

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

21st Sunday after Pentecost 14th 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.

Cory Watson's Confirmation John 15:9-17

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

Introit: Psalm 98.

P Sing a new song to the LORD! For He has done wonderful things.

C **His right hand and His holy arm have gained salvation for Him.**

P The LORD has made His salvation known.

C **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

P He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the family of Israel.

C **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

P Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth!

C **Break forth, shout for joy, and sing praise!**

P Sing praise to the LORD with a lyre,

C **with a lyre and the sound of music,**

P with trumpets and the sound of a horn!

C **Shout joyfully before the King, the LORD!**

P Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,

C **the world and those who live in it!**

P Let the rivers clap their hands,

C **and let the mountains shout for joy together**

P before the LORD! For He is coming to judge the earth.

All: He will judge the world righteously and the peoples justly.

Collect: O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, You Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

1st Reading: Acts 10:34-48.

Epistle: 1 John 5:1-8.

Gospel: John 15:9-17.

THE SPIRIT IN US

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own.

1 Corinthians 6:19

We shouldn't doubt that the Holy Spirit lives in us, but we should certainly recognize that we are temples of the Holy Spirit, as Paul says in 1 Corinthians 6:19. If someone feels a love for God's Word and gladly hears, speaks, thinks, teaches, and writes about Christ, you should know that this comes, not from a person's will or reason, but from the Holy Spirit. It's impossible for this to happen without the Holy Spirit. On the other hand, where there is hatred and contempt for the Word, we should know that the devil, the ruler of this world, blinds the hearts of the people and holds them captive so that the light of the gospel, the glory of Christ, can't shine on them. We see this today in the masses who are not moved by the Word but despise it as if it has nothing to do with them.

But those who have any kind of love and desire for the Word should gratefully acknowledge that these attitudes are poured into them by the Holy Spirit. For we are not born with these attitudes and cannot acquire them through the law. This transformation rests completely and absolutely in the hand of the Almighty. So when we eagerly listen to preaching about Jesus Christ, the Son of God—who for our sakes became a human being and subjected Himself to the law to save us—then God sends the Holy Spirit into our hearts through this preaching. Therefore, it's very useful for us to remember that we have the Holy Spirit.

TRUSTING CHRIST INSTEAD OF PEOPLE

But Jesus would not entrust Himself to them, for He knew all men.

John 2:24

No one understands how difficult it was when I first realized that I had to believe and teach an idea that was contrary to the teachings of the church fathers. This was especially shocking to me when many outstanding, reasonable, and educated people shared their views. The church fathers include

many holy people, such as Ambrose, Jerome, and Augustine. Despite that, my dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ must be worth more to me than all the holy people on earth—yes, even more than all the angels in heaven. When I read Augustine's books and discovered that he also had been in error, I was greatly troubled. Whenever this happens, it's very difficult for me to calm my own heart and differ with people who are so greatly respected.

But I dare not accept something just because a respected person says it. A person can be holy and God-fearing and still be in error. That's why I don't want to rely on people. As this passage says, the Lord Christ didn't rely on people either. Furthermore, in the book of Matthew, Jesus earnestly warns us to beware of false prophets, who will come and not only claim to be Christians, but also "*perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect*—if that were possible" (24:24).

Rather than trusting the church fathers and their writings, we should crawl under the wings of our mother hen, the Lord Christ, and look to Him alone. The heavenly Father said, "*This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!*" (Matthew 17:5).

God wants us to listen to Christ alone.

October 14

Martin Luther., Faith Alone.

>>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.

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

9am ST JOHNS MINDEN HC

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

LUNCH PROVIDED BRING SOMETHING

FOR AFTERNOON TEA

>>Divine Service 28th October [RED]

Readings: Psalm 46

1st Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

Epistle: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: Matthew 11:12-19.

9am Trinity Marburg HC

REFORMATION DAY

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

>>Divine Service 4th November [White]

. Readings: Psalm 149

First Reading: Revelations 7:2-17

Epistle: 1John 33:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12.

10am at St JOHN's AUBIGNY

ALL SAINTS DAY

SERVICE BY PASTOR PETER

BRING and SHARE LUNCH.

NO PARISH SERVICE TODAY

>> Sunday School donation envelopes to help with the cost of the Christmas program can be gotten from Andrew Behrendorff. This is a good thing and deserves our support to help with the costs.

>>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.

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