

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

16th Sunday after Pentecost 24th 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 20:1-16.

HYMNS: 557, (555 fst 4 verses and then verse 10,)

854, 851, 622, 923.

INTROIT: Psalm 27:1-9.

- P The LORD is my Light and my Salvation. Whom shall I fear?
C **The LORD is the Fortress of my life. Of whom should I be afraid?**
P When evildoers came against me to devour my flesh,
C **my oppressors and my enemies stumbled and fell.**
P If an army were to pitch camp against me, my heart would not be afraid.
C **If a war were to break out against me, in this I would be confident.**
P One thing I have asked of the LORD. That I shall seek,
C **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD, and to reflect in His temple.**
P For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble.
C **He will conceal me under the cover of His tent. He will set me high on a rock.**
P Now my head will be high above my enemies all around me.
C **Therefore I shall offer sacrifices in His tent with shouts of joy. I shall sing and make music to praise the LORD.**
P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud!
C **Be gracious to me and answer me!**
P When You said, "Seek My face!" my heart said to You,
C **"Your face, O LORD, I shall seek."**
P Do not hide Your face from me!
ALL: Do not turn Your servant away in anger! You have been my Help. Do not cast me off or abandon me, O God of my salvation!

COLLECT: Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything that we have done, help us to trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 55:6-9.

Epistle: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-20.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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 20:1-16 which was our gospel reading before.

1 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. **2** He agreed with the workers to pay them a denarius a day and sent them into his vineyard. **3** About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. **4** He told them, ‘You also go into the vineyard! I shall pay you whatever is right.’ **5** So they went.

“He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. **6** About the eleventh hour he went out and found some others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why are you standing here all day long doing nothing?’

7 “They answered him, ‘Because nobody has hired us.’

“He told them, ‘You also go into the vineyard!’

8 “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard told his manager, ‘Call the workmen, and give them their pay! Begin with the last and go on to the first!’

9 “Those who began working about the eleventh hour came, and each received a denarius. **10** When the first ones came, they expected that they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. **11** Although they took it, they began to grumble against the landowner. **12** They said, ‘These last men have worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who have endured the burden and the heat of the day.’

13 “He answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. You agreed with me on a denarius, did you not? **14** Take what is yours and go! I want to give this last man as much as I have given you. **15** Or do I not have the right to do what I please with what is mine? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

16 “In this way the last will be first and the first last.”

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

Fear Not

The Family Altar

F.W. Herzenberger

Concordia Publishing House, 1926

Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I

*am thy God. I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea,
I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.*

Is. 41, 10. King James

Do not be afraid! For I am with you. Do not be alarmed! For I am your God. I shall strengthen you. Yes, I shall help you. Yes, I shall support you with My righteous right hand.

Is. 41, 10. GEW

How concerned our merciful God must be about our happiness when He calls to us so often and so lovingly in His blessed Word: -
"Fear not - **Do not be afraid!**" It is said these cheering words occur over seventy times in Holy Scripture. They prove, indeed, that God's children will often have reason to fear while sojourning in this evil world.

We of the present time have also much cause to fear. Whither we look, we see dark storm-clouds, which bode great ill to our beloved country and to our dear Church. When we look into our private lives, when we see what little advance we make in purity and holiness, what sad experiences so often come to us in our family life, what insurmountable obstacles we meet with in our daily profession, we are often filled with dire apprehension, and our hearts are ready to fail us.

Over against such a sea of trouble we feel how helpless, how weak we are. But the more we realize our weakness, the better it is for us; for then God's strength can be made perfect in our weakness. Learning to give up all self-reliance, an trust in our own power and wisdom, and trusting with childlike faith in the supreme power, wisdom, and love of our God and Saviour, we acquire that precious thing - a heart established by grace.

Though the mountains depart and the hills be removed, we do not fear like those that have no hope; for we know the Lord; our God, is with us and keeps His glorious promise here: "***I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.***" "**I shall strengthen you. Yes, I shall help you. Yes, I shall support you with My righteous right hand.**" Though He may delay His help for a time, still we have no reason to be filled with dread; for He cannot break His divine promise. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but never the sure Word of our God. Then let us take this gracious promise of His into our daily life and quietly wait on the Lord.

The saints should never be dismayed Nor sink in hopeless fear;
For when they least expect His aid, The Saviour will appear.

Wait for His seasonable aid,

And though it tarry, wait;

The promise may be long delayed,

But cannot come too late. *William Cowper, 1779, from Olney Hymns, vol. 1, hymn 6verse 6.*

500th Anniversary celebrations of the Lutheran Reformation 2017

*The Downs are holding a **REFORMATION FAMILY EVENING** at **St JOHNS AUGBIGNY** on **FRIDAY the 6th of OCTOBER**, beginning at **7pm**. Dinner is provided for a gold coin donation. For more information, contact **JANE SIPPEL** on 0488 722 074.

***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 AUGBIGNY Darling Downs**. There will not be a local Service here in our Parish as I will be Preaching there on the day.

> **Divine Service 1st October (Green)**

Readings : Psalm 25:1-10

Old Testament: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-18

Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21.

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

> **Divine Service 8th October (Green)**

Readings: Psalm 80:7-19

Old Testament: Isaiah 5:1-7

Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46.

> **Sunday School picnic is on Sunday the 15th of October at Marburg.**

> **Mid week Bible study on October the 19th at Lowood 10am bring and share, Trivia on the book of Jonah..**

> **Our next Seminary meeting will be on the 7th of October at Troys Rd at 1.30pm..**

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

Pastor Owen Ohlson. H: 5359 6802 M: 0409 169 991 E: ofdro@ozonline.com.au

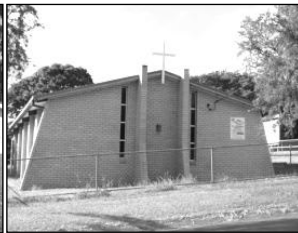
[Australian Evangelical Lutheran Church](http://www.aelc.org.au) www.aelc.org.au



Trinity
17 Edmond St
Marburg



St John's
593 Tallegalla Rd
Minden



Our Saviour
63 Prospect St
Lowood