

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

3rd Sunday in Lent 24th 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 13,1-9

Hymns: 270, 216, 414, 358, 281, 514.

Introit: Psalm 85.

P LORD, You have been favourable to Your land. You have brought Jacob back from captivity.

C You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people. You have covered all their sin.

P You have taken back all Your fury. You have turned away from Your fierce anger.

C Restore us, O God, You who save us! Withhold Your indignation toward us!

P Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger through all generations?

C Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?

P Show us Your mercy, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation!

C Let me hear what God, the LORD, will speak! For He will promise peace to His people, to His devout people. However, let them not become foolish again!

P Surely His salvation is near those who fear Him, in order that glory may dwell in our land.

C Mercy and truth have met together. Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

P Truth will sprout up from the earth, and righteousness will look down from heaven.

C The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its produce.

All: Righteousness will go before Him, to prepare a way for His footsteps.

Collect: O God, whose glory it is to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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: Ezekiel 33:7-20.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9.

**LUTHERAN PRAYER COMPANION
REPENTANCE, CONFESSION & COMMUNION**

Second Commandment

How have I treated God's name, or everything in which God is revealed in glory? - Have I not frequently spoken the names of God and Jesus

irreverently? - How often have I prayed without true devotion and conception of God's majesty? - What form has my reading and meditation of God's Word taken? - Have I not sometimes quoted verses of Holy Scripture in an unfitting manner to bring attention to myself or to make a joke? - Have I, in the contemplation and use of created things, reverently regarded the Creator's wisdom, goodness, and almighty power? - Have I misused my mouth for cursing, swearing, and slander after the manner of brazen sinners? - Have I clung to superstition or magical things? - Have I been a liar and deceiver in spiritual things and knowingly twisted God's Word, or even deceived others through hypocrisy? - What form have my praise and thanks taken?

Third Commandment

Have I regarded the Sabbath with due reverence and tried to sanctify it in a way pleasing to God? - Have I on Sundays allowed my mind to rest from temporal concerns and my body from the regular work of my vocation, God might do His work in me and I might rest in God? - Have I, to that end prepared myself in the morning with sincere prayer? - Have I come to God's house at the proper time? - Have I behaved as a child of God in thought, words and actions, and heard the Word devoutly as the Word of God prayed and sung with sincerity? - Have I acted like a child of the world at church and used my clothing to show off, chatted about worldly things, looked on other people, judged the preacher's recitation only by human favour, sought prestige before others through a special position, or

passed much of the time sleeping? - Have I recalled the sermon at home, or thought over those points which especially pertain to my situation? - Have I passed the rest of my day with holy activities, such as reading, praying, singing, examining myself contemplating God's works and benefits, renewing my good resolution, and so on? - Have I tried to instruct, stir up, and edify others, used good speech, and assisted and comforted the poor and afflicted? - Or have I joined the world in seeking all manner of carnal amusements and passed the time with sinful jokes, foolishness, even gambling, and looked to my own contentment on the Lord's day in indolence, excessive eating and drinking, or frivolous parties? - Have I been serious about serving God and being properly edified and amended?

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 31st March [Violet] 9am Our Saviour Lowood LR**
Readings: Psalm 32 4th Sunday in Lent
Old Testament: Isaiah 12:1-6 Hymns: 439, 312, 317, 315, 431.
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32.

>>**Divine Service 7th April [Violet] 9am Our Saviour Lowood HC**
Readings: Psalm 126 5th Sunday in Lent
Old Testament: Isaiah 43:16-21 BIBLE STUDY
Epistle: Philippians 3:4-14 Hymns: 347, 62, 54, 249, 284, 191.
Gospel: Luke 20:9-20.

>> **Divine Service 14th APRIL [RED] 9am Trinity Marburg HC**
Readings: Psalm 31:9-16 Palm Sunday
Old Testament: Deuteronomy 32:36-39 "Sunday of The Passion "
Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11 Hymns: 326, 86, 60, 62, 295, 75.
Gospel: Luke 23:23-56. Confirmation Candidates will answer their Questions of the Faith after Service this morning with Confirmation During Service Easter Morning.

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

>>**NO mid week Bible Study for the month of April due to Easter Services. ``**

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