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'Tis I, Lord Jesus, I confess,
Who should have borne sin's wages
And lost the peace of heavenly bliss
Through everlasting ages.
Instead 'tis Thou
Who goest now
My punishment to carry.
Thy death and blood
Lead me to God;
by grace I there may tarry.

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POLITICAL DOUBLESPEAK FROM CAIAPHAS

"Doublespeak" is a recently-coined term describing the ability to use deliberately ambiguous language when making a public statement. Everybody hates doublespeak, especially the brand that comes from politicians! Citizens are becoming increasingly fed up with the type of elected official who refuses to make a clear statement on the issues—the smooth politician who can make a ninety-minute speech and end up saying nothing more definite than "We support our troops" and "Motherhood is wonderful."

What we hate about it is that they do it deliberately, so as to keep their options open and preserve their popular support. By contrast, perhaps the best historical example of political doublespeak came from a man who had no idea that the statement he made could have two meanings. For himself, Caiaphas had only one object in mind when he urged the Jewish

council: "It is expedient for us that one man should die for the people" (Jn. 11:50). He wanted Jesus dead.

At the time Caiaphas held the office of High Priest; he was the religious leader of the Jews and the head of what government was left them under the Roman occupation. And he had a problem. This Jesus had been preaching and teaching, performing miracles, and gaining adherents all over Judea. Now, however, He had raised a man named Lazarus from the dead, and Scripture reports that "...many of the Jews who had seen the things Jesus did believed in Him" (Jn. 11:45).

This was getting serious! Such usurping of his own religious and political primacy could no longer be tolerated. So Caiaphas used the fear of anticipated Roman reprisals as a pretext — to recommend the murder of Jesus. "It is expedient for us that one man should die for the people," he

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said, "that the whole nation perish not."

"Expedient" Indeed!

Caiaphas didn't know it, but the statement he had just made was pure doublespeak. He intended it simply as a straightforward, if cunning, attack on a political threat. In actual fact, however, it was the Lord Himself who had put those words into the mouth of the High Priest, and the Lord had an entirely different meaning in mind.

John's Gospel reveals to us the meaning that was hidden from Caiaphas: "This spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; and not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad" (Jn. 11:51-52).

That the death of Christ was "expedient" for the nation — what an understatement! Every person of every nation, then and since, would have been lost in sin eternally were it not for the death of Jesus. But because our Lord did submit Himself to the suffering and humiliation, to the whip and the crown of thorns, to the nails and the cross and the criminal's death — now there is no person of any nation whose sins have not been atoned for!

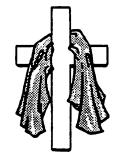
Thank God for doublespeak! The venomous hatred of Caiaphas, along with all his plots and machinations, lie buried with him in the dust of history. But the glorious *other* meaning of the words he spoke that day live on. They reach right down to us modern day Christians.

They speak to us especially as we enter the season of Lent, promising that although our sins confront us, nevertheless, we need not perish. Indeed, the "expedient" death of that one Man on the cross is the assurance to us believers that we cannot perish, for as John reminds us in his First Epistle: "...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I Jn. 1:7).

-Pastor Paul Naumann

"Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Behold and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which has been brought on me..."

-Lamentations 1:12



From February 1963-

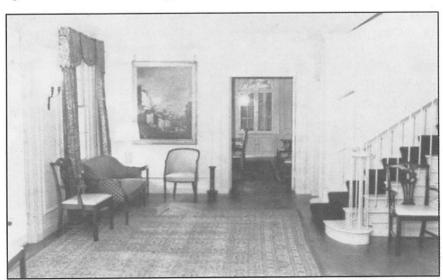
Ever since the Spokesman marked its 30th anniversary about five years ago we have been continuing this "Looking Back..." feature, though on a somewhat irregular basis. As we check back over the time span of a generation, we find many interesting items bearing on our synod's history, as well as wonderfully refreshing scriptural articles written by those whose voices, though many are now stilled in death, still speak as much to our day as to theirs.

