

# Services in the Churches

Creased Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, "Isaiah's Vision of the Holy God," Isaiah 6:1-10, for Sunday, August 14.

The prophet Isaiah, of the tribe of Judah, had a long career from 742 to about 700 B.C., prophesying during the reign of five kings. His writings are among the most sublime and oft quoted of the prophecies, and nowhere in the Bible do we find such distinct pictures of Jesus, the suffering Messiah. This lesson deals with the account of a great religious experience in which Isaiah received a call to be a prophet. He was about 30 years old at this time.

V.1. "In the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, and lifted up, and his train filled the temple." Uzziah had had a prosperous reign of 52 years, but when he attempted to usurp the duties of the high priest, he was stricken

with leprosy, and suddenly the last hope of Israel was gone. Isaiah's vision of God sitting on his heavenly throne probably occurred during a great ceremony in the Temple of Solomon where he may have served as an official of some kind. Because the Hebrews believed that the invisible Yahweh was enthroned on the ark of the covenant in the holy of holies of the Temple, the sight of this object may have induced this vision.

V.2. "Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings: with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet and with twain he did fly." The seraphim were mythical creatures believed to be half animal and half human. They were considered to be attendants upon the heavenly king. Four wings were for devotion and two were used for activity.

V.3. "And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory." God's holiness was frequently mentioned by Isaiah. He often referred to God as "The Holy One of Israel." Two ideas are conveyed in the word "holy" namely, God's distinction and exaltation above everything earthly and the splendor of his moral perfection. Mention of the word three times relates to the doctrine of the Trinity.

V.4. "And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke." The shaking of the foundations of the thresholds was an evidence of the powerful presence of God. The burning of the incense may have caused the smoke, but smoke in the temple on previous occasions indicated the presence of God.

V.5. "Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone: because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." Isaiah was overwhelmed with the sense of his own unworthiness, so made a very explicit confession which was a necessary prelude to his forgiveness and cleansing. Isaiah contrasts the divine King who never dies with the earthly king who had just died.

Vs.6,7. "Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: . . . And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." Isaiah believed that he was forgiven by the fact that the seraphim took a burning coal from the incense altar, the place of sacrifice for atonement, and burned away his uncleanness. In the old Egyptian religious rites there was a similar ceremony of mouth purification for priests at their ordination, and this may have been carried over into Jewish ritual.

Vs.8, 9. "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. . . . And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not." Having been purged, Isaiah is fit to converse with God and to become His spokesman to the people. Isaiah is a willing prophet, unlike Moses and Jeremiah, who hesitated before answering God's call. Isaiah is challenged to prophesy to a people who see and hear, but refuse to understand or accept the truth.

V.10. "Make the heart of this people fat, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes; and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert and be healed." Isaiah felt he must



There are scales for weighing character. Some people weigh their inner life on the scales of prosperity, social status, power, selfishness, fear, tension. Others weigh their inner lives on the scales of helpfulness, unselfishness, courage, faith, humility. This second group has the right idea of the weight of a life. They are not weighed in the balances and found wanting.



The Bible often conveys ideas which express helpful suggestions in acquiring serenity in the midst of chaotic times. The following are from the Book of Proverbs: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom." "She is more precious than rubies." "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." "He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly. He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding. A soft answer turneth away wrath." "One man gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want." "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but a wise man listens to advice."



Discussion questions on the Sunday School Lesson, "Isaiah's Vision of the Holy God," for Sunday, August 14.

1. To what degree was Isaiah's worship experience similar to our own worship pattern today?
2. To what extent is a feeling of guilt evident in our time even as Isaiah felt guilty of personal unworthiness and uncleanness?
3. In what sense is every Christian called or commissioned by God for some task?
4. How does Isaiah's concept of God compare with that which Christ has given us?
5. How do men today "see God?"

prophecy to the people even if they were unresponsive to his message and morally insensitive to truth. —Based on copyrighted outlines produced by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and used by permission.



St. Mary's Catholic Church  
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt

## 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.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Mercer Avenue at Five Points  
Harold J. Bond, minister

9:30 a. m., unified morning family worship. All members of the family can come to the Sanctuary at the same time to worship (except nursery, kindergarten and primary departments which meet at 313 Mercer in the Sunday school annex).

The pastor will speak this Sunday upon the theme, "The Victorious Life With Christ," as suggested by John 10:9-10, "I am the Door . . . I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Whosoever Will, May Come.

The Minister reserves time each day for confidential interviews with those who wish private, Christian and sympathetic counsel. Appointment can be made at the church office by phoning 3-2522.

Worship with us in the cool of the morning.

## FIRST METHODIST

West Monroe at Fifth Street  
F. Hazen Sparks, minister

9 a. m., church school. Don Boroff, superintendent, will be in charge of our church school, where classes are provided for each member of your family. A supervised Lullaby Room is available for infants and nursery and kindergarten classes are provided for pre-school children. Bring your family and come to our church school.

