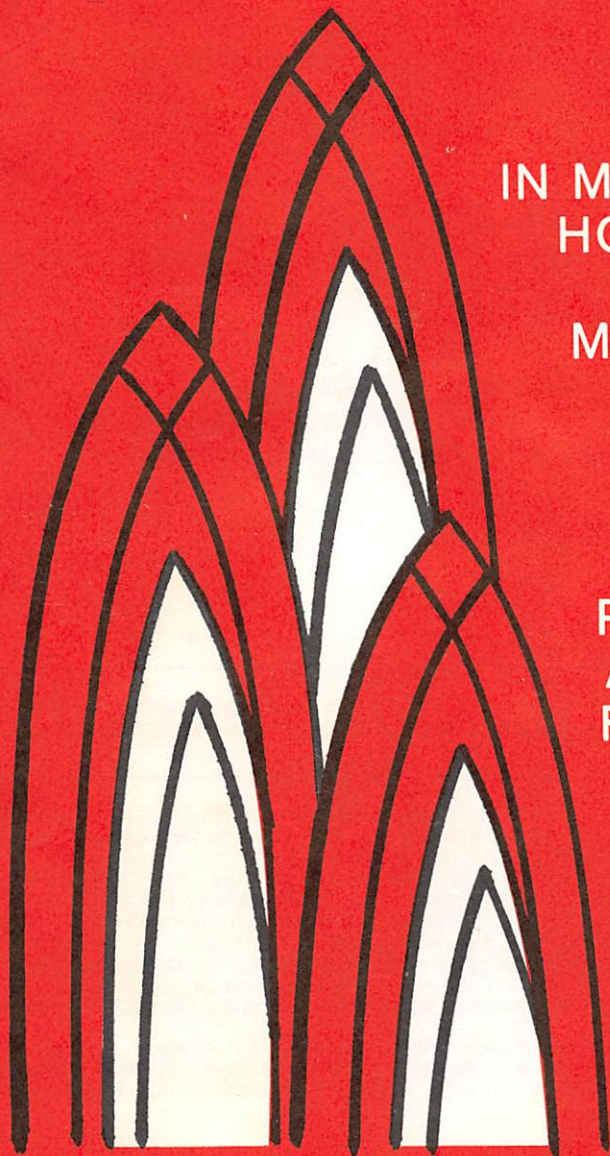


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IN MY FATHER'S  
HOUSE ARE  
MANY  
MANSIONS

I GO TO  
PREPARE  
A PLACE  
FOR YOU

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

# Singing The Story of Pentecost

*A man of God in ancient days Foretold the Spirit's pouring,  
All Judah heard his prophecy. Their sinking hopes restoring.  
He said: "Your daughters and your sons Shall dream and see bright visions;  
God will impart His Spirit."*

*On Pentecost God kept His Word: The Spirit came from heaven.  
Th' apostles spoke with other tongues As pow'r to them was given.  
A rushing mighty wind came down And on the heads of all around  
Sat cloven tongues of fire.*

*Soon crowds of people heard the news Of mankind's free salvation.  
They came from Crete; they came from Rome; They came from every nation.  
They heard the song of liberty From fishermen from Galilee.  
So strangely works the Spirit.*

*Then Peter lifted up his voice And got the crowd's attention.  
He preached the deeds of Jesus Christ: His death and His ascension.  
He said: "You crucified your King. But see: He overcame death's sting.  
Our Lord has surely risen."*

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"What shall we do?" they blurted out. "So cruel was our behavior."  
"Repent, and trust in Jesus Christ; He is our only Savior."  
Thus Peter spoke, and thousands heard. Their hearts and souls were strangely  
stirred  
By Peter's Gospel preaching.

