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BETHLEHEM TOOWOOMBA, OUR SAVIOUR LOWOOD, ST JOHN'S AUBIGNY,
ST PAUL'S GREENWOOD, TRINITY MARBURG, TRINITY OAKEY

30th June Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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INTROIT: Psalm 30

I shall extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me out of the depths, and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You healed me.

O LORD, You brought my soul up from the grave; You kept me alive, that I might not go down to the pit.

Sing praise to the LORD, You saints of His, and give thanks as you remember His holiness.

For His anger lasts for only a moment. His favour lasts for a life-time. Weeping may last for the evening, but there is a shout of joy in the morning.

When I was at ease, I said, "I shall never be shaken."

LORD, by Your favour You have made my mountain stand strong; You hid Your face, and I was terrified.

I shall call out to You, O LORD. I shall plead to the LORD for grace: "What profit is there if my blood is shed, when I go down into the pit? Will dust praise You? Will it proclaim Your truth?"

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me; LORD, be my Helper!"

You have changed my rites of mourning into dancing. You have removed my sackcloth and You have clothed me with joy, so that what is glorious may praise You with music and may not be silent. O LORD my God, I shall praise You for ever.

COLLECT:

Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry Your Son Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments, pour love toward You into our hearts, and grant that we may live eternally; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Welcome to all worshipping with us!

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READINGS:

Lamentations 3:22-33 The LORD'S goodness and mercy will not fail.

2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15 Paul asks the Corinthians to finish their collection.

Mark 5:21-43 The daughter of Jairus and the woman with a haemorrhage.

Lamentations 3:22-33

²² It is because of the LORD's mercies that we have not been completely cut off. For His compassion has not come to an end.

²³ It is new every morning. Your faithfulness is great.

²⁴ I have been saying to myself, "The LORD is my portion. Therefore, I shall put my hope in Him."

²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him.

²⁶ It is good that one hopes, even in silence, for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷ It is good for a person to carry a yoke while he is young.

²⁸ He should sit alone and keep silent. For the LORD has laid it on him.

²⁹ He should put his mouth in the dust. Perhaps there is hope.

³⁰ He should offer his cheek to the one who strikes him and receive plenty of insults.

³¹ For the Lord will not reject for ever.

³² However, if He has caused grief, He will show compassion, because His mercies are very great.

³³ For He has not taken pleasure in tormenting human beings or in oppressing them.

2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15

¹ Fellow-Christians, we make known to you the grace that God has bestowed on the churches of Macedonia. ² While they were severely tested by trouble, their overflowing joy and their deep poverty overflowed to produce their rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they were freely willing, according to their ability and beyond their ability. ⁴ They urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to God's holy people. ⁵ They did not do as we expected but through the will of God first gave themselves to the Lord and to us. ⁶ This has led us to urge Titus to complete among you this work of kindness also, in the same way as he had earlier begun it. ⁷ As you abound in everything, in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all eagerness and in your love for us, see that you abound in this work of kindness also! ⁸ I do not say this as a command but am using the eagerness of others to test how genuine your love is. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, although He was rich, yet because of you He became

poor, that you through His poverty might become rich...

¹³ We do not desire others to have relief and you to have hardship but equality.

¹⁴ At the present time, your plenty will supply what they need, that their plenty may also supply what you need, that there may be equality, ¹⁵ as Scripture has said: **“Anyone who gathered much did not have too much, and anyone who gathered little did not have too little.”**

Mark 5:21-43

²¹ After Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around Him while He was beside the lake. ²² Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came. When he saw Jesus, he fell at His feet.

²³ He pleaded earnestly with Jesus: “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her that she may be saved and live!”

²⁴ Jesus went with him. A large crowd was following Him and pressing around Him.

²⁵ There was a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered much under the care of many doctors and had spent all that she had. She had not been helped at all but instead had become worse. ²⁷ Since she had heard about Jesus, she came from behind in the crowd and touched His garment. ²⁸ For she said, “If I only touch His clothes, I shall be made well.”

²⁹ Immediately the source of her haemorrhage dried up, and she was aware in her body that she had been healed from her affliction. ³⁰ At once Jesus realised in Himself that power had gone out from Him. He turned around in the crowd and kept asking, “Who has touched My clothes?”

