

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

**4th Sunday of Easter 22nd 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.

**John 10:11-18**

Good Shepherd Sunday

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

**Introit: Psalm 23.**

P The LORD is my shepherd.

**C I shall not lack anything.**

P He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**C He leads me to water where there is quiet.**

P He restores my soul.

**C He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

P Even though I walk through the valley of deep darkness, I shall fear no evil. For You are with me.

**C Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

**C You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows.**

P Surely, goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,

**All: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**Collect:** Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where he leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns will You and The Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 4:1-12.**

**Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24.**

**Gospel: John 10:11-18.**

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, John 10.11-18.

**11 "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. 12 When the hired man, who is not the shepherd, and who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away; and the wolf catches them and scatters them. 13 He runs away because he is a hired man, and does not care about the sheep. 14 I am the Good Shepherd, and I know My own and My**

own know Me, 15 as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 I also have other sheep, which are not in this fold. I must also lead them, they will listen to My voice, and there will be one flock and one Shepherd. 17 The reason why the Father loves Me is that I lay down My life, in order that I may take it back again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it back again. This command I have received from My Father.

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

## TREASURES IN HEAVEN

*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.*

*Matthew 6:19-20*

Christ says, "Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven," He is saying, "Let the world have the earthly treasures, which deteriorate, rust, and are easily stolen. The pleasures these things provides the only happiness the world knows. You, however, aren't of this world. You are citizens of heaven bought by My blood. You are destined to receive eternal treasures, which have been prepared and reserved for you. Don't let your heart get caught up in material possessions. If you must work with earthly treasures in your job, then guard against their appeal and don't be a slave to them. Instead, set your sights on the treasures waiting for you in heaven. Those are real treasures that moths and rust can't touch. They can't be destroyed or stolen." Whoever wants to be a Christian should be inspired by the possibility of receiving eternal treasures. Undoubtedly, a greedy miser would be overjoyed to receive riches that can't be destroyed or carried off by thieves. Yet the people of this world don't pay any attention to heavenly treasures, because they can't see or touch them. By nature, people are enthralled with love for gold and silver, even though they know from experience that these aren't safe from corrosion and thieves for even an hour.

Preaching to these people is useless. If someone refuses to believe what Christ said, preferring instead to rely on their uncertain riches, let them go. We won't bring anyone to their senses by dragging them by the hair. Just wait until it's time for them to leave this world. Let them try to find comfort from the earthly treasures they have piled up. Then they will realize how little these treasures can actually help them.

*Martin Luther.*

>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.

MARBURGS AGM 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..

>Divine Service 13th May [White]

Readings: Psalm 1

1st Reading Acts 1:12-26

Epistle: 1 John 5:9-15

Gospel: John 17:11-19.

9am Our Saviour Lowood HC

7th Sunday of Easer

Hymns: 357, 186, 239, 191, 295, 248.

> MARBURG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AFTER SERVICE ON APRIL 29th

> Next Mid week Bible Study Thursday the 10th of May 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.

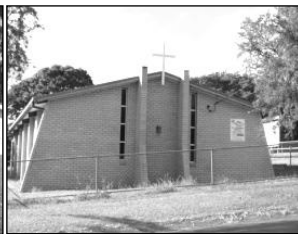
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