

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

23rd Sunday after Pentecost: November 12th 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.

Reading:

Old Testament: Amos 5:18-24

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

HYMNS:

431, 487, 101, 338

Introit: Psalm 70

O God, come quickly to deliver me!

O LORD, come quickly to help me!

Let those who are seeking my life be put to shame and confounded!

Let those who desire to harm me be turned back and disgraced!

Let those who say, "Aha! Aha!" turn back because of their shame!

Let all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You!

Let those who love Your salvation also constantly say, "Let God be great!"

However, I am afflicted and needy, O God.

Come to me quickly!

You are my Help and my Deliverer. O LORD, do not delay!

Collect:

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they may richly bear the fruit of good works, and receive your rich reward; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Old Testament: Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸How horrible it will be for you who are longing for the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It will be darkness, and not light. ¹⁹It will be like a man who runs away from a lion, only to have a bear confront him. It will be like a man who goes home and rests his hand against a wall, only to have a snake bite him. ²⁰Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, rather than light? Will it not be very dark, with nothing bright in it? ²¹"I hate and I despise your feasts. I cannot stand the stench of your festive assemblies. ²²Although you offer burnt offerings and your grain-offerings to Me, I shall not accept them. I shall not accept favourably the peace-offerings of your fattened steers. ²³Take away from Me the noise of your songs! I shall not listen to the music of your harps! ²⁴Rather, let justice flow like water, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream!

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³Fellow-Christians, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, so that you may not grieve like the others, who have no hope. ¹⁴For, since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, we believe that even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we tell you by the Word of the Lord, that we who are still alive, who are left until the Lord comes, shall certainly not arrive ahead of those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead who are in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷After that, we who are still alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore comfort one another with these Words!

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

¹"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For, when those who were foolish brought their lamps, they did not bring any olive-oil with them. ⁴Those who were wise, however, brought olive-oil in their jars with their lamps. ⁵When the bridegroom took a long time, they all became drowsy, and began to sleep. ⁶At midnight there was a shout: 'The bridegroom is here! Come out to meet him!' ⁷Then all those virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸Those who were foolish asked those who were wise, 'Give us some of your olive-oil! For our lamps are going out.' ⁹However, those who were wise answered, 'No, otherwise there will certainly not be enough for us and for you. Rather, go to those who sell oil, and buy some for yourselves!' ¹⁰While they were going away to buy it, the bridegroom came. The ones who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other virgins also came and said, 'Lord, lord, open the door for us!' ¹²However, he answered them, 'Truly, I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³"Therefore stay awake! For you do not know the day or the hour."

Sermon: Matthew 25:1-13 – The Oil of Faith

Grace, mercy and peace be to you from our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

¹Then the Kingdom of Heaven shall be compared to ten virgins, who taking their lamps went to meet the bridegroom. ²And five of them were foolish and five wise. ³For the foolish, taking their lamps, did not take oil with them. ⁴But the wise did take oil in the vessels with their lamps. ⁵But in the delaying of the bridegroom, they all grew drowsy and slept. ⁶But in the middle of the night a shout came, “behold the bridegroom, go out to meet him.” ⁷Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸But the foolish said to the wise, “give us some of your oil, because our lamps are extinguished.” ⁹But the wise answered, saying, “No, lest there not be enough for us and you, go rather to the ones selling and buy for yourselves.” ¹⁰And as they went away to buy the bridegroom came, and those who were prepared went with him to the wedding feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the remaining virgins came saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” ¹²But he answered and said, “truly I say to you, I do not know you.” ¹³Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know the day nor the hour.”

Lord sanctify us by your truth, your Word is truth. Amen.

