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INTROIT: Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O my righteous God. You have made wide room for me in my distress; be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

O sons of man, how long will you turn my glory into disgrace? How long will you love what is empty and seek what is a lie?

Know that the LORD has singled out for Himself the one who is devout: the LORD will hear when I call to Him.

Tremble, and do not sin. Tell this to yourselves on your beds, and be silent.

Offer righteous sacrifices; and trust in the LORD!

There are many who are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O LORD.

You have put more joy in my heart than at the time when their grain and their new wine increased.

Let me at once lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, will make me dwell in safety.

COLLECT: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through 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: Acts 3:11-21

¹¹ As the man clung to Peter and John, all the people came running together to them at the porch that is called "Solomon's," greatly amazed.

¹² When Peter saw the people, he responded to them, "Men of Israel, why are you wondering about this or why are you looking intently at us, as though we

had made him walk by our own power or piety?¹³ **The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob**, the God of our fathers, has **glorified His Servant** Jesus, whom you handed over and denied before Pilate when he had decided to release Him.

¹⁴ You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you. ¹⁵ You killed the Author of life, but God raised Him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in His name, His name has made this man, whom you see and know, strong. The faith that comes through Him has given him this perfect health in front of all of you.

¹⁷ “Yet now, fellow Jews, I know that you have acted in ignorance, as your rulers have also done. ¹⁸ However, in this way God has fulfilled what He had foretold by the mouths of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, therefore, and turn to God, that your sins may be wiped away, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,²⁰ and that He may send the Christ, whom He has previously appointed for you, namely, Jesus! ²¹ Heaven must receive Him until the times when everything is restored, as God has promised since the world began by the mouths of His holy prophets.

1 John 3:1-7

¹ See what great love the Father has given to us, that we are called “the children of God”! That is what we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it has not known Him. ² Dearly loved people, we are now the children of God, but it has not yet been shown what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him because we shall see Him as He is.

³ Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

⁴ Everyone who keeps on committing sin also keeps on committing lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You also know that He appeared to take away our sins, and there is no sin in Him. ⁶ No one who remains in Him keeps on sinning. No one who keeps on sinning has seen Him or known Him. ⁷ Little children, let no one lead you astray! Whoever does what is right is righteous, as He is righteous.

Luke 24:36-49

³⁶ While they were talking about what had happened, Jesus stood among them. He said to them, “Peace to you!”

³⁷ They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

³⁸ He asked them, “Why are you troubled? Why do doubts come into your minds? ³⁹ Look at My hands and My feet! It is I Myself. Feel Me and see! A ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see Me have.”

⁴⁰ After He said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

⁴¹ While they were still so overwhelmed with joy that they could not believe it,

He asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

⁴² They gave Him a piece of broiled fish. ⁴³ He took it and ate it while they watched Him.

⁴⁴ He told them, “These are the very words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, namely, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

⁴⁵ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what Scripture has said: ‘The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and, based on His name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.’ ⁴⁸ You will testify to these things.

⁴⁹ “I am sending you what My Father has promised. Wait here in the city until you are armed with power from above!”

“WE ARE NOW THE CHILDREN OF GOD, BUT IT HAS NOT YET BEEN SHOWN WHAT WE SHALL BE”

Sermon for the 3rd Sunday of Easter 2024

1 John 3:1-7

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 the Second Reading from before, 1 John 3:1-7: Lord God, heavenly Father, sanctify us through Your truth, Your Word is truth. Amen.

Dear friends in Christ,

Last week, we began a series of six straight weeks of readings from 1 John. The Second Reading from last Sunday showed how we have fellowship with God and with one another through the Word of Life, enfleshed and proclaimed. Today, we shall find out more about what this fellowship with God means for us, both for now and for the future. Today, the apostle John tells us that **“we are now the children of God, but it has not yet been shown what we shall be.”**

“We are now the children of God, but it has not yet been shown what we shall be.” Sometimes, it’s hard enough to get straight in our minds who we are now, let alone try to imagine what we shall be in the age to come. But let’s see what we can do on both counts today. In our text, John speaks of the *now and the not yet*. Let’s start with what we are now.

