

DEVOTIONAL READING: 1 Peter 2: 19-23.
SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 42:1-4; 50: 4-9;
52:13-15; Jeremiah 30:1-13.

Love So Amazing

Lesson for November 13, 1949

LONG AGO riding in his slow chariot through the southern sands, a puzzled reader with Isaiah 53 in his hands asked the question other readers have asked ever since: Does the prophet speak of himself or of some other? The answer given by Philip (see Acts 8) has been the answer of the church ever since: This prophecy can be understood only in the light from Calvary's Cross. Philip did not say, and we need not insist, that the prophet had Jesus, and Jesus only, in mind when he wrote.



Dr. Foreman

What we do say is that while these words might have described some one the prophet knew, might have described the whole nation of Israel, might even have described himself, still the words make but a poor picture of any one else, compared with the picture they make of Jesus.

The Scarlet Thread

ISAIAH 53 has been in the center of the church's thinking about Christ from the beginning. It may be said to run like a scarlet thread through the New Testament. It was in the back of the minds of Paul and John and Peter alike. This great prophecy sheds a light on what otherwise had been a black opaque blot—the death of Christ.

What would otherwise be simply a horrible tragedy, perhaps the greatest tragedy of history, the perfect case of complete injustice, the final evidence that there is no God, in the light of Isaiah 53 becomes a center of glory.

Instead of being ashamed of the cross on which Jesus died, the church sings, "In the cross of Christ I glory." . . . "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

We believe that Christ suffered not for his own but for others' sake. Suffering, not forced but willingly undergone, suffering not as mere pain but that others might be saved, suffering on behalf of others and for love of them—this is the key to the riddle of existence, this is the key to the heart of God.

Not Christ Alone

IF CHRIST'S MEN had refused to follow where he led, if all Christians had been willing to let him carry, alone, the burden of the world's sin and grief, there never would have been any Christianity—for there would never have been any Christians. Peter and James and the rest of the apostles would have refused to die for Jesus' sake. The noble army of martyrs would have been an ignoble army of cowards.

No missionary ever would have left home and comforts and country; no mother would have laid down her life for her children; the unselfish service of those who have cared for the sick and the orphaned would never have been done; indeed, had no one ever been willing to suffer for the benefit of others, one wonders whether the world could have even held together this long.

Christ died that the world might live, yes; but others also had to die to make his death avail. He died for Africa, that Africans might live; but Africans died till men like Livingstone and Schweitzer and many a less famous man and woman also went out and lived there in loneliness and died in pain.

Christ died for the little children of the poor, but until the Salvation Army and others like them went down into the slums and suffered there with and for them, those poor little people died without so much as dreaming that God might love them.

Christ died for all the lepers in the world; but until a Father Damien, and others no less Christ-like, went among the outcast lepers and became outcasts themselves for the love of Christ, those lepers died in the dark.

"Let Him Take His Own Cross Daily"

YES, Isaiah 53 pictures the self-sacrifice of our Lord, above all. But any one who has any intention of being a true servant of God must be willing to find his own life-direction right here. The world does not need more pain; it does need those who will suffer pain to serve others in Christ's name.

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RURAL CHURCHES

Antioch United Missionary
L. W. Null, pastor
John Arnold, Supt.
Sunday School 9:30.
Morning Worship 10:30.
Evening Service 7:00.
Sunday is the closing day of our Revival. Come to the House of the Lord and feast your soul upon the good things of the Lord.
Come and worship with us. You are welcome in any or all of our services.

Linn Grove Christian Church
Homer Studabaker, minister
Rally Day & Home-Coming
Sunday School 9:30.
Church at Worship 10:30.
Men's Chorus.
Girls Trio of Monroeville singing.
Basket dinner in basement at 12 o'clock.

Afternoon program 1:30.
Prelude — Mrs. Dorothy Owens.
Congregation — Hymn.
Trio — Monroeville girls.
Reading — L. J. Montague.
Six Mile — Ladies Chorus.
Rally Day 5 minute talk — Mark Athan.