³¹ His disciples kept saying to Him, “You see how the crowd is pressing around You, yet You ask, ‘Who has touched Me?’”

³² However, He kept looking around to see the woman who had done this. ³³ The woman, in fear and trembling, because she knew what had happened to her, came and fell before Him and told Him the whole truth.

³⁴ He told her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace! Be healed from your affliction!”

³⁵ While He was still speaking, some men came from the ruler of the synagogue and said, “Your daughter has died. Why do you trouble the Teacher any further?”

³⁶ Jesus disregarded the message that they were telling and told the ruler of the synagogue, “Stop being afraid! Only believe!”

³⁷ He did not allow anyone to go with Him except Peter, James and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of the ruler of the synagogue,

Jesus saw a noisy crowd, with people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When He had gone inside, He asked them, “Why do you go on making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep.”

⁴⁰ They began to laugh at Him. However, He put them all outside, took with Him the child’s father and mother and those who were with Him and went in to where the child was. ⁴¹ He took the child’s hand and said to her, “Talitha, koum!” which means, “Little girl, I tell you, get up!”

⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At once they were completely astonished. ⁴³ Jesus gave them strict orders that no one should find out about this and told them that something should be given to her to eat.

IT’S ALL ABOUT A FLOW OF BLOOD
Sermon for the 6th Sunday after Pentecost, 2024
Mark 5:21-43

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

The text for our sermon today is our Gospel from before Mark 5:21-43:

Lord God, heavenly Father, sanctify us through Your truth, Your Word is truth. Amen.

Dear friends in Christ,

Last Sunday, we heard about Jesus calming the storm and crossing the Sea of Galilee in a boat with His disciples. Today, we have two accounts of Jesus’ dealings with individuals. Both stories centre on females and mention a span of 12 years: Jairus’ daughter was 12 years old, and the woman had suffered from a haemorrhage for 12 years.

Mark begins by saying that **“after Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around Him while He was beside the lake.”** This crowd had heard about Jesus’ wonderful miracles – how He had cleansed a leper, healed a paralytic, and restored a man’s withered hand - and so people with various ailments were coming and hoping He would do a similar work for them. Something about this Jesus set Him apart so that people knew He had authority from God and that He would use His authority to help people suffering.

“Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came. When he saw Jesus, he fell at His feet. ²³ He pleaded earnestly with Jesus: “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her that she may be saved and live!” Jairus must have had some personal acquaintance with Jesus and His ability to heal. This knowledge impelled him to fall on the ground before Jesus and beg Jesus to come to his house where his only daughter was critically ill. The fact that Jairus’s name is recorded may indicate that he was a well-known person in the early church. Jairus knows how compassionate Jesus is, and he’s right because **“Jesus went with him.”**

As Jesus was walking with Jairus, someone in the crowd reached out and touched His outer garment. It was **“a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered much under the care of many doctors and had spent all that she had. She had not been helped at all but instead had become worse... she said, “If I only touch His clothes, I shall be made well.”** Anyone who has suffered from a chronic medical condition would be able to identify with this woman! This woman comes toward Jesus, hoping that, even if she cannot get a private audience with Him, simply touching His clothes could be enough to make her well. It’s not magic in her mind, but faith - faith in Christ’s goodness and His divine power. She does get near enough. She touches His garment: **“Immediately, the source of her haemorrhage dried up, and she was aware in her body that she had been healed from her affliction.”**

Jesus notices this. **“At once Jesus realised in Himself that power had gone out from Him. He turned around in the crowd and kept asking, “Who has touched My clothes?” “Wait,”** you say. *“There’s a big crowd all around him, pressing in, jostling and bumping and trying to get close, and Jesus notices when one person touches His outer garment?”* Yes, and in this thought, you would be thinking right along with the disciples. They said to Him, **“You see how the crowd is pressing around You, yet You ask, ‘Who has touched Me?’”**