John writes, **“See what great love the Father has given to us, that we are called “the children of God”! That is what we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it has not known Him. ² Dearly loved people, we are now the children of God...”**

“We are now the children of God” That’s who we are! What an honour and privilege for God to call us His children! To be God’s children is quite an exalted status. **“That is what we are,”** and if God calls us that, then that’s the way it is. This is a good thing. If God calls us His children, then, as Luther writes, we get to call on Him *“with all boldness and confidence... as dear children ask their dear father”* (The Introduction, Lord’s Prayer). If we are God’s children, then He is our Father, and fathers take care of their children; they provide for them and defend them. Of these fathers, Jesus says, *“Although you are wicked, you know how to give good gifts to your children”* before saying, *“How much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”* (Matt. 7:11). These good things include the Holy Spirit, daily necessities, and finally heaven itself. ¹ That’s how much our heavenly Father loves and cares for us.

“See what great love the Father has given to us, that we are called “the children of God”! That is what we are.” God’s love reaches out to embrace sinners who reject Him and forget Him and would be heading to hell. What kind of love is this? We see what kind of love the Father has when we see Jesus, His Son, living and serving, suffering and dying and rising again for us. John says, *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but have eternal life”* (John 3:16), and again, *“To all who received Him, who believe in His name, He gave the right to become the children of God. They have been born not of blood or of an urge of the flesh or of a husband’s desire but of God”* (John 1:12-13). Yes, you and I have been born again, born from above, born of water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism, and now *we are children of the heavenly Father*. See, that’s the kind of love the Father has given us!

Can you fathom this love? Can you feel it and know it? Yes, you can, even though the depths of God’s love are beyond our ability to measure fully. The Holy Spirit, whom we received in Baptism - the Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.² The Spirit does this faith-nourishing work through the means of grace, Word and Sacrament. And so we continually need to be fed by the Word to remain firm in our faith in the Father’s love because sometimes it may not look like we are such dearly loved children. Sometimes, it may seem that our Father has forgotten us. Life isn’t always easy, like when the money is running out and we don’t know how we are going to survive. We begin to wonder: Where is the Father’s love now? Or when we look at ourselves in a mirror and don’t see a faithful Christian looking back, but only a miserable, poor sinner who daily runs from God and

¹ Luke 11:13; Matthew 6:33; Hebrews 10:1

² Romans 8:16

constantly gives in to the devil and our own sinful flesh. How could the Father ever love a failure like me? Or like when the world mocks and laughs at us for being Christians. You see, that's what we are now, too: Mocked and laughed at by the world. We are not recognised but are often ridiculed. For example, when we hold a belief that is not politically correct but is biblically and morally right. When we say NO! to homosexuality, abortion, single-sex marriage and so on. One final example. Friends may not understand why you put going to church on Sunday mornings ahead of all other activities.

Whatever form the opposition takes, the world does not know **“the children of God.”** John tells us why: **“The reason why the world does not know us is that it has not known Him.”** The world does not know God, so they don't know His children either. The world hates God and rejects Christ, so they're not going to understand Christians. They think, “What a bunch of poor, deluded fools falling for that religious bunkum! They are nothing but a bunch of holier-than-thou hypocrites!” That's the attitude of our culture. So don't look to the world for approval. Rather, look to your Father in heaven for *His* love and approval through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

What we are now and what we shall be: What we are now is God's **“dearly loved people”** – His children. What we shall be - well, John gets at that too. He writes: **“Dearly loved people, we are now the children of God, but it has not yet been shown what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him because we shall see Him as He is.”**

“...it has not yet been shown what we shall be.” Notice that John says, **“has not yet been shown,”** not *“is impossible to know anything about.”* We do know some things about the life to come. It's just that that life has not yet been shown, been made manifest. The age to come has not yet arrived. You and I, the children of God and heirs of heaven, do not look any different than the children of this world. We still experience the aches and pains, the setbacks and heartaches of life in this valley of tears. But we have this hope, you see, a hope that animates our expectations and enlivens our steps. We have something to look forward to. And even though that future reality right now is beyond our full comprehension, God does give us enough glimpses into eternity to whet our appetite. John himself was given an extended glimpse into the glories of heaven, and you can read about that in the Book of Revelation. But for now, we'll concentrate on what John tells us in his Letter.