In this parable we have ten virgins, or bridesmaids, waiting for the arrival of the bridegroom, carrying their lamps. In Biblical times the groom and his companions would come to the house of the bride to take her to the wedding. The job of these bridesmaids was to give light to the bridegroom and his bride. Since there were no streetlights and very poor indoor lighting their job was to accompany the couple to the wedding hall. Then during the service and reception they would gather around the couple to make sure that there was enough light for both the couple to see and be seen by all the guests. Amongst these particular ten bridesmaids were five wise and five foolish. The Greek word here for foolish is *moros*, from where we get our English word “moron”, thus it would be more appropriate to call them the five moronic virgins. Now, the bridesmaids have come out to wait for the bridegroom, the wise bring with them extra oil while the foolish ones bring what they deem to be enough. The oil, itself, would have been provided to the bridesmaids by the bridegroom. The bridesmaids had extra oil to bring with them, but the foolish ones, however, decided to leave their extra oil at home because they believed that their lamps would have enough. The bridesmaids came out to wait for the bridegroom, expecting him to arrive soon. But for whatever reason the bridegroom was late in coming, and so the bridesmaid drifted off to sleep, lamps continuing to burn. Around midnight a voice cried out, “behold the bridegroom, come out to meet him.” This was most likely one of the groom’s companions, possibly the bestman, calling out to the bridesmaids to have their lamps ready for the bridegroom is now here. The bridesmaids arose, ready to greet the

bridegroom. They trimmed them wicks to allow the flames to burn bright. Now these lamps had been burning for hours. Ordinarily there would have been enough oil to last until at least the reception. But since the bridegroom had been late the oil in the lamps had ran out and the flames were extinguished. The wise bridesmaids had filled their lamps before the flame was extinguished and would have enough oil to last them for the rest of the night. But the foolish bridesmaids, these moronic virgins, had no oil to fill their lamps, and as their flames died they quickly urged the wise bridesmaids to hand over some oil. The wise bridesmaids refused. Now that doesn't seem nice, that's not very Christian behaviour, shouldn't they have shared the oil? No, the oil could not be shared, for if they were to split the remaining oil amongst the ten of them there wouldn't be enough to burn for the rest of the ceremony. It would be better to have five working lamps than ten lamps with not enough oil. So the foolish bridesmaids rushed off to quickly buy some oil. It is already too late for the bridegroom is here, but it is also midnight and no shops would be open. The bridesmaids rush from house to house desperately trying to find some oil, but all is in vain for there is no possible way to get oil this late at night. And while they were running around the bridegroom had arrived with his party of companions, he collected the bridesmaids who were prepared for his arrival. They collected the bride and headed off to the wedding. As for the foolish bridesmaids, they had been unable to find any oil. They decided, however, to go to the wedding anyway, but as they arrived they notice that the door is shut. They come to the locked door and bang on it demanding that it be opened to them. But the bridegroom comes to the door and says, "truly I say to you, I do not know you." These bridesmaids were not friends but hired servants, and so the bridegroom truly did not know who they were. Those who were waiting for the bridegroom had already been collected and had come in with the bridegroom. These five at the door had arrived accompanied from out of nowhere, as far as anyone knew they were uninvited guests attempting to sneak into the party. Unless they had come with the bridegroom they were not allowed to enter. So what is this parable teaching us?

Matthew 25 contains three parables, the Ten Virgins, the Talents and the Sheep and the Goats. All three of these parables proclaim a similar message. All three of them are teaching us about faith and the 2nd Coming of Jesus.

In the parable of the Ten Virgins, the coming bridegroom is Christ. The bridesmaids who are awaiting his arrival are humanity. The foolish virgins are the nonbelievers, as Psalm 14:(1) says the fool says in his heart, "there is no God." The wise virgins are the Christians, as Proverbs (1:7, 9:10) says, "the beginning of wisdom is the fear of the LORD."

