

Lesson Prayer:

Lesson prayer: We are grateful that Jesus draws near us when we think of Him, when we pray and when we make his will first in our lives. We are thankful for the lifting power of Jesus, that resurrection power that will lift us heavenward, and that, truly following Him, we too shall be received by Him in the place He has gone to prepare for us.

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**CREAMED COMMENTS ON S.S. LESSON**

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, The Meaning of the Resurrection, Luke 24:23-52, for Sunday, April 1.—Rev. D. Carl Yoder.

Saving faith in Christ includes his resurrection. Paul declares that if Christ be not risen then our faith is vain. When Jesus' resurrection was comprehended by his followers, they memorialized the day by special services of worship. At first they observed worship on the Jewish Sabbath, but as time went on, the day observed in memory of Christ's resurrection was the Sabbath of the New Testament, it being the seventh day with a change in the calendar. We do well to especially remember God on this day as having raised his Son from the grave, making an opening on the other side of not only His grave but the graves of his followers; herein is eternal life—life beyond the grave.

V.23. "And they drew near to the village whither they went and he made as though he would have gone further." Jesus goes before his followers in his ideals, his plans, holding before all men eternal life.

V.29. "And they constrained him, saying, Abide with us for it is toward evening and the day is far spent, and he went in to tarry with them." This verse is the basis for the favorite hymn, "Abide with me."

V.30. "But it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread and blessed it and break and gave to them." Jesus in his accustomed way thanked God for the meal before him. A follower of the Lord will do the same.

V.31. "And their eyes were opened and they knew him, and he vanished out of their sight." Here Jesus opened eyes as truly as he had opened the eyes of the physically blind. To those who desire to see him, he still opens eyes to the truth for life is truth.

V.32. "And they said one to another, Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures." While sincerely worshipping God, John Wesley had the deep experience of a "warm heart." Here is the secret of Christian consecration that has meaning.

V.33. "And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together and them that were with them." When these two followers had a warm heart, they had to do something about it.

V.34. "Saying, The Lord is risen indeed and hath appeared to Simon." There were five appearances of Jesus resurrection day. There were five later. Full assurance of the fact was made.

V.44. "And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me." Jesus honored the prophecies regarding him and now he has fulfilled all written about him. We can not bypass God's words and make our own conclusions—Jesus is the answer—the conclusion.

V.45. "Then opened he their understanding that they might understand the scriptures." Jesus explained the scriptures and thus they could understand. We need to use every means to understand the scriptures.

V.46. "And said unto them, Thus it is written thus it behooved

Christ to suffer and to rise again the third day." Christ's redemption is not a light matter because he had to suffer far beyond the suffering of any man. In this there is a note of profound sympathy. There is fellowship in suffering. But remember, the resurrection compasses the great victory for both Christ and his followers.

V.47. "That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations beginning at Jerusalem." In this verse is God's greatest concern for all men—repentance and remission of sins.

V.48. "And ye are witnesses of these things." The power of the gospel is to be seen in Christian witnessing of Christ and his transforming power.

V.49. "And behold, I send the promise of the Father, but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from above." Then will be inaugurated the Christian church.

V.50.61. "And he led them out as far as Bethany and he lifted up his hands and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them and carried up into heaven." Jesus left his blessing on his followers and went to prepare a place for us. Such a history has never been written of any other man.

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Do You Know:

1. Why did the women go to Christ's sepulcher early?
2. Who said, "He is not here; he is risen from the dead?"
3. In connection with what event is Emmaus remembered?
4. How did Jesus reveal himself to them?
5. How did Jesus prove his identity to the eleven disciples after his resurrection?

Our Preacher Says:

Often strong characters result from undertakings too great for human strength. Don't you know of a mother whose cares and burdens were beyond her apparent strength, but she not only bore them well but became angelic in doing so? For our nation to undertake to end a world crisis is a superhuman task. Here is a chance for America to not only help gain a world victory but to come out of it with the marks of a highly civilized nation which will help make possible universal justice, peace, goodwill and equality of opportunity.

Do You Know Answered

1. To anoint his body.
2. Angels.
3. Two men going there with Jesus.
4. By the breaking of bread.
5. By the wounds in his body.

