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INTROIT: Psalm 138

I shall praise You with all my heart; I shall sing praise to You in front of the false gods.

I shall worship toward Your holy temple, and I shall praise Your name, because of Your mercy and because of Your truth. For You have made Your Word great, greater than Your entire name.

In the day when I called You answered me. You made me bold by strengthening my soul.

All the kings of the earth will praise You, O LORD, because they have heard the Words of Your mouth.

May they sing about the Ways of the LORD; for the glory of the LORD is great.

For, though the LORD is on high, He looks upon the lowly. Yet, He knows the haughty person from a distance.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will keep me alive.

You will stretch out Your hand against the anger of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me.

The LORD will take vengeance to protect me. Your mercy, O LORD, endures for ever. Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

COLLECT: O Lord, keep Your family, the Church, continually in the true faith, that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Welcome to our worship service! Today, Crystel and Jessica will confirm the vows made on her behalf when she was baptised and will receive the Lord's Supper for the first time. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will guide Taylah and keep her to eternal life.

READINGS: Isaiah 6:1-13 Here I am: send me!
1 Corinthians 14:12-20 Interpret speaking in tongues.
Luke 5:1-11 From now on you will catch people.

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)

¹ In the year when King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord **sitting on a** high and lofty **throne**. The train of His robe was filling the Temple. ² Seraphs were standing above Him. **Each had six wings**; each was using two wings to cover his face; each was using two wings to cover his legs; and each was using two wings to fly. ³ The one was calling to the other and saying: **“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! His glory fills the whole earth!”**

⁴ The voices of those who were calling out caused the foundations of the doorposts to shake, and the **Temple was filled with smoke**. ⁵ Then I said: “How terrible for me! For I have been brought to silence. For I am a man with unclean lips and live among people with unclean lips. For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, with a glowing coal in his hand. He had used tongs to take it from the altar. ⁷ He touched my mouth with it and said: “Look! This has touched your lips. Your guilt has been taken away, and your sin has been atoned for.”

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?”

Then I said, “Here I am. Send me!”

⁹ He said: **“Go and tell this people: ‘Keep on listening but do not understand, and keep on seeing but do not perceive!’** ¹⁰ **Make the heart of this people insensitive, make their ears dull and seal their eyes shut, that they may not see with their eyes or hear with their ears and that their hearts may not understand, so that they should not turn back and find healing for themselves!”**

¹¹ Then I said, “How long, O Lord?”

He replied: “Until the cities lie desolate with no inhabitants, the houses are without people and the ground is devastated and deserted, ¹² until the LORD completely removes the people far away, and there is a large abandoned area in the middle of the land. ¹³ Even if a tenth remains in the land, it will again serve as firewood. As the terebinth and the oak tree leave a stump when they are cut down, so a holy seed will be the stump of the land.”

1 Corinthians 14:12-20

¹² So, since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, you too should try to excel in them that the church may be edified. ¹³ Therefore, let the person who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret! ¹⁴ For, if I pray in a tongue, my spirit is praying, but my mind is not productive. ¹⁵ What is the conclusion then? I shall pray with my spirit and shall also pray with my mind. I shall sing with my spirit and shall also sing with my mind. ¹⁶ Otherwise, if you praise God only with your spirit, how can the person who occupies the place of an uninformed person say “Amen” to your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷ For you indeed are giving thanks well, but the other person is not edified. ¹⁸ I thank God that I speak in tongues more than you all, ¹⁹ but, in the church, I would rather say five words with my understanding, that I may also instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. ²⁰ Fellow-Christians, stop being childish in your minds! Be infants in evil but be mature in your minds!

Luke 5:1-11

¹ While the people were crowding around Jesus as they were listening to the Word of God, He was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret. ² He saw two boats standing on the shore of the lake. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ Then Jesus got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. He sat down and began to teach the crowd from the boat. ⁴ When He had stopped speaking, He told Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch!”

⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have been working hard all night and have caught nothing. Nevertheless, at Your Word, I shall let down the nets.”

⁶ When the men had done this, they caught a very large number of fish, and their nets began to tear. ⁷ They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came, and they filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me! For I am a sinful man, Lord.”

