

Routine Sundays Should Be Easter

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Those who attended the first service in our new building last Sept. 8 will recall that I told the congregation that I felt like wishing them a happy Easter! We had such a wonderful crowd to celebrate the event. Actually every Sunday ought to be an Easter. The reason we worship on the first day of the week, Sunday, rather than on the seventh as the 10 Commandments urge us to do is that the first Christians were so filled with the Easter experience in their new-found faith that they met regularly on the first day of the week, the day on which Easter first occurred, to celebrate their joy in worship.

Too many of us misunderstand what worship is all about. We are so conditioned in our modern life to filling the role of the spectator that we have lost sight of the possibility of involvement. For entertainment and thrills we watch motion pictures, television shows, sports events, races, and the like. For inspiration and information as well as for cultural satisfaction we attend lectures, concerts, theater presentations, opera, ballet or whatever.

When it comes to church attendance too often we have in mind a lecture or concert or some kind of spectacle. A family was discussing its impressions following church as they drove home. Father didn't care for the sermon. He hadn't learned anything, he said. Mother was disappointed in the music because it wasn't familiar. Sister thought too many

stanzas of the hymns were being sung. Junior pipes up: "It wasn't too bad a show for fifty cents!"

If it's a show or a sheer intellectual experience we are looking for, a church service of worship may not always satisfy; yet it ought to stimulate the mind and spirit. If, however, we seek to relate ourselves to the Almighty Creator to find some meaning and direction to this life, then the way we approach worship takes a more significant turn.

The day was Nov. 24, the year 1963. Our two services in our small chapel were crowded out with people standing in the Narthex and even out on the lawn. Attendance was double the usual number that Sunday. Two days after the President of the United States had been assassinated. For some reason people wanted to be in church that following Sunday.

Why didn't they take off for the mountains to forget this crazy world? Or why didn't they stay home glued to the radio and TV for the latest developments? For some reason they didn't flock to the bars to drown their bewilderment and shock. No, so many wanted to be in church. Good things that others had maintained the church and its ministry by their attendance and work so that these could come as well that day.

Somehow in times of crisis we gain a sense of reassurance through worship and prayer and hearing again the Eternal Word. Life these days has almost become a sustained state of crisis and we need to stop every so often to take stock, to regain perspective, to remind ourselves of

our ultimate dependence upon God. This is the work of worship.

The fact that God takes the initiative to communicate with us through the long line of prophets and then by his Son, draws us into a relationship of recognizing our dependence upon him and evokes from us a desire to follow his purpose for our lives. These are the things to which we give ourselves in worship as we express joy and praise, hear the message and reminders of the full and abundant life, and dedicate ourselves to a following, a discipleship in God's service among our fellow human beings.

Worship and church attendance are not a matter of habit, perfunctorily followed. Rather the experience of God in worship is a happening that can change lives, outlooks, attitudes. If you want a realistic and adequate perspective in which to live these days; if you want the fulfillment of the creature life you are living; if you need some guidance through the maze of today's complexities and perplexities, then "seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near." (Is. 55:6). Happy Easter—every Sunday!

Baptists To Host Choir

Folk songs based on the verse of two famous American poets will be performed by the University of Redlands Concert Choir when it appears at the First Baptist Church of Torrance Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Under the direction of Professor Erwin E. Ruff, the 45-voice choir is currently touring in Southern California. The students are scheduled to sing in nine cities during the five-day tour.

The concerts are open to the public.

Poems by Walt Whitman and Carl Sandburg will be sung by the choir. Student soloist Sterling Griffen will present Whitman's "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloomed," with music composed by Paul Hindemith. Soloist Don Brinegar will be featured in another Whitman poem, "I Sit and Look Out Upon the World," set to music by Norman Delio Joio.

Sandburg's "The Gong of Time," with music by Robert Starer, will be sung by the entire choir. Soloists Dreda Evans and Jeffrey Coulas will present a second Sandburg poem, "They are Mine," music composed by Lukas Foss.

Showing the diversity of their repertoire, the Concert Choir also will sing sacred selections including "Cantate Domino," by Heinrich Schutz; "Agnus Dei," by Thomas Morley; and "Regina Coeli," by Wolfgang Mozart.

