

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

12th Sunday after Pentecost 27th August 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 16:13-20

LSB HYMNS: 818, 645, 909, 576, 628, 644.

INTROIT: Psalm 138

P I shall give thanks to You with all my heart;

C **before the gods I shall sing praise to You.**

P I shall bow down toward Your holy temple, and I shall give thanks to Your name, because of Your mercy and because of Your truth.

C **For You have made Your name and Your Promise greater than everything else.**

P On the day when I called, You answered me.

C **You used strength to make me confident in my soul.**

P All the kings of the earth will give You thanks, O LORD,

C **because they have heard the Words of Your mouth.**

P May they sing about the Ways of the LORD!

C **For the glory of the LORD is great.**

P For, although the LORD is high, He regards lowly people.

C **Yet He knows the haughty person from afar.**

P Although I walk in the middle of trouble, You will keep me alive.

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

P The LORD will fulfil His purpose to protect me.

All: **Your mercy, O LORD, endures for ever. Do not forsake the works of Your hands!**

COLLECT: Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

READINGS:

Old Testament: Isaiah 51:1-6

Epistle: Romans 11:33-12:18

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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 Sunday is written in the book of Matt 16:13-20 which was our gospel reading before

13 When Jesus came to the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

14 They answered, “Some say John the Baptist; some Elijah; and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.”

15 He asked them, “You, however, who do you say I am?”

16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

17 Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah! For flesh and blood have not revealed this to you, but My Father, who is in heaven. ¹⁸ I also tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I shall build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. ¹⁹ I shall give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you tie up on earth will be tied up in heaven; and whatever you untie on earth will be untied in heaven.”

20 Then He warned the disciples not to tell anyone that He was the Christ.

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

From our Statement of Faith: Church and State

Since the state rules over non-Christians as well as children of God, over the wicked and rebellious as well as those who are outwardly righteous in a civil sense, it is often necessary for the state to have laws that regulate and curb evil rather than forbid it. As Moses had to allow divorce, even though it was contrary to the will of God at creation,⁴⁰⁸ so the state may have to have laws that will not oppose or eliminate all evil, but attempt to regulate and control it in such a way that its citizens can live in peace. This does not mean that the civil power is no longer an ordinance of God.

It is not the task of the church to direct the state to adopt particular social, political, and economic measures.⁴⁰⁹ The church may, when necessary, indicate to the state what the will of God is in moral issues that affect the state. The church may properly speak to state officials only when God's commandments are being flouted. When it does so, it

uses God's Law as a curb or restraint. It may well warn state officials that, if they continue to act contrary to the will of God, they and the state will incur the wrath and punishment of God.⁴¹⁰

We reject the teaching that the state must use its power in the interest of the church, and that the church must give direction to the state in social, political, and economic matters by the Word of God.⁴¹¹

We reject the teaching that no Christian may be a soldier or hold a public office in civil affairs.⁴¹²

We reject the view that a Christian may hold public office in civil affairs only if the constitution of the state recognises God as the source of all power.⁴¹³

We reject the teaching that only those who are Christians should be recognised as true officials of the state.⁴¹⁴

We reject the teaching that a Christian must not take or administer an oath.⁴¹⁵

³⁹³ Matthew 22:21. ³⁹⁴ Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17. ³⁹⁵ Matthew 12:25-26; John 12:13; John 14:30; John 16:11; Revelation 16:10. ³⁹⁶ Romans 13:4. ³⁹⁷ Matthew 28:18-20. ³⁹⁸ John 18:11; John 18:36. ³⁹⁹ Matthew 5:18-48. ⁴⁰⁰ Matthew 28:19; Luke 24:47-48. ⁴⁰¹ Exodus 20:12. ⁴⁰² Romans 13:4. ⁴⁰³ Romans 13:4; 1 Timothy 2:2. ⁴⁰⁴ Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17; Acts 5:29. ⁴⁰⁵ Romans 13:5. ⁴⁰⁶ Acts 5:29. ⁴⁰⁷ Revelation 2:10. ⁴⁰⁸ Matthew 19:7-8; Deuteronomy 24:1. ⁴⁰⁹ Matthew 22:21. ⁴¹⁰ Romans 1:32; Romans 2:4-11; 1 Timothy 1:9-10. ⁴¹¹ Romans 13:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:1-3; 1 Peter 2:13-15; Matthew 17:27; Matthew 22:21. ⁴¹² Matthew 22:21; Romans 13:1-2; Luke 3:12-14; Matthew 8:5-7; Acts 10:28. ⁴¹³ Matthew 22:21; 1 Timothy 2:1-3. ⁴¹⁴ Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-18. ⁴¹⁵ Hebrews 6:16; Genesis 14:22-23; John 14:9; 2 Samuel 21:7; 2 Corinthians 1:23; Philippians 1:8.

500th Anniversary celebrations of the Lutheran Reformation 2017

MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY** 22nd September at Marburg. ***BRING and SHARE EVENING, to START MEAL at 6PM and the MOVIE by 7PM. 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 3rd September (Green) 9am Our Saviour Lowood
Readings : Psalm 26 13th Sunday after Pentecost
Old Testament: Jeremiah 15:15-21 Bible study/ bring and share.
Epistle: Romans 12:9-21 Hymns: 266, 112, 171, 339, 295 ,346.
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28 Trivia on Amos.

> Divine Service 10th September (Green) 9am Trinity Marburg
Readings: Psalm 32:1-7 14th Sunday of Pentecost
Old Testament: Ezekiel 33:7-9
Epistle: Romans 13:1-10 Hymns: 270, 431, 499, 345, 285, 450.
Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20.

> Mid week Bible study on September the 21st at Lowood 10am bring and share,
Trivia on the book of 1 Peter.

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

> Our next Seminary meeting will be on the 9th of September at Troys Rd at
10am.

>Our next CoC meeting will be held at Troys Rd 10am on Saturday the 14th of
October.

> 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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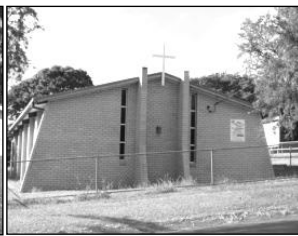
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