

# Services in the Churches

CREAMED COMMENTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON. GOD DESIRES STEADFAST LOVE, Hosea 4:13; 5:15 to 6:6, for Sunday, July 24.

Hosea was among the earliest of the literary prophets who prophesied to the Northern Kingdom. Because of the tragedy of his own domestic life, related in the first three chapters of Hosea, the prophet was prepared for the reveal-

ment of God's yearning after wayward Israel. Hosea did not storm at the people as Amos had done, he pleaded with them and talked, not of righteousness, but of love. The lesson should teach us that above all, God desires steadfast love from his children.

V.1. "Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land." Hosea gave this controversy a legal emphasis having to do with God's covenant with Israel. God had prospered the Israelites on condition that they should exercise righteousness and judgment, but they had violated this covenant by their moral collapse. God expected truth, not shame, hypocrisy and corruption. God wanted his people to be merciful to the unfortunate and the suffering and they made no effort to understand God's will for them or have any real communion with Him.

V.2. "By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood." All the sins mentioned are deep moral sins, and most of them break the Ten Commandments. Also, the people broke out into acts of violence and one murder was quickly followed by another.

V.3. "Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away." Moral evil soon transforms itself into physical evil, which has its effects on all nature. An evil people will not long possess a good land.

V.15. "I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early." God is speaking in the first person through the prophet. God inflicts judgments to produce repentance. He will forsake his people until they acknowledge their guilt and seek Him. When they are ready to do this, He will be readily accessible.

V.1-3. "Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for me he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up... After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight... Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared at the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain unto the earth." These three verses indicate what Hosea thinks the people would say as they return to the Lord, but the words did not reflect genuine, sincere repentance. God is represented as a physician—he tears so that he may subsequently heal, but it indicates a superficial view of God's attitude toward sin, assuming that God would restore them to favor speedily as soon as he saw any sign of their turning to Him. There must be a genuine repentance before a broken relationship with God is restored and it is sometimes restored slowly. When the people return to God, his aid, his forgiveness and blessing is as sure as the coming of each dawn and as refreshing as a spring rain.

V.4. "O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew as it goeth away." By Ephraim, God is referring to Israel. In this verse, God asks how he can minister justice and mercy at the same time, since they were as fickle in their resolutions of repentance as a morning cloud or the vanishing dew—asking forgiveness one moment, committing iniquity the next. The half-hearted attempts of the people to be righteous were gone—with the



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## SUMMER SCHEDULE

### Sunday masses

6:00 a. m.  
7:30 a. m.  
9:00 a. m.  
10:30 a. m.

### Weekday masses

6 a. m., 7 a. m., and 8:15 a. m.  
Thursday — 5:30 p. m.

### ZION EVANG. & REF. (United Church of Christ)

Third and Jackson

William C. Feller, Pastor

Church School at 9 a. m. Lawrence Rash, superintendent. Mrs. Adolph Weidler will teach the combined adult classes. Come and bring your family for the study of God's Word.

Divine Worship at 10 a. m. Sermon by the pastor: "A Winning Combination." Special music will be presented by Chet Longenberger, who will play a piano solo, "Whispering Hope" by Hawthorne.

Visitors are always welcome to the services of this church. We extend an invitation to all who are without a church home in this community to worship with us.

Let us not neglect the worship of our God during the summer months.

### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

11th and Monroe

Richard C. Ludwig, Pastor

Divine Worship services at 8 and 10:30 a. m.

Sunday School at 9:15 a. m.

The Pastor's sermon will be "The Rewards of Christian Faith," Luke 5:1-11.

Mr. Smith Snively, principal of the Lutheran school will be installed during the 10:30 service next Sunday morning, July 24.

The Needle club will meet on Thursday at 1 o'clock for sewing.

Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, there will be another "Night With The Pastor" meeting.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on July 31 in both services. Please announce by card left or mailed to the parish hall.

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### CHURCH OF GOD

Huson Beaver, Jr., Pastor

8:30 a. m.—The Christian Brotherhood Hour" over WKJG. The subject of Dr. Oldham this Sunday will be "Contracted."

9:30 a. m.—Morning Worship. Our pastor speaks on the subject "Trust" We invite our friends of this community to come and be with us this Lord's day.

10:40 a. m.—Sunday School. Let us strive for every member of the family to be a regular student.

7:30 p. m.—Evening Service.

Come let us deepen our lives together in worship.

Tuesday

The Gulf Coast College Quartet will be with us, for an evening of sacred songs. Come and bring the family.

### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES KINGDOM HALL

Corner Monroe and Ninth

Sunday, 3 p. m.—"What is Your Future in the Space Age?" will be the subject of a Bible lecture to be given by Fred Close, Watchtower representative and an assistant presiding minister from Fort Wayne. Scriptural answers will be given to such questions as "Do scientific advances insure a peaceful future?" and "Is a paradise earth possible?" The public is invited.

Sunday, 4:15 p. m.—Watchtower

Bible Study and discussion on the subject, "Speech and Salvation." One of the scripture texts for consideration will be Romans 10:8-10. "For with the heart one exercises faith for righteousness, but with the mouth one makes public declaration for salvation."

Tuesday, 8 p. m.—Bible study using the study aid, "Your Will Be Done On Earth."

Friday, 7:30 p. m.—Theocratic

Ministry school followed by Kingdom Ministry service meeting.

Wednesday, 7 p. m., prayer and Bible study, Genesis 31-33, 35.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Mercer Avenue at Five Points

Harold J. Bond, minister

9:30 a. m., unified morning worship. Entire families may come at the same time to the sanctuary with the exception of nursery and primary boys and girls. The pastor will speak upon the theme, "Is The Devil Real?" Dr. W. W. Cravens will serve as head usher for the sermonette. Miss Jeanie Cook will relate her experience at the synod of Ohio conference for Presbyterian Youth held at Wooster college recently.

Edward Cravens is attending Junior II camp at Kosciusko at Winona Lake July 17-23. Mike Martindill, Miss Jayne Macklin and Susan Langston have returned from Junior I camp at Kosciusko.

The Mariner's will meet at 5:30 p. m., Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Clint Reed.

Whosoever will, May come.

The Minister reserves time each day for confidential interviews with those who wish to see him. Private, Christian and sympathetic counsel is available to any one who seeks it. Apointments may be made through the church office 3-2522.

### TRINITY EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN

Ninth and Madison Streets

J. O. Penrod, Minister

Sunday Church School will be held at 9 o'clock

Morning Worship service begins at 10 o'clock. The pastor's message will be "The Judgment of Mercy." A vocal duet will be sung by Ona Lee Barkley and Jan Elzey.

The Junior-Hi and Senior-Hi "Y-Hour" meetings will be held Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

The boys and girls fellowship meeting will be Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

The evening worship service will be Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Boy Scout troop meeting will be Monday at 6:30 o'clock.

The building committee meeting will be Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

The boys and girls fellowship

will meet Wednesday at 7 o'clock. Mid-week worship will be Wednesday at 7 o'clock.

The DYB class will meet Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The Junior-Hi will hold a swimming party Friday evening.

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