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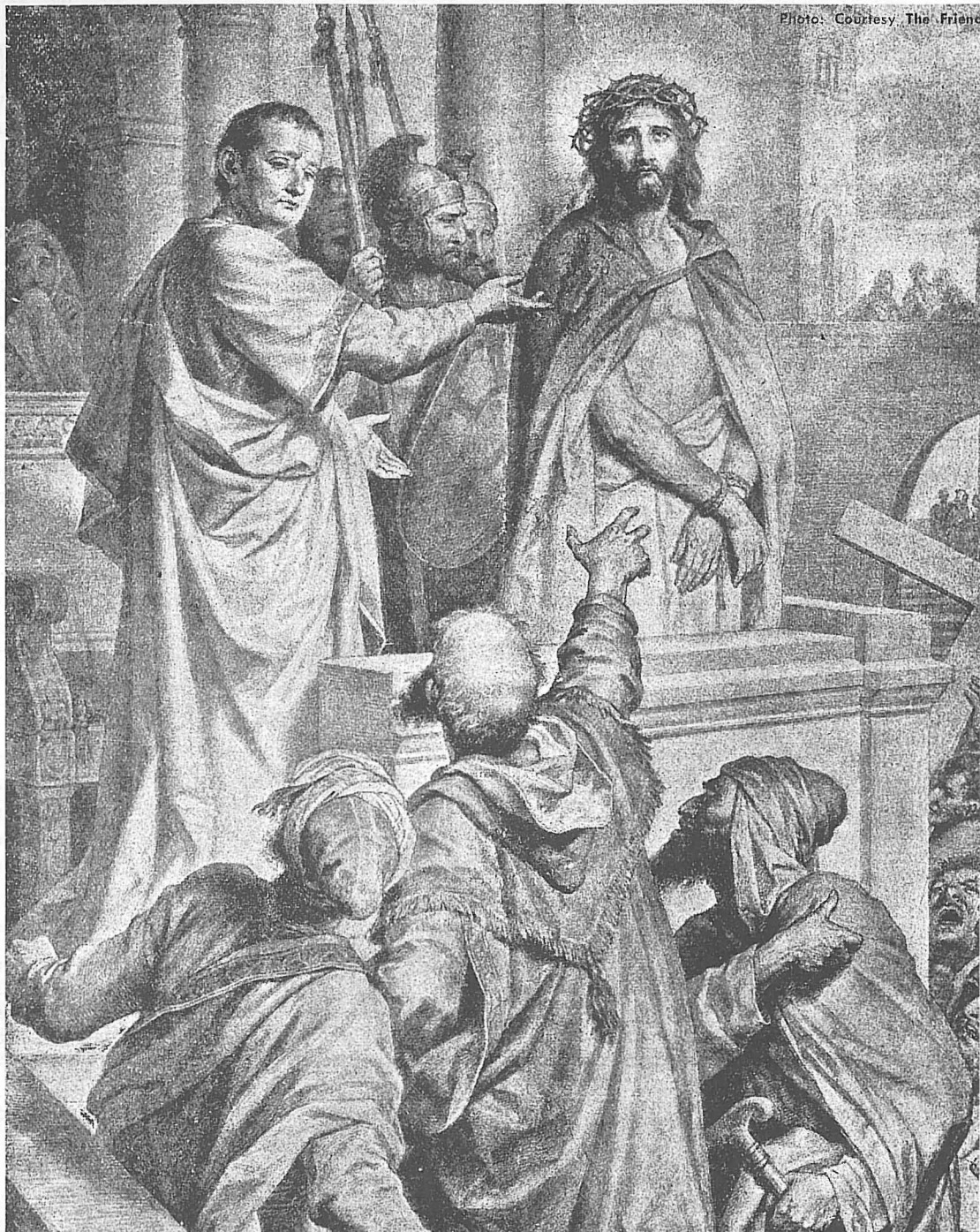
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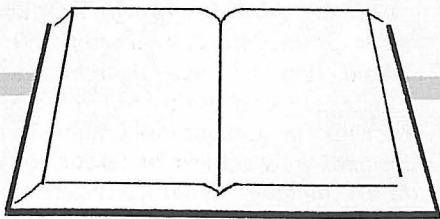
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# According to the Word

## The Head Crowned with Thorns

**“And plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’” (Matt. 27:29).**

“O sacred Head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed  
down,  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, Thine only crown;  
O sacred Head, what glory,  
What bliss, till now, was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call Thee mine.”