10 a. m., divine worship. Our guest minister this Sunday morning will be Rev. E. B. Megenity, who will preach on the topic: "Jesus Calls Us." The special number will be a duet "Love Divine, All Love Excelling," by Stainer sung by Mr. Don Gerig and Mrs. Walter J. Krick. Mrs. Harry Dalley will play the following organ selections: "By the Waters of Babylon" by Martin, "Among the Pines" by McCombs and "Laudate Deum" by Baumgardner.

Wednesday, 7 p. m., prayer service will be held in the chapel.

Next Sunday morning our guest minister will be Rev. Robert Ochsenrieder.

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cor. 11th & Monroe Sts.

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

Sunday school classes meet at 9:15 a. m.

The Rev. Prof. Wilbert Stelzer, of Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, will conduct both services in the absence of Rev. Ludwig.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Control of the Lutheran hospital will be held Monday evening Aug. 8, at 8 p. m. in the auditorium of the nurses' residence.

All new and returning College students will be invited to a special "Night With The Pastor" on Aug. 23.

A Little Rock, Arkansas, pastor, Rev. Richard Jahn, talks about "Christ and Civil Rights" on the Lutheran Hour's sixth special election year broadcasts on WOWO at 8:30 a. m. and WKJG at 12:30 p. m.

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Gene Gardner, pastor

We welcome you to the friendliest church in Decatur.

9:45 a. m., Sunday school.

10:30 a. m., morning worship.

7 p. m., youth service.

7:45 p. m., evangelistic crusade.

Wednesday, 7:45 p. m., prayer meeting.

Your pastor, Rev. Gene Gardner, invites everyone to the services.

The enemies of the cross turn away in dismay from the empty grave of Jesus.

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## ZION EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED

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Third and Jackson

William C. Feller, Pastor

Church School at 9:00 a. m.

Lawrence Rash, superintendent, will be in charge. George Thompson will teach the combined adult classes. Other classes will meet as usual. Come and bring your family.

Divine Worship at 10:00 a. m.

Sermon by the pastor: "The Faithfulness of God." Special music will be an organ solo by Mike Kaehr, "Prelude and Fugue in E Minor" by J. S. Bach.

Infants will be baptized at the close of the service. Visitors are always welcome in the services of this church. Come and bring a friend. If you have guests bring them with you. Greeting committee for the month is composed of Mrs. Walter Augsburg, Miss Margaret Fruchie, Mr. and Mrs. Eral Johnson.

Service at the county home at 2:00 p. m. Visitors are welcome. Sunday afternoon, Aug. 14, youth fellowship outing at Lake James.

Come and worship with us. Claudia Johnson and Denise Hunter will be attending church camp at Camp Barbee during the coming week. Mrs. Ann Lehman will also attend as a counselor.

## FIRST CHRISTIAN

2nd and Jefferson Streets  
Edward Pacha, minister

Morning worship, 9:30 a. m.

Church school, 10:30 a. m.

Dist. 5 youth commission meeting, 2 p. m.

Willing-workers class picnic, 5 p. m.

Morning worship and communion every Lord's Day. There will be special music and the pastor will bring the morning message.

Mrs. Wm. Bauman will play "By the Waters of Galilee." "Teach us Thy Way," and "Alone with Thee."

The church-school lesson is "God Loves His Erring Children" and classes meet at 10:30 a. m. Remember, morning worship is not enough! You need church-school.

Here is one of those little sayings that you run across once in a while, and you just have to tell someone because it seems so true that it hurts. "An atheist is a disbeliever who prefers to raise his children in a Christian Community."

God Bless You.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

12th and Washington Street  
Wm. Dunshee, minister

9:30 a. m., worship hour. Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Galatians 6:7 & 8. Come and join with us in hymns of praise, prayer and communion. The Lord's Supper is served each Sunday.

10:30 a. m., sermon, Bro. Wm. Dunshee.

11:00 a. m., Bible school hour. Gene Schindler, supt. Bring your entire family for this wonderful half hour of study from God's word. Lessons learned by children in Bible school often are remembered their entire life. These memories are precious.

7:30 p. m., Wednesday, Bible study and prayer meetings.

If God were to desert us for one instant, we would perish. What happens when we desert Him? We welcome you each service.

## BETHANY

Evangelical United Brethren

Beal G. Thomas, minister

9 a. m., Sunday school under the superintendency of Mr. Maurice Teeple.

10 a. m., divine worship. We have as our guest minister, the Rev. Siegfried Eisenmann of Geisingen Steige, Germany. He is a graduate of the E.U.B. seminary at Reutlingen in South Germany and is in the U.S.A. as an exchange student. He will be studying at the Evangelical Theological Seminary at Naperville, Illinois.

Thursday, 2:4 p. m. — Mrs. Paul Bevelhimer will have the children in the fellowship hour. All those in grades 1-6 are invited.

Tom Johnson and Gary Teeple are leaving Monday to spend the week in church camp at Camp Lakewood near Kendallville.

The language of the Cross is a universal language.



## When God created man, He intended that he should live his life projectively and not in a vacuum.

Just as with sound reproduction, life must have quality as in high fidelity, and projection as in stereo, in order for it to be at its best. In living, there are two essential parts, devotion and service, and, in order that we live fully, a balance of the two must be maintained. It is the projection of our life through these channels which gives depth and meaning to our Christ-like lives. A stereo-phonetic system of living is a check and balance system. Devotion alone is as useless as a bass drum solo unless we add the element of sacrificial service to insure a balance in our Christian living. The church helps us have the proper balance and perspective.

