarification, please let Pastor Ziebell know. My next Skype call with the ULMA will be on Friday the 18th of December where discussion will be held on *Faith's* application, so if there are any questions, etc., please let me know before this date.