

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

3rd Sunday of Easter 15th April 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.

Luke 24

LSB Hymns: 483, 531, 459, 830, 642, 920.

Introit: Psalm 4.

P Answer me when I call, O my righteous God! You have made wide room for me in my distress.

C Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer!

P O sons of man, how long will my glory be disgraced?

C How long will you love what is empty and search for what is a lie?

P Know that the LORD has singled out for Himself the one who is devout.

C The LORD will hear when I call to Him.

P Tremble, and do not sin!

C Tell this to yourselves on your beds, and be silent!

P Offer righteous sacrifices,

C and trust in the LORD!

P Many are saying, "Who will show us anything good?"

C Lift up the light of Your face on us, O LORD!

P You have put more joy in my heart

C than people have when their grain and their new wine have increased.

P Let me at once lie down in peace, and sleep!

All: For You alone, O LORD, will make me dwell in safety.

Collect: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

1st Reading: Acts 3:11-21.

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-7.

Gospel: Luke 24:36-49

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, Luke 24:36-49.

36 While they were talking about what had happened, Jesus stood among them. He said to them, "Peace to you!"

37 They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

38 He asked them, “Why are you troubled? Why do doubts come into your minds?
39 Look at My hands and My feet! It is I Myself. Feel Me and see! A ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see Me have.”
40 After He said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.
41 While they were still so overwhelmed with joy that they could not believe it, He asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”
42 They gave Him a piece of broiled fish. 43 He took it and ate it while they watched Him.
44 He told them, “These are the very words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, namely, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”
45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, “This is what Scripture has said: ‘The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day; 47 and on the basis of His name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.’ 48 You will testify to these things. 49 “I am sending you what My Father has promised. Wait here in the city until you are armed with power from above!”

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

THE VALUE OF EVERYDAY WORK

When Jacob saw Rachel daughter of Laban, his mother's brother, and Laban's sheep, he went over and rolled the stone away from the mouth of the well and watered his uncle's sheep.

Genesis 29:10

As the head of God's people and a light for the world, Jacob was an extremely important person. He had the blessing and the promise and had even heard God speak to him. It's remarkable that he lived as if he had nothing at all. He lived like an ordinary person and did everyday work, actions for which God doesn't give any specific instructions in His Word. God didn't tell Jacob how he would help or direct him, how things would turn out, or whether there would be a good harvest in any given year.

Accordingly, we should never say, "I don't know what's going to happen, so I won't do anything." God tells us to do the best we can and leave the rest to Him. He didn't promise that everything we do would be successful. We don't need to know what's going to happen or how everything is going to turn out. We should simply do our assigned work to the best of our abilities.

In the Bible, we hear about the impressive and heroic acts of our ancestors in the faith. Along with these, we also hear about the humble, unpleasant, and distasteful

work they had to do. This should comfort us whenever our everyday work bogs us down. Then we won't feel depressed or fall into despair, thinking that God will despise us. Instead, we should realize that all work is made holy through God's Word and our faith. But the world doesn't view work in this way. They think that reading stories about people in the Bible doing common everyday tasks is a waste of time. Only believers are able to see and understand that God is at work in these ordinary activities. This work is precious, not only in our sight, but also in the sight of God.

DEFYING THE WORLD

**If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own.
As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you
out of the world. That is why the world hates you.**

John 15:19

Christ warns us here about the world's opposition to Christians. We must learn to despise the world's envy and hatred and whatever else it tries to do to us. It's inevitable that the people of the world will hate God and Christ. And because they hate Christ, they will also hate us. Because of this ongoing opposition, we must know how to overcome it. We overcome it by despising the world's arrogance.

The more we let the world's arrogance bother us, the more the devil and the world like it. If the devil could make us agonize and worry day and night about the world's opposition to the gospel, he would have great fun with it and would have to cover his mouth to keep from laughing. The people of the world would only rant and rave longer and louder. They would think they were succeeding because they were making us wail and cry. But if we defiantly ignore them, they become angry, sad, and irritated that their enemies are mocking them to their face—even when their ranting is at its peak.

The devil is extremely arrogant, and so is his bride, the world. So nothing is worse to him than being despised and mocked. When he experiences this and can't do anything about it, he retreats. Otherwise, he doesn't stop until he makes us discouraged and exhausted. He urges and pushes so long and hard that one could die of sorrow. But when he sees that we're determined to hold out against his hatred and that we continue to be cheerful and even mock him, he'll be the first one to grow tired. He's so haughty that he can't tolerate it when we defy him.

Faith Alone.

Martin Luther.

Divine Service 22nd April [White]
Readings: Psalm 23
1st Reading Acts 4:1-12
Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24
Gospel: Mark 10:11-18.

9am Our Saviour Lowood HC
4th Sunday of Easer

Hymns: 36, 391, 105, 387, 289, 440.

>Divine Service 29th April [White]
Readings: Psalm 150
First Reading: Acts 8:26-40
Epistle: 1 John 4:1-21
Gospel: John 15:1-8.

9am Trinity Marburg HC
5th Sunday of Easter
Hymns: 164, 465, 181, 170, 288, 642.
MEETING AFTER SERVICE.

>Divine Service 6th May [White]
Readings : Psalm 98
First Reading: Acts 10:34-48
Epistle: 1 John 5:1-8
Gospel: John 15:9-17.

9am St John's Minden HC
6th Sunday of Easter
LSB Hymns :844, 556, 779, 542, 619, 922.
BIBLE SUDY bring and share.

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

> MARBURG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AFTER SERVICE ON APRIL 29th

> 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 on School Holidays.

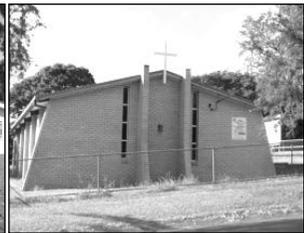
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