⁹ He and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were Simon’s partners. Then Jesus told Simon, “Stop being afraid! From now on you will be catching people.”

¹¹ When they had brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and became His followers.

WHAT DOES JESUS SAY OF THOSE WHO REMAIN IN HIS WORD?

Sermon for Confirmation Sunday, 2025

John 8:30-32

The grace of our 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 John 8:30-32: **While He was saying these things, many began to believe in Him.** ³¹ **Therefore, Jesus said to those Jews who had become believers in Him, “If you remain in My Word, you are truly My disciples,** ³² **and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”**

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

Dear friends in Christ,

Today, Crystel and Jessica will make a public promise to remain faithful to the teachings of Christ, as they have learnt them through the Small Catechism. We rejoice that the Lord has brought them to this day. A Confirmation Day service gives us a wonderful opportunity to be reminded of the Word of God and its importance in our lives.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting and for training in righteousness,” says the Apostle Paul to Timothy and us (2 Tim. 3:16). God has given us His holy, inspired, infallible, powerful Word, the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. The Bible *is* God’s Book, where He gives us instructions on how we are to live and how we have been saved. It teaches both Law and Gospel. As we marvel at all that has been written, we find some parts of the Bible that we cannot fathom with our finite minds. Nevertheless, we believe what is written. If God has spoken, then we listen and believe. That is the very thing God demands of us. We are called to hear the Word of the Lord and to *“take every thought captive to obey Christ”* (2 Cor. 10:5). This is the attitude anyone who calls themselves Lutheran ought to have with the Word of God. Where God has spoken, we say, *“Amen,”* and will not tolerate any doctrine that does not conform fully to the Word of God.

“Toleration.” Isn’t that a watchword of our time? The world demands that we be tolerant of others who may have a different view than we do, and it is the same in the church. People of differing confessions often cry,

“Do not condemn this or that doctrine that other churches teach simply because they differ from yours.” “You have your view, and they have theirs. Does that even matter since we all worship the same God? Who can tell which is correct? Instead of fighting one another, let’s rather unite and win the world for Christ.”

That sounds good, doesn't it? That's because it appeals to human reason, but in reality, they are treacherous words because they make a liar out of God. God speaks in His Word, and we should say: "*Speak, LORD, for your servant hears*" (1 Sam. 3:9). If God has spoken, then that's that. There is no room for tolerance for anyone who bends the Word, even just a little bit, and that is what our words today from the Gospel of John teach us. We are to remain in God's Word and not turn aside from His words.¹

If that is so, then let us begin by asking, "What does Jesus *say about such people*?"

Early in the morning, Jesus went to the Temple and began to teach the people. In the course of His teaching, He said, "*I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me will certainly not walk in the darkness but will have the light of life*" (8:12). That was a promise. Here was the Messiah, telling those who would listen that He was the *fulfilment* of what Isaiah had many years ago promised: "*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light*" (9:2). Jesus shines on life and gives life—He "*penetrates even as far as the dividing of soul and spirit and joints and marrow*" (Hebrews 4:12). His words made a deep impression on many of His opponents. John writes, "*As He was saying these things, many believed in Him*" (John 8:30). The Word had convinced many and wrought faith in their hearts. **Therefore, Jesus said to those Jews who had become believers in Him, "If you remain in My Word, you are truly My disciples."** What Jesus here says is valid for all times. We still have Jesus' Word today, which leads us to Him and keeps us with Him. The mark of faithful followers of Jesus is that they remain true to His Word, where they learn the truth.

So, Jesus' true disciples are those who "**remain in (His) Word.**" That is plain speech. Now, *who* is a disciple of Christ Jesus?

A disciple is someone who believes in Jesus. A disciple is someone who is an adherent or a follower of Jesus. In His final commission, Jesus would later say to the disciples: "*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations by baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and by teaching them to keep all that I have commanded you! Certainly, I am with you always, until the end of the age*" (Matt. 28:19-20).