*The Holy Ghost is still at work In all our faithful preaching.  
He works and strengthens faith in Christ Through Sacraments and teaching.  
Despise not these true means of grace By which the Spirit saves our race.  
Without Him we do nothing.*

Almost all of the Pentecost hymns in the *Lutheran Hymnal* are prayers addressed to the Holy Spirit, asking Him to enlighten us, revive us, comfort us, strengthen us, etc. Such prayers are certainly appropriate on Pentecost Sunday and on every day.

Yet it is also good for Christians to sing hymns that tell the story of God's wondrous works, that simply repeat the Biblical account in verse and etch it on our memories. One of our favorite Easter hymns is LH #208, that tells in simple language the events of Easter Sunday and the Sunday following. Luther's popular Christmas hymn (LH #85) likewise begins by repeating in verse form the message of the Christmas angel to the shepherds.

Since none of the Pentecost hymns in the *Lutheran Hymnal* sing the story of Pentecost, the above hymn was written for congregational worship on Pentecost Sunday. It was sung to the melody of LH #387, the hymn of Luther in which he tells the story of God's plan of salvation.

Psalms 78, 105, and 106 are among the story-telling hymns of the Bible. Of course there is nothing wrong with putting our own thoughts and feelings into poetry. But with all the current emphasis on religious experience it is probably much better for our souls to declare not our emotions but the wondrous works of God!

"Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can show forth all His praise? Make known His deeds among the people! Talk ye of all His wondrous works, showing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength, and His wonderful works that He hath done." (Ps. 78:4; 105:1-2; 106:2)

—D. Lau

### **Spokesman Editing**

Because of past and contemplated surgeries of the editor during the current months, the editing of the *Lutheran Spokesman* is being done by Pastor D. Lau, 1534 West Avenue,

Red Wing, MN 55066 at least until the July convention of the CLC. All *Spokesman* materials should be sent to him.

—G. Sydow

# MEDITATIONS ON PSALM 19 — I

*A chapel talk given at Immanuel  
Lutheran College, Eau Claire, Wis-  
consin.*

THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD: AND THE FIRMAMENT SHOWETH HIS HANDIWORK. DAY UNTO DAY UTTERETH SPEECH, AND NIGHT UNTO NIGHT SHOWETH KNOWLEDGE. THERE IS NO SPEECH NOR LANGUAGE, WHERE THEIR VOICE IS NOT HEARD. THEIR LINE IS GONE OUT THROUGH ALL THE EARTH, AND THEIR WORDS TO THE END OF THE WORLD.

When you left your dormitory this morning, and stepped outside, did you get the message? Did you hear and see what your Lord's splendid creation was trying to tell you? Or were you yourself talking so much that you did not hear? Or were you too busy to listen? Whether we realize it or not, the creation about us is talking, it is saying things, it is constantly communicating with us. This goes on continually from morning to night and night to morning, day after day, to the end of time. DAY UNTO DAY UTTERETH SPEECH AND NIGHT UNTO NIGHT SHOWETH KNOWLEDGE. This goes on not only on our beautiful campus at Eau Claire, but everywhere in the world, in deserts

and prairies and battlefields as well as in woods and lakes and on the mountainside. Everywhere creation is speaking. THERE IS NO SPEECH NOR LANGUAGE WHERE THEIR VOICE IS NOT HEARD.

## **Look and Listen**

It is, however, just because you and I do not often enough raise our heads to see and hear the voice of creation that the Psalmist tells us here: THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE FIRMAMENT HIS HANDIWORK. David reminds us to look and listen. Taking a walk just to listen to nature is a wonderful idea. Mr. Buck's and Mr. Pelzl's field trips to study the heavens (literally letting the heavens speak) or to examine the growth of plants is what David recommends. Looking at growing things, studying trees and plants, brightening our rooms with beautiful flowers are all ways of letting creation speak. Was it not our Savior who said that prettier and more handsome than any of us is the lily of the field? If we only use our senses we may hear and see that nature is constantly speaking to us through animate creatures like the birds and crickets and frogs with



their songs as well as through inanimate objects like the sky and hills and trees.