In Luke’s account of this story, he writes that Jesus said, *“Someone touched Me, for I perceive that power has gone out from Me”* (8:46). This is the power of the Holy Spirit given when Jesus was baptised when the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended visibly upon Him. Furthermore, Luke writes that *“the power of the Lord was with Him to heal”* (5:17). This power was not temporary or momentary but *intrinsic* to Jesus’ person and cannot be used up. The statement of Jesus that power had gone out from Him was an example of God speaking in a language that we humans can understand, and Jesus’ purpose in making this statement was to draw out the woman who had touched Him and to deepen her spiritual understanding. **“The woman, in fear and trembling, because she knew what had happened to her, came and fell before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴ He told her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace! Be healed from your affliction!”**

Jesus commends this woman for her faith. In so doing, He also directs us to the source of our ultimate healing: faith. **“Daughter, your faith has made you well.”** Now, when we hear this, we need to be clear. This woman’s faith was not the main cause of her healing. Rather, her faith was *the means by which healing was received from the outpouring of Jesus’ power and grace.* The faith that saves, the faith that makes one whole, is specifically faith in Jesus. Faith must have an object, and Jesus, the only Son of God come from heaven, is the object of our faith. Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah, the Saviour of mankind. No other faith saves. No other faith will deliver you from disease and death. Only faith in Christ. And it is not because it is “your” faith, as though your act of believing is some sort of meritorious work in itself. No. Faith has value by virtue of its object. And this object, the One in whom your faith is placed, namely Jesus - He it is who

saves you. So to say, “*Your faith has made you well, your faith has saved you,*” is nothing other than to say it is ***Christ Jesus who saves you***.

How so? It’s all about a flow of blood, and no, not that woman’s flow of blood. That was her problem. Instead, the answer to her problem, and to all of our problems, is the flow of blood that comes from Christ - this is what saves. It’s what healed the woman, and it will heal us too. The flow of blood coming from the veins of Christ, from His bloodied back, from His thorn-crowned head, from the nail wounds in His hands and His feet, and from His spear-pierced side - this is the flow of blood that will save us. “*With His wounds we are healed*” (Isaiah 53:5).

For you and me - and the woman in the story, and all the men and women and boys and girls of this world - we all are sinners, in need of cleansing from our sins, in order to stand before God whole and clean and at peace with God. And only the blood of Christ, God’s Son, can and has provided this cleansing, healing, and peace.

Jesus came to do this very thing: to suffer and die for our sins so that we would be forgiven, at peace with God, and saved for eternity, whole and sound. This is what He has done. Believe in Him, trust in Him, and your faith - because it is faith in Christ - will save you and make you well.

But now there’s this other woman to get to, the very young woman, this 12-year-old girl who is dying, Jairus’s daughter. Jesus and Jairus are headed that way. But wait! It’s too late. Here come some messengers from Jairus’s house: “**Your daughter has died. Why do you trouble the Teacher any further?**” Do you think this is going to stop Jesus? No way. Jesus reassures Jairus: “**Stop being afraid! Only believe!**” There’s that faith thing again.

“When they came to the home of the ruler of the synagogue, Jesus saw a noisy crowd, with people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When He had gone inside, He asked them, “Why do you go on making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep.”

Jesus puts everybody out except “**Peter, James and John, the brother of James**” and “**the child’s father and mother**.” They go to where the child is. “**He took the child’s hand and said to her, “Talitha, koum!” which means, “Little girl, I tell you, get up!”** Jesus speaks, and things happen. Remember how He had calmed the wind and the waves on the Sea of Galilee earlier with His Word? Well, His Word even carries the authority to raise the dead. “**Immediately the girl stood up and walked around.**”

Dear friends, Jesus will speak this Word to you, too, this “**Talitha, koum.**” Now, you may not be a “Talitha,” that is, a little girl. You may be a teenage boy, a mature woman, a middle-aged man or even an old person - it doesn’t matter. Jesus will speak to you one day and tell you to “**get up!**” and you will arise. That will be on the Last Day, a day when Christ returns and raises the dead and gives life to our dead bodies, and we shall live forever in His kingdom, whole and complete, in both body and soul.

How do we know this? Because Jesus Himself rose from the dead, victorious over death and the grave, and He shares this blessing with us. All of us who have been baptised into Christ share in His resurrection, which guarantees our own. This is a sure hope for all those who trust in Him.

You see, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting go together. They all have their central connecting point in Christ Jesus, our Lord. It is He who forgives our sins, He who will raise us from the dead, and He who gives us everlasting life.