Here, we plainly see who a disciple of Jesus is. It is one who has been baptised into the name of the Triune God and, through faith, is intimately connected with Him. A disciple of Jesus has been taught to observe not this, or that, or the other thing, but *all things He has commanded*. Christ is the Master who commands, while the disciple, the believer, is to *observe* what He commands. **"If you remain in My Word, you are truly My disciples."**

¹ Deuteronomy 28:14

Not only were the believers called Christ's disciples while He was with them visibly on earth, but they were still His disciples *after* His ascension. And wherever the apostles went to carry out His commission and established churches, the believers were called His disciples - in Jerusalem, Ephesus, Antioch, and other places. How was that possible? In His high-priestly prayer to the Father, Jesus said of His disciples: "*I have given them Your Word*" (John 17:14), and He had assured the disciples: "*The person who hears you hears Me, and the person who rejects you rejects Me. The person who rejects Me rejects the One who has sent Me*" (Luke 10:16). Now, whosoever believed the word of the apostles, which was the Word of Christ, became Christ's disciple. "*Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ*" (Romans 10:17). Paul exhorts the Colossians to "*Let the Word of Christ dwell richly among you, as with all wisdom you teach and warn one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing to God with grateful hearts!*" (3:16). It is through this same Word that we, too, have become believers, disciples, of Christ.

And who are Christ's *true* disciples?

Christ tells us. It is those who "remain in My Word." That is the one who adheres to His every word and believes it just as it reads. A believer is a disciple, a learner; Christ is the Master. A disciple, being a learner, does not criticise his Master, does not doubt His word, or set it aside. If he does that, then he is no longer a disciple but a master in his own mind, who virtually says: Though the master says so and so, yet I shall not accept it because *I cannot understand what He says*. A true disciple says: One is my Master, Christ! In His Word, I shall continue.

Not only does Christ laud such as adhere to His Word as being His true disciples, but He gives them the glorious assurance: "**You will know the truth.**"

In this age of doubt, unrest, and scepticism, what a glorious thing to know we possess the absolute truth! Are we certain of possessing the truth? Yes, we are. How do we know? Christ says so. What does He say? "**If you remain in My Word.**" That is plain. Jesus tells us, "*Take My Word, read it, understand it just as it reads, and remain in it, then you will know the truth.*" He does not say:

"*If you do not understand this or that, well, try to harmonise My Word; try to make it acceptable to human reason.*" He does not say: "*Ask, how can this be? And if you do not understand the how, then feel free to reject it.*" Christ says of Himself: "*I am the Truth.*" He cannot err. So, if we remain in His Word, we have the truth; we cannot err. Are all opposing doctrines wrong? Yes. Why? Because there is but one truth.

"*Now you're being arrogant!*" we hear someone say. "*Are you suggesting that you have it right and others have it wrong?*" No, we do not judge people, and we certainly cannot look into their hearts to see if they have faith. Of course, some who have saving faith belong to other Christian denominations. We condemn the *false doctrines* of the other churches, not the people. When we hear other preachers saying, "*This is my view of this doctrine,*" or "*Jesus here seems to say,*" or "*In my opinion the apostle would*

say....,” then we need to ask, “*Is that teaching God’s truth? Is it not instead instilling doubt?*” The apostle Jude exhorts us to “*contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints*” (Jude 3). Is it honouring Christ when the word of man takes the place of the word of Christ? No! Christ says: “**If you remain in My Word,... you will know the truth.**” *This is the one infallible rule to arrive at the truth according to the promise of God.* What is not truth is a lie. Sadly, such a simple, self-evident statement finds little favour in our times of wishy-washy theology. Was Paul arrogant and even narrowminded when he said to the Galatians, who were in danger of being led astray by perverters of the Gospel of Christ, “*But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed*” (Gal. 1:8)?

Dear friends, “pure doctrine” is not a phrase to be sneered at. A heathen like Pilate may scoffingly ask, “*What is truth?*” implying that truth is not to be found, but a Christian prays: “*Sanctify (us) in the truth; Your word is truth*” (John 17:17). A true child of God abides by the Word of His Master: “**If you remain in My Word... you will know the truth.**” You will believe, teach, and confess the Scriptures in all their fullness. So when Scripture tells us that the world was created in six days of twenty-four hours each, we believe and confess. When Scripture says of Baptism: “*Baptism now saves you*” (1 Peter 1:21), we believe and confess. When Christ says: “*This is My body; this is My blood,*” which we receive, in, with, and under the bread and wine, we believe and confess.