And all this is telling us, says the Psalmist, of the glory of God. This is not pantheism or deism which says that our God talks to us in nature and that this is all we need to know, but this is Scripture which tells us creation is doing the talking and it is talking about the LORD. What creation says, it says to everyone. The mighty acts of God literally shout out to you and me and everyone all over the world the infinite wisdom and power and might and everlasting presence of the LORD, a truth that David sums up with the unfathomable concept of glory. He says, **THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD.**

Although this truth is shouted out to everyone, unfortunately only a child of God can really understand it. Men can recognize the hand of God in creation as does Joyce Kilmer, "Poems were made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree," but it is not enough merely to recognize the hand of God. Moreover, the hand of God, the glory of God without Jesus Christ, is a terrifying thing. Hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, lightning, thunder—this is also the voice of nature and it terrifies! Think of the drowning world at the time of Noah or of the trembling children of Israel at the base of Mt. Sinai.

### **No Peace in Nature**

But even the most tranquil surroundings offer no real rest. You

may walk through the most peaceful and beautiful forest on a crisp winter morning or on an autumn afternoon, but you will never find there real peace, the answer to your sin. The very thought of the glory of the LORD will only frighten you because you do not know how to please this great Creator. You can study the stars and planets and outer space in detail, but you will never find peace of heart in the sky. You see, when Adam fell into sin, the whole creation was affected, and the perfect rest and contentment that Adam once knew was no longer possible. Adam found the solution to his sin, not in nature, for he hid among the trees and was afraid, but in the holy Word and promises of God.

The answer to the problem of all sin is found only in the holy Word, the Word that tells us of the Son of God and what He has done for us. It is the Word that converts and brings salvation, it is the Word that brings peace with the glorious Creator of heaven and earth. Once you are at peace with your Creator through Jesus Christ, creation means more to you than it ever could have before. Then, unlike the superstitious souls of every age, you will not worship the sun or the forest or ecology or some dumb beast, but you will see creation as the handiwork of the LORD who loves you and wants to bless you and make you happy. And you, in turn, will be led on bended knee to thank Him for His goodness.

—Robert Dommer

# INSTANT ITEMS

- Praxis is a word that is just a bit more abstract than the common word practice. Both words denote what is very much the subject matter of Acts and the Epistles: the working out in daily life of the doctrine delivered by Jesus.

- Practicing the faith becomes the very essence and art of being a daily-life Christian. He must combine what is universal (truth in all its aspects) with what is specific and concrete (actions, decisions, and behavior) in daily living. Yet at that very point each Christian must be careful not to elevate his doings and preferences into law for others.

- Let there be no human prescription which others are bound to obey, such as public opinion, custom, traditions, ordinances, party spirit and sectarianism. In other words, let there be no binding-on of that which the doctrine of God leaves free. Let not freedom be hardened into form. Rather let the needs and deeds of the moment be so interpenetrated by universal truth (as revealed) that life is made full and free and pleasing to God in the fruits that flow from faith.

- The Corinthians were so ready to receive other and outside views (human prescription!) that Paul had to constantly pull them back to the universal truths given by God in order to correct specific cases of behavior (in law-suits, divorce, woman suffrage, idol-altar-meats, etc.) Today our

cosmopolitan, melting-pot, media-impact culture makes it likewise dangerous that Christians drift away from God's standards.

- It remains true that only God's oracles of truth set us free, and it is that freedom that we must pursue, so that neither license nor legalism take away our liberty. Only a well-founded and well-developed (sanctified) faith avails for the Christian life. That is what Paul sought to cultivate in his congregations. So also, it has been said, the Jerusalem church did not set out to train itself some deacons, but it looked about for the right men already arrived at proper Christian stature for "serving tables" fairly. An old Jewish fable says, "My son, send a wise man and give him no orders; but if thou wilt send a fool, go rather thyself and send him not."