Men's Quartet West Missionary Church.
Trumpet Solo — Daun Runyon.
Home-coming 5 minute talk.

Methodist Circuit
Walter Johnson, pastor
Pleasant Valley

Worship Service 9:30.

Sunday School 10:45.

Beulah Chapel

Worship Service 10:45.

Sunday School 9:30.

Mt. Pleasant

Sunday School 9:30.

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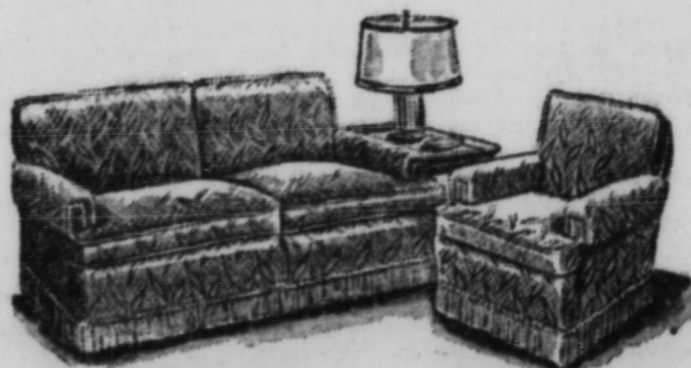
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Rivarre Circuit
U. B. Church
L. A. Middaugh, pastor
Mt. Zion

9:30 a. m. Sunday School.
10:30 a. m. Class meeting.
7:00 p. m. Christian Endeavor.
8:00 p. m. Preaching service.
7:00 p. m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Pleasant Grove

9:00 a. m. Sunday school.
10:00 a. m. Class meeting.
7:00 p. m. Christian Endeavor.
7:00 p. m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Mt. Victory

9:00 a. m. Sunday school.
10:00 a. m. Preaching service.
Rev. Paul Parker speaking. Communion service.
7:00 p. m. Christian Endeavor.
7:00 p. m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

7:00 p. m. Next Saturday will be the first quarterly conference. Rev. Paul Parker will be with us to preach and conduct the business session.

Calvary Evangelical

United Brethren

Albert N. Straley, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 A. M. The lesson will be "The Suffering Servant," from the prophecy of Isaiah. The superintendent, Lloyd Lichtenberger, will direct the school. Classes are provided for all ages.

10:30, prayer meeting will be held with the class leader, James O. Darr, in charge.

Evening service of worship will begin at 7:00 P. M. with the pastor conducting the service. The sermon theme will be "Preparation for Emergencies."

Midweek prayer service is held every Wednesday evening at 7:20 p. m. with choir practice following at 8:30.

St. Paul and Winchester

U. B. Circuit
Dale Osborn, pastor
St. Paul

Sunday school 9:15 a. m.
Christian Endeavor 7 p. m.
Sermon 7:30 p. m.
Choir practice Tuesday at 6:45 p. m.

Prayer meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.
Winchester
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.
Sermon 10:30 a. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Pleasant Mills Baptist Church

D. B. Gehres, pastor
Lowell Noll, supt.

9:30 — Bible school. Lesson: "The Suffering Servant."
10:30 — Worship service. Sermon: "God's Covenants With Man."

"I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God." — Abraham Lincoln.

Monroe Methodist Church

W. L. Hall, pastor

9:30 Morning worship—speaker: Rev. Vernon Riley.
10:30 Sunday school.
6:45 M. Y. F.

7:30 Evening service.
Wednesday: 7:30 mid-week service.

8:15 Choir practice.

St. Luke Reformed Church

Honduras

H. H. Meckstroth, minister
9:00 Worship Service. The Thanksgiving service for the Girls' Guild and the Women's Guild will be held with Mrs. Henry Moser, a former missionary to Africa as the speaker.

10:00 Sunday school.
7:00 Youth Fellowship.

Thursday—An all-day meeting of the Women's Guild.

Friday 7:30—Thanksgiving Fellowship Night.