Also featured on the program are the Women's Glee Club, singing "The Canticle of the Sun," and the Men's Glee Club presenting "Tarantella."

The Choir's daytime performances will be at schools, with more formal concerts at churches scheduled each evening. Performances before school audiences will include excerpts from the musical "South Pacific."

The Choir's Saturday morning performances will be at the 11 a.m. worship hour.

Song Fest At Temple Announced

"An Evening of Song" starring Cantor Robert Nadell and his company will be presented Saturday, Feb. 8, at 8:30 p.m. at Temple Menorah. Donation is \$3.

The company will present songs from such Broadway hits as "Man of La Mancha," "Fiddler on the Roof," and "Funny Girl."

Ezra T. Benson Slates Lecture

The Freedom Club of the First Congregational Church, Sixth and Commonwealth Streets, Los Angeles, will present Ezra T. Benson in a major address in the church sanctuary on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The subject of Benson's address will be: "The Proper Role of Government."

Mission School Slated Sunday

The initial program of the annual School of Missions of the Walteria United Methodist Church, and will continue during each Sunday in February.

Sunday's 6 p.m. potluck supper will be followed by a presentation on Indonesia given by Miss Elsie Ferris. Child care will be provided.

In Chula Vista

Representing Torrance Unified School District at a demonstration of a "talking typewriter" in Chula Vista last Friday were Mrs. Virginia Huschke, special education assistant; Mrs. Florence Needles, special education assistant; and Dr. Ralph Wilson, curriculum consultant.



MARRIAGE AND FAMILY . . . Looking over notes for the 12-week course on "Marriage and the Christian Family" are (from left) Paul Dubrovin, Dr. Fred Stange, and the Rev. E. M. Schoppa. The course will begin this Sunday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 706 Knob Hill, at 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Schoppa, pastor of the church, will discuss the theology of marriage and the family. Dr. Stange, local physician and surgeon, will deal with the physical well-being of family members as it affects their relationships with one another, and Dubrovin, who is a counselor-psychometrist with the Los Angeles School District, will speak on parent-child relationships. The course is free.

Dedication Rites Slated For Lutheran Sanctuary

Ascension Lutheran Church, 17910 S. Prairie Ave., will consecrate its new sanctuary and administration building this Sunday, Rev. Lloyd C. Warneke, pastor at Ascension, announced that two services are planned: a formal Dedication Service at 10:30 a.m. and a Festival Service of Praise and Thanksgiving at 3:30 p.m.

The Rev. Amos A. Schmidt, campus pastor at UCLA, will be the guest speaker at the afternoon service. A buffet supper is planned for all following the Festival Service.

The sanctuary, whose unique feature is heavily textured concrete tiles on inverted arches symbolizing praying hands, seats 450. The exterior blends slump stone with a marbled facade facing to set off the figure of the ascending Lord.

The administrative wing, in addition to housing the new church and school offices, contains a fifth classroom to accommodate the growing Christian Day School, whose current enrollment is 130 students.

Wehmuller and Stephens of 11718 Pico Blvd., West Los Angeles, are the architects. The contractor in charge of the building is J. Kuhl and Sons. Hobart Lias has chaired a nine-member building committee which is now culminating a

four-year planning, liaison, and surveillance effort. Lias, a resident of 3831 W. 171st St., is a construction superintendent for S. H. Kress and Co.

Rev. Warneke, a graduate of St. John's College, Winfield, Kansas, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, has been with Ascension Lutheran for 13 years. He is Ascension's first resident pastor, called in 1956 after serving his first parish in Franklin, Nebraska.

Pastor Warneke, his wife Patricia, and their five children live at 3836 W. 190th St.



REV. LLOYD WARNEKE

Interfaith Talks Urge Acceptance

The Interfaith Committee of the South Bay will hold its 4th Annual Dialogues on the four Monday evenings of February, according to Rev. Burley Howe, chairman.

The committee, made up of clergymen and laymen from the Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant communities, "was formed to establish understanding and mutual acceptance among members of the religious groups in the South Bay," Howe said.

Concerned with communication across denominational lines, the dialogues will feature a theme of "The Problem of Prejudgment in Contemporary Life" for the 1969 lectures.