- The right praxis comes from well developed Christians, "grown in grace." Of Abraham, God said, "I have known him as a friend, so that he may order [shape, teach] his children and his family after him to keep the Lord's ways and do what is right and fair, so that the Lord may do for Abraham what He has promised him." (Genesis 18:19 in Beck.) Abraham and his praxis was the basis for right conduct and dependability for carrying out God's plans for Israel and for us. *That* was centuries before the famous Ten were published! Personally, in seventeen years of preparing Christian teachers we

emphasized *foundations*, convinced that the students must first become and be good people, even great people in the schoolroom. That means, people who would "make a study of Christ's own work and that of the apostles. Therein we see the universal and the casual interpenetrate one another, according to experience and requirements of daily life, and we can derive thence leading principles for the discharge of ministerial duty."

- It follows that in confronting the world, we can go along with it so far as truth will permit. In the praxis of our faith, we must not contend outwardly with prejudices against us. We must not assail the "Jehovah" Witness to enjoy a victory, but instruct him with a view to his correction from within. When some criticize certain doings of Abraham reported in Genesis, we must remember that he had his eye on final outcomes, as Luther so nobly defends him. When some feel that Paul went too far with being all things to all men, it must be remembered that in his ministry outward matters were a subject for him to correct with the inward impact of the truth he proclaimed. Never did he surrender the citadel; the center must hold!

- In a summarizing sentence of Paul's praxis in a recent book the author says, "Thus as a father in maturity and an apostle in rights he applies the Mind of Christ as he knows

it to the specific situation of those who are less mature and for whom he is responsible, insisting all the while that such action on his part was only an interim measure until they came to maturity, and taken for the sake of the corporate community." One is willing to restrict his personal liberty in matters which are of secondary importance for the sake of the Gospel. Paul did not dispute the right of Jewish Christians to continue the practice of circumcision, but he strongly opposed it as a religious practice for Gentile converts. Timothy was a Jewish Christian, but Titus was a Gentile believer.

- Suppose that we wish changes in certain practices today; and in some places changes are very much needed for the sake of the Cause. They will be attained only by inward growth in understanding of the need. The Gospel alone can work new forms in teaching and worship; its capacity for freedom is truly great. But human prescription has fearsome consequences, Phariseeism with its pale spiritual poverty. Truth must be internalized to change behavior. It was for violating his own Gospel-worked principles that Peter was rebukable to Paul. And thus the practice of faith becomes a lifetime assignment for all of us, with the urgency expressed by Luther, "I will therefore give myself as a Christ to my neighbor, just as Christ offered Himself to me." Justification, then our praxis.

—M. Galstad

# The Wisdom of Man Versus The Wisdom of God — I

The psalmist writes: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." (Ps. 111:10) Solomon writes in the Book of Proverbs: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Prov. 1:7)

There are many worldly-wise people who show by their writings that they have no fear (respect) for the Lord and His Word in their heart. What they write may sound like wisdom to those who disregard the Bible. However, to those who know and love the Bible as God's holy, inerrant Word, what these worldly-wise people write is only foolishness.

## Man's Wisdom

Robert Jastrow of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies wrote an essay on the future new relationship between computers and people. Here are some statements from that essay.

In speaking of the ability of the human brain vs. the computer, Jastrow said: "Throw too many things at the brain at one time and it freezes up; it evolved more than 100,000 years ago, when the tempo of life was slower." Another statement: "The human brain has not changed, at least in gross size, in the past

100,000 years, and while the organization of the brain may have improved in that period, the amount of information and wiring that can be crammed into a cranium of fixed size is limited.

"That does not mean the evolution of intelligence has ended on the earth. Judging by the record of the past, we can expect that a new species will arise out of man, surpassing his achievements as he has surpassed those of his predecessor, *Homo erectus*." (*Homo erectus* refers to the ape from whom, evolutionists say, man descended.)

"The history of life suggests that the evolution of the new species will take about a million years. Since the majority of the planets in the universe are not merely millions but *billions* of years older than the earth, the life they carry—assuming life to be common in the cosmos—must long since have passed through the stage we are about to enter.

