

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

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost 18th June 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.

Matthew 9:35-,10:20.

Hymns: 347, 326, 221, 564, 281, 332.

**INTROIT: Psalm 100**

P Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth!

C **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with joyful singing!**

P Know that the LORD is God!

C **It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

P Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

C **Give thanks to Him and bless His name!**

P For the LORD is good. His mercy endures for ever,

**All and His faithfulness through all generations.**

**COLLECT:** Almighty, Eternal God, in the word of Your apostles and prophets, You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**READINGS:**

**Old Testament reading: Exodus 19:2-8**

**Epistle: Romans 5:6-15**

**Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:20.**

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 for this morning is written in the book of Matthew 9:35-10:8 which was part of our Gospel reading before.

**35 Then Jesus travelled through all the cities and villages, teaching in their**

synagogues, preaching the Good News of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.<sup>36</sup> When He saw the crowds, He felt sorry for them, because they were troubled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then He told His disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest!”

<sup>1</sup> Jesus called His twelve disciples to Him and gave them authority to drive out unclean spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness.<sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax-collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.<sup>5</sup> Jesus sent these Twelve out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any city of the Samaritans! <sup>6</sup> Go, rather, to the lost sheep of the house of Israel! <sup>7</sup> As you go, preach: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near!’ <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and drive out demons! You have received freely: give freely!

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

## THE TIME OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Jesus told His disciples I am the vine, you are the branches. "**Whoever abides in Me and I in him he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing**" (John 15:5). We are each grafted into Jesus and made a branch of the Vine by the power of the Spirit in Holy Baptism. We stay connected to Jesus, our Vine, by hearing the preaching of God's Word and receiving Absolution and the Lord's Supper. This is how our life in Christ grows: by the power of the Spirit working in our hearts through Word and Sacrament. The Sundays after Pentecost make up the longest portion of the Church Year. This is the Time of the Church. the time we focus on growing together in the life of the Holy Trinity.

### *The Holy Trinity*

The first Sunday after Pentecost.

We are baptized into only one name, the name of God. But that name is "of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." There is only one name, only one God—but there are three persons: the Father, the Son,--and the Holy Spirit. Each person is God, and each is not the others, but there is only one God. This is the great

mystery of the Holy Trinity. On the first Sunday after Pentecost, the Church celebrates Holy Trinity Sunday and teaches us to confess the mystery of God's being.

### ***The Season after Pentecost***

Begins the day after Pentecost.

Ends with midday prayer on the Saturday before the First Sunday in Advent.

The Sundays of this time of the Church Year are known as Sundays after Pentecost. Picking up on Pentecost as the season of growth, the Sundays after Pentecost are often referred to as the Green Sundays. It is during this season that the Readings focus on the teachings of the Lord for the Church. We hear Jesus teaching His disciples and healing the faithful.

Because the Pentecost season is "ordinary," as the Roman Catholic Church identifies it, congregations may choose to observe some of the lesser festivals of the season. When significant saint days or commemorations fall on Sundays, worship leaders could highlight these to offer teaching moments about the breadth, of the Church's life and work. These noteworthy days enable the Christian to reflect on how we worship "*with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven*". (Lutheran Service, Book: Altar Book, p. 161)..

### ***Last Sunday of the Church Year***

The Church Year began with Advent. and the joyful hope and expectation of Jesus' coming to save the world through His incarnation. On the Last Sunday. after Pentecost, the Church gives voice, to the joyful hope of the second coming of Jesus for the resurrection of the dead and the last judgment The end-times focus of the Last Sunday of the Church Year bears. themes of hope and preparation that are similar to those of Advent which soon follows

This liturgical calendar was essentially complete by the end of the sixth century, though it continues to be transmuted through additions and emphases.

*Treasury of Daily Prayer.*

## **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 25th June (Green)

Readings : Psalm 91:1-10

Old Testament: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Epistle: Romans 6:12-23

Gospel: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33.

9am Trinity Marburg

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Hymns: 400, 349, 127, 169, 293, 392.

> Divine Service 2nd July (Green)

Readings: Psalm 96

Old Testament: Isaiah 62:1-7

Epistle: Romans 10:11-17

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53.

10am St John's Minden

4th Sunday of Pentecost

MISSION SUNDAY

Hymns: 398, 823, 838, 829, [618, 821,] 819.

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

> Just a reminder to those who have copies of the LSB hymnal to bring them to all Minden Services to help out with numbers.

>Family BUSHDANCE Greenwood Church Hall Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm

You are welcome to invite friends as well Please bring a plate for supper

Phone Jane Sippel for more information 0488722074

> Mid week Bible study on July the 20th at Lowood 10am bring and share, Trivia on the book of Zephaniah.

> 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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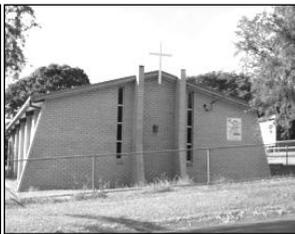
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