

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

11th Sunday after Pentecost 5th August 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 6: 22-35.

Hymns: 648, 918, 662, 699, 642, 816.

Introit: Psalm 145:10-21.

P All whom You have made will praise You, O LORD. Your devout people will bless You.

C They will talk about the glory of Your kingdom and speak about Your power,

P In order to make known to the descendants of Adam the mighty things that He has done, and the glorious grandeur of His kingdom.

C Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. Your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all His works, and gracious in all His deeds.

P The LORD supports all those who are falling. He raises up all who are bowed down.

C The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food at the right time.

P You open Your hand, and You satisfy the desire of every living thing.

C The LORD is righteous in all His Ways, and faithful in everything that He does.

P The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

C He does whatever those who fear Him desire. He hears their cry and saves them.

P The LORD watches over all who love Him, but He will destroy all wicked people.

All: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD. Let every living creature bless His holy name for ever and ever!

Collect: Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; 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: Exodus 16:2-15.

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6.

Gospel: John 6:22-35

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 6:22-35.

22 The following day, the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the sea saw that there had been no other boat there except one, and that Jesus had not gone into the boat with His disciples, but that His disciples had gone away alone. 23 Other boats came from Tiberias, near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 24 When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor His disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum, looking for Jesus. 25 When they found Him on the other side of the lake, they asked Him, “Rabbi, when did You get here?”

26 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I tell you, you are looking for Me, not because you have seen miraculous signs, but because you have eaten the loaves of bread and had your fill. 27 Stop working for the food that spoils, but work for the food that remains for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you! For God, the Father, has set His seal on Him.”

28 Therefore they asked Him, “What are we to do, that we may do the works of God?”

29 Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in the One whom He has sent.”

30 Therefore they asked Him, “So what miraculous sign are You going to perform? Let us see it, that we may believe You! What work are You going to do? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, as Scripture has said: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

32 Then Jesus told them, “Truly, truly, I tell you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true Bread from heaven. 33 For the Bread of God is the One who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

34 Therefore they said to Him, “Lord, always give us this bread!”

35 Jesus told them, “I am the Bread of life. The person who comes to Me will certainly not be hungry and the person who believes in Me will certainly never be thirsty.

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

Dear friends in Christ,
Peace be with you.

BELIEVE IN GOD

Do not let your hearts be troubled Trust in God; trust also in me.

John 14.1

Christ is saying here, "You have heard that you should trust in God. But I want to show you how to really find him so you won't start worshipping something you made up in your head. If you want to trust in the true God, then trust in me. If you want to invest your faith and trust in the right place, where it will never fail, then invest in me. For all of God lives in me." Later He tells them, "I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6). In other words, "Whoever sees Me sees the Father. Whoever hears Me hears the Father. Therefore, if you want to meet God, then take hold of Him in Me and through Me. If you have Me, you also have the Father. The Father Himself testifies about Me." In the Gospels, Jesus repeatedly declares that He is from the Father. He doesn't speak and act on His own. Instead, the Father commands the whole world to believe that Christ is God. No one should believe in any other person or accept any other way to know God than Christ.

So it's certain that whoever tries to go around Christ won't meet the true God. God is completely in Christ and places himself in Christ for us. No one will be able to succeed in dealing with God apart from Christ. No one will find God on the basis of human thoughts and devotion.

Whoever wants to take the right path with their faith and not lose their way should begin where God has placed the path and where God wants to be found. Otherwise, everything they do and believe is useless.

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>>Divine Service 12th August [Green]
Readings: Psalm 34:1-8
Old Testament: 1 Kings 19:1-8
Epistle: Ephesians 4:17-5:2
Gospel: John 6:35-51.

9am Our Saviour Lowood HC
12th Sunday after Pentecost
Bible Study Augsburg C
Hymns: 347, 361, 19, 308, 289, 197.

>>Divine Service 19th August [Green]
Readings: Psalm 34:12-22
Old Testament: Proverbs 9:1-10
Epistle: Ephesians 5:6-21
Gospel: John 6:51-69.

9am ST JOHNS MINDEN HC
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Bible Study Augsburg C
Hymns: 818, 696, 743, 689,625, 712,

>>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 26th August [Green]
Readings: Psalm 34:12-22
Old Testament : Proverbs 9:1-10
Epistle: Ephesians 5:6-21
Gospel: John 6:51-69.

9am Trinity Marburg HC
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Bible study Augsburg C
Hymns:386, 357, 149, 300, 287, 437.

>>Study on the AUGSBURG CONFESSION -- directly after Church every Sunday

>>Next mid week Bible Study on Proverbs is on Thursday 16th of August at Lowood 10am.

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

>> Next CoC meeting is on Saturday September 8th at Minden 10am.

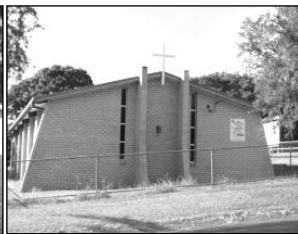
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