Bernard of Clairvaux

It was crude sport and sickening to the sensitive in spirit, but there were few such around as the night trial of Jesus continued. The Roman soldiers had been a little uneasy when they arrested this man in Gethsemane. They had understood the resistance of Peter, but not the kindness of Jesus in healing the ear of Malchus. Now, back in the Praetorium, their confidence was fully restored. The situation was well in hand.

The battalion of soldiers decided to amuse themselves. They dressed Jesus in a scarlet robe and gave Him a reed for a scepter. They fashioned a wreath of needle-sharp thorns and put it on His head as a crown. In derision they mocked, “Hail, King of the Jews!” Like Pilate who, in a show of courage,

insisted that the superscription be placed over Jesus’ head, “Jesus of Nazereth, King of the Jews,” the soldiers without knowledge were witnessing to truth. This man was a king.

His head was crowned with thorns and His throne was a cross to show that His kingdom was not of this world. If we need further proof, we recall that His cradle was a manger and His vocational training was carpentry. You see, He did not come to lead a *coup d’etat* against the Roman occupation forces. He came to save people from their sins and the futility and hopelessness which follow.

Jesus himself said, “My kingdom is not of this world.” That is, we don’t define it geographically. We do not locate it in any one organization to the exclusion of others. There are no central headquarters. It is to be found in the world, but is not formed in the world’s mold. This kingdom is found wherever a man, woman, or child has received the Lord Jesus and thereby received the power or right to be a child of God.

Are you in this kingdom which Jesus said we ought to seek first of all? Is your home an outpost of the kingdom because Christ lives there every day with His sanctifying presence?

His head was crowned with

thorns in order that we might be given the crown of life. We understand that all that which the Lord endured was for the sake of others, for us. He came to bring that kingdom to our hearts and homes, but let us not forget that its greatest glory is yet to be revealed, when this world has passed away.

Peter mentions the “crown of glory” and James and John the “crown of life.” The crown is a future reward, and on what basis is it offered? On the basis of faith, of course, but something more—faithfulness. The crown of life is to be given, not to those who made a beginning or had some successes, but to the ones who are faithful, the ones who have denied self and followed Christ, the ones who have been overcomers.

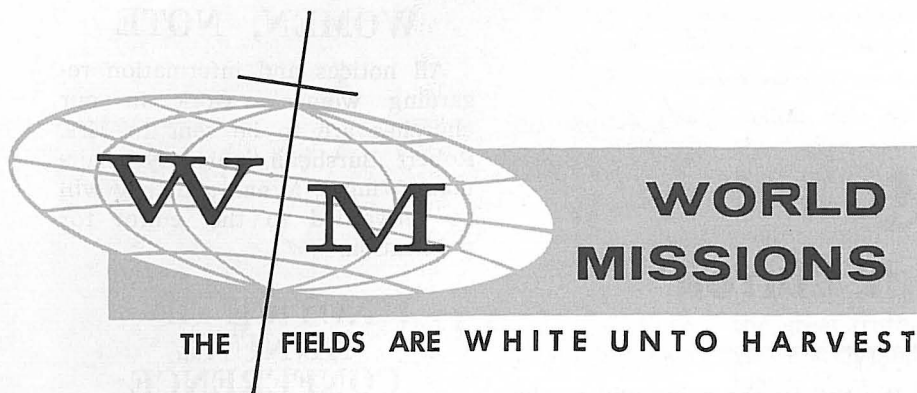
Jesus does not call anyone to the kingdom without at the same time giving the promise that He will supply the strength needed and will Himself be a constant companion of the way. Nor does He ask us to walk in any path which He has not first traveled.

His head was crowned with thorns in order to show that His kingdom is not of this world and in order that we might receive the crown of life. God grant that we, with the sacred throng, may join the everlasting song which crowns Him “Lord of all.”

—Raynard Huglen

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## Lutheran Missionary Compassion

REV. JOHN H. ABEL  
Missionary to Brazil

"...the angel touched my lips and said: 'Lo, this hath touched thee, thy iniquity hath been purged and thy sin forgiven. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: Whom shall I send and who will go for us? And I answered, 'Here am I, Lord, send me'" (Isa. 6: 7, 8).

