

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

**13th Sunday after Pentecost 3rd September 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 16-21-28

**HYMNS: 266, 112, 171, 339, 295, 346.**

**INTROIT: Psalm 26**

P Vindicate me, O LORD! For I have been walking in my integrity,

**C and I trust in the LORD. I shall not waver.**

P Test me, O LORD, and try me!

**C Examine my secret parts and my heart!**

P For Your mercy is before my eyes,

**C and I have been walking in Your truth.**

P I have not been sitting with deceitful people,

**C and I shall not associate with hypocrites.**

P I hate the assembly of evildoers,

**C and I shall not sit with wicked people.**

P I shall wash my hands in innocence,

**C that I may walk around Your altar, O LORD,**

P that I may proclaim a song of thanksgiving,

**C and tell about all Your wonderful deeds.**

P O LORD, I love the house where You live,

**C the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,

**C or my life with bloodthirsty people!**

P They have an evil scheme in their hands,

**C and their right hands are full of bribes.**

P However, I myself shall walk in my integrity.

**C Redeem me and be gracious to me!**

P My foot has been standing on level ground.

**All: I shall bless the LORD in the assemblies.**

**COLLECT:** Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**READINGS:**

**Old Testament: Jeremiah 15:15-21.**

**Epistle: Romans 12:9-21.**

**Gospel: Matthew 21-28.**

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 Matthew 16: which was our gospel reading before

**21 From that time on, Jesus began to show His disciples that He had to go to Jerusalem, suffer greatly at the hands of the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and be raised on the third day.**

**22 However, Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, “May God in His mercy spare you this, Lord! This will certainly not happen to You.”**

**23 However, Jesus turned and told Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me, because you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of human beings.”**

**24 Then Jesus told His disciples, “If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me! 25 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 For what good will it do a person if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a person give in exchange for his soul?**

**27 For the Son of Man is going to come in His Father’s glory with His angels, and then He will repay each person according to what he has done.**

**28 Truly, I tell you that there are some of those who are standing here who will certainly not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.”**

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

**GOD'S GREATEST GIFT**

God is the source of all our blessings. Even though we may be seriously ill and may believe we don't have much to be happy about, let's stop and think a little bit. Think of all that God has given you in the past.

Think of the gift of life, the joys of family, the feeling of having accomplished something in our lives. All these and much more are blessings from our Lord. But there is an even more precious gift that God has given you. Even when things get tough, when the memories of past blessings fade, when you have pain and suffering, this one gift from our gracious God never loses its brightness. It is the greatest gift that nothing in this life can take from us. Do you know what it is?

The apostle Paul answers our question in Romans 1:17. He writes, "The righteousness of God is revealed." What is this righteousness of God? It certainly cannot be our human righteousness. The apostle John tells us in his First Letter, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). No one can claim to have kept God's Law perfectly. Now that thought might drive us to despair, but there is a great and shining hope. It comes from God's greatest gift to us. It is the Gospel righteousness that Christ earned for us in His perfect life and atoning death for us on the cross.

Because of Jesus having done all and suffered all for us, our sins are forgiven and our guilt is wiped out. Thus the apostle John can also say, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

## **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.

> **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.**

>**Divine Service 17 September (Green)**                      **9am Our Saviour Lowood**  
**Readings : Psalm 65**    **15th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26:1-11**                      **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**  
**Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15**                                      **Hymns: 567, 560, 564, 568, 284, 122.**  
**Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21.**

> **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.**

**St John's Minden BSB: 633000. Account No: 135053577.**

**Our Saviour Lowood BSB 633000. Account No: 159171487.**

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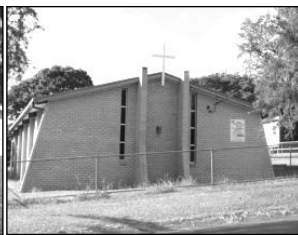
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