"A billion years is a long time in evolution; 1 billion years ago, the highest form of life on the earth was a worm." (Time, Feb. 20, 1978)

We have a lot of respect for the advanced technology developed by NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration), but we have only contempt for the wisdom of man



as expressed in the statements of Robert Jastrow. It is quite an achievement to send rockets into space and have them land on the moon. But, what thrills us most of all is the fact that such achievements are possible only because of the orderliness in which the *God-created* planets revolve about the sun with such precision. For this is what enables the NASA scientists to know precisely how long, and exactly when, the rocket engines must be fired to reach a certain destination. This glorifies the Almighty Creator of the universe.

### God's Wisdom

The wisdom of God is revealed in the Holy Bible: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Gen. 1:1) "Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest. . . for *in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, . . .*" (Exodus 31:15.17)

God created man as the crown of His creation, above all other creatures. "God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." (Gen. 1:27-28)

The first human beings were Adam and Eve, and they had far greater mental and physical ability than people today, for sin has caused degeneration and a decline in man's abilities. (Evolution always speaks of a higher form of life evolving from a lower form, and of greater capacity and ability for man in the millions of years to come.) An example of Adam's mental ability: ". . . whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field." (Gen. 2:19.20) The Bible speaks of the wisdom, knowledge and ability of Adam's descendants: "Jabal. . . the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle. . . . Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ. . . . Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron." (Gen. 4:20-22)

As we read God's wisdom in the Bible, we say with the psalmist: "O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all: the earth is full of Thy riches." (Ps. 104:24) "I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." (Ps. 139:14) And, after hearing God's wisdom, we exclaim with St. Paul: "Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?" (I Cor. 1:20)

—M. H. Eibs

# A MISSION REPORT

It is often heartening to hear from a missionary in the field the report of the Gospel's progress in a far-off land. It strengthens our resolve to continue the work of supporting that work whenever we can, and it often gives us a glimpse of Gospel fruits that make even the angels in heaven rejoice.

There is just such strength and encouragement for us in the report of Paul's second missionary journey in Acts, chapter sixteen. But there is even more! There is also wholesome instruction and insight in these God-breathed words of St. Luke, and we are given a vision of God at work that we might not always catch in our own mission field.

## The Start

It all started at the suggestion of Paul some time after that famous meeting of the congregation at Jerusalem where they had announced that they would not burden with the Law those Gentiles who had received Jesus by the Spirit. They had sent a letter and some representatives, Judas and Silas, stating their decisions and requests to the congregations in Syria and Cilicia.

As Paul and Barnabas made their plans for the trip, they came to a parting of the ways over who should go with them. Barnabas took his young relative, John Mark, and headed for the island of Cyprus, as they had on the first missionary jour-

ney. It was then that Paul called upon Silas, one of those representatives from Jerusalem, to go with him. What a fitting choice this was, since Paul's mission would include delivering the message of the apostles and elders at Jerusalem!

## His Mission

It does not appear that Paul had it in mind to start a lot of new congregations on this trip. His purpose was to look in on and strengthen congregations already established, that they might be centers from which the Gospel would spread still farther. Thus Paul's original mission was the mission of every established congregation: not just to maintain itself, but to equip the saints for the work of the ministry (Eph. 4), that the Good News of Jesus may go out in lives and words. There was nothing wrong with Paul's idea of doing mission-work with the "home" side of the envelope, but this time God had other things in mind.

## Not a Loner

Have you ever wondered how a great work for Christ gets started, especially when your life seems to humdrum that surely nothing spectacular could ever be accomplished in it? We should notice how this spectacular invasion of Europe by the Gospel began. Paul got an idea. Since the church at Jerusalem had

written a letter to the Gentile brethren, why not go see them again! Paul was content to be a postman for Jerusalem and deliver their letter, seeing that it would also give an opportunity to look in on and strengthen these believers.

