

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

**20th Sunday after Pentecost 7th October 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.

Mark 10:2-16

**Hymns: 361, 344, 365, 169, 283, 144.**

**Introit: Psalm 128.**

P Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,

**C who walks in His Ways!**

P You will certainly eat what your own hands have worked for.

**C You will be blessed, and it will be well with you.**

P Your wife will be like a fruitful vine inside your house.

**C Your children will be like olive shoots around your table.**

P This is how the man who fears the LORD

**C will be blessed.**

P May the LORD bless you from Zion,

**C so that you may see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!**

P May you see your children's children!

**All Peace be on Israel!**

**Collect:** Merciful Father, Your patience and loving kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; 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: Genesis 2:18-25.**

**Epistle: Hebrews 2:1- 18.**

**Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16.**

## THE PROBLEM OF TEMPTATION

*Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"*

Genesis 3:1

This passage raises a lot of questions. Some people become curious and ask, "Well, why did God permit Satan to lure Eve into sin? Why did Satan appear to Eve in the form of a serpent instead of some other animal?"

No one can explain why God permits things to happen. No one understands what He does or why He does it. So we should remember the lesson that Job learned: no one can summon God into court to account for what He does or allows to happen. We might as well argue with Him about why the grass and trees aren't green all year long. It's enough for us to know that all these things are under God's power. He can do as He pleases. Idle curiosity causes guessing and questioning. Since we are merely clay in God's hands (Isaiah 64:8), we should avoid debating these matters. We can't sit in judgment over the all-knowing God. Instead, we should allow Him to judge us.

The only satisfactory answer to these and similar questions should be that it pleased God for Adam to be tempted in order to test his ability to resist. That is how God still works today. After we have been baptized and brought into Christ's kingdom, God doesn't want us to become idle. Instead, he wants us to pay attention to his Word and make use of his gifts. So even today, he allows poor, weak people like us to be sifted and strained by the devil

**>>Divine Service 14th October [RED]**

**Readings: Psalm 18: 1-16**

**Old Testament: Job 38:4-18.**

**Epistle: Romans 10:5-17**

**Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33.**

**9am Our Saviour Lowood**

**21st Sunday after Pentecost**

**Cory Watson's Confirmation.**

**Hymns: 578, 609, 299, 301, 293, 469.**

**>>Divine Service 21st October [Green]**

**Readings: Psalm 119:9-16**

**Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20**

**Epistle: Hebrews 4:1-16**

**Gospel: Mark 10:23-31.**

**9am ST JOHNS MINDEN HC**

**22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC**

**Hymns: 788, 690, 784, 743, 642, 918.**

**>>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 28th October [RED]

9am Trinity Marburg HC  
**REFORMATION DAY**

Readings: Psalm 46

1st Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

Epistle: Romans 3:19-28

Hymns:197, 195, 307, 200, 289, 324.

Gospel: Matthew 11:12-19.

>>Next mid week Bible Study continuing Proverbs is on Thursday 18th October at Lowood 10am.

>>Next CoC meeting 23rd February 2019 at Troys Rd Toowoomba at 10am.

>> Confirmation Class is on every Friday afternoon at MARBURG 4.15pm to start by 4.30 except on School Holidays. Next class Friday 12th October.

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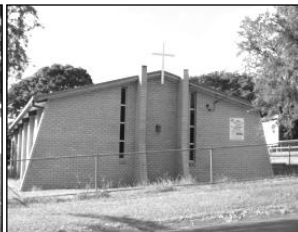
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