Topics and speakers for the series are:

Feb. 3, "Prejudgment in Marriage Relations," Dr. Miriam J. Landau, clinical psychologist, Torrance;

Feb. 10, "Prejudgment in Youth-Adult Relations," The Rev. Martin Slaughter, assistant director of the Catholic Welfare Bureau;

Feb. 17, "Prejudgment in Relations Between Unconventionals and the Establishment," Dr. Murray Korngold, clinical psychologist, Beverly Hills; and

Feb. 24, "Prejudgment in Jewish-Christian Relations," Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk, Ph.D., dean, Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles.

The first dialogue of the series will take place at St. Lawrence

Martyr Catholic Church, 1930 Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach. All sessions begin at 7:30 p.m.

Following Monday nights are scheduled at St. Cross Episcopal Church, Temple Menorah, the Manhattan Beach Community Church, respectively.

Baptist Church Grows

The Carson Baptist Church in the newly incorporated city of Carson in the Long Beach Harbor Association, recently completed its new building. This is the culmination of a decision made by the congregation in March of 1965 to trade its acre of ground at the old location on Lucerne for an acre of ground at the new location at 520 E. 228th St.

The Carson Baptist Church was started as a backyard Bible club for children on Sunday afternoon in 1953. They were then sponsored by the First Southern Baptist Church of Seal Beach, and then were organized into a church in August of 1959.

The group first met in a rented house, then purchased the house. In 1962 with a Home Mission Board loan the congregation purchased an acre of land and moved in a barracks building where it met until the move to the new location.

Pastor of the church for its first six years was Kenneth Crisp who is now pastor of the Crossroads Baptist Church of Prior, Okla. To celebrate the opening of the new building Crisp led in 12 days of revival in October. There were 23 professions of faith and three additions by letter.

The present pastor is Robert E. Wayman, who has been with the congregation since August of 1964. He was formerly pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Stockton.

Community Adventists Aid Many

As new officers for 1969 assumed direction of the Torrance Seventh-day Adventist Church, last year's lay leaders tallied year-end reports that saw new highs in what the pastor termed "action for Christ."

Lay activities director Floyd Stark reports that the Health and Welfare Services branch of the church gave assistance to 33 people in the Torrance area last year, dispatching 354 items of clothing and 67 household furnishings. Members volunteered 3,962 hours for this work.

TORRANCE members gave \$3,000 to the mission field during 1968. Each week there is a missions feature presented during the Sabbath School hour. In 1967 Seventh-day Adventists in North America gave an average of \$340.42 per member to support the work of their church around the world.

Pastor David H. Pillor of the Adventist church has set new highs for lay activity in 1969. Among other projects is one aimed at reaching the unchurched of Torrance. "Left up to the ministers alone," Pastor Pillor says, "the story of Christ's gift to man would never reach the world. It will take every believer in Christ bearing an enthusiastic witness if we are to fulfill the gospel commission given us by Jesus."

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Church Planning Bible Give-Away

An appeal to see that the Bible is a part of the library of every home in Torrance will be made at Torrance Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1610 Acacia Ave., Saturday at 11 a.m. worship services.

The special appeal, says Pastor David H. Pillor of the local

'Science' Lesson Is 'Love'

"O continue thy loving kindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart." These words from Psalms are part of this week's Bible Lesson - Sermon titled "Love." It will be read in Christian Science churches throughout the world this Sunday.

Also in the Lesson-Sermon is this related passage from the denominational textbook: "Kindred tastes, motives, and aspirations are necessary to the formation of a happy and permanent companionship. The beautiful in character is also the good, welding indissolubly the links of affection." (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy).

Services at Torrance First Church of Christ, Scientist, begin at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

Teenage Musicians To Appear

"The Burning Bush," a teenage folk group from Torrance First Baptist Church, will provide music tonight at a dinner for the youth of Western Avenue Baptist Church.

The group was invited to play by Mr. and Mrs. Jon Young, sponsors of the Junior High Baptist Youth Fellowship of the Western Avenue church.

Also on the program will be a team of young people from Teen Challenge who will tell how they gave up dope by bringing their lives into harmony with God through Jesus Christ.

"The Burning Bush" is a group of 12 singers accompanied by four guitars, with leader Tom Irvine on string bass. Irvine is the only adult member of the group.

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