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The Lutheran Ambassador

The Journey to Emmaus

Gustave Doré

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MEDITATION MOMENTS

BECAUSE HE LIVES

“Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee, saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again” (Luke 24:5b-7).

Everyone likes to share something good that he receives or that happens to him. The approaching Easter brings the greatest news there is to receive and share. In the Scriptural account of the Resurrection they were told to go and tell the good news that Jesus is risen. Why is the Resurrection so important? What does it mean to us today?

Let us consider the song “Because He Lives” and the relationship it has to each of us. This song gives us the answers.

“God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus.

He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon.

An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

“Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.

Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future.

And life is worth the living just because He lives.”

We see through these words that

Jesus came to this earth to bring the most important things to each of us: namely, forgiveness and pardon. Jesus came to make this possible for us. He accomplished this through dying. Which of us does not long for forgiveness and pardon, even for other people? If we desire the forgiveness of men, how much greater is the forgiveness of God. To be forgiven and released from the condemnation of our sins and to have God’s pardon as a reality is the greatest of all things in this life.

All this is made possible only because Christ is risen. That He arose from the grave makes possible our being freed from our sins and the forgiveness is possible only “because He lives.” The Apostle Paul gives proof of this in I Corinthians 15:17, where we read, “And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.” If it were not for the resurrection we would still be in our sins and could not experience that wonderful forgiveness and pardon.

“Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.” Because Jesus lives, I do not need to worry about facing any day. Yet how many there are who cannot face tomorrow. They do not want to live with all the troubles and turmoil this life brings without the assurance of Jesus’ help. “Because He lives” we truly can face tomorrow. Also, “Because He lives, all fear is gone.” He lives and removes all the fear that one may have. Are you fear-

ful of what may happen to you? If you are, Jesus can give you the security and peace of mind you need.

Many ask themselves the question, “Is life worth living?” They seem to find no real reason to live. “Because He lives,” I can know that life is worth living. It is worth living because we can know Jesus and the life He gives to all who come to Him and ask for it. Jesus truly does make each day worth living. If it were not for the fact of knowing Jesus and living for Him, no one would want to live. Yes, life is worth living “just because He lives.”

“Because He lives,” we, too, can live. Not only can we live but know that we are living in Him. The resurrection does not have much meaning if we merely know about it as a historical fact and not through personal experience. We can be sure that Jesus lives, as the song “He Lives” tells us.

“He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.”

In conclusion, the question must be asked, “Does Jesus live in your heart?” If he does, go and tell the news to others that because He lives we can know forgiveness and pardon and be able to live and serve Him.

—M. J. Haara

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With Fear and Great Joy

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The infamous deed had been done. A just man had been put to death to the great clamorings of the unjust. Jesus had been accounted a deceiver although His interrogator had found no fault in Him. His crime seemingly was that He went about doing good. He had healed the sick, the lame, the lepers, and restored sight to the blind. It seems that all the good that He had done was in glaring contrast to the existing order. The foundations of the religious authority, yea, even the beautiful Temple which was God's seat of authority was threatened. To speak lightly of the Temple and challenge the chief priests was to breathe sedition against God Himself.

Jesus Versus Jahweh

The religious life, subserviance to the religious leaders, was the cohesiveness whereby Jahweh (Jehovah) would ultimately conquer when Messiah came to reign with His chosen people. He, Jesus, had said that He was able to destroy "this temple" and to build it in three days (Mark 14:58). This was occasion enough to destroy the would-be destroyer of the temple. Had not Malachi, revered prophet of God, said, "The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple." But what had been more incriminating was that the high priest had said Jesus had spoken blasphemy. Jesus had admitted that Caiaphas had spoken the truth when Jesus was called upon to acknowledge before the living God if he were the Christ the son of the living God.

The high priest was the chief representative of God on earth and when he said Jesus had spoken blasphemy, they regarded that accusation as valid. Every good Jew related to the household of Israel, the Temple, the oracles of God, and would revere such



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over and against any usurper to the authority of the Temple.

God Is Love

Jesus had loved His own. He loved them even to the very end. The cords of love are not easily broken. Not even death can sever the cords of love. Death has no instrument sharp enough to destroy the strong bonds of love. How strong were the cords of love that the Holy Spirit had forged between Jesus and His followers! Consider the deep love represented when the cruse of oil was poured on His head and the feet of the Savior were bathed in the tears of one forgiven of her many sins. It was His wonderful words of love, the words of peace, His teachings, His miracles that bound Him so closely to those who loved Him so much they were willing to even die for Him. What deep sorrow must have been experienced by His followers as they beheld that wondrous Love being scorned, spit upon and degraded beyond all human measure! He had walked among them as a friend, one who loved at all times; He had eaten in their homes and had tenderly restored the sick, dying and the dead.