CHURCH NEWS

Antioch Missionary

Revival services will be concluded Sunday at the Antioch Missionary church, with the Rev. Gordon Bacon as evangelist and Mrs. Bacon leading the singing. Tonight will be children's night, with Miss Betty Hershey as children's worker.

St. Luke's Reformed

"Why Are We Protestants?" will be the subject for study and discussion at the meeting of the St. Luke's fellowship Sunday evening. Arthur Moeschberger is leader of the meeting. The executive board invites the public to attend the meeting, to be held promptly at 7 o'clock.

Give Orchids For Gasoline Purchase

The fumes of gasoline will take on a romantic touch Saturday when orchids will be given away by a local service station for gasoline purchases.

Hubert Schnepf, proprietor of Schnepf's Super Service, at the corner of Second and Jefferson streets, has announced that for every five-gallon purchase of gasoline, the station will give away an orchid "flown directly from Hawaii especially for the occasion."

Saw Mill Operator Is Killed By Board

Brazil, Ind., Nov. 11. —(UP)—A Centerville saw mill operator was killed yesterday when he was struck in the face and chest by a flying board. Tillman Lints, 41, received a broken neck when a board he had saved caught in the saw and was whipped through the air.

Notice to Taxpayers of Adams County Central Consolidated School Corp. of Additional Appropriations
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Adams County Central Consolidated School Corp. of Adams County, Indiana, that the School Board Members will meet at the office of the Public School Superintendent of Adams County, Indiana, in the Court House at 1:30 o'clock P. M. on 17th day of November, 1949, to consider the following additional appropriations which said officers consider necessary to meet the extraordinary emergency existing at this time:

An appropriation of the funds of said School Corporation in the amount of four thousand six hundred (\$4,600.00) dollars to provide for the cost of purchase of twenty (20) acres of real estate located in the South one-half of Section 33, Township 27 North, Range 14 East, in Adams County, Indiana, which piece of real estate fronts on U. S. Highway 121 and runs parallel thereto a distance of approximately eighty (80) rods and a distance of forty (40) rods in depth being a rectangular piece of real estate abutting on the corporation line of the Town of Monroe, Indiana, and for the costs of surveying said tract of land, for an abstract of title, and for legal services in connection therewith.

Said sum of money in the amount of four thousand six hundred (\$4,600.00) dollars shall be appropriated from the Cumulative Building Fund which is now in the hands of the Treasurer of the Adams County Central Consolidated School Corp.

Taxpayers of the School Corporation appearing at said meeting shall have a right to be heard thereon. The additional appropriations as finally made will be automatically referred to the State Board of Tax Commissioners, which Board will hold a future hearing within fifteen (15) days at the County Auditor's Office of Adams County, Indiana, or at such other place as may be designated. At such hearing taxpayers objecting to any such additional appropriations from said Cumulative Building Fund may be heard and interested taxpayers may inquire of the County Auditor when and where such meeting will be held.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 1949.
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Annual Services Of Thank Offering

Services Sunday At Zion Reformed

The annual thank offering service, sponsored by the women's guild and the girls' guild, will be held in the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church Sunday morning, during the 10 o'clock worship hour. Dr. Gilbert W. Schroer, former missionary to Japan, and now director of the cooperative council of missionary education of the Evangelical and Reformed church, will be the guest speaker.

The general theme of the service will be, "Ye Are the Fragrance of Christ." Mrs. Ralph Yager, president of the women's guild, will be the leader and will introduce the



Dr. Gilbert W. Schroer

speaker: Miss Jean Lautenschlager, president of the girls' guild, will read the scripture; Mrs. Joseph McNeerney, president of the friendship circle, will lead in prayer; and Mrs. Harry Knapp, thank offering secretary of the guild, will have charge of the thank offering gathering. Thank offering boxes, which have been in the hands of the members for the past year, will be gathered.