The delay is the period time that we now live in as we await for Christ's Return. We are told the Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night, when we least expect it

(Matt. 24:32-44, 1 Thess. 5:2, Rev. 16:15). The Return of Christ could happen at any time. But this parable of the Ten Virgins, warns us that the Last Day may be far off. The Apostles, the Church Fathers, Martin Luther and the Reformers all felt that the Return of Christ was close at hand, and we too are tempted to think the same. When we look around the world and see war and the perversion of God's Law and Order, and we see the falling away of Christians, we believe that the Last Day cannot be far off. But be warned my fellow-Christians, for you do not know the day or the hour. The 2nd Coming could be today or tomorrow or it could hundred years from now or even thousand years from now, if not more. The parable of the Ten Virgins warns us to be prepared for the Coming of the LORD, especially if the Coming is far off.

The oil in the lamps is faith. Those with the extra oil are those with a faith that lasts until the Return of Christ, while those without are those with a shallow faith that fades away. In the parable of the Sower (Matt. 13:1-9,18-23) Jesus talks of four types of people, amongst those are those with a solid faith and those with a faith that does not last. The foolish bridesmaids are the seed that grew among the rocks, when they received faith from God they were enthusiastic. They were passionate Christians, but their faith was shallow, it had no root and no solid foundation to build upon. This faith would not and could not last. If Christ were to return quickly, before their faith had run out of oil, they could have been saved, but because He was long coming, they withered up and their faith died before He returned.

Then there comes a shout, "behold the Bridegroom, come out to meet Him." With the voice of an archangel a shout rings out from Heaven as Christ descends on the Earth and the Trumpet of God resounded throughout all of Creation (1 Thess. 4:16). Here comes the Bridegroom, the dead are raised and those of us who are still alive shall be caught up into the clouds and we shall meet the Lord in the air. The Bridegroom has come to bring those who were prepared into the wedding feast. He is here to gather those who have faith. For it is through faith alone that we are saved by Christ alone. For only those who accompany the Bridegroom can enter into Heaven.

As for the foolish ones, they will turn to the Christians and plead with them, "quick, give me some of your faith."

But this is impossible, for no one can transfer their faith to another, everyone must believe on their own. I cannot believe for you, you must have your own faith in Christ. Therefore, the foolish unbelievers will begin to run around looking for faith, looking for ways to please God. But it is already too late, the Bridegroom has already come. When you stand before the Judgement Throne of God that is not the time to start thinking about God. Grace is offered to us in this life, now is the chance to believe. If you reject the promises of God in this life, you cannot expect to receive them in the next life.

As Amos said in our first reading (5:18-24), they will be like a man fleeing a lion only to be met with a bear. They will try to flee the wrath of God but will only run further into damnation. They will attempt to please God, but it won't work. Though they offer Him burnt offerings and grain offerings He will not accept them, nor will He have regard for their fattened peace offerings. They will attempt to sing His praises but He will not listen. This is because they do not have faith. They think they can please God with their own works, but before God our works are nothing but filthy rags (literally menstrual rags) (Isa. 64:6).

If the oil is faith, then the flame is good works. For as Jesus says in Matthew 5:16, "let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven." Our works are the light that shines and gives glory to the Father. Just as the bridesmaids stood around the bridegroom and their lights shone to give him the glory. Our good works are evidence of our faith, just as the flame was evident that there was oil in the lamp. No flame meant no oil. Just as the lamp could not burn without oil, so too good works cannot exist without faith. Now, people without faith can do "good works", for even unbelievers can love their neighbour (Matt. 5:46-47, Luke 6:32). But without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6). Without faith our good works are nothing before God, because it is not the works that please God but the faith behind them.

When the Bridegroom comes He will find faithful Christians, their lamps will be burning for they have the oil of faith. But those without faith will be running around, fearing God's wrath and desperately trying to light their lamps. They will attempt to get their lamps burning but without faith the lamps will not burn.

Now, for you, my dear fellow Christians I urge you, keep awake, for you do not know the day nor the hour. Do not be like the foolish bridesmaids who believed that they had enough oil.

The oil was given to the bridesmaids as a free gift from the bridegroom, so too we have received faith as a free gift from Jesus Christ, our Bridegroom.