“We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him because we shall see Him as He is.” That much, right there, speaks volumes. First, it tells us of Christ's “appearing,” that is, His Second Coming, when He comes again with glory on the Last Day to gather His Church together unto Himself from the four corners of the earth. What a glorious day that will be! **“When He appears,”** when our Lord returns

to take us home to be with Him forever. We look forward to that day, we pray that our Lord comes soon, and we shall rejoice to see His coming.

Why? Because **“We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him.”** Think of that! We shall be like Christ! How so? Our bodies will be raised imperishable, no longer subject to suffering or death. Glorified bodies fitted out for life everlasting. No more pain, no more sickness, no more sorrow to weigh us down. You will be you, you will have a body - you won't be a ghost - but it will be a glorified body, kind of like the risen Lord Jesus had in His resurrection appearances to the apostles. We shall experience none of the damaging results that came with the fall into sin. Paradise restored, and then some. All of creation will be restored. New heavens and a new earth. Just imagine!

“We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him.” Who are the “we”? Well, obviously, it will include St. John, and it will include his readers, the Christians in those churches in Asia Minor in the late first century. But the “we” will be bigger than that. It will include all the apostles, Peter and Paul and Matthew and the rest. It will include all the saints, old and new. But then there will be an even larger throng of saints whose names are not written in the history books but are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. All the saints, the countless multitude from every language, tribe, and people, from every land and every century. They'll all be there, all the children of God, including your father or mother or grandparents and other family members who trusted in Christ for their salvation. And the best part is that we shall be among them! What a grand reunion this will be!

But here is the best part: **“We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him because we shall see Him as He is.”**

“We shall see Him as He is.” Even better than seeing family again, even better than getting to meet King David and St. Paul, even better than that is that we shall see, with our own eyes, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Can you imagine that? **“We shall see Him as He is,”** exalted, enthroned, dazzlingly brilliant and yet still our gentle Shepherd. Still bearing the marks of God's great love for us in those holy wounds by which He has redeemed us. **“We shall see Him as He is.”** And we shall see Him face to face. The awe and the joy we shall experience are beyond our ability to utter or to contemplate fully. But this gives us something to look forward to, doesn't it?

“Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.” That's the other thing. What we shall be is completely pure and free from sin. No longer shall we have the old Adam hanging around our neck. No longer shall we have the struggle going on inside us between the new man and our old sinful nature. In that day, and for eternity, we shall be free from all sins and evil desires. But for now, we're not quite there yet. For now, the battle continues, and the struggle

remains. So John encourages us to keep up the struggle, not to give up or give in. Christ appeared for the first time to take away sins - He, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. And thank God He has! Christ's death on the cross has taken away all our sins. We are forgiven, clean and pure. **“He appeared to take away our sins.”**

Therefore, we the children of God are now called to put away the practice of sinning and instead live for righteousness. This will be a struggle, but God will strengthen us for the fight. We have God's forgiveness as our refuge when we stumble, and we have God's resources - the Spirit of His Son, the means of grace - to help us live as the children of God we are.

What we are now and what we shall be. What we are now is God's beloved children, dearly and deeply loved, so much so that He sent His Son to save us. We are God's children *now*. What we shall be is God's children *forever*, raised to the glories of life everlasting, freed from sin, freed from sorrow, in the great fellowship of the saints, and seeing our Saviour face to face. Yes, what wondrous love this is! **“See what great love the Father has given to us.”** Amen.

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

PRAYER FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You have sent Your Son into the world, not to be served, but to serve and to give His life to redeem all people. After He had offered His life as the one sacrifice for all sins for ever, You raised Him from the dead by Your glorious power. Give us a living faith in Him, so that we may possess the sure hope of eternal life through Him. We thank You for all Your kindness in our lives. Do not let us forget that every good gift comes from You.

