

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

1st Sunday after Epiphany 13th January 2019.

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.

Baptism of our Lord

Luke 3:15-22.

Hymns: 392, 37, 30, 147, 284, 527.

Introit: Psalm 29.

P Give to the LORD, you heavenly beings, give to the LORD glory and strength!

C **Give to the LORD the glory due to His name! Worship the LORD in holy splendour!**

P The voice of the LORD is over the waters. The God of glory causes it to thunder. The LORD is over many waters.

C **The voice of the LORD is powerful. The voice of the LORD is majestic.**

P The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars. The LORD shatters the cedars of Lebanon.

C **He makes Lebanon skip about like a calf. He makes Sirion skip about like a young wild ox.**

P The voice of the LORD flashes out with flames of fire.

C **The voice of the LORD makes the wilderness tremble. The LORD makes the Wilderness of Kadesh tremble.**

P The voice of the LORD causes the fallow deer to be in labour, and strips the forest bare. In His temple everyone is saying, "Glory!"

C **The LORD sat enthroned over the Deluge, and the LORD has for ever been sitting as King.**

All: **The LORD will give strength to His people. The LORD will bless His people with peace.**

Collect: Father in Heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan river You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptised in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; 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: Isaiah 43:1-7.

Epistle: Romans 6:1-11.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-22.

PRAYER FOR PASTORS AND HEARERS

O JESUS CHRIST, Son of the living God, our only mediator and redeemer, You have been exalted to the right hand of the Father. You send pastors and teachers of Your Word. Through their work, You gather the church among us to Yourself. I humbly beg You, true God with the Father and the Holy Spirit, that You guide Your ministers in the way of truth and turn the hearts of their hearers to the true obedience of faith. There is no occupation of human life, no class of people, that is so subject to the hatred and plots of Satan as the ecclesiastical ministry of the Word. Therefore, protect the members of this ministry with the shield of grace and furnish them with patience so Satan cannot trap them.

Grant Your ministers the necessary knowledge and pious diligence in all activities so they first learn from You before presuming to teach others (James 3:1). Govern and enlighten their hearts by Your Spirit so they preach nothing other than Your Word. Grant that they shepherd the flock committed to them (1 Peter 5:2), a flock purchased and redeemed by Your precious blood (Acts 20:28). Make their motivation true and sincere love, not covetousness or ambition. May they shepherd the flock in thought, word, and deed. May they shepherd by the prayer of their soul, by the exhortation of the Word, and by example as they follow in the footsteps of the one to whom the care of the Lord's flock was commended three times (John 21:15). Rouse Your ministers to keep watch over the souls entrusted to them because they will give account for them at the last judgment (Hebrews 13:17). Whatever they advise as they preach the Word, may they first be diligent in this matter in their own lives so they do not labor in vain to arouse others. Whatever good works Your ministers encourage in others, may they first be zealous in these works by the fervour of the Spirit. May they first proclaim by their works whatever actions they exhort by their words.

Send forth into Your harvest faithful workers so they may gather a great harvest of saints (Matthew 9:38). Open the hearts of the hearers so they may receive the seed of the Word with the holy obedience of faith (Act 16:14). Grant to these hearers Your grace so they may guard the holy deposit of the Word with a pure heart. With patience, may they bring forth abundant fruit (Luke 8:15). May they hear attentively, may they hear carefully, may they hear fruitfully—otherwise the Word that is preached to them, because

it has not been mixed with faith, will judge them on the last day (John 12:48). Show forth the express promise of Your grace: Your Word will not return to You void (Isaiah 55:11). Grant that the labour of the one who plants and the one who waters may be blessed (1 Corinthians 3:7). Grant Your protection so the infernal raven may not dig up the holy seed of Your Word from the field of people's hearts, nor the thorn of worldly pleasures and riches constrain it, nor the hardness of stone prevent it from bearing fruit (Matthew 13:4ff.; Luke 8:12ff.). Water that seed with the heavenly dew of Your grace, poured out from above, so the most abundant harvest of good works may spring forth. Bind together the hearts of pastors and hearers in the closest bond of love so they contend together for one another in prayer and encourage one another through their care. **AMEN.**

>>Divine Service 20th January [Green] 9am Trinity Marburg HC
Readings: Psalm 128 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
Old Testament: Isaiah 62: 1-5
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Hymns: 16,39, 122, 47, 287,149.
Gospel: John 2:1-11

>> Divine Service 27th January [Green] 9am Trinity Marburg LR
Readings: Psalm 19:1-14 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
Old Testament: Nehemiah 8;1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 Hymns: 266, 217, 272, 37, 267.
Gospel: Luke:31:31-44

>> Divine Service 3rd February [Green] 9am St John's Minden HC
Readings: Psalm 71:1-11 4th Sunday after Epiphany
Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-10 Hymns: 583, 842, 535, 836, 623, 726.
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Gospel: Luke 4:31-44

>> PASTOR WILL BE SERVICING GREENWOOD WITH HC ON JANUARY 27th AT 10AM. PARISH SERVICES WILL BE LR ON THAT DAY AT THE USUAL TIME OF 9AM.

>>Next mid week Bible Study is on Thursday 17th January at Lowood 10am will be held at Pastors house in the air conditioning.

>> Next CoC Meeting will be on February 23rd at Troys Rd 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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