There are foolish Christians, moronic believers who believe that they have enough faith. "I was Baptised," they say, "I was confirmed. I go to Church once a month or once a year, that's enough. I read my Bible occasionally, that's enough."

Like the foolish bridesmaids these Christians neglect the gifts of God. Christ has given us so many gifts in order to give and to renew our faith. He gives us the Word of God so that we may read it daily and have our faith strengthened. He gives us the Sacraments to renew our faith. He gives us Holy Communion to feed our faith. He gives us Ministers to bring us the Word and Sacraments, to encourage us and to open our minds to the understanding of the Scriptures. He gives us the Church so that we may gather together around Word and Sacrament and be empowered and built up by

fellow Christians.

All of these things are free gifts from God, that He has given us to sustain us until His Return. Therefore use them and cherish these gifts for the strengthening of your faith. These gifts of God replenish the oil of faith to keep our lamps burning until the Coming of the Bridegroom.

If we neglect these gifts, we put our faith at risk. If we do not feed your faith we will starve it. If we think that we have done enough, that we go to Church enough or that we read our Bibles enough, then we are like the foolish bridesmaids who thought that they had enough oil.

The wise man builds his house on a solid foundation so that it may stand, but as for the foolish man who built his house on sand, his house collapsed (Matt. 7:24-27). If our faith is not built upon a solid foundation it is will collapse, and like the seed growing on the rocks our faith will wither away because it has no root.

In Mathew 7:21-23 Jesus said “not all who say to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will be saved.” Many will stand before the Gates of Heaven and cry, “Lord, Lord, open to us.” But the Lord will respond, “I do not know you.”

Just because you call yourself a Christian doesn’t mean you’re saved, just because you were Baptised or Confirmed or go to Church once a year, doesn’t mean you have faith. Our works do not save us. The Sacraments are not works that we do. We are not saved by the mere performance of Baptism and Communion. We’re not saved simply because we finished reading the Bible, or because we came to Church and sat in the pew. We are justified by faith alone. Faith in Christ is what saves us. And it is through the gifts of Word and Sacrament, through the Ministry and the Church that Christ gives us this saving faith as a free gift.

I urge you, do not neglect or reject the gifts of God, but receive them in faith with thanksgiving and praise. For Christ has given us these gifts as a solid foundation for our faith. Come to Church. Gather together around these gifts of Word and Sacrament. Hear the Word preached for the strengthening of your faith. Be baptised for the remission of your sins. Come to Holy Communion. Take and eat, take and drink for this is the Body and Blood of Jesus shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins. The flame of salvation is fuelled by the oil of faith which you have received from the Bridegroom as a free gift. Do not neglect this flame but continue to fuel it with the gifts that Christ has given for you.

Christ has died and risen again for our salvation, and God will raise up all who fall asleep in Christ. At the sound of the Trumpet of God the dead will be raised. Christ will descend from Heaven and those who believe in Him will be called out to meet Him in the air. The Bridegroom will come and those who are ready will go with Him into the wedding feast. Amen.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the Bridegroom, strengthen and preserve you 'til life everlasting. Amen

Prayer of the Church for the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the many blessings of body and soul which you have given us. We thank you for the gifts of Word and Sacrament. We thank you that we live in a country where we can safely gather together around the Word and Sacraments, without fear of death. We ask that you will grant this same safety to all Churches around the world, and that you will bring peace and security to all those suffering persecution for Your names sake.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we thank you for the gift of the Church and the Ministry, so that we can receive Your gifts of Holy Baptism, Holy Communion and Holy Absolution for the strengthening of our faith and the forgiveness of all our sins. We ask that You will continue to send out labourers and that You will call men from amongst Your flock to the Office of the Ministry. We ask for Your guidance and assistance in mission, and that You will work through us to spread the Gospel message. We ask that you will establish congregations in this land so that many more may have a place to gather around your Word and Sacrament.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for the leaders of this nation. We pray for the local mayor, Graham Lehmann, the state Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk, the national Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, and the head of the Commonwealth Queen Elizabeth II. Bless our nation and all the people who dwell therein. Help all those in government and positions of powers to maintain justice, peace, honesty, integrity and courage. Help our leaders to be guided by the truth of Your Word, we pray that all members of government may be lead by Your Scriptures and guided by Your truth.