We thank You for taking away the darkness of our minds and spirits, and for revealing to us Your Word of truth in Jesus Christ. Pour out Your Spirit on us, that He may keep us spiritually alive through Your Word in our hearts. Give us a deeper understanding of Your truth and of Your great love for us.

We thank You for the fellowship of believers that we have in Your church. Protect your church from enemies without, and keep us all in the unity that the Spirit gives. Prevent disunity, party spirit, and discord from giving Satan a foothold among us. Keep us all in Christ Jesus by faith and joyful obedience, and in loyalty to Your infallible Word. Shower Your blessings upon Your Church everywhere, and give it success in all Your work.

Give us opportunities to tell the Gospel to others who need to hear it, and give us the wisdom and the courage to use them. Enable us to draw people into Your Word,

through which Your Spirit works faith, and fill us with the message of Jesus' resurrection and the ability to tell it forth.

We thank You for giving us Christian homes. Surround every family with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, that love, peace, forgiveness, comfort, joy, and moral purity may fill our lives.

We thank You, Lord, for the blessings we enjoy in our rich land. Defend it, both within and without, from all who would harm it by sin, undermine it by strife and rebellion, or destroy it by war.

We thank You, O Father, for the gifts of our daily bread, for health and healing, education and social joys, friends and companions, and all the beauties and wonders of Your creation. Give us weather that is appropriate for our needs. Alongside all the blessings that you give us daily and richly, give us, as well, joyful and thankful hearts, and the willingness to use what You give us to serve You.

We commend to Your gracious care those among us who are ill, lonely, or depressed. Comfort them with the good news of their redemption and the hope of life eternal through Jesus' sacrificial death and glorious resurrection.

Surround us with Your love, and finally receive us into perfect, unbroken fellowship with You and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers we bring You in His precious name. Amen.

Article: Do We See Things So Differently From God?

God and mankind see things differently - not just a little different but completely different. But why is it this way?

Well, it has to do with the fact that we base pretty much everything on our experiences and perceptions. We judge people and events typically by what we see with our own eyes. For example, consider that famous parable of the religious Pharisee and the sinful tax collector going to the temple to pray (Luke 18:9-14). If we just look at them from a distance, we can immediately see two entirely different individuals. One is polished, and the other one is not. One is an upright citizen, and the other one is not. One prays, standing tall, fasting twice a day, and giving a tenth of all of his income, whereas the other one hangs his head low in the misery of his sins. One seems confident and secure, while the other one has a troubled conscience.

Now, according to our judgment, we see two completely different men. And according to all outward appearances, the Pharisee is the one who we would label as righteous, good, and true (the good guy), whereas the tax collector is not. Yes, according to our eyes, we would judge that the Pharisee has the upper hand - that he is more righteous and should be favoured before God and mankind.

But here is the catch, the Lord sees things not the way that we see things. God's way is not our way, and our way is not God's way.

So, with our example of the Pharisee and the tax collector, the Lord actually sees the tax collector as justified. In other words, the Lord comes to the exact opposite conclusion

from us. The Lord looks past all outward appearances and makes a judgment that just baffles us – He says that the sinful tax collector goes away from the temple justified, not the upright Pharisee.

Now, this is the way that it typically goes with Christianity. That is to say; things are never the way that they seem. It is almost as if mankind is blinded to the way that God sees things.

This is exactly what is happening in Christianity. Even though we can certainly see and make judgments about people and circumstances, we are more often than not blind to the reality of what God sees. All we have to do is look at our own lives to see how blind we truly are.

If we stop and take a long, hard look at our lives, what we typically see is one problem after another. Life has a way of carrying a long string of regrets. The human experience has shown us that humans sin in thought, word, and deed.

So, as a result of our sin, we either wallow in our sin, hanging our heads low in regret (like that tax collector), or we try to seize life and overcome our sins by doing lots and lots of good (like the Pharisee). We believe that we can offset our sin or at least cover it up by doing good things.

Whether we end up like that tax collector or that Pharisee, the result is the same - we are troubled by our sin and cannot truly escape it.

