

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

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany 21st January 2018.

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.

Mark 1:14-20

Hymns: 336, 217, 326, 45, 287, 568.

Psalm 62.

P My soul waits silently for God alone.

C My salvation comes from Him.

P He alone is my Rock and my Salvation.

C He is my Stronghold. I shall not stagger greatly.

P How long will you people attack a person? How long will all of you be intent on murdering him,

C as though he were a leaning wall or a tottering stone fence?

P People are planning only to force him down from his high position.

They take delight in lying.

C They are blessing with their mouths, but inwardly they are cursing.

P Wait quietly for God alone, my soul!

C For my hope comes from Him.

P He alone is my Rock and my Salvation, my High Refuge.

C I shall not stagger.

P My salvation and my glory rest on God,

C my strong Rock, and my refuge is in God.

P Trust Him at all times, you people! Pour out your hearts in His presence!

C God is our Refuge.

P Surely the descendants of Adam are only breath. The sons of man are an illusion.

C When they go up on a pair of scales, they are altogether lighter than breath.

P Do not trust in extortion or put false hope in robbery!

C If riches increase, do not set your hearts on them!

P God has spoken once. I have heard this twice,

C that power belongs to God,

P and that mercy belongs to You, O Lord.

All: For You repay a person according to what he has done.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Old Testament: Jonah 3:1-5,10

Epistle: 1Corinthians 7:29-35

Gospel: Mark1:14-20

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 the sermon is the Gospel heard before from Mark 1:14-20 which was our Gospel reading before.

14 After John had been arrested, Jesus went to Galilee and preached the Good News of God: 15 “The time has come and the kingdom of God is near. Repent, and believe in the Good News!”

16 While He was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Simon’s brother Andrew casting a net in the sea. For they were fishermen. 17 Jesus told them, “Come and follow Me! I shall make you fishers of men.”

18 They at once left their nets and followed Him.

19 When He had gone on a little farther, He saw James, the son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were also in their boat, mending their nets. 20 He called them at once; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed Him.

Lord God, Heavenly Father, sanctify us through Your Truth, Your Word is truth. **Amen.**

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JONAH.

The prophet Jonah ("dove"), the son of Amittai, was undoubtedly identical with the man who is called a prophet in 2 Kings 14, 25. The village of Gath-hepher in Galilee, in the tribe of Zebulun, was his home town, which makes it probable that he lived under Jeroboam II of Israel and prophesied at about the end of the ninth century or at the

beginning of the eighth century before Christ. The period in which he lived was approximately that of the prophets Amos and Hosea in the northern kingdom and of Isaiah and Micah in the southern kingdom. As he had announced to King Jeroboam the restoration of the ancient boundaries of the kingdom, whereby the glory and majesty of Israel were once more established, so he was here sent to Nineveh as a special messenger of the Lord in order to preach the need of repentance to this wicked Assyrian metropolis.

The Book of Jonah, obviously a historical account of the chief events connected with the sending of Jonah to Nineveh, restricts itself to this one narrative. It abounds in miraculous circumstances, such as that of the great fish in whose stomach the life of the prophet was preserved, of the terrible storm sent by God, which died down as soon as the prophet had been delivered to the waves, of the remarkable growth of the gourd planted by Jonah, and other extraordinary features. Unbelievers and scoffers have tried, for this reason, to make the book the target of their mockery. But all their attacks are found to be idle talk if we remember that our Lord Jesus Christ Himself referred to the Book of Jonah as a record of facts, even using the experience of Jonah as a type and prophecy of His own burial and resurrection.

The purpose of the book is to show that the true God is not the God of the Jews only, but of the Gentiles as well, that God will have all men, including the Gentiles, to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. The book treats, in chronological order, the call of Jonah, his flight, his being preserved in the stomach of the sea-monster and his deliverance, his preaching to the Ninevites and its effect, the prophet's consequent great displeasure and complaint, the Lord's loving correction. 1)

The disobedient prophet had received a severe lesson at the hand of God, but he now profited by this lesson and was ready to undertake the commission which had originally been issued to him. V. 1. **And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying,** v. 2. **Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city,** the Assyrian capital and metropolis, **and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee,** loudly proclaiming the message which the Lord would reveal to him in due time, yielding himself in ready obedience to whatever the Lord may see fit to have him speak. V. 3. **So Jonah arose and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord,** in unquestioning obedience. **Now, Nineveh was an exceeding great city,** literally, "a great city to God," regarded by Him as such, **of three days' journey,** that is, it took three days to make the round of its main sections, if a person passed through all the chief market-places. V. 4. **And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey,** he commenced his trip through the various centers comprising the larger city, preaching wherever he found a suitable place and a fitting opportunity; and he cried and said, **Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown,** this threat being the climax of his proclamation, of his call to repentance. V. 5. **So the people of Nineveh believed God,** they accepted His word, they were filled with a wholesome fear, **and proclaimed a fast,** as an outward evidence of their sorrow, **and put on sackcloth,** the garment of mourning, **from the greatest of them even to the least of them,** old and young, all without exception.

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>Divine Service 28th January [Green]

9am Trinity Marburg HC

Readings: Psalm 111

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

4th Sunday after the Epiphany.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28.

Hymns: 355, 239, 156, 159, 289, 440.

>Divine Service 4th February [Green]

9am St John's Minden HC

Readings: Psalm 147: 1-11

Old Testament: Isaiah 40: 21-31

5th Sunday after the Epiphany.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

BIBLE STUDY BRING AND SHARE.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39.

LSB Hymns: 820, 398, 846, 731, 619, 923.

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

>Divine Service 11th February [White.]

9am Our Saviour Lowood HC

Readings : Psalm 50: 1-6

The Transfiguration of our Lord

Old Testament: Exodus 34:29-35

Hymns:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:1-16

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9.

>Bible study 4th February Bring and share

> PARISH MEETING RIGHT AFTER SERVICE ON SUNDAY THE 18TH OF FEBRUARY AT MARBURG

> Mid week Bible Study commences on Thursday the 15th of February at 10am at Pastor's house in the nice air conditioning with a bring and share morning tea.

> Anyone wanting information on Catechetical studies for their children please contact Vicar Jake Zabel on the phone number below.

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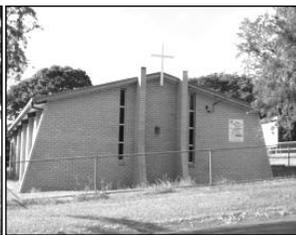
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