There are numerous other examples of Christ speaking while we listen and abide and know the truth, but let us thank God that without any merit or worthiness in us, He has given us the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

Finally, by continuing in the Word of Christ, we are not only His true disciples who know the truth, but “**the truth will make you free.**”

What does Christ mean when He says, “**The truth will make you free**”?

A little later, after speaking these words, Jesus will say, “*if the Son makes you free, you will certainly be free*” (John 8:36).

This freedom is the freedom the Son of God has merited by His sufferings and death, which those who have faith possess. It is the freedom from the dominion of sin, from the accusations of the Devil, the freedom from eternal death and its terrors, and the tortures of hell. Only he attains this heavenly, spiritual freedom if he possesses the truth.

Dear Crystel and Jessica, through the course of instruction you have now completed, you have learnt about Jesus and His love for you. You have learnt all about the Word and how it makes you free. But your learning is not finished. The truth has made you free, but you must remain in Christ’s Word—all of us must remain in Christ’s Word. We are all bound to the Word of Christ, and upon it, we must insist as His true disciples. We must regularly read and study this Word and walk as His disciples in holiness to God and righteousness toward our fellow men.

We know the world is quickly spiralling out of control with all the wokeism and wickedness that is splashed in front of us daily. But knowing the truth, we don't need to be afraid. Knowing the truth, we are free children of God, who are saved by faith in Christ Jesus. The Lord is Master over all creation and holds the world in His more than capable hands. And when death comes, we know that through Christ, we are free from the power of the Devil, sin, and death and that we shall enter into the eternal freedom above, where Christ has gone to make a place for us. We know this to be truth, **“and the truth will make (us) free.** Amen.

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

PRAYER FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Father in heaven, we who are Your children by grace pray that Your kingdom may come. We thank and praise You that You have revealed Jesus as Lord and Christ, and as King for evermore. We pray that His rule may be established from sea to sea and from the rising to the setting of the sun, that every nation, people, and tribe may confess that He is Lord, to Your glory. We thank You that, though He is King of kings, He humbled Himself and became our servant, so that He might be our Saviour, able to save all who come to You through Him.

Gracious Father, You do not enjoy seeing sinners die, but would rather see them turn from their sinning and live. Therefore spread the Gospel, and extend Your kingdom among all nations on earth. Cause the mighty to bow before Jesus their Lord, and teach all people to know that there is healing and saving power only in Him.

Although we rejoice that Your kingdom is already with us, make it come with fresh power and new blessing into our lives. Make the peace of Christ to rule in our hearts, and move us to thankfulness and praise. Give us increased trust in Your Word and obedience to Your commandments. Give us grace to be humble, merciful, kind, and forgiving. Make Christ's message in all its richness live in our hearts and direct all we do and say. Grant that we, redeemed in body and spirit, may be dead to sin and alive to righteousness. Lead us to rejoice in Your grace, and to give thanks for Your mercy day by day.

We pray for Your Church on earth. Keep it from weakness and error, from unfaithful shepherds and false teachers. Protect us from heresy and division. Defend us from the lies of Satan and from the schemes of godless men. Make Your Church secure against the powers of hell. Teach Your people to be patient in hope, firm in trust, and faithful in prayer, until that day comes when You send Your angels to gather Your own into Your everlasting kingdom.

Comfort those who are cast down. Give patience to the sick, peace to the anxious, strength to the weak, help to the needy, and forgiveness to the repentant.

Pour out Your mercy on us all, and teach us to set our hearts on things above, where Christ our Lord lives and reigns. In His holy and precious name we pray. Amen.

Article: Be at Peace

Often the Gospels show us the parables of Jesus. Parables are stories that Jesus tells to make a point. They are fictitious, told to make a point, usually about how things are in the kingdom of God.

But then we have the miracles and works of Jesus. These really happened. They are not made-up earthly stories with a heavenly meaning. They are true stories from the life of Jesus, and yet they also bring us a heavenly meaning or application. As we get to know our Lord Jesus better and see who He is and what He does for those people, we learn more deeply who He is and what He does for us.