Has your life been touched by God? If it has, you have come to Isaiah's experience of seeing yourself as a sinner. In some way, you too have called out: "Woe is me, for I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips." How wonderful it is when the Holy Spirit does His convicting work which drives us to the Saviour and we are touched by the cleansing power of the Lord Jesus. What happens? Well, not only does the sinner whom Christ saves experience purging and forgiveness, but our very lips are touched; we have a sanctified talk as well as a consecrated walk. It is only sinners touched by God who will come to the place where they can hear the voice of God saying: "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Such a person seeks to be alone with God, and in the quiet place of his communion he hears that still small voice which is still saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?"

The history of foreign missions contains many glorious pages of

the history of men and women who have been touched by God and are in touch with Him. When judged from the viewpoint of heroism and consecration, we see no greater group. How inspirational it is to read of these valiant men and women who have gladly obeyed the call of their Master, and in obeying have lived in the midst of conditions of extreme hardship and danger, ready even to die when necessary. Jesus Christ has rightly been called the first Christian foreign missionary. He left His home in glory and traveled to this planet knowing that what awaited Him was danger and hardships, heartaches and sorrows. It would even be necessary to die.

Thus it has been with true foreign missionaries down through history. Paul said, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). Great tasks have been undertaken with very limited material resources. Difficult and often hitherto unknown languages have been mastered, national barriers of suspicion and ill-will have been broken down. The bitter opposition of century-old religions and superstitions which have enslaved millions of souls under demon powers have been met and conquered. Men and women, touched by God and sent by Him, have braved the danger of hostile pagans, of unsanitary and dangerous living conditions, to preach the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ by their lips and their lives in such a manner that unbelieving stony hearts were touched, lives were transformed and society influenced and changed.

William Carey is known as the father of modern-day missions. It is told that he was attending a ministerial convention of free churches in London and that he proposed as a subject of discussion at this meeting "Whether the great commission, to preach the gospel to every creature, were not obligatory upon all ministers 'till the end of the world." Dr. Rylands, the chairman, reproved him for his audacity, assuring him that the task of evangelizing the heathen could not be undertaken unless there were another Pentecost, including the gift of tongues. Dr. Rylands was wrong, as his later action admitted when he headed Carey's Board of Missions. But what was his mistake? His mistake was in thinking that Pentecost, rather than Calvary, opened the door to the wider reaches of the gospel. Pentecost was necessary—it provided the power—but the Cross broke down the barrier and claimed the entire world for Christ. "And I, if I am lifted up, . . . will draw all men unto me" (John 12: 32).

I'm personally thanking God for the mission conviction of the Free Association of Lutheran Churches. Participating congregations and individuals have taken seriously Christ's supreme purpose for His Church: "...as the Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). "Go ye into all the world" (Mark 16:15). You have determined that you shall do your utmost to be faithful to Christ's great commission. You, perhaps, like myself, have become conscious of the much-used verb "go." Jesus used this word in a qualified way over and over again. It was to remind His followers that they could not be static, careless, aimless in their efforts, or indifferent to His will. He said, "Go seek," "Go forth," "Go show," "Go call," "Go preach," "Go teach," "Go tell," "Go quickly"—all conditions for the Christian were "GO."

During these coming months the Association will be looking to each

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# Letters

## TO THE EDITOR

Our first copy of *The Lutheran Ambassador* came today, and what a welcome guest it was. We are sending our subscription for a year.

Mrs. Birdeen Holt  
Fosston, Minn.

It (*Ambassador*) looks good. May God bless you and the many homes that are eagerly waiting for its coming.

Paul Bjornstad  
Duluth, Minn.

I would like to become a subscriber. It (*The Williston Daily Herald*) mentions that the editor lives in New Effington, S. Dak., but I couldn't find that town on the road map I have of S. Dak., so I wondered if it was a mistake. (*Hear ye, New Effington!—Ed.*)

Name withheld  
Sidney, Mont.

The format is excellent. It appears like a dignified magazine of the church caliber.

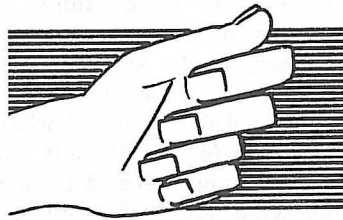
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Shevlin, Minn.