MISSIONARY

Tenth and Dayton Streets
H. J. Welty, pastor
9 a.m., Sunday school. Ralph Myers, gen. supt.
10 a.m., worship service. Duett: "It Was Alone" by Mrs. Gallogly and Mrs. Welty. Message: "The Risen Christ."
7 p.m., children's gospel hour.
7 p.m., teen-age MYF.
7 p.m., adult fellowship. An Easter program entitled "Wonderful Jesus" will be given.
7:30 p.m., gospel service. Hymn sung. Message: "The Practical Side of Easter."
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Bible study and prayer meeting.
There is a warm Christian welcome for you to visit any or all of our services.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Very Rev. Msgr. Selmetz, pastor
6 a.m., First Mass.
7:30 a.m., Low Mass.
9 a.m., Children's Mass.
10:15 a.m., High Mass.
Tuesday 7:30 p.m., Lenten services.

Friday 7:30 p.m., Way of the Cross.
Weekday Mass, 7:20 a.m.
Holy Communion Sundays.
First Sunday, the Rosary Society.

Second Sunday, Holy Name Society.

Third Sunday, the Catholic Ladies of Columbia.

Fourth Sunday, Children of Mary.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

West Monroe and Eleventh Streets
Edgar P. Schmidt, Pastor
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The Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ will be celebrated with three festival services Sunday morning at six, eight, and ten-thirty o'clock. The Pastor will conduct all of the services. The sermon theme at the sunrise matins will be: "The Certainty of Easter," and at 8 and 10:30 — "Easter Makes A Difference."

The Choir will sing at the six and ten-thirty services, and three groups of children will sing at the eight o'clock festival hour.

Sunday school classes will meet at the usual hour — 9:15 a. m. The Bible classes will not meet Sunday morning.

A special Easter offering will be received at all services by plate offering, special Easter envelope, and Sunday school offering and all gifts have been designated by the Board of Finance for equipping our parish school which will be opened this fall.

The Pastor will attend the Northern Indiana Pastors and Teachers Conference at Zion Church, Fort Wayne, Monday and Tuesday.

The Pastor will begin another series of lectures on the fundamental teachings of the Christian religion Monday evening, 7:30, in the Parish Hall. All adults are welcome. There is no cost and no obligation. If you prefer, come just to be informed.

Choir rehearsal Wednesday evening at seven o'clock.

The Needle Club meets Thursday afternoon at one o'clock and the Hannah Altar Guild will meet at 1:30.

All church boards (elders, trustees, deacons, and board of finance) meet Thursday evening at seven o'clock. The Church Council meets at 7:45.

The Junior confessions meet with the pastor Saturday morning at 8 a.m. Saturday school for all grades from 9:15 to 11:30.

The Voters' Assembly of the congregation will hold its quarterly business meeting next Sunday afternoon, April 8th, at ONE o'clock in the church.

If you have no church home Zion Lutheran cordially invites you to worship the victorious Savior at its services—Easter morning.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Mercer Avenue at Five Points
Ray J. Walther, pastor
6 a.m., Union Youth Sunrise service at Methodist church.
7 a.m., Westminster fellowship breakfast.

9:15 a.m., Sunday church school. Royal Relief, superintendent. Film "The Resurrection." The entire Sunday school will see the story of the day.

10:30 a.m., worship service, Easter day. The special music for the day will be provided by a solo by Mrs. Alice Trimble, duet by Mrs. Trimble and Paul Saurer and an anthem "Thee We Adore" by the choir under the direction of Mrs. C. Mayfield.

11:45 all congregation reception tea for new members.

Monday, 7 p.m., session meeting. Tuesday, 9:10-10:15 a.m. and 8:30-9:45 p.m., Bible study classes.

This month the classes will study chapters 5 and 6 in "The Way and The Wayfarer." Each class member and those interested in a better understanding of the Bible are to come with their Bible to one of these identical classes.

Sunday, April 8, 9:15 a.m., Sunday school. 10:30 a.m., worship service. Come and hear three laymen speak their Christian convictions this Sunday after Easter.

FIRST BAPTIST

221 South Fourth Street
Stuart M. Brightwell, pastor
6 a.m., Union Sunrise service at the First Methodist church.
9:15 a.m., Sunday school hour. James J. Strickler, supt. We have a class for every age group. If you do not attend another Sunday school and church we invite you to visit us.

10:30 a.m., Easter worship service. Vocal solo by Mrs. Ed Lobsig. "Calvary" by Rodney. Choir anthems, "Hymns of Victory," Wilson. Choir directed by George Myers. Mrs. C. E. Bell is the organist. Sermon by the pastor, "Revelations of the Resurrection."

The morning worship service will conclude with the observance of the Lord's Supper.

6:30 p.m., junior fellowship and youth fellowship groups will meet. 7:30 p.m., evening worship service. James Strickler will sing, "I Will Follow Thee." Mrs. Stuart Brightwell will lead congregational singing. Nineteen candidates will be baptized at this service. You are invited to attend this impressive service.

