

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

2nd Sunday in Lent 25th February 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.

LSB HYMNS: 935, 708, 688, 737, 630, 934.

INTROIT: - PSALM 22:23-31

P You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him!

C Be afraid of Him, all you descendants of Israel!

P For He has not despised or detested the misery of the Wretched One, and He has not hidden His face from Him.

C Rather, when He cried to Him for help, He heard.

P My praise comes from You in the great assembly.

C I shall fulfill My vows in the presence of those who fear Him.

P Humble people will eat and be satisfied. Those who seek the LORD will praise Him.

C May your hearts live for ever!

P All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD.

C All the families of the nations will worship before You.

P For the kingship belongs to the LORD,

C and He rules over the nations.

P All the prosperous people of the earth have been eating and worshipping.

C All those who go down to the dust will kneel before Him, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

P Descendants will serve Him. The coming generation will be told about the Lord.

All They will come and tell about His righteousness to a people yet to be born. For He has accomplished it.

COLLECT: O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By your mighty power defend from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Genesis 17:1-7,15-16.

Epistle: Romans 5:1-11

Gospel: Mark 8 27-38.

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 today the 2nd Sunday in Lent is written in the book of Mark chapter 8:27-38 which was our Gospel reading before.

27 Then Jesus went away with His disciples to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way He asked His disciples, “Who do people say I am?”

28 They answered Him, “John the Baptist; but others say Elijah, and others say one of the other prophets.”

29 He asked them, “You, however, who do you say I am?”

Peter answered Him, “You are the Christ!”

30 He strictly warned them not to tell anyone about Him.

31 Then Jesus began to teach them that it was necessary for the Son of Man to suffer greatly, to be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, to be killed, and, after three days, to rise again. 32 He was speaking frankly about this, and Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. 33 However, Jesus turned around, looked at His disciples, and rebuked Peter, saying, “Get behind Me, Satan! For you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.”

34 When He had called the crowd to Him together with His disciples, He told them: “If anyone wants to follow Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me! 35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it; but whoever will lose his life for My sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it. 36 For what good does it do a person to gain the whole world and yet lose his own soul? 37 For what is a person to give in exchange for his soul? 38 For, if anyone is ashamed of Me and of My Words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

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

Romans.

The author of the Epistle to the Romans, as he himself states in the introduction, was the Apostle Paul, chap. 1, 1. A large part of this great missionary’s life is described in the Acts of the Apostles, and a short history of his youth and of his work as an apostle of Christ is given in articles appended to Acts 9 and 28 of this COMMENTARY. “It will be sufficient to state here that Saul (afterwards called Paul) was born in Tarsus, a city of Cilicia, of Jewish parents, who possessed the right of Roman citizens; that, when young, he was sent to Jerusalem for the purpose of receiving a Jewish education; that he was there put under the tuition of the famous Rabbi Gamaliel, and was incorporated with the sect of the Pharisees, of whose system he imbibed all the pride, self-confidence, and intolerance, distinguishing himself as one of the most inveterate

enemies of the Christian cause; but, being converted by a most singular interposition of Divine Providence and grace, he became one of the most zealous promoters and successful defenders of the cause which he had before so inveterately persecuted.” 1) The letter throughout bears the characteristic impress of Paul, both in content and form. It is a part of the apostolic teaching, a part of Scriptures, given by inspiration of God, to make us wise unto salvation by faith which is in Christ Jesus.

The Epistle to the Romans is plainly divisible into a doctrinal and a practical part. The first part, including chaps. 1-11, includes four subdivisions. After the introduction the topic of the letter is announced: justification by faith as revealed in the Gospel. The apostle shows that neither the Gentiles nor the Jews are righteous before God, but are by nature under the wrath of God. The righteousness of God, as earned by the vicarious merits of Christ, with all its blessings, is next pictured. A necessary fruit and consequence of imputed righteousness is sanctification, with its manifestation of good works. The universal grace of God is the basis of the election of grace, as Paul shows from the example of Israel and of the Gentile world. In the practical, hortatory section of his letter, the apostle then shows what Christian virtues flow from love toward Christ: humility, charity, obedience, a holy life in general. In the conclusion of the letter, Paul justifies his writing, expresses the hope of coming to Rome soon, commends Phoebe, sends his personal greetings, warns against false teachers, includes greetings of his companions, and concludes with a doxology.

The summary of the entire epistle cannot be given more beautifully than in the words of Luther: “Thus we find in this epistle in richest measure what a Christian should know, namely, what Law, Gospel, sin, punishment, grace, faith, righteousness, Christ, God, good works, love, hope, cross, is, and how we should comport ourselves against every one, whether he be pious or a sinner, strong or weak, friend or enemy, and against ourselves. And all this well established with Scriptures, proved with examples from his own experience and from the prophets, that there is nothing more to be desired here. Wherefore it seems that St. Paul in this epistle for once wanted to condense the entire Christian and Gospel doctrine in a brief summary, and prepare an introduction to the entire Old Testament. For without doubt, he that has this epistle well in his heart has the light and power of the Old Testament in himself. Therefore let every Christian make it his common and steady occupation and exercise. Whereto God give His grace! Amen.” 4)

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>Divine Service 4th March [Violet]
Readings: Psalm 19
Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-17
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Gospel: John 2:13-25.

9am Our Saviour Lowood HC
BIBLE STUDY BRING AND SHARE
3rd Sunday in Lent
Hymns: 270, 216, 188, 504, 289, 75.

>Divine Service 11th March [Violet]
Readings: Psalm 107:1-9
Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9
Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10
Gospel: John 3:14-21.

9am Trinity Marburg HC
4th Sunday in Lent
Hymns: 347, 368, 271, 54, 295, 437.

>Divine Service 18th March [Violet.]
Readings : Psalm 119:9-16
Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Epistle: Hebrews 5:1-10
Gospel: Mark 10:32-45.

9am St John's Minden HC
5th Sunday in Lent

LSB Hymns: [To be announced.]

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

> THE NEXT COC MEETING WILL BE HELD AT MARBURG on SATERDAY 3rd MARCH at 10am.

> Next Mid week Bible Study Thursday the 15th of March at 10am at Pastor's house 9 Macadamia Dr Lowood in the nice air conditioning with a bring and share morning tea.

> Anyone wanting information on Catechetical studies for their children please contact me on the phone numbers below.

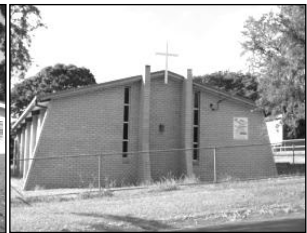
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