I fail to understand the statement (Feb. 26): "After all, for one thing, Augsburg is gone." Where did she go? I have just talked to a couple back from Minneapolis and they report Augsburg is there, where she has always been, in full strength and vigor! (**We meant that for we who did not join the American Lutheran Church, Augsburg is gone, and also for that reason our part of the former fellowship is different.—Ed.**)

Name withheld  
Fargo, N. Dak.

We believe the going will not be too fast and things won't go too smoothly as there will be problems to face, but with faith in Him all things are possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Saukerson  
Chamberlain, S. Dak.



### SOULS AND SAVINGS

Any spiritual movement used of God must feature souls and savings. In other words, we must seek to see people saved—conscious of having been born again by the Word of God (I Peter 1:23). The foundation of fellowship with God and service to Him must be the experience of having come to the end of self and tasted the POWER of Christ in the soul. Nothing else will bring the believer into a new life of fellowship with God. As Paul says, "The gospel is the POWER of God unto salvation," that is, a new life in Christ (Romans 1:16).

Before a believer has come to this place in his life, he has no real inner joy and his gifts are no blessing to him nor to others, and no honor to God. What need has God of the gifts of the unsaved? Gifts from the unsaved only foster his own self-righteousness and he is likely to think that God owes

## WOMEN, NOTE

All notices and information regarding women's work in our churches are to be sent to Mrs. Robert Bursheim, publicity chairman, Winger, Minn., and they will be forwarded to the editor for publication.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference of the Association will be held June 12-16. The site has not been determined, but may be known by the time of our next issue of the *Ambassador*.

## STEWARDSHIP

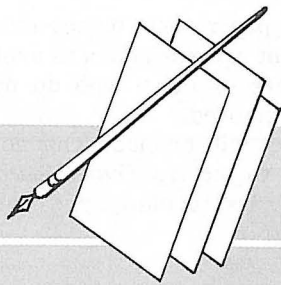
ALL THAT I HAVE  
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him something for his generosity. If a soul does not recognize his need of God's mercy in His soul unto newness of life, it is sheer mockery to think that his savings are any value to God.

On the other hand, the person who has received Christ into his soul and experienced POWER unto a new life, is obligated to serve God with his savings. By savings, I do not mean what you save after you pay your bills. I mean the first money you take out of every paycheck or income and save it by giving it to God in gospel work.

The Christian who fails to serve God with his savings will live a crippled spiritual life. The Christian who serves God with his savings will discover a life of spiritual blessing and fruitfulness. So if you have not done so, first ask Christ to come into your heart to cleanse and save you and then serve God with your savings.

—Pastor Hamar Benson



# EDITORIALS

## ON THE RECOVERY OF BILLY GRAHAM

We believe our Association family is united in offering prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord that there is every prospect that Billy Graham will be restored to his ministry of evangelism.

There is no man today whose services the world could less afford to lose than those of the still-young American evangelist. Called of the Lord to preach to the great and the obscure while only about thirty years of age, Mr. Graham's voice has prevented the wasteland of a world, reeling with the success of its science and the failure of its human associations, from becoming even more so.

In other words, we shudder to think what these last fourteen years would have been if Mr. Graham had not been on the scene to remind men of God and the salvation there is in Christ alone. It is good to know that in our day many thousands can be gathered in our great world cities in the name of Jesus, and not only for professional football or baseball games. We had the opportunity to be in such gatherings in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1961.

This is not to say that we may all agree with everything that is said or done. But then, we do not always feel this unanimity even with our fellow Lutherans. Nevertheless, we do endorse his program and pray for its success. His campaigns represent an ecumenicism we can understand, the joining together even with other denominations to make possible the confrontation of the sinner with Jesus who is mighty to save. (We do not mean to endorse every interdenominational effort, however.)

Therefore, we pray for the restoration to complete health and activity of Billy Graham, so that he might continue to bring God's message for these crisis times.

### DR. S. C. EASTVOLD

We have two memories of Dr. Seth C. Eastvold, president of California Lutheran College and for many years president of Pacific Lutheran University, who died on February 25 in Minneapolis.

In 1953 he spoke to the Pastors' Institute at Augsburg College and Seminary. His presentations were strongly pro-Lutheran.

