

**BULLETIN FOR TRINITY MARBURG, ST JOHN'S MINDEN,
OUR SAVIOUR LOWOOD**

4th Sunday of Easter 7th April 2017

Closed Communion

The A.E.L.C upholds the historical, biblical and Lutheran practice of closed communion. Therefore we ask that only A.E.L.C members come forward for communion.

HYMNS: 349, 200, 241, 604, 287, 95.

INTROIT: Psalm 23

P The LORD is my shepherd.

C I shall not lack anything.

P He makes me lie down in green pastures.

C He leads me to water where there is quiet.

P He restores my soul.

C He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

P Even though I walk through the valley of deep darkness, I shall fear no evil.

C For You are with me. Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

C You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows.

P Surely, goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,

All and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

COLLECT: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have awakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

1st reading: Acts 2:42-47.

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25.

Gospel: John 10:1-10.

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

Honourable Sexuality

One of the battles fought by church leaders trying to teach Christian people about holy marriage is to convince Christian young people of the blessings of marriage and faithful sexuality. The young people we teach have been bombarded by thousands of sex acts in movies and on television of which only a small percentage are loving sexual encounters between a man and a woman married to each other. Most sex acts portrayed by the visual media are stolen and illicit sexual acts.

The result of such instruction is that young people have already had their minds bent away from seeing sexuality as a gift from God and toward seeing sexuality as fulfilling only when it is a form of perversity. The church is fighting an uphill battle against the suggestive and powerful images spewed forth by the visual media and flooding the lives our young people with sexual sewage.

The first line of defence is our own families. Our children will honour marriage if we honour our own marriage and the spouse God has given us. Sexuality will be seen as a good gift of God where sexuality is spoken of as a blessing sing of love between husband and wife. We must explain to young people. that sexuality is a self-giving that is shaped by the life of Christ and His love for His bride, the Church.

Where there is fidelity to marriage then the sexual love that a husband and wife share in the chastity of. marriage will be revered and honoured. Then Christ will be glorified and the church built up.

Rr; Dr.-Scott-R. Murray

Memorial Lutheran Church Houston Texas.

For the rev-heads in our family.

NASCAR CHRISTIANITY

Friday Church News .Notes

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This year, the prayers at the Daytona QQQ 300 and Daytona 500 automobile races were given by Southern Baptist Ronnie Barton (First Baptist of South Daytona) and Seventh-day Adventist Chaplin-Art Bakewell.

Opening the Daytona 500 race with a prayer for blessing and protection is a tradition that goes back to 1959. The prayer has been part of the televised program since 1979. From 1959 to 2005, the prayer was given by Hal Marchman of Central Baptist Church (Southern Baptist) in Daytona Beach ("Prayer at the Start," Daytona Beach News-Journal, Feb. 24, 2017). Barton said he depends on his "heavenly thoughts" to guide his prayer.

The Christianity of NASCAR is exceedingly shallow and worldly. The night before the race, hundreds of people party in the infield. In 1968, in my "bad, old days," I got so drunk during the infield party that I passed out and missed the race. It would be impossible to pray a legitimate prayer of blessing on this worldly mess. Many of the NASCAR drivers claim to be Christians, but at the same time they are the "lords" of this drunken, drugged up, half-naked debacle. Not only do the NASCAR drivers themselves routinely neglect the Lord's assembly in disobedience to Hebrews 10:25, but they encourage their followers to do the same. The prayers aren't even offered in Jesus name. Marchman ended his prayers with "Shalom and Amen." "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness; but rather reprove them" (Ephesians 5:11).

500th Anniversary celebrations of the Lutheran Reformation 2017

* AELC MISSION SUNDAY bring/share lunch 2nd July at Minden from 10am Service. "Reformation trivia" after Service before lunch.

*MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY 22nd September at Marburg. *Time to be advised.* Feature, "The Luther Movie", bring a friend, bring your neighbour.

*REFORMATION HYMN SINGING SATURDAY 21st of OCTOBER bring/share at Minden arriving at 5pm to start the meal by 5.30pm.

*REFORMATION BRING/SHARE COMBINED SERVICE on the 29th October at 10am AUSBIGNY Darling Downs. There will not be a local Service here in our Parish as I will be Preaching there on the day.

>Divine Service 14th May (White)
Readings : Psalm 146
1st Reading: Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60
Epistle: 1st Peter 2:2-10
Gospel: John 14:1-14.

9am St John's Minden
5th Sunday of Easter

Hymns: 645, 564, 726, 722, 618, 922.

> Divine Service 21st May (White)
Readings: Psalm 66:8-20
1st Reading: Acts 17:16-31
Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22
Gospel: John 14:15-21

9am St John's Minden
6th Sunday of Easter

Hymns: 188, 322, 197, 101, 289, 430.

> Mid week Bible study on May the 18th at Lowood 10am bring and share,
Trivia on the book of Jude.

> New re printed copies of God's Eternal Word Bibles are now available for
purchase at \$65 each. Please see Pastor.

> For those who have asked for a bank account to place their offerings
electronically:

Trinity Marburg BSB: 633000. Account No: 146106893.

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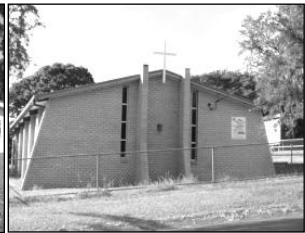
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