The members and friends of our church are invited to be with us on this glad Easter day. The public is invited to the services of our church.

Monday, 5 p.m., cars will leave the church for the Salomon Ass'n Men's Brotherhood Quarterly meeting at Walnut Street Baptist church in Muncie. Transportation will be provided for those going.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., leadership education committee will meet at the church.

Wednesday, 7 p.m., mid-week prayer service and Bible study. 8 p.m., choir rehearsal.

BETHANY EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

Benj. G. Thomas, Minister
The triumphant day of Holy Week is Easter Sunday.

We shall celebrate with the challenge to the New Life made possible thru Jesus Christ and thru special music.

Rev. Harry E. Richer, evangelist, will preach as his closing sermon "The Message of Easter" at the hour of Divine Worship, 10:00 a. m. He will also sing a solo: "The Holy City." The anthem by the choir will be "The Song of Easter Triumph" by Holton.

Mr. Richard E. Maloney, the Sunday school superintendent, is anticipating a large attendance, for this past quarter we have averaged 36 more than in 1955.

We shall begin the day with the Union Easter Sunrise service at the Methodist church at 6:00 a. m. The Young People and their guests will meet in our basement for breakfast at 7:15 a. m.

On Wednesday following the Bible and Prayer service the Council of Administration and local conference will meet at 7:45 p. m. On Thursday afternoon and night the four units of the W.S.W.S. hold their monthly meetings.

ZION

Evangelical and Reformed Third and Jackson Street
William C. Feller, pastor
Easter sunrise service at 6 a.m. sponsored by the youth of the co-operating churches in the Methodist church.

Breakfast for our young people in the church dining room at 7:15 a.m. Confirmation class members will be special guests.

Church school at 9 a.m. Laverne Roth, superintendent. Special Easter numbers by the children before the class sessions. All members of every family is invited to be present.

Easter worship service at 10 a.m. Sermon by the pastor, "Behold the Place Where They Laid Him." The senior choir will sing, "Open the Gates of the Temple" by Knapp. Neil Thomas will sing, "The Holy City" by Adams. The Holy Communion will be observed for the confirmation class and for those unable to be present on Good Friday evening. Lenten self-denial coin cards are to be presented. Every member of the church and every friend of the Risen Christ ought to worship Him on this Sunday and every Sunday. There will be no Mission Band.

Official board meeting on Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Youth choir rehearsal on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Women's Guild meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Heldberg class meeting on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Senior choir rehearsal on Friday at 7 p.m.
Come and worship with us.

TRINITY

Evangelical United Brethren Madison at Ninth
John E. Chambers, minister
6 a.m., Union sunrise service at the Methodist church.
7 p.m., youth breakfast at Trinity church.

9:15 a.m., Sunday school. Clifford Hoveman, general superintendent. We invite you to study with us on this glad day.

10:30 a.m., morning worship. The organ prelude will be played by Harold Mumma, followed by the choir procession. "The Day of Resurrection." The choir, under the direction of Walter Henkel, will sing two Easter anthems: "God so Loved the World" by Stainer and "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" by Wesley. The minister's sermon subject on the series "Questions of the Passion" will be "Whom Do You Seek?" At the conclusion of the service, members will be received into the fellowship of the church.

7:30 p.m., the choir, under the direction of Walter Henkel, will present the Easter cantata, "The Empty Tomb" by Bob Roy Perry. Harold Mumma will be the organist and various members of the choir will have solo parts in the cantata. Friends of the church are invited to hear this cantata and make it a great climax to a glad Easter day.

Tuesday, 6 p.m., the Sunday school will sponsor a fellowship supper for all Sunday school members, with the Indiana Central college choir as our guests.

7:30 p.m., the Indiana Central College choir will present a sacred concert in the sanctuary. The public is invited.

Wednesday, 7 p.m., mid-week services, 8 p.m., choir rehearsal. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., ladies aid at the church. Hostesses will be Marie DeBolt, Clara Hill, and Zelma Chilcote.

Saturday, 7:30 p.m., the Work and Win class will meet at the home of Opal Drum.

Note — The feature length film, "Martin Luther" will be shown at Trinity church Sunday evening, April 8 at 7 o'clock.

CHURCH OF GOD

628 Cleveland Street
W. H. Kirkpatrick, pastor
6 a.m., Easter Sunrise service for youth at the First Methodist church.

8:30 a.m., "Christian Brotherhood hour," heard over WKJG, 1380 KC.