A good example of this is when Jesus calmed the storm in Mark 4:35-41. You know the story: the disciples are with Jesus on a boat when a wild storm comes along. It's so bad that the disciples think they are going to die. And perhaps also unusual, but surely quite purposely, Jesus is there—but sleeping. The rough seas didn't even wake Him. The water filling up the boat didn't interrupt His naptime. In terror, the disciples go to Him, wake Him up, and cry out, "Don't You care that we are perishing!?"

Jesus unceremoniously answers their frantic prayer. He simply gets up and rebukes the wind and waves. "Quiet. Be still." And so it is. Just as suddenly as the storm begins, it stops, and all is quiet and still. Actually, if you look at the Greek grammar, it indicates that the storm came quickly, but it was still a process. When Jesus calmed the storm, it happened all at once—a completed action. You may imagine that a storm that dies down naturally would still see the waves churning for some time. But here, in response to the command of Jesus, all is still and right away. Wind and waves obey Him immediately.

I think one reason this story is so beloved by Christians is because the application is so straightforward. We all have storms in our lives in one form or another. We are all terrified of this or that, and rather than trust the Lord, who is in the very boat with us—we turn to fear.

The truth is, we are perishing. Those disciples were right. Without Jesus' help, they more than likely would have drowned. They knew enough about storms and boats to know what trouble they were in. They were right in their assessment.

We, too, are perishing. We don't always feel it or realise it. But every now and again, life throws us a storm that reminds us. This world is passing away, and we with it. We may not drown in the lake or die in a storm (though, indeed, that could happen!). It might be a diagnosis that stops you in your tracks— your own or that of a loved one. It might be a job loss or a broken marriage. It might be a conflict or controversy of some sort or another. Life is full of troubles, and all of it reminds us of the brokenness that comes from sin and the wages of sin that is death (Romans 6:23).

The disciples were right about that. They were perishing. So are we. But they were wrong to fear. Jesus gently chides them, "Have you no faith?" Even if they had drowned and died that night, they still had nothing to fear, for they were with Jesus, not just in the boat, but in His grace. They lived, like we live, by His promises.

We have been studying the Book of Daniel in our Bible studies held at Our Saviour, Lowood. Last month, we read Chapter 3. There, we read about the three men being thrown into the fiery furnace. They had this interesting conversation with the king right before he tried to cook their goose: (The king said) *“If you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?”* ¹⁶ *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”*

Whether God saved them from this present trouble or even from fiery death—their faith stood strong. They did not fear. They didn’t take it as a sign of God’s weakness or indifference. They knew that in the end, in the end, their salvation was sure. And we can take a note from that book.

The disciples feared their fate, and we are often fearful of our storms. But give them this much—they knew where to go for help. They knew it had to be Jesus.

Jesus was already with them—though sleeping. And here is a healthy reminder for us. When the wind kicks up and the sky darkens and things start to get serious and scary, when life’s troubles rain down and suffering squalls blow and the waves of death lap against your boat. Jesus is already there.

And you’ve already drowned, with Him, in baptism. You’ve been crucified with Him, buried with Him, in that watery grave, only for Him to draw you up again and again from those waters, a new man, daily emerging to live in faith toward Him and love for your neighbour. Christ has been crucified for you! And that’s enough to calm your fears in any storm. Go to the cross. Go to Jesus.

Jesus is there, with us, in every storm. And look, He’s not worried. He’s never more than a prayer away—though it may be a frantic prayer at times. He always hears. He always answers. He always helps, but in His time, in His way. He may not snap His fingers and chase away all your troubles right away. You may have to ride out this or that storm with Him. But we know that in the end there is perfect peace for us. We know that in the end, and forever we shall be with Him. And no storm, no sword, no earthquake, no fire, no powers of this world or any world can finally harm us because we have Jesus and His powerful Word.

That Word that He commands to the wind and wave—peace, be still—is the Word that also calms and stills us. That powerful Word that commands the forces of nature, will one day call forth the faithful dead in Christ to life again. And that loving word of comfort will invite you and all His people to enter into your rest. There, around the throne of God and the great, calm, glassy sea, we shall never have another fear, hurt or pain. It’ll be clear sailing for eternity.