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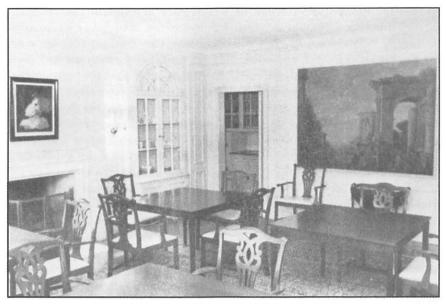
We found that the February 1993 issue was devoted entirely, except for announcements on the last page, to what is one of our synod's historic milestones: the purchase of the property upon which our Immanuel Lutheran College stands today. A special convention had approved

purchase of the 85 acre estate in Eau Claire, Wisconsin as well as subsequent relocation of all school facilities from its Mankato, Minnesota birthplace. A special thank-offering goal of \$100,000 was set.

Last summer another CLC convention set a thank-offering goal of its own, for \$800,000. The bare figure is as challenging—though not much more so, considering inflation—as was the one set by the '63 Special Convention. This is for but one new building on the "old" campus—a kitchen/dining/student commons complex. This was done by a convention which was as convinced of



The "New" Reception Area-February 1963.



The Dining Room In 1963 With Its Original Furnishings.

the need for renovation as the former one had been for relocation.

Much use and mere time has taken its toll on the facilities which were

"new" thirty years ago (see a couple of the "before" photos from the Feb. '63 issue; for the "after" recall your last visit to the school).



The Dining Room Today.

The ILC Building Project has its appointed publicity committee which is doing its fine work via congregational newsletters. However, we are sure the committee welcomes our calling to your attention this 30-year anniversary of ILC relocation. (In the box we print a current view of the campus facilities placed into our hands by the publicity committee.)

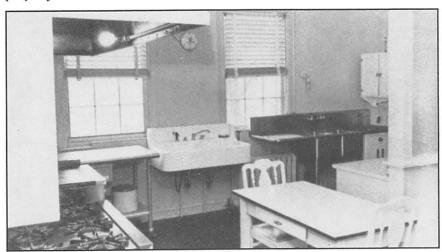
Many CLC members today are direct and indirect (do you have a pastor or teacher trained at ILC?) beneficiaries of what Immanuel, Eau Claire has to offer. Many CLC members today helped the facilities "mature" with use and age. Therefore we are confident that the current CLC membership will respond as joyfully and generously as their parents and grandparents did when the property was first purchased.

Herewith some salient quotes from February, 1963.

"...Since the day the Lord gave us Immanuel Lutheran College, housed in temporary quarters in Mankato, we prayed for a modest site on which to construct permanent classrooms, dormitories, and other necessary facilities. Our gracious God has now given us far more than we had ever asked: A truly beautiful site, large enough for all conceivable future needs...Our love for the Savior...will make us happy and eager to bring the small financial sacrifice which He now asks of us...Let us apply ourselves to it with vigor. God will be with us and will bless us." (Paul Albrecht, CLC President)

"...It was the joy of those receiving a gift from the Lord, that they might carry the Greatest Gift, the Child of Bethlehem to ever greater numbers. With that spirit the Ingram Estate at Eau Claire, Wisconsin was purchased...Thus an offering of \$100,000 has been set as our goal of great joy. It amounts to a real expression of our faith, which is not beyond our reach...The really important thing is that each of us rises up to claim that gift in the joy of the Savior..." (Pastor R. E. Schaller)

"...We have committed ourselves to



The Kitchen, Before And After.

When I started attending ILHS in '69, Reim Hall was brand new. The field house was not quite finished and basketball was practiced in a claustrophobic downtown gym. The girls were crammed into their dorms and we boys were right at home in the converted barn. The lower level of Northwest Hall was chapel and stage and student lounge.

When one walks the paths of our Alma Mater these days, the changes are apparent. The new dormitories stand prominently, new professors are in new professorages. Yet, much is unchanged. Immanuel's purpose is still obvious—guiding hearts and minds. Young men and women have left Immanuel as pastors, teachers, and laypeople to strengthen their congregations and witness of God's wondrous love. This has been well-pleasing to our Lord. He has, in return, blessed our support of Immanuel. The funds have been provided for the past building projects. The on-going needs have also been met. Each test of faith has shown God's wonder working skill as His people have given freely from their hearts.