So do not fear, only believe. Your faith has saved you; your faith will make you well, for it is faith in Jesus. Fear gives way to faith when faith is in Jesus. Your forgiveness, your resurrection, your being saved and whole for eternal life - all these are yours, by grace, because of Jesus' holy precious blood and His victorious resurrection! Amen.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lord of all power and grace, since Your eyes watch over the righteous and Your ears listen to their cries, hear our prayers as we come before You in gratitude and praise for all Your mercies.

We remember our great sinfulness before You, O Lord, and confess it with repentant hearts. Do not treat us as we deserve, but forgive us because of Your limitless love, that we may experience anew the joy of Your salvation and always live to Your praise.

We thank You for the daily miracles of Your care and love. Help us to realise always that You open Your hand and satisfy the needs of all Your creation and fill our lives with everything good, and make us thankful people.

We praise You especially for the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ, whom You have sent to be the Saviour of the world. Grant that we may believe in Him with all our hearts, honour Him as our Lord, and live under Him in the kingdom He has established. Help us to obey His words eagerly, to love Him truly, and to serve Him joyfully.

Continue to enlighten our lives by Your Holy Spirit, so that they may produce the abundant fruits of righteousness. Enable us to grow in knowledge of Your truth, in self-control in our lives. Give us a firm faith, pious minds, pure hearts, affection and sympathy for all our fellow-Christians, and love for all people.

Continue to bless the AELC with Your presence, and raise up pastors who will be true fishers of men. Help all Your people to put aside human opinions and selfish concerns, and to follow Your Son wherever He leads them. Give unity of spirit to Your people. Uphold those Christians who are suffering for the sake of their faith; and give them strength and courage.

We pray for the nations of the earth. Put down tyranny and terrorism. Raise up leaders who acknowledge You and Your will. Bless our country Australia. Lead its people pursue all that is good, and to put aside all that is evil.

Hear the cry of the suffering, especially those within our own midst. Help them in body and spirit, and save them for Your mercy's sake. And, as we are only pilgrims in this world, guide and keep us, and bring us all at last to our heavenly home.

Receive these prayers, which we offer in the name of the author of life, Jesus Christ, who, together with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Article: Our Hope in Christ

Are the words hope and faith the same or different? It has been said before that faith begins our spiritual lives as Christians, and hope continues our Christian lives. In other words, the word hope has a futuristic aspect to it.

When we think of the word hope, we think of things in the future. In many ways, hope takes our minds off present circumstances and refocuses us on a better place in the distant future. Hope is looking outside the context to something better, firm and dependable. Hope keeps us going amid troublesome times. Hope anchors itself in something objective and apart from the hopeless present circumstances.

Our First Reading for today, Lamentations 3:22-33, is all about the idea of hope. If you were to spend the afternoon reading through the Old Testament Book of Lamentations, you would find it a depressing, hopeless, and heavy book. It was written 600 years before Christ came to us in the manger. It was written right after the nation of Babylon destroyed the city of Jerusalem. Jerusalem was in ruins. The Temple had been destroyed. The majority of her people had been led away into humiliating exile, displaced to live in a foreign country named Babylon. Those that were left were experiencing complete impoverishment and a terrible famine that led to cannibalism (Lamentations 2:20). Nobody would've been able to say, "Things could be worse!" Things couldn't have been worse. There was no glimpse of the sun in the complete stormy chaos in Jerusalem. The Book of Lamentations means what it sounds like. It is the lament and tears of Jeremiah the prophet over his current circumstances.

In the opening chapters of Lamentations, we read that judgment had come upon Jerusalem for its sins. Jerusalem's spiritual leaders were spiritually bankrupt and heretical, and the people were in constant rebellion. Thus, the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple was a judgment against them for their sins; it was God disciplining the people of Jerusalem.

Amid the chaos, destruction and violence, we come upon our verses in our First Reading today. These 12 verses are like clean and fresh water amid a sun-scorched desert. Amid the lamenting, the agony, the pain and the loss, we read these 12 verses that speak of hope. They speak of hope not found in Jeremiah's current surroundings. They speak of hope

that isn't found in the abilities of the Israelites. They speak of hope that isn't found within the feelings and cultural ethos of Jerusalem. They speak of hope that steers our eyes away from Jerusalem to almighty God's faithfulness.