So fear not the storms. Remember, Jesus is in the boat with you. Call on Him in every trouble. Pray, praise and give thanks. Be at peace, and be still.

Children's Message:

Look at our picture and see all the fish in the net! Have you ever gone fishing? Sometimes when people go fishing, they put a piece of bait on a little hook and cast it out into the water. Then they wait and hope a fish will be hungry enough to grab it. Other people who fish, like the ones in the picture, throw a great big net into the water from a boat, and they pull it up to see how many fish they catch in the net.



Did you know Jesus likes to go fishing? One day Jesus went fishing with a man named Simon Peter. Simon Peter was sad because even though he had thrown his net in the water many times, he hadn't caught a single fish. But when Jesus helped him fish, as soon as he threw his net into the water, he caught more fish than he had ever seen! That's what this picture shows—Jesus and Peter fishing together! Look how many fish they caught!

Jesus likes to go fishing. He especially likes to go fishing for people. Jesus doesn't use a net to catch people; he uses something called the Gospel. The Gospel is the wonderful news that Jesus came to take away all our sins. Do you know what a sin is? A sin is when you do something you're not supposed to do, something God doesn't want you to do, maybe something your parents don't want you to do. We all do those things sometimes. We should feel bad when we sin. But Jesus doesn't want you to keep feeling bad about your sin forever. He wants you to know He has taken everyone's sins away when He died on the cross and that His Father accepted full payment for those sins by raising His Son back to life.

Do you know why Jesus likes to go fishing for people? Because He loves them and wants all people to be with Him forever in heaven. So He wants them to know who He is and that He wants to help them. Jesus likes to go fishing for people, and He wants all of us to do it with Him! You can go fishing with Jesus by telling all your friends about the Gospel. Just look at all the different kinds of fish Jesus caught with Simon Peter!

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

16 February 6 Epiphany	23 February 7 Epiphany	2 March The Transfiguration
8.30am OAK LR (Student Matthew Sippel to lead) 9.00am TMBA LR 9.00am GRN LR 9.30am AUB LR 9.00am MARBURG HC Conf.	8.30am OAK LR 9.00am TMBA LR 9.00am GRN LR (Student Matthew Sippel to lead) 9.00am MARBURG LR 9.00am AUB HC Conf.	8.30am OAK HC 9.00am TMBA LR (Student Matthew Sippel to lead) 9.30am AUB LR 10.15am GRN HC 9.00am LOWOOD LR
Sunday, 16 February		
READINGS: Jeremiah 17:5-8;	1 Corinthians 15:1-20;	Luke 6:17-26
HYMNS: 305 308 386 511	MARBURG: 301 308 197 317 343 300	
Sunday, 23 February		
READINGS: Genesis 45:3-15;	1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42;	Luke 6:27-38
HYMNS: 444 431 356 608	AUBIGNY: 301 431 356 317 343 300	

CONGREGATIONAL AGM'S:

Aubigny: Today, 10.45am.

Toowoomba: Sunday, 16 February, 2.00pm.

Marburg: Sunday, 23 February after divine service.

Greenwood: Sunday, 23 February, 10.45am.

Oakey: Sunday, 23 February, 1.00pm.

Lowood: Sunday, 9 March, after divine service.

Tuesday, February 11, 7.30pm. Men's Fellowship at Trinity Oakey.

Saturday, February 15, 7:00pm, Young Adults and Youth (YAY) is on once again at Aubigny, with the hall open from 6:30pm. Please bring yourself, your Bible, and a plate to share for supper, for an evening of fun and games, food, and a devotion. Any questions, please contact Matthew at matthewsippelaclc@gmail.com

Robert Ritter has various church music vinyl records that used to belong to his mother available for sale. Any sales will be donated to the Seminary Committee. If you would like to find out what he has, give him a call at 0419 722438.

FEBRUARY BIBLE STUDIES

Thursday the 13th, 10.00am. Our Saviour Lowood.

Wednesday the 19th, 7.30pm. St Pauls Greenwood.

Friday the 28th, 7.30pm. Oak/Aub at Trinity Oakey.