The Lord is putting before us the largest opportunity to date. The dining facilities at Immanuel are outdated and...need to be replaced. God is ready to again show His wonder-working skill. He is waiting for us to make our move—to come up with half of the \$800,000 cost as required at the last convention. Let us not slow Him down!

-Glenn Oster

fulfill a need for our Immanuel Lutheran College in the form of permanent facilities...At the same time...Let us determine to inform all the members of the CLC what our mission commitment is, to arouse their interest and enthusiasm to bring the Gospel of eternal salvation to others, and to move them with the love of Christ to give as cheerfully and liberally for our mission program as for our ILC program. Let us do it with the Lord's help and blessing." (Pastor H. E. Rutz)

"The birth of ILC was a miracle and an act of God's grace to fill a pressing need. I call it a miracle because it was the accomplishment of a thing that, humanly speaking, seemed impossible and out of the question for a small and disinherited group. I call it an act of God's grace

because we had not deserved it...The very lowliness of our circumstances and the scarcity of our means served as a therapeutic agent and as a reminder that 'God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise'...." (Prof. C. M. Gullerud)

We close with a personal thought. All property and buildings aside, the one thing that has not been altered over the last thirty years (of how many other schools can this be said?) is the Rock-solid foundation upon which all education at this school stands: the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the eternal Word made flesh, who gave His innocent life into death for us.

That blessed truth keeps the need for a paltry three-quarter-milliondollars-plus thank-offering in its proper perspective.

-Paul Fleischer

Three Major Strikes Against Evolution

(Part Two of Two)

Part One which appeared last month began with these words of the author:

In considering the evolution problem we must consider why evolution is not a scientific theory or a science; and above all it is not a fact as the evolutionists repeatedly claim.

Evolution has three major scientific strikes against it: I.) there are at least seven reasons why evolution goes contrary to a number of proven laws of science; II.) there are at least four reasons why evolution is scientifically not possible; III.) there are at least ten reasons why evolution is not a science or a fact.

Strikes One and Two, with their reasons, appeared in last month's issue. The reasons behind Strike Three follow.

For the book *From Eternity To Eternity—Evolution is Not a Science* please write to the author at P. O. Box 1913, No. Mankato, MN 56002. The cost is \$6.95 which includes shipping.

-Editor

III. Strike Three: Evolution is not a science.

- 1. Because there are no evidences for evolution in spite of all the claims of evolutionists.
- Because evolution has given many explanations which are not scientific as to why dinosaurs became extinct. On the other hand, evolution has given no scientific explanation as to why and how the fossils of dinosaurs and other creatures were preserved.
- 3. Because there is no evidence for a big bang, which runs counter to existing laws of science and nature which have proven that out of nothing comes nothing.
- Because primary evolution or the first origins of the universe or of life cannot be tested, proven, disproven, or falsified on the basis of scientific observation and experiments.
- Because most claims of recent secondary evolution that animals and mankind have evolved have been falsified. There is no evidence of animals ever evolving from one species into another kind.
- Because the entire idea is based on chance that things evolved by themselves, which is totally impossible.
- 7. Because evolution falsely claims scientific basis for its beliefs without providing any proven facts to back them up. Evolutionists again and again claim that evolution is a fact but they never provide any facts.
- Because many evolutionary claims are mere story-telling and fiction. The fairy tales for children are more reasonable than the evolutionary beliefs and stories. Children at least know that their fables are fables.

- 9. Because in essence evolution is a religion. Listen to Dr. Philip Johnson, a law professor in the University of California, who wrote: "Evolution is fundamentally a religious position...and it's being taught in the school as a fact when it isn't even a good theory...It is religion in the name of science, and that means that it is misleading people about both religion and science." In fact, evolution is a religious cult—the way they unjustly denounce and degrade their unbelieving peers and students in schools and universities.
- 10. Because of the many fraudulent claims that have been made for it.
- 11. Because of many other reasons that could be given. Evolution does not have even one respectable hypothesis, guess, supposition, or assumption on which to build a scientific theory, or much less on which to establish a law of science or to prove that it is a scientific fact.