What happened next? Barnabas left, so Paul took off on his own, right? WRONG! Paul chose Silas to go with him, and what's more, he sought the blessing of the rest of the congregation at Antioch. With all of his gifts and strength, Paul did not try to go off on his own, and in this he reflected his Master, Jesus Christ, who said:

"I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. . . . When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me. And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him." (cf. John 6:38; 8:28-29—NASB)

Just as Jesus was sent by the will of the Father, who was with Him, so Jesus' disciple, Paul, goes on his second missionary journey with the blessing of his brethren in Christ, and they participated in the work of his mission. For they didn't just slap him on the back and send him off to the airport or the bus depot. They delivered him to the grace of God, the only sure means of transportation in the world! The grace of God will always get us home, either in this world or the next.

### **Syria and Cilicia**

"And he went through Syria and Cilicia, establishing the assemblies."

So he went through Syria. He had to. The only other way from Antioch was by the sea, past the island of Cyprus, and Barnabas had taken that route with John Mark. Paul would not reduplicate their efforts, so he went north through Syria, through the little Amanus Mountains and into Cilicia, whose capital city was Tarsus, Paul's own birthplace. It was the only way open to him, and yet it happened that these were the very congregations to whom the letter from Jerusalem was addressed, and as he went, he strengthened the assembled Christians wherever he found them.

Where did these congregations come from? Paul had not been through Syria and Cilicia on his first missionary journey. But he had been there earlier! After his conversion the brethren had sent him away to Tarsus to protect his life (Acts 9:30), and he had stayed there until Barnabas went and got him to come and help at Antioch (11:25). Now, we don't know what Paul was doing during his time at Tarsus, but we do know that some of the earliest known congregations were in the region of Cilicia. Perhaps these were formed through the efforts of Stephen, who worked among Cilician Jews down in Jerusalem (6:9). Or perhaps these congregations came through the efforts of him (Paul) who helped end Stephen's work and life.

Paul worked for the Lord wherever the Lord gave him opportunity, and there is not a man, woman, or child who cannot serve the Lord wherever the Lord may put him or her, if he or she recognizes the Lord's opportunity.



ties. Those everyday situations don't often have the glamour of the opportunities for service that we would set up for ourselves, but they have all the glory. For they are His, and His is

the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Next: Derbe, Lystra, and Timothy.

—P. Schaller

## DAILY DEVOTIONS

We continue to draw upon the worship resources of THE LUTHERAN HYMNAL. Weekday readings are taken from those suggested on pages 161-164 of the Hymnal. Sunday readings are chosen from among the Psalms suggested for that day on pages 164-165. The prayers suggested for use with the readings are from the collects found on pages 102-109 of the Hymnal.

### June

- 1 Joshua 24:1-28; Collect #60
- 2 Judges 2:1-23; Collect #28
- 3 Judges 6:1-24, 33-40; Collect #70
- 4 Psalm 26; Collect #45
- 5 Judges 7:1-25; Collect #74
- 6 Judges 13:1-25; Collect #38
- 7 Judges 14:1-20; Collect #67
- 8 Judges 15:1-20; Collect #35
- 9 Judges 16:4-31; Collect #20
- 10 I Samuel 1:1-28; Collect #75
- 11 Psalm 25; Collect #3
- 12 I Samuel 2:1-11, 18-21; Collect #42
- 13 I Samuel 3:1-21; Collect #14
- 14 I Samuel 4:1-22; Collect #52
- 15 I Samuel 5:1-12; Collect #27
- 16 I Samuel 7:1-17; Collect #30
- 17 I Samuel 8:1-22; Collect #29
- 18 Psalm 107:1-22; Collect #43
- 19 I Samuel 9:1-27; Collect #46 or 47
- 20 I Samuel 10:1-27; Collect #48
- 21 I Samuel 12:1-25; Collect #44
- 22 I Samuel 13:1-17; Collect #68
- 23 I Samuel 15:1-35; Collect #54
- 24 I Samuel 16:1-23; Collect #61
- 25 Psalm 84; Collect #49
- 26 I Samuel 17:1-51; Collect #59
- 27 I Samuel 18:1-16; Collect #26
- 28 I Samuel 19:1-24; Collect #32
- 29 I Samuel 20:1-42; Collect #69
- 30 I Samuel 22:1-23; Collect #73