It seems to me that we often judge hope on our present circumstances or the possible positive circumstances of the future. Still, if we look for hope in how things are going in this life and how we believe things will be going in the future or try to derive hope from our past, we can end up hopeless. Hope is then attached to things that are temporary and fading. Look around you. We see how our nation is spiralling out of control. We hope things get better, but what if Australia doesn't improve and fails like many of the other great world empires of the past? What if your present circumstances, finances, health, burdens, and problems don't get better but get worse? What happens if crop market prices fall and we face major drought or disastrous flooding? What happens if the cattle market plunges? I am not trying to be a defeatist. Rather, I am attempting to show that placing hope in life's events is typically a 50/50 gamble. Not only is it unstable, but we tread dangerously close to being ensnared in idolatry when our hope becomes misdirected. Our hope is only as good as the desired and realistic outcome of what our hope is in. Typically, history has shown us that the future is uncertain regarding the events of this life. Therefore, we cannot put hope in the events and situations of the present or future, for they shift and change just like the weather. Furthermore, placing hope in the things of life other than God means breaking the First Commandment and creating an idol.

Hope is also not found in our abilities. Oftentimes, we attempt to find hope in the way that we can respond to hopeless situations. We say, "If life hands me lemons, I know how to make lemonade." It is easy to do this. Things look hopeless, and we respond confidently that we can make the best out of the situation. While having a positive outlook on life is good, the problem is that we are not always able. Furthermore, if we peel back the layers, we shall recognise that the source of despair typically arises from our own doings as humans. Why would we run to our own workings for hope when our own workings are often the source of hopelessness to begin with? What happens to hope when the situation is bad, and your abilities are even worse? What happens when health problems are out of control? What happens when you physically and mentally do not have the stamina to overcome? What happens when you are defeated, beaten by the world and sin?

It is a good feeling to have hope. One walks with a smile, the world seems lighter, and one walks with a skip in their step. However, we must remember that hope is not found in our feelings; neither is hope a feeling. Hope is not found in how good or bad you feel about yourself or the world around you. Often, we judge things on how good we feel. If we have excitement or enthusiasm about an idea, we say we are hopeful. Like the current circumstances of life and our own abilities, feelings can come and go. Feelings of hope rise and fall like the waves of the ocean.

Christian hope arises only from the fact that God has mercy upon us and instills hope in us. Christian hope never has any other object or matter or foundation than the simple mercy of God, not our works, not our abilities, and not our feelings. Hope must always have an object that it can anchor to. Hope needs a source, and hope is only as good as the source that it is in.

Jeremiah expresses hope not in his sadness or the current events of his time but rather in the faithfulness of God. His hope was in God's steadfast love, God's unending grace. Think about this for a moment: Jeremiah had it bad, far worse than any of us can imagine, and the hope he was given was in God's faithfulness. The same can be said of all periods of time. There has always been sickness, greed, corruption, perversity, war, death and despair. And there has always been God's faithfulness and His enduring promises.

So are we to look away from the problems of life and man up to hope in God's faithfulness? Believe it or not, lamenting isn't necessarily a bad thing. It can be. Our laments and agony about the pains of life can become quite sinful, slanderous, and "gossipy," but lamenting faithfully is precisely how God created us to be. Jeremiah lamented over the hopelessness of his circumstance and the people's inabilities. He confessed his people's sins and life's problems and pain. He lamented to God; He cried out for mercy. When bad things happen in life, Jeremiah puts it best: "He should sit alone and keep silent. For the LORD has laid it on him. 29 He should put his mouth in the dust. Perhaps there is hope" (Lam. 3:28-29). We get to lament the hopelessness of our circumstances to God, and we also get to hear the hopefulness of God's faithfulness to us in the midst of the hopelessness that we face.

Hope must have an object, which is God's faithfulness, shown to us in the person and work of Jesus. We have salvation because of God's faithfulness to us in the person of Jesus. In Him we have the promise of the resurrection. In Him, we have the promise that everything will be refined.

