

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

7th Sunday after Epiphany 24th February 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.

Luke 6:27-38.

Hymns: 479, 431, 356, 421, 286, 206.

Introit Psalm:103:1-13.

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C and, all my inmost being, bless His holy name!

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C and do not forget all His benefits!

P He forgives all your iniquities.

C He heals all your diseases.

P He redeems your life from the pit.

C He crowns you with mercy and compassion.

P He satisfies what adorns you with good things,

C so that you renew your youth like the eagle.

P The LORD carries out acts of righteousness

C and of justice for all who are oppressed.

P He has made known His ways to Moses,

C His deeds to the people of Israel.

P The LORD is merciful and gracious,

C slow to become angry, and abounding in mercy.

P He will not always accuse,

C and will not keep on being angry for ever.

P He has not treated us as our sins deserve,

C and has not paid us back according to our iniquities.

P For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

C so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him.

P As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

All: As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has had compassion on those who fear Him.

COLLECT: O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all Godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Genesis 45:1-5

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38.

LOVE FROM A PURE HEART

The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

[1 Timothy 1:5]

Love, as everyone already knows, is simply being kind to someone, showing that person goodness, and offering friendship. Now, there are some who preach and sermonize about love, but they slant it to their own point of view and to their own advantage. They are like the heretics, the godless, and evil scoundrels who also have love—but only for themselves and others like them. Meanwhile, they hate and persecute all good Christians and would murder them if they could. Choosing a couple of people who are pleasing to you, who do what you want, and then being friendly to those people is a long way from love.

This is a soiled love that doesn't come from a pure heart. It's nothing more than dirt.

For love that flows "from a pure heart" thinks this way: " God has commanded me to direct my love to my neighbour. My heavenly Father wants me to be favourable to everyone, whether friends or enemies, just as He is. He lets the sun rise and shine on both good and evil people." God shows goodness to those who continually dishonour Him and misuse what he has provided through their disobedience, blasphemy, sin, and shameful behaviour. In the same way, he lets rain fall on both the thankful and the unthankful. He gives money, property, and all types of things from the earth to the very worst scoundrels. Why does He do this? He does it out of genuine, pure love. His heart is full and overflowing with love. He pours His love over everyone, leaving no one out, whether good or bad, worthy or unworthy. This love is righteous, godly, whole, and complete. It doesn't single out certain

people or separate people into groups. He freely gives his love to all.

Faith Alone, Martin Luther

A PRAYER FOR A PASTOR.

Lord Jesus, repeatedly we have pleaded with You for a faithful servant of Your Word, and at one time we hoped that we had found one; but later it developed that we had hoped in vain. However, we know that Your object in often letting Your children wait for those things for which they pray is to test them, whether they actually desire earnestly those things for which they ask, and to cause them to pray more fervently. Therefore we appear once more before Your presence today and repeat our prayer: Let us find the man whom we need and whom You have chosen for us from eternity.

You know how important it is for us and our children that we obtain a man who is not only able to administer the office of Your Word but is also filled with a consuming zeal and the determination to place himself wholeheartedly into Your service. You know that a false prophet would mean death and damnation to us, while a true shepherd would mean life and salvation.

Remember that we are Your people, whom You have purchased with a price. Do not regard our unworthiness, but graciously consider our needs. Let not the imperfections of our prayer keep You from answering it, but remember that You have commanded us to pray and promised to hear our prayer.

Be present with us this evening and bless us for Your name's sake. Amen.

>>Divine Service 3rd March [White]

Readings: Psalm 99

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Epistle: Hebrews 3:1-6

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36.

9am St John's Minden HC

Transfiguration of our Lord

>>Bible Study bring and share.

Hymns: 918, 413, 414, 821, 617, 417.

>> Divine Service 6th March [Black]

Readings: Psalm 51:1-19

Old Testament: Joel 2:12-19

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21.

7pm Our Saviour Lowood HC

ASH WEDNESDAY

Hymns: 431, 310, 153, 346, 281, 388.

>> Divine Service 10th March [Violet]

Readings: Psalm 91:1-13

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Epistle: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:13.

9am St Johns' Minden HC

1st Sunday in Lent

Hymns: 424, 656, 718, 665, 637, 877.

>>Next mid week Bible Study is on March 21st at 10am at Pastors house in the air conditioning.

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

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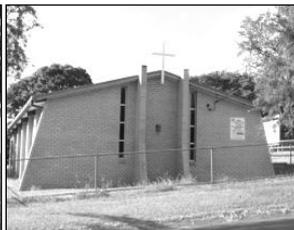
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