

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

17th Sunday after Pentecost 1st October 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 21:23-32.

HYMNS: 511, 655, 556, 696, 623, 873.

INTROIT: Psalm 25:1-10.

P I am lifting up my soul,

C to You, O LORD.

P O my God, I trust in You. Let me not be put to shame!

C Let my enemies not gloat over me!

P Certainly, no one who waits in hope for You will be put to shame.

C Those who act treacherously without any reason will be put to shame.

P Make Your ways known to me,

C O LORD! Teach me Your paths!

P Lead me in Your truth and teach me! For You are the God who saves me.

C I wait in hope for You all day long.

P Remember, O LORD, Your compassionate and merciful deeds!

C For they have existed from eternity.

P Do not remember the sins of my youth or my rebellious acts!

**C According to Your mercy remember me, because of Your goodness,
O LORD!**

P The LORD is good and upright.

C Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

P He leads humble people in what is right,

C and teaches humble people His way.

P All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth

All: for those who keep His Covenant and His Testimonies.

COLLECT: Almighty God, You exulted Your Son to the place of all honour and authority, Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-18

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

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

**MARTIN LUTHER'S
COMPLETE COMMENTARY
ON THE FIRST
TWENTY TWO PSALMS**

PSALM 18 Ver. 3, I will call upon the Lord praising, and I shall be saved from my enemies.

The enemy is ever at the door, great, powerful, having many ways, very mighty, and, indefatigable; whose single attacks (to say nothing about his magnitude, his multitude, his strength, his perseverance,) we are not able to withstand, unless the Lord be our strength; because we ourselves all the while, without any attack from the enemy, are prone to every evil.

But by what way or art shall it be brought about that the Lord shall be our strength, our foundation, our refuge, our deliverer, and our helper, in this hostile multitude, of great, powerful, and persevering ones? David answers, it will thus come to pass, If thou call upon the Lord praising: for by this 'praising prayer,' thou shalt be saved from all thine enemies: as it is said, Rom. X. from Joel ii. "*And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved.*"

And again, Prov. xviii. "*The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it and is safe.*" This indeed is of all doctrines the most noble, and altogether a golden doctrine in tribulation; it is the best of all counsels, and whereby we may be delivered from all evils,—if, under tribulation, we are enabled to justify God, to bless him, and to proclaim him." It is inconceivable how efficacious this praising of God is, and how powerful a remedy it is in all times of peril: for as soon as ever you thus begin to praise God, the evil becomes lighter, trust in God increases, and upon this immediately follows calling upon him with confidence.

Let all' the servants' of God, therefore, see that thy attempt not to get consolation or - to overcome their evils in any other way, or by any others means, than what is here prescribed in this verse. Call not upon God first; but first praise him and then call upon him.

For there are some who call upon him and are 'not heard: as we have it in this same Psalm a little below; ver. 41, " They cried but there was none to save them : even unto the Lord, but he answered them not." And why?—because they called not upon him with feelings of praise, but with feelings of indignation: they set not before them the sweetness of the Lord, but considered and were wrapt up in their own bitterness.

But no one is ever delivered from evils by looking at, and dwelling in bitterness upon, those evils; he overcomes them only by cleaving close to God and looking at his goodness:, as we have seen, Psalm xvi.' 8, " I have set the Lord always before me; because 'he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." O deep and rare counsel, and hard to attain unto !—to set before one's self a sweet and praise-deserving Lord, in the midst of evils and dangers; and to look to an absent and incomprehensible God, with more steadfastness than at present evils, and even when those evils are all the while hindering our thus looking at God!

I cannot find it in' my power to,' set forth and commend worthily the grace and virtue contained 'in this short but excellent verse, and which are conveyed in such appropriate words, and so expressively arranged.

But, they who do not begin conquering with this praising of the Lord, but look at the consolations of men, or turn aside to their own merits, and who do not lay hold of the hope of a better life to come, will never be overcomers; for the matter is fixed, - He that prayeth praising, shall be delivered from his enemies, and no other. Thus it is written, Isaiah xlvi. '9, " I will restrain thy mouth with my praise, that thou perish not." And Isaiah l. 4, "The Lord' hath 'given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary."—It is on this account that the second commandment is given us," Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord 'thy God in vain." It is to this end also that we pray 'Hallowed be thy name. And it is for this, that the present Psalm begins with so many praises of God; and' glories in the love of God. SO that David Seems in this verse to give a reason why he so glories and hopes in the Lord. As if he had said, It is in this way that we ought always to begin to call upon the name of the Lord, commencing with a feeling love towards him.

Only let anyone try this: let him-apprehend some praise of God, when he is in distress, and he shall presently feel a relief and an easement. Every other consolation but this, either does not profit at all, or else profits falsely and deceivingly: that is, in truth, it does injury.—So great is the power and blessing of the name of the Lord. I confess that I have often unburdened my heart from heaviness in this way.
Martin Luther.

500th Anniversary celebrations of the Lutheran Reformation 2017

*The Downs are holding a **REFORMATION FAMILY EVENING at St JOHNS AUBIGNY 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 AUBIGNY Darling Downs**. There **will not** be a local Service here in our Parish as I will be Preaching there on the day.

> 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.

9am Our Saviour Lowood

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Hymns: 352, 329, 188, 415, 292, 248.

> Divine Service 15th October (Green)

Readings : Psalm 23

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-13

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14.

9am Trinity Marburg

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Hymns: 603, 322, 221, 487, 287, 621.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.

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

> 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.

> 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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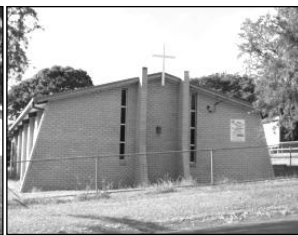
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