Why not accept the invitation and come to church next Sunday?

## TRINITY

Evangelical United Brethren

Ninth and Madison Streets

J. O. Penard, minister

The Sunday church school will begin at 9 o'clock.

The morning worship service will be held at 10 o'clock. The pastor's message will be "Wayside Shrines." A vocal duet will be sung by Cindy Haggerty and Carol Hoverman. They will sing "Tell Me the Old, Old Story." Organist, Harold Mumma has chosen the following selections: "Theme from 'Pathétique' Symphony" by Tchaikowski; "I Need Thee Every Hour" by Lowry-Lawrence; and "Pontifical" by Higgins.

At 4:30 o'clock the senior-high youth will have a "cook-out" at the Girl Scout cabin at Hanna Nutman park.

The junior-high youth will have their "Y-Hour" meeting at 6 o'clock.

The Boys and Girls fellowship hour will be Sunday night at 7 o'clock.

The Sunday evening service will be held at 7 o'clock. The service will be combined with the church council of administration meeting.

The Boy Scout troop will meet Monday, 6:30 o'clock.

The Building committee will meet Monday, 7 p. m.

The General committee of the fall stewardship program will meet Tuesday, 7 p. m.

Boys and girls fellowship meeting Wednesday, 7 p. m. Mid-week worship, Wednesday, 7 p. m. Music committee meeting will be Wednesday, 8 p. m.

The organizational meeting for the Women's Comprehensive program will be held in the fellowship hall Thursday evening, August 11, at 7:30 p. m.

## CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

North Seventh at Marshall

C. E. Lykins, Pastor

Sunday school at 9:30, Kenneth Marckel, Supt. A class for every age group.

There will be a short worship service at 10:30, after which all who can will leave for the district center at Marion, eat dinner together, and attend the afternoon and evening camp meeting services.

There will be no evening service at the local church.

Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday.

Men are needed for volunteer work at the church Monday evening. Changes which will need to be made in the basement for our coming building program are being started at this time, in order to re-organize the junior department.

This church extends a warm invitation to all.

Crosses are ladders which reach to heaven.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

221 South Fourth Street

Waldo Salway, Supt. We have a graded school with a class for every age.

10:30 a. m. Morning Worship service. This morning we extend a cordial Christian welcome to Rev. and Mrs. Roy Lundquist.

Rev. Lundquist is a graduate of Bethel College, St. Paul, Minnesota and Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago. From 1956-1958 he served as student pastor at Union Mills, Ind. Since 1958 he has served as assistant to Pastor Harn A. Weber, Jr., of the Central Baptist church, Indianapolis.

Rev. Lundquist is filling our pulpit this morning as a candidate pastor, and at the close of the worship service all members will have the opportunity of expressing their desire in the matter of extending a call to Rev. Lundquist to serve as our pastor. We pray that God will guide each of us in this important step.

Sermon topic: "Jesus Is Still On Trial." Special music will be a vocal solo by C. Allen Lehman. Mrs. Eugene Lehman is church organist.

The evening service for tonight has been cancelled, however the Baptist Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:30 p. m. John Bedwell is in charge of the program.

Church Calendar

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Midweek Hour of Prayer. James J. Strickler will be in charge.

Saturday, Aug. 13, 7:30 p. m. Baptist Youth Recreation in the church basement.

Future events: Aug. 19—Dynamic Builder's Sunday School class picnic.

The services of our church are open to the public. You are invited to visit our friendly church.

## CHURCH OF GOD

628 Cleveland Street

Huston Bever, Jr., pastor

8:30 a. m. "The Christian Brotherhood Hour" over WKJG. This program is presented by the Church of God in an effort to promote Christian unity.

9:30 a. m., morning worship. There will be many who will never stop to worship the Lord on this day. Will you be among those who partake of the Lord's blessings without giving thanks?

10:40 a. m., Sunday school. Mrs. Emory Hawkins, superintendent. Mrs. Clarence Stapleton, Jr. dept. superintendent.

7:30 p. m., evening service.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., prayer service.

## MISSIONARY

Tenth and Dayton Streets

Gerald I. Gerig, pastor

9 a. m., Sunday school hour. July was an outstanding month in our church. Make sure your family is in Sunday school tomorrow!

10 a. m., morning worship hour. Pastor speaking.

6:30 p. m., pre-service prayer. Teen-age MYF; children's gospel hour.

7 p. m., evening gospel hour.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., prayer and praise. 116 attended last Wednesday night.

Friday, 6:30 p. m., fishing trip for the men of our church.

Saturday, 7 p. m., men's prayer meeting.

## BOOK REVIEW

"The Speaker's Sourcebook" by Eleanor Doan. The Zondervan Publishing Co., contains 4000 illustrations, quotations, anecdotes, poems, sentence sermons, arranged alphabetically for easy use. It contains a wide range of materials appropriate for every occasion.

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