In 2 Corinthians 4, Paul confesses that he is a mere and weak fragile jar of clay, but the Lord's power is greater than him. Paul confesses that he is hard-pressed on every side but not crushed. He confesses that he is perplexed but not in despair. He confesses that he is persecuted but not abandoned, struck down but not destroyed. Paul says that even though the outer nature is wasting away, he does not lose heart. In other words, Paul does not lose heart because he knows it isn't this temporary life from which we derive hope. Rather, we derive our hope from what is eternal and sure. Jesus is sure. God's promises are sure in the midst of uncertainty. Your identity and worth are in Jesus. Nothing in the events of today or tomorrow can change what Jesus has done for you. God's love is steadfast for you because Jesus' salvation still stands for you. There is hope in the midst of despair for you and me, and that hope is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Children's Message:

Have you ever fallen down and skinned your knee? Most kids get bumps, bruises, and scrapes all the time! Riding a bike, climbing a tree, playing at the park - if you're out having fun, chances are you might get a scratch here or there.

What do you do when you fall down or skin your knee? Do you go to your mum or dad or maybe a grandparent for help? How do you feel when you go to them for help? Yes, it can be comforting, and usually, they can get you fixed back up with a bandaid or two!



Well, in today's reading, there are two people who need help. First, there's a woman who's been sick for a very long time. She had seen many, many doctors, but no one could help! Her sickness was so terrible that no kind of bandage could help her. Second, there was a young girl who was so sick that she even died. It seemed like nothing could be done for her anymore, and her family was very, very sad.

But there was one thing that could be done - and only one person who could do it: Jesus! The woman who was sick just touched Jesus' clothes as He walked by, and you know what? She was made well! Then Jesus kept walking and came to the house of the little girl. What do you think happened there? Yes! Jesus took her hand and spoke to her, and she woke up! She was alive again! Her father was very glad he'd asked Jesus to heal his daughter!

When we need healing in our lives, we also look to Jesus. I'm not just talking about bumps and bruises and scrapes, though. I also mean our healing from sin. Only Jesus can make us well again. When He died on the cross and rose again for us, He healed us of our biggest problems, conquering sin, death, and the devil. And through faith in Him - trusting in Jesus - we truly believe that Jesus is the perfect Son of God.

Dear Jesus, You healed many people and made them whole again. Thank You for healing me from all my sins by your death and resurrection, and for giving me faith to believe in You. Amen.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

7 July 7 Pentecost	14 July 8 Pentecost	21 July 9 Pentecost
8.30am OAK HC 9.00am TMBA LR 9.30am AUB LR 10.15am GRN HC 9.00am MARBURG LR	8.30am OAK LR 9.00am TMBA LR 9.30am GRN LR 9.30am AUB LR 9.00am LOWOOD HC	10.00am HC Parish Service at Bethlehem Toowoomba
Sunday, 7 July		
READINGS: Ezekiel 2:1-5;	2 Corinthians 12:1-10;	Mark 6:1-13
HYMNS: 498 217 375 (150 847) 457		
Sunday, 14 July		
READINGS: Amos 7:7-15;	Ephesians 1:3-14;	Mark 6:14-29
HYMNS: 124 149 327 (839 840) 512		
Sunday, 21 July		
READINGS: Jeremiah 23:1-6;	Ephesians 2:11-22;	Mark 6:30-44
HYMNS: 505 191 289 465 287 604		

Wednesday, 3 July, 10.00am. Women's Guild at Bethlehem Toowoomba.

Opening devotion: Vicki. *Choose a Bible verse from Numbers 30-32. Item of Interest:* Something purple or mauve.

Saturday, 13 July, 10.00am. CoC & Sem. Committee meeting at Our Saviour Lowood. Please forward any agenda items to the Secretary, Ian Manz, or through your representatives. Also, at this meeting, a special parish meeting will be held to add Peter Ziebell as a signatory to the parish pastor's Heritage Bank Fringe Benefit account (no. 16453824). Please ensure representatives are in attendance to make a quorum. According to the Parish Rules, a quorum needed is 20% of the members representing at least 2 member-congregations.

Saturday, 13 July, 1.00pm. The next fellowship afternoon will be held at Nola's home at Middle Ridge. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

Saturday, 13 July, 7pm. YAY (Young adults and youth) is on at Aubigny. The hall will be opened for games and socializing from 6.30pm. All young adults and youth are welcome to attend. Please bring your Bible and something for supper.