

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

Transfiguration Sunday 3rd March 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 9:28-36.

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

Introit: Psalm 99.

P The LORD reigns. Let the peoples tremble! He is enthroned above the cherubim. Let the earth quake!

C **The LORD is great in Zion, and He is high above all the peoples.**

P Let them praise Your great and awesome name! He is holy.

C **The mighty King loves justice. You have established fairness.**

P You have established justice and righteousness in Jacob.

C **Exalt the LORD, our God, and worship at His footstool! He is holy.**

P Moses and Aaron were among His priests. Samuel was also among those who called on His name.

C **They called to the LORD, and He answered them.**

P He spoke to them in a pillar of cloud.

C **They kept His Testimonies and the Ordinance that He had given them.**

P O LORD, our God, You answered them.

C **You were a God who forgave them, but who took revenge on their wrongdoings.**

All **Exalt the LORD, our God, and worship at His holy mountain! For the LORD, our God, is holy.**

Collect: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshadowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; 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: Deuteronomy 34:1-12.

Epistle: Hebrews 3:1-6.

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36.

THE GREATEST PRAYER

This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."

Matthew 6:9

Because Jesus is the author of the prayer in this passage, it's undoubtedly the greatest and best prayer. For if this good, faithful Teacher had known a better one, He certainly would have taught it to us. This doesn't mean a prayer that doesn't use these exact words is worthless. For prior to Christ's birth, many believers who had never heard these words also prayed. But we should be cautious about other prayers that don't convey the meaning of this prayer. The psalms are good prayers, and they express the same thoughts as the Lord's Prayer but don't express them as clearly.

So it's a mistake to prefer other prayers over this one. Watch out especially for those written out with titles decorated in red ink, in the hope that God will give us health and long life, possessions and honour, indulgences to free us from punishment, and so on. Through these kinds of prayers, we pursue our wills and our honour more than God's will and His honour. Many people have begun regarding these other prayers more highly than the Lord's Prayer. Not that I completely disregard these prayers, but people put too much confidence in them.

Subsequently, the true Lord's Prayer, which is inner and spiritual, is despised. All forgiveness, all blessings, all that is useful, and everything else that people need for their bodies and souls on earth and in heaven overflow from this prayer.

It would be better if you prayed one Lord's Prayer—praying it with all your heart, really thinking about the words, and letting it change your life for the better—than for you to recite all other prayers combined.

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 6th March [Black] 7pm Our Saviour Lowood HC**

Readings: Psalm 51:1-19 ASH WEDNESDAY

Old Testament: Joel 2:12-19

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10 Hymns: 431, 310, 153, 346, 281, 388.

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

>> **Divine Service 10th March [Violet] 9am St Johns' Minden HC**

Readings: Psalm 91:1-13 1st Sunday in Lent

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Hymns: 424, 656, 718, 665, 637, 877.

Epistle: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:13.

>> **Divine Service 17th March [Violet] 9am St John's Minden HC**

Readings: Psalm 4 2nd Sunday in Lent

Old Testament: Jeremiah 26:8-15

Epistle: Philippians 3:17-4:1 Hymns: 728, 708, 666, 508, 618, 946.

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35.

>> **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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