

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

6th Sunday of Easter 6th May 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 15:26-27.

Hymns: 116, 121, 135, 119, 291, 437.

Introit: Psalm 139:1-12.

P O LORD, You have searched me,

C and known me.

P You Yourself know when I sit down and when I rise.

C You have understood my thoughts from far away.

P You have been measuring up my path and my lying down,

C and You have been familiar with all my ways.

P For before there is any statement on my tongue,

C look! O LORD, You know it completely.

P You have encircled me behind and in front,

C and laid Your hand on me.

P Such knowledge is too wonderful for me.

C It is unattainable. I cannot reach it.

P Where can I go from Your Spirit?

C Or where can I flee from Your presence?

P If I climb up into heaven, You are there.

C If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there.

P If I lift up the wings of the dawn,

C if I settle on the far side of the sea,

P even there Your hand will lead me

C and Your right hand will hold me fast.

P If I say, "Surely the darkness will grip me hard,

C and the light around me will become night,"

P even the darkness will not be dark to You,

**All and the night will shine like the day. For darkness is like light
to You.**

Collect: O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His Holy consolation; 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: Ezekiel 37:1-14.

Epistle: Acts 2:1-21.

Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15.

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 15:26-27; 16:4b-15.

26 When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me. 27 You also must testify, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

16:4b, I did not tell you these things at first, because I was with you. 5 However, now I am going away to Him who has sent Me, and none of you is asking Me, ‘Where are You going?’ 6 However, because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your hearts.

7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; it is good for you that I am going away. For, if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you. However, if I go, I shall send Him to you. 8 When He comes, He will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment: 9 about sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you do not see Me any more; 11 about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. 12 “I still have many things to tell you, but you cannot endure them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will lead you into the whole truth. For He will not speak on His own authority, but He will speak whatever He hears, and He will tell you

what is coming. 14 He will glorify Me, because He will take from what is Mine and will tell it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. That is why I have said, ‘He takes from what is Mine and will tell it to you.’

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

THE PURPOSE OF WORSHIP

And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Genesis 2:3

Human beings were created primarily to know God and to worship him. The day of worship was established, not for sheep and cows, but for people so that they might learn to know God. Even after the human race lost its knowledge of God because of sin, God intended his command to set apart the day of worship as holy to stay in effect. Furthermore, God wanted people to use the seventh day for studying his Word and for participating in the kind of worship he established. He did this so that first and foremost we would realize that our fundamental calling and purpose in life is acknowledging and praising God.

In addition, this day was established to assure us of eternal life in the future. Everything that God commands us to observe on the day of worship gives us clear indications of another life to follow. Why would God bother to talk to us through his Word if we were not going to receive eternal life in the future? If there was no hope of any future life, why wouldn't we live our lives as if God had nothing to say to us? Wouldn't we rather pretend that we didn't know him? Because the Lord of all speaks only to humans, and they are the only ones who can know him and know about him, it follows that there must be a life beyond this one. In order to reach the next life, we need to know God and his Word in this life.

>>Divine Service 27th May [White]
Readings : Psalm 29
Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8
Epistle: Acts 2:14a; 22-36
Gospel: John 3:1-17.

9am Our Saviour Lowood HC
The Holy Trinity
Hymns : 501, 116, 271, 330, 287, 643.
Bible study Augsburg C.

>>Divine Service 3rd June [Green]
Readings: Psalm 81:1-10
Old Testament : Deuteronomy: 5:12-15
Epistle: 2 Corinthians: 4:5-12
Gospel: Mark 2: 23; 3:1-6.

9am Our St John's Minden HC
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Bible study Augsburg
LSB Hymns: 906, 903, 566, 849, 625, 865.

>>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 10th June [Green]
Readings: Psalm 130
Old Testament: Genesis 3:8-15
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1
Gospel: Mark 3:20-35.

9am Trinity Marburg HC
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Bible study Augsburg C.
Hymns:339, 204, 384, 195,287, 159.

>> BIBLE STUDIES;

The AUGSBURG CONFESSION -- directly after Church every Sunday -- 1hour studies only -- for everyone, confirmation students and up; -- Bring your Bible. -- quick cuppa and biscuit.

>>Next mid week Bible Study Thursday 21 at Lowood 10am.

>> The next CoC meeting is on Saturday June the 9th at 10am, Troy's Rd Toowoomba. If anyone requires a lift let the Pastor know.

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

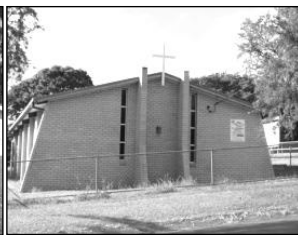
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