The other memory is from the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Minneapolis in 1957. The oc-

casional was an afternoon plenary session. Lutheran theologians (we use the word in the academic sense) were carrying on a debate which to the average layman was unintelligible and into which the average pastor could only dimly peer. At some point in the discussion, Dr. Eastvold arose and gave a brief speech in which he called attention to the need for reaffirming the great truths of Biblical and Lutheran faith. When he was through the galleries broke into strong applause. It was a spontaneous response to the familiar, and, we like to think, to the recognition of the truths which really matter when all is said and done.

When the Lutheran World Federation convenes in Helsinki next summer, we trust that someone, and more than one, will do as the late Dr. Eastvold did—give the galleries something to cheer about.

## THE COURAGE OF A MAN

All people who are interested in the dignity and rights of man regardless of the color of his skin, waited with considerable anticipation the announcement of James Meredith as to whether or not he would enroll for the second semester at the University of Mississippi.

He could find a good many reasons for not going back. It is never easy to face the brutal psychological warfare of people who hate, let alone the threats of physical violence. Meredith could have given up the struggle at that point with honor and we would have understood. But like the astronaut who could have stopped at two orbits but elected to ride out three, he chose to complete the year at his own university. Perhaps even the staunch segregationists secretly admired this man who could come back for more.

The governor of that state and the people must surely realize that they are fighting a losing battle, and we hope that they will accept the fact that, noble as we believe the battle for states' rights is, human rights must come first. Yes, talk is cheap for we who are almost totally away from the front lines of race problems. Nevertheless, let us give our vocal encouragement to the struggle for the realization of equal rights for all people in our country.

*The Lutheran Ambassador* salutes those white citizens in the areas of tension, North and South, who are standing up to be counted for civil rights. No doubt James Meredith received just enough "hellos" and faint smiles of reassurance so that he knew he must not let those white people down as well as the people of his own race. His own courage is not unlike that of the early Christians under Roman persecution and which, we hope, would be evidenced today by every believer who may be put to the test for his faith.

## WE ASK YOUR CONSIDERATION

We are currently in the process of establishing a

subscription list for *The Lutheran Ambassador*. We don't expect that this will be accomplished without incident, but we are hoping that errors and mix-ups will be kept to a minimum. If you are involved in one of our errors, we ask your kind consideration as we straighten the matter out.

The first copies of the *Ambassador* went into several thousand homes. Some of you received two copies of each issue because we had duplicate names.

As people subscribe to our paper their names must be checked against our present address plates to avoid other duplications. The names of those who do not choose to subscribe must be removed.

It is possible that mistakes will be made. Our goal is that everyone who wants to receive *The Lutheran Ambassador* will get his copies regularly and with his name spelled correctly.

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## International Falls Judge to Hear Pleas in Name Controversy

The case of the Board of Administration of the Lutheran Free Church and the American Lutheran Church vs. the Lutheran Association (a name being temporarily used) and her secretary, Rev. Richard Snipstead, over the use of the name *Lutheran Free Church (not merged)*, will be heard in district court in Roseau, Minnesota, by Judge Gordon L. McRae, International Falls, Minnesota, this spring.

Perhaps on April 2 the date of hearing will be set, but such hearing may not take place until early May. The case will be heard before the judge only, and he will render the decision as to whether the temporary injunction granted last Nov. 27, in Warren, Minnesota, shall be made permanent. The temporary injunction forbade the non-merging group from using the name Lutheran Free Church (not merged) or any name similar to "The Lutheran Free Church."

It is expected that the plaintiffs will base their claim to the sole use of the name "Lutheran Free Church" on the fact that through a referendum vote, merger of the Lutheran Free Church and the American Lutheran Church was approved; and those congregations which took or do take proper action to separate themselves from the merging or merged group prior to or within ninety days after the effective date of merger forfeit their right to the use of the name.

The defendants are expected to counter the above argument by saying that under the polity of the Lutheran Free Church (as found in the *Guiding Principles*) neither annual conferences nor a majority of

congregations have the right to declare a majority of the congregations to be the "Lutheran Free Church" to the exclusion of the minority where there has been no deviation from the Lutheran doctrines. They will argue that the Lutheran Free Church was not a synod but an association of congregations and the annual conferences only advisory.

It is assumed that the plaintiffs will further state that the name *Lutheran Free Church (not merged)* would create doubt and confusion in the minds of those who are going to make donations and bequests and would cause loss of membership, the result of persons joining the non-merged group thinking that it represented the majority group of the Lutheran Free Church when it does not.