And as we approach the upcoming State Election, we pray that you will guide all citizens of this State to vote wisely and in accordance with your Word. We pray that whoever is elected as the Premier of Queensland that they lead in accordance with Your will.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, as we await the announcement of the Same Sex “Marriage” postal survey on Wednesday the 15th, we pray that Your Word will be upheld in this country. We ask that You will frustrate the plans of all those who seek to go against Your Word and against Your institution of marriage as between one man and one woman.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for all those affected by the Church shooting last Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas. Be with the families of the victims as they now mourn the loss of 26 members, including an unborn child, comfort them Lord with Your grace and love.

Lord, we also pray for those affected by the car crash at the Banksia Road Primary School in Greenacre, NSW. We pray especially for the families and friends of the two young boys killed in this incident. Comfort those who mourn with Your compassion and care.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for all those who are sick and injured at this time, we ask that Your healing hands will be upon them. We pray for all those who are in need of Your healing at this present time.

Lord, we ask that you will watch over Pastor Owen and Dot while they are on holiday. Keep them safe from all harm and may You return them safely to us.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we thank you that you have called Your Church to Yourself as Your chosen Bride. As we await the 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ the Bridegroom, we ask that You will strengthen our faith, and sustain us until the Last Day. Help us to wisely use the gifts that You have given us for the building up of our faith. Help us stay alert to Your Word and to stand firm in Your truth until the Coming of Your Son.

We ask all this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Article: Biblical Marriage Customs by Vicar Jake Zabel

In Biblical times a marriage occurred in three stages. First came the engagement, when the bridegroom and his father would meet with the father of the bride to ask for her hand in marriage. The bridegroom would give the father of the bride a *mohar*, or bride price. This was usually 50 shekels of silver, but could be more depending on the value of the bride.

Then came the betrothal, a ceremony held in the bride's parents' home as a public declaration and acknowledgement of their engagement/betrothal. Here vows would be taken before witnesses and the bridegroom would present a series of presents to his betrothed. This ceremony would contractually bind the two together as permanent partners. An engaged man or woman would legally be treated the same as a married man or woman. In Deuteronomy 22:23 if a man sleeps with a virgin who is engaged to another man, that was considered equal to a man sleeping with a married woman (see Deuteronomy 22:22). Therefore, the breaking of an engagement would require a divorce, as seen in Matthew 1:18-19, when Joseph, who was only betrothed to Mary, sought to divorce her.

However, while the engaged man and woman were considered bound together, they did not live together nor sleep together until their marriage.

The wedding day would normally take place one year after the initial engagement. The bride and bridegroom would not usually see each other between the betrothal ceremony and the wedding day. The gifts given to the bride at the betrothal ceremony were meant as tokens for her to remember him by until the wedding day.

At the betrothal ceremony the bridegroom would pour a cup of wine for the bride as a sign of his proposal. The bride would drink from this cup as a sign of her acceptance of his proposal. During the ceremony/party the couple would drink wine from the same cup to seal their marriage covenant. During the betrothal period the bride would drink only from this cup as a sign of her betrothal to her bridegroom. This cup served as a sign of engagement, similar to an engagement ring. On the wedding day the bridegroom would break the cup with his foot to symbolise the end of their betrothal/engagement and the beginning of their married life as husband and wife.