-Albert Sippert

From the Jan. 10, 1993 bulletin of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota:

Albert Sippert will be on a Mankato State University KMSU talk show (FM 89.7) Wednesday, January 13 at 11:00 a.m. He will be presenting 20 reasons why evolution is not scientific....

Mr. Sippert points out that many people, in dealing with evolution, try to prove and defend creation, but creation needs no defense. Romans 1:20 states, "Since the creation of the world God's invisible attributes (eternal, almighty, all-wise, etc.) are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse." On the day of judgment one will need a lawyer sharper than Satan to justify not believing in a Creator.

Mr. Sippert's appearances and broadcasts demonstrate that evolution is totally false and that it has absolutely no scientific foundation whatever. He has been on two 50,000 watt stations in Dallas and San Antonio, Tex; Idaho Falls, Ida.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; KTOE Mankato, KNUJ New Ulm. He was on an Arkansas University station January 8th. The same week he made a tape for a network of 1100 radio stations out of San Diego, Calif. that covers stations all over the United States, Canada, England, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan. Air time on WCCO, Minneapolis, will be scheduled as soon as possible.

We pray the Lord's blessings upon Mr. Sippert in his dedicated zeal to demonstrate the unscientific and godless nature of this teaching which has been foisted upon this generation. We do well to heed the words of Scripture, "Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ." (Col. 2:8)

"There is no wisdom or understanding or counsel against the Lord" (Prov. 21:30).

Passage after passage in the book of Proverbs urges us to pursue learning. "Hear instruction and be wise, and do not disdain it" (8:33). "Listen to counsel and receive instruction" (19:20). "Buy the truth, and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding" (23:23).

There is much in the world that can be learned with profit. But there is also much instruction which a Christian should not accept. We may divide the knowledge which is available into a number of areas.

One is scientific fact. We need not fear such knowledge. The truths we learn from observing creation were put there by the Creator.

There is scriptural truth. This, above all, we are to seek and accept. Jesus Himself testified to the wholesomeness of what is found in the Bible. He prayed to His heavenly Father for the sake of His disciples: "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth" (Jn. 17:17).

Jesus promised blessing to those who make use of the Word (see Lk. 11:28). He urged its serious study: "Search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me" (Jn. 5:39).

The psalmist praised the Word as a sure guide: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps. 119:105). The apostle Paul was led to declare: "All scripture...is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in



Gems From Proverbs

righteousness..." (2 Tim. 3:16).

There is a third area of learning which is very common in the world. It is made up of human ideas. And where sinful man is involved in developing teaching, we must be careful. Such instruction must be examined very closely to determine whether it is actual truth or disguised falsehood.

There is much which is presented as wisdom, understanding and counsel which is in reality falsehood. We think of the theory of evolution which many teach as fact. We find what was called evil short decades ago is now called good. And much that was considered good is now scorned.

The basic problem is that falsehood is being taught and accepted as truth. Falsehood is revealed whenever instruction clashes with God's Word. As our proverb declares: "There is no wisdom or understanding or counsel against the Lord."

Systems and theories built on falsehood cannot prosper. Anyone who absorbs such "non-wisdom" will be seriously handicapped. A proverb warns: "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (14:12).

With so much falsehood being taught as truth, the value of educating our youth in a Christian environment is easily seen. Another proverb instructs us: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (9:10).

The truths of Scripture are essential if we are to judge what is true wisdom, understanding and counsel.

-Pastor Keith Olmanson



(A few months ago a "Studies In Romans" series was completed. With this issue we begin a chapter-by-chapter study of the apostle Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. - Ed.)



Christ, the Power of God and the Wisdom of God — Studies in I Corinthians

Chapter One—

The Potter And The Pottee

You may not at first or last appreciate the title, but the more the emphasis is switched back and forth between the two syllables for the reference to man the better—it seems to this writer. Agree or disagree. But there is no doubt that the first chapter of Paul's first letter to the Church in Corinth puts the pseudo wisdom of the world which opposes God and His holy Word in its proper place. In a pot.