Reverence the Lord and serve Him.  
It is not true faith, if it is not faithful.  
Put your personal trust in the promises of God.  
A Prayer for Vindication and Protection  
Human means may be inadequate. . . God's power never is.  
Lord, teach us what to do for the children You give to us.  
Let us pray for a strong faith and a love of the Lord.  
The Lord has given us to drink of the water of Life.  
May we not only die, but also live as people of faith and prayer.  
May we all place ourselves in the Lord's service, body and soul.  
We pray for God's protection, guidance, and forgiveness.  
Thanksgiving is. . . singing. . . and living.  
May we rear our children to live by the Word of the Lord.  
God desires true repentance and faith, not mere outward confession.  
There is no future in opposing the almighty God.  
True repentance includes true sorrow, frank confession, and trust in the Lord.  
Let us not seek to be ruled by any other than the Lord.  
Ought not thanksgiving be more prominent in our lives?  
To serve God rightly, we each must be instructed in His Word.  
God blesses His people through the gifts He gives to individual believers.  
Keep God's great, saving deeds before your eyes.  
Disobedience comes of unbelief and doubt.  
To oppose God's Word is to oppose God.  
The Holy Spirit trains and equips all whom He calls to serve their brethren.  
God's people long for the blessings of His Word.  
Armed with faith in the Lord of Hosts we daily face the attacks of Satan.  
God holds His protecting hand over those who trust in Him.  
God has even the hearts of His enemies in His power.  
True love and friendship sincerely warns and encourages.  
God protects and consoles His own—in life. . . and death.

—W. V. Schaller

# Treasurer's Report

July 3, 1977—July 1, 1978

	MARCH	TO DATE
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>		
Offerings	\$ 22,351.75	\$174,084.41
Memorials	5.00	161.00
Interest Earned	96.86	175.67
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>\$ 22,453.61</u>	<u>\$174,421.08</u>

<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>		
Retirement Benefits	1,369.00	13,593.00
Capital Investments	1,672.79	16,118.07
General Administration	960.10	4,861.93
Missions and Administration	9,278.32	64,039.27
Immanuel Lutheran College	7,756.75	69,810.75
ILC Student Travel Allowance	3,575.50	3,575.50
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<u>\$ 24,612.46</u>	<u>\$171,998.52</u>

CASH BALANCE (DEFICIT) FOR PERIOD (—\$ 2,158.85)		\$ 2,422.56
CASH BALANCE, JULY 1, 1977		<u>14,783.61</u>

CASH BALANCE, APRIL 1, 1978		\$ 17,206.17
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<b>OTHER OFFERINGS RECEIVED:</b>		
ILC Expansion Fund	\$ 666.20	\$ 6,136.89
CEF—Mission Investment Fund	613.50	10,662.61
Udo Emergency Fund	25.81	231.18
Nigerian Fund	566.29	2,021.32
Nigerian Visitation Fund	115.15	1,589.61

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## COMPARATIVE FIGURES

	MARCH	9 MONTHS
BUDGET OFFERINGS NEEDED	\$ 23,178.00	\$208,602.00
BUDGET OFFERINGS RECEIVED	<u>22,453.61</u>	<u>174,421.08</u>

DEFICITS	(—\$ 724.39)	(—\$ 34,180.92)
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BUDGET OFFERINGS	76-77	\$ 18,138.17	\$158,202.88
INCREASE	77-78	4,315.44	16,218.20

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Lowell R. Moen, Trustees' Treasurer  
 B. Naumann, Chairman

## Announcements

### WEST-CENTRAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date & Time: June 6-8, Tuesday 9  
 a.m. MDT to Thursday noon.