9:30 a.m., Easter morning worship with the note of victory and triumph as the theme. Specials by the choir. Message by the pastor, "Easter, The Christian Victory."

10:30 a.m., classes for all ages. Mary Hazelwood, S. S. Supt. The attendance goal for Easter Sunday is 250, every Sunday school member and friend needed in this effort.

1 p.m., "Christian Brotherhood Hour," heard over 800 KC.

7:30 p.m., Sunday evening service featuring a Christian sound film, entitled, "The Road Back." Your hearts will be thrilled at this practical application of the Easter Message, in this picture story.

Monday, 7:30 p.m., board of Christian Education meets at the parsonage.

Tuesday, 1 p.m., all D.V.B.S. teachers meet in the fellowship

basement. Betty Scott, director. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., prayer service. 7:30 p.m., youth fellowship in fellowship basement. 8:30 p.m., choir practice. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Women's Missionary society meeting in the fellowship basement.

FIRST METHODIST

W. Monroe at Fifth Street
Virgil Wesley Sexton, minister
6 a.m., Union Easter Sunrise service will be held in our church. Robert Ochsenrider will be the speaker. Following the service, the intermediate and senior youth fellowship groups of the church are invited to an Easter breakfast in the church dining room.

9:30 a.m., church school. John Ebersole, assistant general superintendent, will be in charge. Members of the intermediate class will have the opening devotions during the assembly period. Classes for all ages, Nursery for toddlers and a supervised crib room for babies.

10:30 a.m., Easter worship service. This service will open with the organ prelude, "Praise Ye the Lord" by Richolson, with Mrs. Edgar Gerber at the organ. During the service, she will also play, "Easter Chimes" by Demore and "Hosanna Fanfare" by Lorenz. The senior choir, under the direction of Leland Neuen, will sing the anthem, "Open the Gates of the Temple" by Knapp. The pastor has chosen as the theme for his sermon "When He Saw the Wagon" and the story sermon for the members of junior church will be on "The Easter Egg and the Easter Rabbit." There will be a special service for the baptism of babies and children.

Visitors are invited to all services.

Monday, 7 p.m., Commission on worship, 8 p.m., workers training conference.

Wednesday, 6:15 to 6:45 a.m., mid-week prayer service in Memorial Chapel. 7 p.m., Steering committee meeting in the church parlor.

Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Ever-Ready class carry-in supper in the church dining room.

Friday, 7 p.m., workers training conference. 7:30 p.m., commission on membership and evangelism.

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST

Nuttman Avenue
Paul D. Parker, minister
Happy Easter Greetings To All: The services on Easter Sunday at Nuttman Avenue will begin with a 6 o'clock sunrise service sponsored by the young people of the congregation. The theme of the service is: "He Is Risen."

At 9:30 a.m., the Sunday school will meet under the leadership of the superintendent, Lawrence Mitchell. Bring the whole family and study the Bible with us. There are classes for all ages.

The morning worship service will be held at 10:30. The theme of the pastors message in this service is: "The Two Resurrections." Christian Endeavor, 7 p.m. The topic for study is: "The Whole Wide World Rejoices."

Evening evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m. Songs and choruses you enjoy. Sermon: "The Search Of The Soul."

Special numbers will characterize the services of the day.

Prayer and Bible study, Wednesday, 7:30. You are welcome to attend any or all of these services.

FIRST CHRISTIAN

Traverse W. Chandler, minister
Morning worship begins at 9:30 a.m. with the prelude by Mrs. William Bauman at the piano. Mrs. Glen Borseher at the organ. Communion and the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper. Scripture lesson Matt. 28:1-10. The choir under the direction of Mrs. Gerald Strickler, will sing "Hymns of Victory" Wilson; "The Risen Lord," Dr. S. Marion Smith, professor of the New Testament, Butler University, will bring the sermon of the morning. Dr. Smith is the guest speaker for the evangelistic services being held at First Christian church during this week. He will close the series of sermons Sunday night. The public is invited to attend.

Bible school hour at 10:30 a.m. Everett Faulkner, supt. Gerald Strickler, assistant.
The Lydia-Ruth circle will meet Wednesday, April 4, with Mrs. Homer Ruhl, who will have charge of worship service. Mrs. Paul Daniels will be leader.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

7th and Marshall Street
C. E. Lykins, pastor
Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. The Daughters Singing Family, of Muncie, Indiana, will furnish special music, both in the Sunday school hour, and the worship part of the service.
Evening service at 7:30 p.m. in which will be presented the Easter Pageant, "These Forty Days." Monthly Missionary meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. A welcome to all.

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