Indeed, it has been said before that our most significant need as people is to be justified - to feel right with ourselves and the world, to be and feel whole. But because of sin, we are thrown into a frenzy, and our lives are characterised by either being depressed from our sin or trying to overcome it through our own efforts.

Needless to say, the human condition is one where we are trapped in sin, dead in sin, and condemned in our sin. All of life is either being crushed by sin or trying to offset it. Nevertheless, the harsh reality is that no matter how hard we work and no matter how hard we scrub, this stain of sin remains. We cannot remove it from our lives and our sight.

This is how life is. This is how we see things in this life. And if this is not depressing enough, no matter where we look, we cannot find a solution to this problem of sin. As we look throughout history and upon our world with all of its resources and technological advances, our eyes cannot find a way out of this problem of sin.

Therefore, we must conclude and confirm what we see about ourselves and humanity - we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against God in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Yes, sin is what we see in ourselves. Sin is what we see in our world. We see sin leading to death, judgment, and a dead end.

Considering all of this, we must ask, “What does God see?”

He sees the same. God agrees with what we see about ourselves and this world. He accepts that we humans have made our lives into muck. But is this all that God sees? Is there anything else that God sees that we do not? Is there anything else that God sees that we are blinded to?

God not only sees this sinful condition that we find ourselves in, but He also sees Jesus - the Son of God. And in Jesus, God sees righteousness, which means that He sees you and me as righteous people, forgiven and clothed in the blood of the Lamb. Yes, even though we see ourselves damned in our sin, in Christ, God sees us as righteous - forgiven and redeemed.

So, on the one hand, we see our sin, and on the other hand, we hear from God's Word that He sees us as righteous because of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

What does this mean, though?

It means that we must be given eyes to see who we are from God's perspective. And these eyes are faith. Yes, faith. Faith is the key.

We live our lives in this valley of tears. We have this gruesome condition of sin that plagues us in this world, and, left to ourselves, we are blinded by sin with no hope, no solution, and no relief - just damnation and condemnation. However, when the Gospel comes to us, it announces to us that sinners are righteous in the eyes of God because of Jesus. And with this announcement, we are given faith. Yes, we are given faith that takes our eyes off of our sinful condition so that we might see Jesus and know that God calls and considers sinners righteous in spite of the fact that we are sinners and will continue to be sinners until the day we die. Yes, the Gospel opens our eyes so that we can see the fact that on account of Jesus, God sees us as righteous.

This is the greatness of faith! Faith gives us eyes to see. Faith snatches us away from looking at ourselves and places our eyes on Jesus so that we do not merely see things according to what is laid before us in this life in the valley of tears. Faith gives us eyes to see that in Christ, we have forgiveness, life, and salvation in spite of our sins.

And so, today, we can affirm that what we see in ourselves is true - we are indeed poor, miserable sinners in thought, word, and deed. However, by the Gospel, we can also confess that we see who we are from God's perspective... and that is justified sinners. Yes, justified and forgiven sinners by Christ, like the tax collector.

So when the devil and the world throw your sins in your face and declare that you deserve death and hell, say this, "I admit, and I can clearly see that I deserve death and hell, but what of it? For I know and can see One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall also be!" (Paraphrase of: Martin Luther, Letters of Spiritual Counsel, trans. and ed. Theodore G. Tappert (Vancouver, British Columbia: Regent College, 2003), 86-87.)

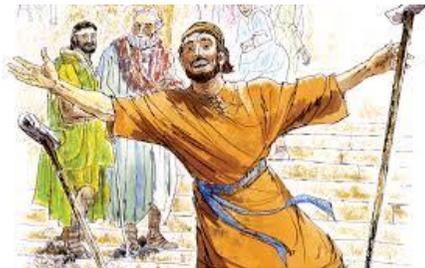
Faith gives us eyes to see. This the power of faith. By faith, we can call sin what it is - sin. And yet, we can know that sin and death and the devil do not have the final answer. Faith gives eyes to see, hear, and confess that God calls the sinner righteous in spite of the fact that he is a sinner.

Faith does not leave us blind but gives us eyes to see. Faith allows us to see that in sending His Son, there is no wrath between us and God. Faith allows us to see that God cannot be hostile to us. Faith allows us to see that God will not leave us condemned and damned in our sins but has shown us and given us Jesus. And Jesus is all that we shall ever need.