What or who is a pottee? We may include one of the first Russian cosmonauts who reportedly said as he looked around from his earth-orbiting spacecraft that he didn't see God. One of the first of our astronauts was widely quoted from the same locale reciting Genesis 1:1. And later, during his debriefing, the latter commented

on the remarks of his erstwhile counterpart something like this: "He reminds me of the proverbial worm which does not believe in people because the first time it stuck its head out of the ground it didn't see any."

But you are one of those, hopefully, who believes that you either live by faith or you don't. You either hang on to your faith in God's account of a six-day creation of the world by the power of His Word about 6,000 years ago or you don't. You either trust in the God who so loved the world that He sent His Son to die on a cross to pay for all your sin or you don't. Don't what? Don't side with the majority led by such as the late English poet Henley. He's the one whom you won't meet some day because he practiced a life of being

"the master of my fate" and "the captain of my soul." Apparently the Russian and the majority of the world agree with him.

But St. Paul quotes Psalm 29:14 and warns the Christians in Corinth—and all of us—about reverting back to some of the worldly wisdom that they gave up when they first came to faith in Jesus Christ and the resurrection. So no matter how impressive the theory and scientific instrumentation that is paraded behind the learned-sounding rhetoric, the world is not an accident. And no matter how foolish sounding to the worldly wise, Jesus Christ DID die on a cross and DID rise from the dead.

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent" (v. 19).

Even if the number of the wise and prudent numbers in the billions? Yes, especially when the ridiculous "pottee" presumes to say of the Almighty "Potter": "He did not make me" (Is. 29:16). Talk about your whistling in the dark!

To you and to me Paul speaks down through the ages some very timely, inspired counsel. Don't be intimidated by the worldly wise, "the pottees." Trust "the Potter."

"As it is written, 'He who glories, let him glory in the Lord." The last verse of the chapter.

-Pastor Bertram Naumann

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CLC TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

During the fall many educators gather at their state conferences in huge convention centers lined with eye-catching displays of many companies hoping to attract buyers to their products. Famous speakers lecture on innovations in education hoping to spur the teachers on to better efforts in their work.

At the same time a small group of dedicated educators from the far corners of this country gathered for

their annual national conference. This unheralded meeting is simply known to its limited constituency as the CLC Teachers' Conference. This year it was held October 14-16, 1992 in Jamestown, North Dakota (the home of the world's largest buffalo), at a small house of worship and school. Instead of vendors' displays there were attractive bulletin boards, and decorations including teddy bears and one enormous pumpkin. All this was organized around the theme "A Harvest of Blessings." The speakers were concerned not with the wisdom of men. but with the wisdom of God.

The teachers (and one uninvited iguana) were welcomed by the hostess teacher Candice Ohlmann and hospitable members of the congregation. The teachers' bodies were abundantly provided for, even as their souls were nourished by the Word.

Each day conference sessions were opened by chaplain James Lau with a study of the Triune God based upon the Apostles' Creed. During the three days of the conference the chaplain led a study of the Father who creates and preserves us; the Son, our Savior and Redeemer; and the Holy Spirit who works to make teaching effective in the hearts of students. In the communion service Pastor Paul Krause reminded the assembly that the greatest in all this harvest of blessings is the blessing of the forgiveness of sins. Joyful voices praised the Lord in the hymns during the devotions, and the choral number sung during the communion service.

Spiritual encouragement was provided in papers by fellow teachers

Robert Rehm on "How to Involve Parents in the Spiritual Education of their Children"; and Gene Schreyer on "Acting as a Christian: Instilling these Values in our Children." Guest speaker Pastor Warren Fanning led the teachers in a study of prayer.

Practical teaching suggestions were offered in many subjects. In the area which is the main focus of Christian education David Bernthal gave "Ideas on Teaching Luther and the Reformation"; and Daniel Barthels spoke on "Activity-Centered Catechism and Hymnology Curriculum." Dean Carstensen led an activity on "Writing Good Test Questions," and Joseph Lau focused on "Study Skills."

The areas of science, math, listening skills, and cooperative learned were presented by Mark Kranz, Beth Sydow, Carla Pelzl, and Barb Hulke. Guest speaker Brent Lick, Jamestown public school psychologist, spoke of Attention Deficit Disorder: its possible origins, incidence (3-5% of school age population), manifestations, treatment, and suggestions for working with such students.

