

# THE AUSTRALIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (AELC)

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BETHLEHEM TOOWOOMBA, OUR SAVIOUR LOWOOD, TRINITY MARBURG

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Bulletin for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

*A warm welcome to all those who are worshipping with us today!*

*Behold, the Messiah comes to fulfil the Law and the Prophets, and it shall be proclaimed in all of Jerusalem, "This is the prophet Jesus!" From Mount Sinai to Calvary, the Lord reveals His edicts, His decrees, and that Jesus is the very fulfilment of them all. Christ is faithful in the midst of faithlessness, humble in the midst of arrogance. He alone is the rightful Prophet, Priest, and King. Hosanna in the highest! In preparation of worship, please prepare by:*

- **Praying one of the prayers found on page 308 in your hymnbook**
- **Bookmarking Psalm 122 (in front of the hymnbook) for the Introit.**

## THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

**M:** The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I shall raise up to David a righteous branch, a King who will reign and do what is just and right in the land.

**C:** This is the name by which He will be called: the Lord our Righteousness.

**Prayer:** Lord, You let Your people wait for four thousand years while You were preparing the coming of their salvation. Send us Your Holy Spirit, that we may, through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, rightly prepare for His coming into our hearts, and for His final coming. Amen

**Hymns (LSB):** 345 332 892 (895 618) 331

**Introit:** Psalm 122, found in the front of your hymnbook.

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

**Gradual:** *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion,  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.  
Behold, your King is coming to you;  
Righteous and having salvation.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
From the house of the Lord we bless you.*

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26

**Scripture Readings for 1 Advent:**

Isaiah 2:1-5 “They shall beat their swords into ploughshares.”

Romans 13:8-14 The hour has come to wake from slumber. The night is nearly over.

Matthew 21:1-11 Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem

**Sermon:** Matthew 21:1-11 Great Sinners, but a Greater Saviour

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the LORD  
will be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and will be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations will flow to it,  
<sup>3</sup> and many peoples will come, and say:  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that He may teach us His ways  
and that we may walk in His paths.”

For out of Zion will go forth the law,  
and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He will judge between the nations,  
and will decide disputes for many peoples;  
and they will beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation will not lift up sword against nation,  
neither will they learn war anymore.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD.

## **Romans 13:8-14**

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup> Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## **Matthew 21:1-11**

<sup>21</sup> Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> “Say to the daughter of Zion,  
‘Behold, your King is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” <sup>10</sup> And when He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

**Article: “...Therefore Do Not Worry...”**

*“...Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life...” (Matthew 6:25); “Therefore do not worry, saying ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek...” (Matthew 6:31); “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow...” (Matthew 6:34).*

In but one textual portion of His spiritually jam-packed Sermon on the Mount, the Lord Jesus says three times, *“...Therefore do not worry...”*

Worry over what? Well, over those things which occupy the time, concern, and anxious seeking of “Gentiles,” that is, the non-believing, heathen world.

One well-known preacher of old (Chas. H. Spurgeon, 1834-1892) labelled food, drink, and clothing as “the world’s Trinity of cares.” Fast forward, we can’t help but wonder what someone like Spurgeon—more importantly, our Lord Jesus, if He came in person to one of our 21st-century Australian homes! — would say about the ever-expanding trinity of cares bombarding us these days via ever-growing digital and technological screens and devices.

Yes, there’s the veritable deluge of consumer goods and services being paraded and “sold” us on those ubiquitous electronic sites, devices, screens, chatbots etc. etc. Each and everyone of them offer and/or promise help and relief for every conceivable need of body and life—how to “...feed it, clothe it, warm it, cool it, refresh it, relax it, entertain it, titivate it, and titillate it.”

As we are easily taken in by such a materialistic deluge, we may begin to wonder whether we could function or survive if all of a sudden the vast digital landscape and platforms with all their streaming devices and services disappeared or were destroyed—as could happen if, for example, we were living in a war-torn country like Ukraine!

Yet “*Do not worry...*” admonishes our Saviour, as He “argues” from the greater to the lesser. He would have His first disciples and us remember that life is “*more than*” food and drink, and the body “*more than*” clothing. If our Heavenly Father has given us life itself, can we not trust that He will also provide us with life’s necessities?

*Entrust your days and burdens  
To God’s most living hand;  
He cares for you while ruling  
The sky, the sea, the land,  
For He who guides the tempests  
Along their thundr’rous ways  
Will find for you a pathway  
And guide you all your days. LSB 754:1*

## Children's Address:

Hello! We often say those words to welcome and greet one another. Or sometimes we say, "G'day, or Hi." This time of year, people also begin sending out Christmas cards to their friends. These Christmas cards can have all sorts of greetings written in them.

Today we begin the season of Advent, the four weeks before Christmas. "Advent" means "coming" or "arrival." During this season, we get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and also look forward to the day He'll come again.

I want to tell you about a special greeting we could use during Advent, a word we usually hear in a different season. More than thirty years after Jesus was born, on the day we call Palm Sunday, He rode a donkey into the city of Jerusalem, like a big parade. People waved palm tree branches like flags and threw coats on the road like a red carpet. They shouted, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Mt 21:9).

The word "hosanna" was a special word of greeting for Jesus. It's a word that's also a one-word prayer! The word "hosanna" means "Save now!" or "Save us now!" The people were praying to Jesus to save them. They wanted Jesus to be a king who would save them from the Roman soldiers and the Roman emperor who'd taken over their country.

Jesus did come to save them, but not from the Roman soldiers. Jesus came to save them, to save us all, from sin and death. Jesus was punished for our sins when He died on the cross for us the Friday right after Palm Sunday. Then on Easter morning, He rose from the dead. Our sins are forgiven, and we'll live forever with Him.