During the 1-2year period between betrothal and marriage the bride and bridegroom would not usually see each other, but would spend the period of time preparing themselves for the marriage to come. The bridegroom would use this period to make preparation for their future life together, such as a home to live in. The bridegroom would also make all the preparation for the wedding day and following honeymoon, including the building of the wedding chamber. The wedding chamber was typically built onto the bridegroom's father's house. The wedding reception would normally be a weeklong party at the house of the bridegroom's father. During the reception the bride and groom would retire each night to the wedding chamber and each day would be expected to host their guests, thus the wedding chamber was needed at the groom's father's house. In addition to this the chamber had to be built in accordance with the specifications of the groom's father. The bridegroom could only get married when the wedding chamber met his father's approval. Henceforth, if the groom was asked, "when are you getting married?" He would respond, "only my father knows."

The bride would partake of a *mikveh*, or ritual washing, before the wedding day to prepare

herself for her bridegroom. The bride would also begin to purchase expensive makeup to beautify herself for the wedding day. However, as neither the bride nor groom knew the exact day of the wedding the bride would have to prepare herself daily for the coming wedding, with a daily washing and daily application of her wedding makeup.

On the wedding day the groom and his companions would come to the house of the bride's parents after sunset to take her to the wedding. The bridesmaids, who had spent the day assisting the bride would take their lamps and come out to meet the bridegroom. The job of these bridesmaids was to give light to the bridegroom and his bride. Since there were no streetlights and very poor indoor lighting their job was to accompany the bride and bridegroom to the wedding hall. Then during the service and reception they would gather around the couple to make sure that there was enough light for both the couple to see and be seen by all their guests. The bridesmaids were not necessarily friends of either the bridegroom or bride, although they sometimes could be sisters or friends depending on the wealth of the family. Usually the bridesmaids were servants (employees) hired by the bridegroom for the occasion, the wealthier the family the more bridesmaids there were. As the bridegroom and his company arrived, one of his groomsmen would call out, "the bridegroom is coming, come out to meet him," to signal his approach and allow the bridesmaids to be ready for his arrival. Neither the bride nor the groom knew the day or the hour of the groom's arrival. The groom could arrive at anytime in the night therefore the bride and her bridesmaids would need to ready and waiting.

After the marriage ceremony the guests would gather at the house of groom's father for the reception. The bridegroom and bride would retire to the wedding chamber. The friend of the bridegroom (the bestman) would wait outside the door. Once the marriage was consummated the bridegroom would tell his friend through the door. The friend would then go and announce the consummation to the waiting guests. Once the consummation was announced the celebrations would begin.

During the night the bridegroom and bride would retire to the wedding chamber but during the daytime they would emerge to entertain their guests. Friends and relatives who lived far off would arrive throughout the week of celebrations, as seen in John 2 at the Wedding at Cana when Jesus and the disciples arrived later in the week as the wine ran out.

At the end of the seven days there was a large feast, known as the Wedding Feast in which all of the guests would be present. This feast marked the end of the weeklong celebrations. After the Wedding Feast had ended the bridegroom and bride would head off to their own home, which the bridegroom had already prepared.

November 19th 24th Sunday after Pentecost Lowood	November 23rd Christ is King Sunday Minden	December 3rd First Sunday in Advent Minden
Readings: Psalm 90:1-12 Old Testament: Zephaniah 1:7-16 Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30	Readings: Psalm 95:1-7a Old Testament: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Readings: Psalm 80:1-7 Old Testament: Isaiah 64:1-9 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Gospel: Mark 11:1-10
Hymns: 197, 485, 153, 337	Hymns: LSB 510, 532, 851, 991	Hymns: 696, 332, 350, 335, 618, 331.

News and Notices:

- Next Bible Study (bring/share lunch) on December 3rd following the Divine Service at Minden
- Just a reminder to those who have copies of the LSB hymnal to bring them to the Minden Services on November 26th and December 3rd to help out with numbers.
- Vicar Jake Zabel will be taking services on Sundays November 12th at Marburg, November 19th at Lowood and November 26th at Minden

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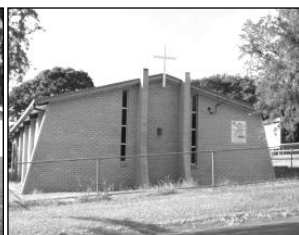
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