The defendants will likely seek to refute those claims by stating that the fact of merger has now removed some of the possibilities listed above and that the Association lays no claim to any property of the agencies of the pre-merger Lutheran Free Church nor seeks to gain any legacy or bequest not clearly intended for it. The defendants presumably will assert that they merely desire to continue an organization governed by the principles under which they have lived and do intend to live and should not be deprived of their name.

The Association asks that prayer be made to God in order that the jurist who shall decide between two positions honestly held might arrive at what will be an acceptable verdict to the parties concerned.

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of you to find ways in which you can "go" for God. Certainly it starts and progresses with intercessory prayer which "goes." But going does not stop here; the deep, sweet voice of Christ in authority and power is asking: "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Has He touched your lips and heart? Are you ready to answer with your life and your all?

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### MRS. ALFRED KNUTSON KILLED IN AUTO CRASH IN FEBRUARY

Mrs. Alfred Knutson, widow of the late Rev. Alfred Knutson, was killed in an auto accident on the northwest edge of Barnesville, Minnesota, on Monday, February 25. The car in which she and her daughter Vivian were riding hit a railroad underpass abutment. The daughter was hospitalized in Moorhead. They were living in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Rev. Alfred Knutson will be remembered as a former pastor of the Lutheran Free Church, serving at one time in Grafton, N. Dak. He also travelled as an evangelist and was known in the Fargo-Moorhead area through a Norwegian radio broadcast he conducted for some years. At the time of his passing he was president of the Hauge Federation. We regret that we do not have more information, but a son of the Knutsons, Robert, lives at McVile, N. Dak.

(We met Mrs. Knutson for the first time on Feb. 14 at McVile. A week and a half later the fatal accident occurred.—Ed.)

# LEARN TO KNOW CHRIST

Pastor Knute Gjesfeld, Thief River Falls, Minnesota

OUR TEXT is found in John 3:14, 15 and reads as follows: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." These words were spoken by the mouth of Jesus. They were spoken to a Jew—yes, to a Jew of excellent education. He was even a member of the high council! That means he was a leader and ruler of the Jewish people. He came to Jesus by night.

The Jewish people, as well as the leaders, were looking for a great kingdom prophesied by the Old Testament prophets. So here is a man of the high council, Nicodemus, who comes to get information concerning this kingdom! He spoke to Jesus in a polite formal way: "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God, for no man can do these miracles that thou doest except God be with him."

Have you been puzzled over the way Jesus answered this important man of the Sanhedrin? "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." What a shock to this man of high rank, one of the foremost of his people the Jews. They were God's people! Nicodemus was a God-fearing man, a refined statesman. If he was not in possession of the necessary qualifications to enter into the coming kingdom of God, who could possibly be prepared for it?

Here you have an ideal man, a good Jew, but one disturbed and confused by what he has heard about this teacher from God. He has been puzzled and has wondered what kind of a man He was. Now after he has been bewildered and uneasy in his mind, the Teacher tells him about Himself in these words: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so

must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

What about the kingdom that the prophets have told us of? What about the words of Daniel: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed and the kingdom shall not be left for other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand forever."

This new Teacher from God speaks of Himself, that He must be lifted up like Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness. The serpent was lifted up on a pole. Was Jesus really to be lifted up like the serpent? That meant that He had to die, that He must die on the cross, die as a criminal! By this saying of Jesus, all the thoughts of Nicodemus concerning the coming kingdom are reduced to ruin! He must have left the Teacher from God with a heavy heart and with many things to meditate upon. Surely uppermost in his mind would be what Jesus said about the serpent that Moses lifted up. This serpent is a representative of the poisonous serpents, but without the poison itself. As such it is a type of the Son of man who was lifted up. Through this serpent Jesus reveals something to Nicodemus and also to us. We read in Numbers 21:8 these words: "And it shall come to pass that every one who is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live."

Here is something that no human mind can explain. Why does the look of a poisoned human being drive out the poison and keep him alive? There is no quality or substance in the serpent of brass to give healing. God wanted to reveal himself through this serpent and make it a type of Jesus our Saviour.

God's might, God's wisdom, and

God's love are poured out from this serpent of brass, towards suffering and sin-sick humanity.