Place: St. Luke's Lutheran Church,  
 Lemmon, South Dakota.

Agenda: The Prospectus to the 1978  
 CLC Convention, discussion lead-  
 ers to be assigned; An Historical  
 Study of the Smalcald Articles, M.  
 Gullerud; "What Is Our Scrip-  
 tural Commission in Regard to  
 Mission Work?" V. Tiefel; A De-  
 votional Study of Ps. 51:1-7, H.  
 Witt; A Critical Examination of  
 the Theology of the Jehovah's Wit-  
 nesses, D. Baker.

The Conference Communion service  
 will be Wednesday evening.

—*W. Mielke, Secretary*

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—*Peter J. Sydow*

### HOUSEMOTHER NEEDED

Immanuel Lutheran College will  
 be in need of a Housemother for the  
 girls' dorm, beginning in the fall of  
 1978. Applicants should contact ILC  
 President C. M. Gullerud to arrange  
 for an interview. Send any inquiry to:

Pres. C. M. Gullerud  
 Immanuel Lutheran College  
 Eau Claire, WI 54701

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## CLC YOUTH AND FAMILY CAMP

- Date:** July 16-22 (Sunday noon through Saturday noon)
- Site:** On the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.
- What:** Activities will include Bible study and devotions for all who attend, Hiking and nature study, Swimming, Softball, Tennis, Canoeing, Handicrafts, Astronomy, Instruction in Basketball and Volleyball fundamentals, Movies, Campfires, and a lot of fun.
- Cost:** \$25 per youth camper ages 9-19, reduced rate for additional youth campers of the same family. Rates include lodging and meals for 7 days and regular camp activities. Families will be able to camp on the campus grounds. Cost to families will vary depending on meals and needs provided. For a brochure with complete details, contact your pastor or write:
- Professor Michael Buck  
Immanuel Lutheran College  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701

### 1978 CLC Directory Correction

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2831 Spring Cypress Road  
Spring, Texas 77379 (Houston area)

## Vacation Bible School Material

A Vacation Bible School series has been prepared by the CLC pastors in Illinois and lower Michigan. It is entitled "A Day in the Courts of the Lord." The study of five Bible texts focuses on the five questions: What is church? Why do we go to church? What happens in church? What can we do for church? How to pick a church?

This series is structured for four different levels, pre-school through confirmation age, and is complete with Scripture texts, worksheets, pictures to color, a few special projects, teacher's notes, and some promotional material.

The cost is nominal. For sample copies, exact prices, or more information please contact: Pastor David Schierenbeck, 3461 Crestmont Drive, Saginaw, Michigan 48603.

### 1978 CAMP LITTLE LONGHORN

The CLC Congregations of Texas are again planning their annual Christ-centered retreat.

*All ages* are invited. Those under 8 must be accompanied by parents. *The site* is Camp Mohawk, 35 miles west of Galveston Island.

*The dates* are June 11-16, 1978.

*The fees* are \$16.00 per camper. No charge for more than three from one family.

*Brochures* may be obtained by writing to:

Pastor L. D. Redlin  
2831 Spring Cypress Rd.  
Spring, Texas 77379

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### SERVICES IN SIOUX FALLS

Anyone having or knowing of CLC members in the Sioux Falls area should send names and addresses to Pastor Vernon Greve, 1624 E. Kemp, Watertown, SD 57201. Services are being regularly conducted on Sunday evenings in the home of Dale Snyder. His telephone number is 528-6681.

### CHANGES IN NEW MEXICO

Pastor Ralph Schaller is now living at 1019 N. Spring St., Carlsbad, NM 88220. Carlsbad services are held at 10:30 a.m. at the Civic Room of the Valley Savings and Loan, Canal Street and Mermod Street. Services at McIntosh, NM are held at 7:30 p.m. at the church in McIntosh.