So "hosanna" is a good greeting for our Advent King, Jesus. We pray to Him, "Save us now," and that's exactly what He did. It's why He was born in Bethlehem. Jesus, our King, saved us from sin, death, and the devil.

*Thank You, Jesus, for riding into Jerusalem to save me! Because You died on the cross, and rose three day later, ALL my sins have been forgiven! Hosanna in the highest! Amen.*



## SERVICE TIMES

| 2 & 3 December<br>1 Mid-Week Advent<br>Service                    | 7 December<br>2 Advent  | 9 & 10 December<br>2 Mid Week Advent<br>Service                   |
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|   |   |   |
| Tuesday, 7.00pm at<br>Lowood<br><br>Wednesday, 7.30pm at<br>Oakey | 8.30am OAK HC Harvest<br>9.00am TMBALR (MS)<br>9.30am AUB LR<br>10.15am GRN HC Harvest<br>9.00am MARBURG LR | Tuesday, 7.00pm at<br>Lowood<br><br>Wednesday, 7.30pm at<br>Oakey |
| <b>Tuesday/Wednesday<br/>1 Mid-Week Advent</b>                    |   |   |
| HYMNS: (LSB) 349 900 933 537                                      |   |   |
| <b>Sunday, 7 December</b>   |   |   |
| READINGS: Isaiah 11:1-10;   | Romans 15:4-13;   | Matthew 3:1-12  |
| Oak/Grn: Deuteronomy 8:1-10;                                      | Philippians 4:6-20;   | Luke 17:11-19   |
| HYMNS: 347 344 346 738      OAK & GRN: 347 344 892 (452 573) 895  |   |   |

Tonight, 7.00pm. Advent tea at Aubigny. Could each family please bring a plate and something for dessert? After tea we shall conclude the night with a short advent worship program.

Wednesday, 3 December, 10.00am. Women's Guild at Marburg. We shall hold Bible Study in the hall and exchange gifts (please bring a gift to the value of \$10.00), followed by lunch at the Marburg Pub. (There will be no choosing of a verse or an item of interest.)

6 December, 7pm, Young Adults and Youth (YAY) is on once again at Aubigny for Aubigny-Oakey-Greenwood, with the hall open from 6:30pm. Please bring your Bible and a plate to share for supper. Any questions, please contact Matthew at [matthewsippelaelc@gmail.com](mailto:matthewsippelaelc@gmail.com)

## December Christmas Schedule

Sunday, 14 December, 10.00am Downs Children's Christmas Tree Program at Aubigny

Sunday 14 December, 7.00pm Marburg/Lowood Children's Christmas Tree Program at Marburg

Sunday, 21 December, 7.30pm. Carols Evening at Oakey.

Tuesday, 23 December, 7.00pm. Carols Evening at Lowood.

Wednesday, 24 December, 7.30pm. Christmas Eve HC service at Greenwood.

Thursday, 25 December, Christmas Day

8.00am LOWOOD HC

8.30am OAK LR

9.00am GRN LR

9.00am TMBA LR

9.30am AUB LR

### Weekly Readings

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| <b><i>Sunday</i></b><br><b><i>November 30</i></b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genesis 1-3</li> <li>• Romans 1</li> </ul>   | <i>Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation (2017)</i><br>pp. 13-15, The Ten Commandments |
| <b><i>Monday</i></b><br><b><i>December 1</i></b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genesis 4-6</li> <li>• Romans 2</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b><i>Tuesday</i></b><br><b><i>December 2</i></b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genesis 7-9</li> <li>• Romans 3</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b><i>Wednesday</i></b><br><b><i>December 3</i></b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genesis 10-12</li> <li>• Romans 4</li> </ul> |  |
| <b><i>Thursday</i></b><br><b><i>December 4</i></b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genesis 13-15</li> <li>• Romans 5</li> </ul> |  |
| <b><i>Friday</i></b><br><b><i>December 5</i></b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genesis 16-17</li> <li>• Romans 6</li> </ul> |  |
| <b><i>Saturday</i></b><br><b><i>December 6</i></b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genesis 18-19</li> <li>• Romans 7</li> </ul> |  |

#### Verse of the Day

*Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.*

*Psalm 24:7*

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| <b>Congregation</b>           | <b>Address</b>                            | <b>Giving</b>                    |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Bethlehem<br><b>Toowoomba</b> | 41 Buckland Street,<br>Harristown         | BSB 638-070<br>Account 15877094  |
| Our Saviour<br><b>Lowood</b>  | 63 Prospect Street,<br>Lowood             | BSB 633-108<br>Account 159171487 |
| St Johns<br><b>Aubigny</b>    | 2 Aubigny Crosshill<br>Road, Aubigny      | BSB 014-675<br>Account 388228975 |
| St Pauls<br><b>Greenwood</b>  | 617 Acland-Silverleigh<br>Road, Greenwood | BSB 638-070<br>Account 6918247   |
| Trinity<br><b>Marburg</b>     | 19 Edmund Street,<br>Marburg              | BSB 633-000<br>Account 146106893 |
| Trinity<br><b>Oakey</b>       | 125 Hamlyn Road,<br>Oakey                 | BSB 638-070<br>Account 7405138   |

### About the AELC

The Australian Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC) believes that the Holy Scriptures are the inspired, inerrant, infallible, and authoritative Word of God, and accordingly, believe that the Holy Scriptures are the sole source of what we believe, teach, and confess. Furthermore, we subscribe to *The Lutheran Confessions of 1580*, *The Word Shall Stand* and *The AELC Statement of Faith* as correct expositions of Scripture, which address issues that have arisen throughout history by God's Word. We teach nothing new and stand on Scripture alone as God's Word to us. We teach the message of Christ crucified for sinners. We teach that salvation is by God's grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone.



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