There are a few words spoken by Jesus in the verse just previous to our text that we can't afford to miss. I believe they were to be a help to Nicodemus and a help to us also. We quote: "No man has ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven." Jesus said He ascended up to heaven. He spoke these words to Nicodemus to let him know what kind of a teacher he was conversing with—one that was acquainted not only on earth but also in heaven. He came from heaven; He ascended up to heaven: "even the Son of man which is in heaven." Jesus said He ascended up to heaven while He yet lived and conversed with Nicodemus. I believe He had in mind what took place at His baptism: heaven opened and He spoke to His Father. He lived on earth and also in heaven. He conversed with His Father, prayed to Him, and the Father revealed Himself to Him daily.

Nicodemus greeted Jesus saying, "Rabbi, we know thou art a teacher come from God," Jesus said, in effect, "Here you have the fact and proof of it. When you are now told that whosoever believeth in me should not perish but have eternal life, you will know, Nicodemus, that you can trust my words; you can be assured and convinced of my sayings, for I AM a Teacher from God."

The serpent lifted up in the wilderness for healing was given by God after the people confessed their sin. The promise to Nicodemus "whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life" was given to him after all his own thinking was reduced to nothing! Those who have experienced bankruptcy can see hope and salvation in the Son of man, crucified

## Spring Luther League Rally

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April 5-7, 1963

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Rally Pianist—LuAnn Johnson

### FRIDAY

8:00 p.m.—Opening Service  
Leader—Roger Peterson, president of the local league  
Speaker—Pastor Erling Huglen, Roseau, Minn.  
Special Music—Darrel Moe, Grafton, N. Dak.

### SATURDAY

9:30 a.m.—Prayer session led by Gary Scramstad, Valley City, N. Dak.  
10:00 a.m.—Bible Study led by Pastor Richard Snipstead, Greenbush, Minn.

Afternoon—Free time and recreation

5:30 p.m.—Banquet  
A group of students from Augsburg College will participate.  
Special music by a girls' chorus from Maple Bay Church, Erskine, Minn.

8:00 p.m.—Evening rally with the group from Augsburg in charge.

### SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion Service with Pastor Marius Haakenstad in charge.  
Special music—Karen Moe, Thief River Falls  
10:30 a.m.—Worship service  
Leader—Pastor Haakenstad  
Speaker—Mr. Wm. Svanoe, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Special Music—Rally choir  
2:30 p.m.—Afternoon service  
Leader—Clark Dyrud  
Speaker—Mr. Ted Curtice, Valley City, N. Dak.  
Special Music—The Curtice sisters, Valley City, N. Dak.  
7:30 p.m.—Closing service  
Leader—David Dyrud  
Speaker—Pastor John Abel, Missionary from Brazil

and dying on the tree. "But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block and unto the Greeks foolishness."

The Man dying on the cross is foolishness to all except sinners—lost sinners! Friends, do you know what it is to be spiritually bankrupt? Do you understand Jesus when He calls out from the cross, "It is finished!"? The word "finished" means there is nothing more to be added. Anyone who brings any of his own works or goodness to pay for salvation spoils the work of Christ. He protests the finished work of salvation. Do you understand, my friend, how dangerous it is to present your own work to God for salvation? There is only one righteousness that will avail before God, and that is the righteousness of Jesus—Jesus made to be sin for us. That is why Paul made such a solemn, clear statement in II Corinthians 5:21, "For he was made to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

In the desert they looked at the serpent and lived! The poet grasped the meaning and expressed it in the following words: "There is life for a look at the crucified One."

(We greatly appreciate this fine Lenten message from our elder statesman, Pastor Gjesfjeld. He is 87 years of age, but has not lost his keenness of mind. Ed.)

### NOTICE

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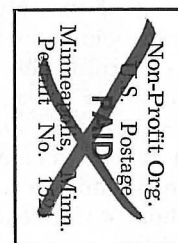
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## FAMILY BIBLE CAMP PLANNED

The Lutheran Association is planning to conduct a Family Bible Camp at Lake Geneva, near Alexandria, Minnesota, July 8-14. There will be some provision made for separate meetings for children, youth and adults while other activities will be for the whole family together. The camp could also serve well as a senior Bible camp experience for youth of high school age and above. Additional details will be available later. In the meantime families are encouraged to make plans to attend this camp during their vacation.