

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

All Saints Day 5th November 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.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Revelation 7.

Hymns: 147, 149, 217, 323, 285, 644.

Introit: Psalm 149.

P Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

C **His praise in the assembly of devout people!**

P Let Israel rejoice in its Maker!

C **Let the children of Zion be joyful over their King!**

P Let them praise His name with dancing!

C **Let them make music to Him with tambourine and lyre!**

P For the LORD takes pleasure in His people.

C **He glorifies humble people with salvation.**

P Let devout people be jubilant in glory!

C **Let them shout for joy on their beds!**

P Let the high praises of God be in their throats, and double-edged swords in their hands,

C **to carry out vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples,**

P to tie up their kings with chains, and their nobles' feet with iron shackles,

All: to carry out the judgment that has been written against them! This is an honour that belongs to all His devout people. Praise the LORD!

COLLECT: Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Readings.

1st Reading: Revelation 7:2-17

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12.

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

Amen.

TREASURY OF DAILY PRAYER

*Patriarchs of sacred story
And the prophets there are found;
The apostles, too, in glory
On twelve seats are there enthroned
All the saints that have ascended
Age on age, through time extended,
There in blissful concert sing
Hallelujahs to their King.*

Thus the old funeral hymn. . . speaks of the church of all the perfected in heaven (cf. Heb 12:22-23). And this thought of the fathers of the church who have preceded us into heaven rings through the centuries down to Wilhelm Lohe's hymn on the Sacrament, where it says of heaven: "There the angel host stands inflamed in your [God's] light, and my father's gaze upon your sight." All the saints, from the beginning of the world who have died believing in the Redeemer, whether he was yet to come or had come in the flesh, all members of the people of God of all times to the present day—in this sense, all are fathers of the church. Whether Christians have found themselves in the loneliness of a Siberian prison camp or the isolation of the diaspora* or suffering inner alienation within the great secularized "churches" of our century, it has become evermore the consolation of those who have suffered for the sake of the church and whom God has led on a "lonely path" to know that they are not alone in the one church of God.

They who have been removed from every error and sin of the Earthly church stand with us in the seamless fellowship of the body of Christ.

Hermann Sasse.

**(Bible) (in the New Testament) the body of Christians living outside Palestine*

All Saints Day.

This feast is the most comprehensive of the days of commemoration, encompassing the entire scope of that great cloud of witnesses with which we are surrounded (Hebrews 12:1). It holds before the eyes of faith that great multitude which no man can number: all the saints of God in Christ - from

every nation, race, culture, and language—who have come "out of the great tribulation... who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:9, 14).

As such, it sets before us the full height and depth breadth and length of our dear Lord's gracious salvation (Ephesians 3:17-19). It shares with Easter a celebration of the resurrection, since all those who have died with Christ Jesus have also been raised with Him Romans 6:3-8). It shares with Pentecost a celebration of the ingathering of the ingathering of the entire Church catholic—in heaven and on earth in all times and places—in the one Body of Christ, in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Just as we have all been called to the one hope that belongs to our call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one Father of all, who is over all and through all, and in all" (Ephesians 4:4-6).

And the Feast of All Saints shares with the final Sundays of the Church Year an eschatological focus on the life everlasting, and a confession that "the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us"(Romans 8:18). In all of these emphases, the purpose of this feast is to fix our eyes upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith that we might not grow weary or fainthearted (Hebrews 12:2-3).

Never Argue With Children

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah." The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "Then you ask him."

- > Hymns for the 12th November. 431, 487, 103, 338. [Green.] Marburg LR
- > Hymns for the 19th November. 197, 485, 153, 337. [Green.] Lowood LR
- > Hymns for the 26th November. LSB 510, 532, 851, 991. [Green.] Minden LR

> **Divine Service 3rd December (Violet) 9am St John's Minden**
Readings: Psalm 80:1-7 1st Sunday in Advent
Old Testament: Isaiah 64:1-9. Hymns: 696, 332, 350, 335, 618, 331.
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 BIBLE STUDY BRING/SHARE
Gospel: Mark 11:1-10.

> **Divine Service 10th December (Violet) 9am Our Saviour Lowood.**
Readings : Psalm 85 2nd Sunday in Advent
Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-11 Hymns: [To be announced.]
Epistle: 2Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8.

> **CHILDRENS CHRISTMASS TREE SUNDAY 17th Dec MARBURG 6.30pm.**
NO MORNING SERVICE.

> **CHRISTMAS HYMNS/CARROLS FRIDAY 22nd Dec MINDEN 6.30pm.**

> **CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING SERVICE HC 9am LOWOOD**

> **CHRISTMAS DAY MINDEN HC 8am.**

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

> **JAKE ZABEL WILL BE TAKING SERVICES ON SUNDAYS THE 12th NOVEMBER AT MARBURG, THE 19th AT LOWOOD, THE 26th AT MINDEN WHILE PASTOR IS ON HOLIDAYS.**

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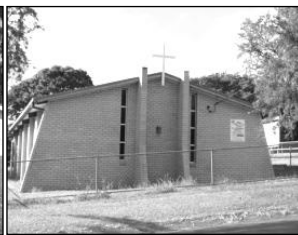
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