A tour of the Anne Carlson School not only showed the difficulties involved in the education of children with multiple handicaps, but also the dedication these teachers and other workers have in striving to help these children.

As the teachers returned to their own school, they were refreshed in spirit and reinspired to fulfill their calling with the best use of the talents the Lord has given them.

—Teacher Elizabeth Sydow

Partners in the Gospel...

Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church Bowdle, South Dakota (1962-1992)



The Ladies Of Redeemer.

"For I know that my REDEEMER lives and that He shall stand at last on the earth. And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!"

This "sweet sentence" spoken long ago by the patriarch Job has echoed through the minds of believers down through the centuries. And it has been for them a source of great comfort and joy. Why? Because they have been given assurance in this Word of God that their REDEEMER is alive! And that they, too, will one day obtain the promised inheritance of eternal life in Him.

Perhaps it was with pleasant thoughts as these running through their minds that—thirty years ago—a certain group of Christians living in Bowdle, South Dakota, chose the name "Redeemer" for their newlyorganized congregation. The date was March 28, 1962.

The circumstances which brought about the birth of this new congregation? Through personal study of the Scriptures its members had been brought to the conviction that the synod to which they had formerly belonged had departed from the pure teaching of the Word. Therefore in love for their Lord and concern for the preservation of the unadulterated Gospel they had chosen to sever relations and establish "Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church."

Much time has passed since all that happened. Redeemer congregation is now 30 years old. It was in thanksgiving to God, by whose grace alone they were able to reach this milestone, that the members recently gathered together for a special commemorative worship service. The service was held



on August 30, 1992 at 4:00 in the afternoon with President Daniel Fleischer of Fridley, MN as guest speaker.

President Fleischer addressed the members of Redeemer on the basis of Psalm 143:5-6, encouraging them to use their anniversary as an occasion for remembering. Remembering what? Remembering the many evidences of the Lord's kindness and mercy throughout their history, yes. And more than that-remembering what God did long before Redeemer Lutheran Church was ever born, ves. before the world was born: God formulated the plan of salvation in His Son. And then in time and space history He sent His Son into the world to carry through this plan, redeeming lost sinners from everlasting condemnation.

Celebrating Christ

President Fleischer put it like this: "Christ Jesus our Lord is the beginning, the middle, and the end of all that we celebrate and all that we are and all that we hope. Anniversary time is not a time to celebrate the achievements of men and women. It is a time to celebrate Christ, to celebrate the power of the Word, to celebrate the Father who looked with compassion upon a fallen world and



(L-R) Pastor Schuetze, Blake Eisenbeisz, Dick Giedt, Norwin Walz, Gaylon Goetz, Doug Larson, Alvin Kurle.

redeemed it, to celebrate the Spirit who gives such faith and boldness to people that they should contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

The anniversary audience was also encouraged to keep making use of the blessed privilege all children of the heavenly Father enjoy: prayer. Specifically were they encouraged to pray that God would continue to bless them in the future as He had so graciously done in the past, and to do so with confidence, knowing that for Jesus' sake their prayers will be heard and answered. Yes, the Lord will support, uphold, and strengthen His redeemed people. He will preserve them in faith by the power of His Word. And finally when "He shall stand at last on the earth" on the Final Day He will grant them and all believers the privilege of beholding Him with their own eves. And then He will usher them into the bliss and glory of heaven.

With this happy and confident faith in their living, ruling, and soon-toreturn Redeemer the members of Redeemer eagerly anticipate the future. And as they begin their 31st year as a Christian congregation they also pray:

Our God, our Help in ages past, Our Hope for years to come, Our Shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal Home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Our God, our Help in ages past, Our Hope for years to come, Be Thou our Guard while troubles last And our eternal Home!

Pastors who have served Redeemer congregation: The Revs. Paul Albrecht (1962-66), David Lau (1966-72), Wayne Mielke (1972-81), Terrel Kesterson (1981-88), and Thomas Schuetze (1988-present).

—Pastor Thomas Schuetze



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