Children's Message:

Our First Reading today from Acts (3:11-21) shows Peter and John telling people about Jesus. Right before this reading, Peter and John healed a man who couldn't walk. This man was well known. He sat at a certain spot every day, asking people to help him. Because he couldn't walk, he also couldn't work, so he had to ask for money to buy food for himself.

When this man saw Peter and John on that day, he asked them for money too. Peter did not give him money. Instead, he said, *"I have no silver or gold but give you what I have: In the name of Jesus Christ from Nazareth, get up and walk!"* (Acts 3:6).



When Peter told the man to stand up, the man must have been very confused. He knew that he couldn't walk. So, why was Peter telling him to stand up?

But the man had faith. He believed in Jesus and in the words Peter said to him. He trusted that Jesus could heal him. So, he tried to stand up. And suddenly, the man's ankles and legs became strong! He was able to stand up and walk. He not only walked, but he also leapt and danced, praising God for his healing. The man was healed, and he was overjoyed.

After this, all the people were amazed. They knew this man. They knew that he couldn't walk. They knew that he asked for money every day.

Peter asked why they were so amazed. Jesus, Peter says, is "the Author of life" (v 15). All things come from God, including life itself. Jesus died on the cross for our sins and then rose from the dead because of His great love for us.

Peter says the man was healed because of faith in Jesus. The man didn't ask Peter any questions. He didn't say that he couldn't stand up. He had faith. He trusted that because Peter was speaking in the name of Jesus, an amazing thing could happen in his life.

This is the kind of faith we have, too. Jesus gives us all good things in our lives and even life itself. When we trust in Jesus, we don't need to ask questions or be confused. We know that amazing things can happen in our lives because of Him. So we hold onto Jesus, pray, go to church, and trust in Him.

Dear Jesus, thank You for using Your mighty power to heal this man. Thank You that he shows us true faith. Thank You for loving us too. Help us to trust in You, to pray, and eagerly to come to church to hear about You. Amen.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

21 April 4 Easter	28 April 5 Easter	5 May 6 Easter
8.30am OAK LR 9.00am TMBA LR 9.00am GRN LR 9.30am AUB LR 9.00am LOWOOD HC	8.30am OAK LR 9.00am TMBA HC 9.00am GRN LR 10.45am AUB HC 9.00am MARBURG LR	8.30am OAK HC 9.00am TMBA LR 9.30am AUB LR 10.15am GRN HC 9.00am LOWOOD LR
Sunday, 21 April		
READINGS: Acts 4:1-12;	1 John 3:16-24;	John 10:11-18
HYMNS: 391 154 381 (161 289) 390		
Sunday, 28 April		
READINGS: Acts 8:26-40;	1 John 4:1-11;	John 15:1-8
HYMNS: 164 51 394 (840 291) 783		
Sunday, 5 May		
READINGS: Acts 10:44-48;	1 John 5:1-8;	John 15:9-17
HYMNS: 503 322 162 (175 848) 459		

Tuesday, 16 April, 7.30pm. Men's Fellowship at Trinity Oakey.

BIBLE STUDIES:

Lowood: Thursday, 18 April, 10.00am.

Greenwood: Thursday, 25 April 7.30pm.

Oakey/Aubigny: Friday, 26 April 7.30pm.

Toowoomba: Sunday, 28 April, 8.00am.

Pastor is putting together an order for the *Lutheran Service Book*. At our AGMs, it was discussed if we could begin using hymns out of this hymnbook and gradually moving to it, as the Lutheran Hymnbook we now use is out of print and unavailable for purchase. If any individuals/congregations wish to order a copy, please get these orders to pastor by 21 April. The current price for the hymnbooks is about \$70.00, but it could be cheaper with bulk purchases. Also note that there are 2 editions. A regular, soft-covered edition about the size of our hymnbook, and also a larger hardcover edition with larger print. Pastor has a copy of both and will bring them along to worship services over the coming weeks if you wish to look at them before deciding which one to purchase.