Music for the service will be furnished by Mrs. J. Fred Fruchte, organist, who will play for the prelude, "Fantasia on 'Netherlands Melody'" by E. J. Lorenz; offertory, "Wonderful Words of Life" by Bliss, arranged by Thompson; and a postlude, "I Will Give Thanks" by Gounod. An anthem, "Blessings" by Curran, will be sung by a women's double trio, composed of Mrs. Noah Arnold, Miss Kathryn Ann Goldner, Miss Pauline Brintenhof, Mrs. William Feller, Miss Alice Roth, and Mrs. Lewis Litterer, and directed by Mrs. L. A. Holthouse.

Dr. Schroer, the speaker, served as a missionary in Japan for 20 years. He is a graduate of the Mission House College and Theological Seminary, Plymouth, Wis., and also studied at the Kennedy school of missions and the Hartford school of religious education, from which he received the Ph. D. degree in 1938.

Upon his arrival in Japan in the fall of 1923 he was assigned to the Tokyo language school, where he pursued the study of the Japanese language for two years. He was then appointed to Morioka, the capital city of Iwate prefecture. From this point he supervised the evangelistic work in the province of the main island, for 18 years.

The outstanding achievement of Dr. and Mrs. Schroer during their years of service at Morioka was the establishment and erection of the Morioka Christian Education Center, which became the center of Christian influence throughout the province. It was at Morioka that Dr. Schroer was imprisoned for 165 days following the outbreak of war. Upon his release early in June, 1942, he and his family returned to America on the repatriation boat the M/S Gripsholm. Since April, 1945, he has been director of the cooperative council of missionary education of the E and R church. He devotes a great part of his time in helping to create books and materials in the field of missionary education.

All members and friends of the church are invited to attend this annual service. Dr. Schroer will also speak to the church school during the regular class period.

Fight Extradition On Old Murder Warrant

Mishawaka, Ind., Nov. 11. —(UP)—A New Carlisle man held on a 15-year-old Oklahoma murder warrant today said he would fight extradition.

Thirty-six-year-old Raymond Knoll said he hoped to raise \$10,000 bond so he could be freed pending a city court hearing on the warrant Dec. 13.

Court attaches said Governor Schriener was expected to announce his decision then on the extradition of Knoll to Bartlesville, Okla., to face charges he killed Harry Hicks on Oct. 18, 1934.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur
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Social Security Man Here Tuesday

Harry E. Miller, of the Fort Wayne office of the social security administration, will be at the Decatur post office Tuesday between 10 and 11 a. m. to answer all inquiries regarding old-age assistance, and social security payments.

Rockcreek Farmer Is Wells Corn King

Ivan Decker, Rockcreek township farmer, wins the 1949 five-acre corn crown for Wells county, with an average yield of 126.3 bushels per acre. Decker was one of 56 completing the five-acre project, out of a total enrollment of

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NOV. 17—Martin F. Sprunger, 5 mi. S.E. of Decatur, 1/4 mi. S. and 1/2 mi. E. of Adams County home. 1 1/2 mi. W. of Monroe on 124 then 2 mi. N. and 1/2 mi. E. of St. Paul church. 20 registered Holstein and complete closing out sale. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Liechty, Auctions.

NOV. 19—Earl Kaough, 4 mi. S.W. of Fort Wayne on road to the Abbot Center road, then 2 1/2 mi. W. then 2 mi. E. to the Or 7 mi. N.E. of Roanoke on road No. 24 to Ellettsville. Stop, then 1 1/2 mi. N. on the Homestead road. Complete closing out sale. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Liechty, Auctions.

NOV. 19—Heirs of Ida M. Brickley, 126 West Central Ave., Decatur, Ind. 8 room semi-modern home. Household goods. D. S. Blair, Dell Shaw, Auctions. Kent Realty & Auction, Decatur, Ind.

NOV. 21—Dan Baumgartner and Harry Tonner, 4 mi. N. of Berne 27 then 4 1/2 mi. W. Dairy cattle, feed, miscellaneous. noon. Ellenberger Bros., auctioneers.

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