

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

**Palm Sunday in Lent 25th March 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.

John 12:12-43

**Hymns: 169, 86, 306, 361, 292, 511.**

**Introit: Psalm 31:9-16**

P Be gracious to me, O LORD! For I am in distress.

**C My eye has become weak from irritation, my soul, and my body also.**

P For sorrow has consumed my life, and groaning has consumed my years.

**C My strength has failed because of my iniquity, and my bones have become weak.**

P Because of all my enemies, I have become a disgrace, especially to my neighbours. I have become an object of dread to my acquaintances.

**C Those who see me on the street have been running away from me.**

P I have been forgotten in people's minds like one who is dead.

**C I have become like a broken vessel.**

P For I have heard the defamation of many people. There is terror on every side while they conspire **together against me.**

**C They have been plotting to take my life.**

P Nevertheless, I myself trust in You, O LORD.

**C I have been saying, "You are my God."**

P My times are in Your hand. Deliver me from the hands of my enemies, and from those who persecute me!

**All Make Your face shine on Your servant! Save me by Your mercy!**

**Collect:** Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and

patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; 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: Zechariah 9:1-12**

**Epistle: Philippians 2:5-7**

**Gospel: John 12:20-43.**

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 in John 12: 20-43.

**20 There were some Greeks among those who were coming up to worship at the Feast. 21 They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”**

**22 Philip went and told Andrew. Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.**

**23 Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Truly, truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but, if it dies, it produces much grain.**

**25 “The person who loves his life loses it, and the person who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves Me, he should follow Me; and where I am, there also My servant will be. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honour him. 27 Now My soul is troubled, and what am I to say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour!’? No! For this reason I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify Your name!”**

**Then a voice came from heaven: “I both have glorified it, and shall glorify it again.”**

**29 Therefore the crowd that was standing there and heard it began to say that it had thundered. Others were saying, “An angel has spoken to Him.”**

**30 Jesus answered: “This voice has not come because of Me, but because of you. 31 Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32 I, if I am lifted up from the earth, shall also draw all people to Myself.”**

**33 He said this to indicate the kind of death that He was going to die.**

**34 The crowd answered Him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains for ever. How, then, are You saying that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this ‘Son of Man’?”**

**35 Then Jesus told them, “The Light is still among you for a little while. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness may not overtake you! The person who walks in the dark does not know where he is going.**

**36 While you have the Light, believe in the Light so that you may become children of light!”**

**After Jesus had said these things, He went away and hid from them.**

**37 Although He had done so many miraculous signs in their presence, they would not believe in Him, 38 in order that the Word that the prophet Isaiah had said might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed our report? To whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”**

**39 This was the reason why they could not believe. For Isaiah said again: 40 “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, so that they may not see with their eyes, and that they may not understand with their hearts, and may not be converted, that I should heal them.”**

**41 Isaiah said these things because he saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about Him. 42 Nevertheless, even among the rulers many became believers in Him, but they would not confess it publicly because of the Pharisees, to avoid being put out of the synagogue. 43 For they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, sanctify us in your truth. Your Word is truth. **Amen**

### **Did You Know?**

Our liturgical preparation for Easter takes place through three distinct periods or steps, with its culmination being Holy Week. Holy Week begins on Palmarum (Palm Sunday) and extends through the Triduum (“three holy days” — that is: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). Upon the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday Service, the Altar will be stripped, the Sanctuary decorations will be removed, and the Processional cross will be carried out. From last Sunday (Judica) through Holy Week, all the crosses in the sanctuary are veiled. This is done because we do not deserve to look upon the cross. We are not worthy of the Sacrifice. The cross is our greatest and most cherished symbol. So it is partially taken away from us for a short time, that we might better appreciate it when it returns. But the cross is not taken away completely; it is not removed. It is only covered. We can see outlines of the cross, but its beauty and details are fuzzy. This represents the reality that our grief prevents us from seeing clearly until Easter. For faith always views the cross in the light of the empty tomb.

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>Divine Service 29th March [White]  
Readings: Psalm 118:12-19  
Old Testament: Exodus 24:3-11  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17  
Gospel: Mark 14:12-26

7pm Trinity Marburg HC  
Holy [Maundy]Thursday  
Hymns: 71, 295, 331, 73, 289, 162.

>Divine Service 30th March [Black.]  
Readings : Psalm 22  
Old Testament: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12.

8am St John's Minden HC  
GOOD FRIDAY

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9. LSB Hymns: 426, 454, 447 Third Word,  
Gospel: John 19:17-30. 439 v's 1-5, and 10., 622, 922.

> 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 1st April [White]  
Readings: Psalm 16  
Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Gospel: Mark 16:1-8.

9am Our Saviour Lowood HC  
EASTER SUNDAY  
Hymns: 105, 89, 92, 100, (283, 286,) 88.

> Next Mid week Bible Study Thursday the 19th of April at 10am back at the Lowood Church with a bring and share morning tea.

> Confirmation Class is on every Friday afternoon at MARBURG 4.15pm to start by 4.30 except Good Friday and School Holidays.

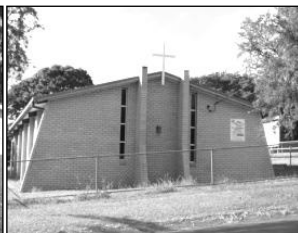
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