We ourselves have experienced intense grief in the passing of a loved one. We know what it is to experience such. But Jesus was different. Somehow there was something so compelling, so attracting that a sermon of two words would cause even a shyster to leave his place of business and follow Him.

It must have hurt His loving followers to see the scorn heaped upon Jesus. Then the ignominy of beholding the shameful death, passing by and beholding a sorrow not like unto any other sorrow. Somewhere in the excitement of the fast-moving events a word was forgotten. Jesus had said that He would be crucified and that He would rise again after three days. They had heard that sermon. The chief priest and the Pharisees had heard it, and they remembered it. The day following the day of preparation they came together and told Pilate that they remembered that the deceiver had said that he would rise again after three days. They remembered it well. Thus they made request that the grave would be made sure so that the body of Jesus could not be stolen.

Love Found a Way

After the excruciating anguish of the nightmarish events, the devoted followers of Jesus had somewhat recovered in the observance of the Sabbath rest. That is really what the Sabbath was intended for, that we might be able to relax and refresh ourselves in contemplations of God's marvelous grace and goodness. The women, therefore, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the sepulchre. It was more than to just see the place where Jesus was laid; they were intending to anoint His body. That was love indeed. I once worked in a hos-

pital. It was my task to wash the body of any patient who died. I did not like the thought of washing a dead body. Possibly the aversion to such reveals a lack of love. There is a wonderful and great depth of love on the part of the women to wash so grotesque a form, marred more than any other. It was a wonderful love that had been generated by Jesus.

The Sting of Death

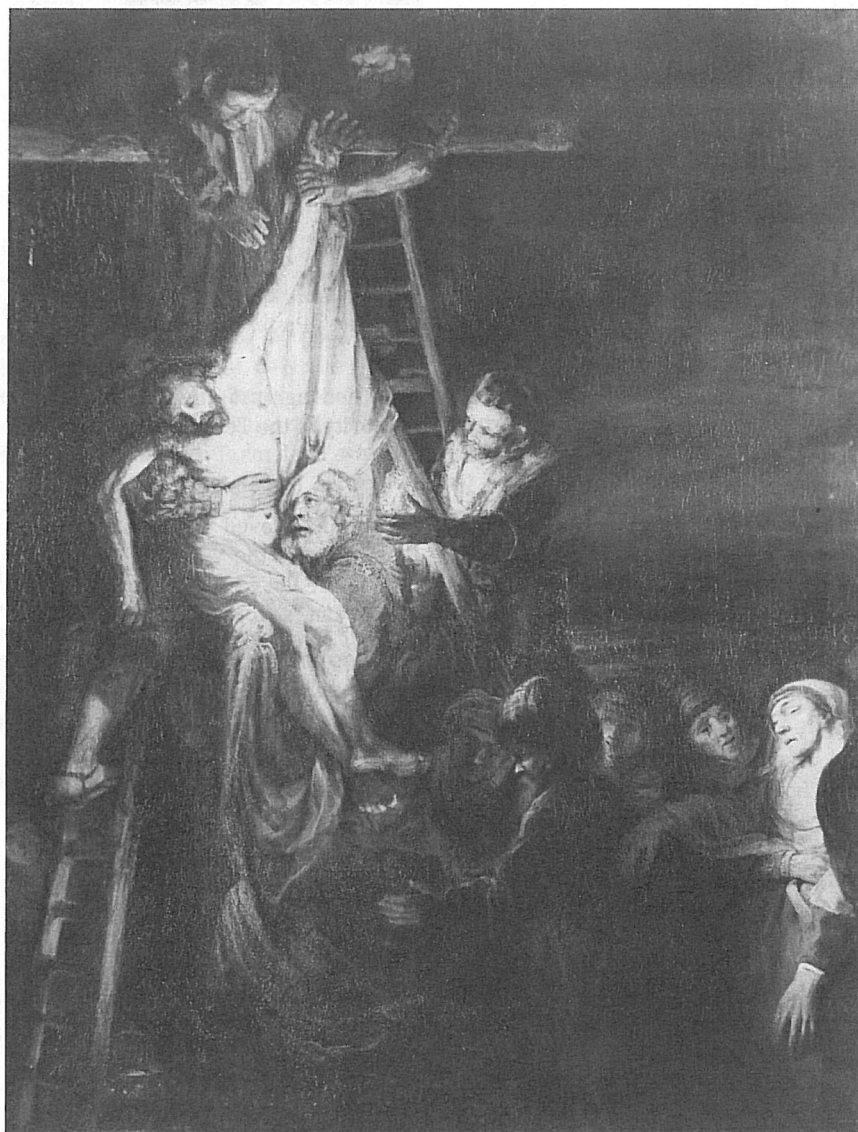
I think of the dark tomb. The silence within that tomb would have been most awesome. No sound of breathing, indeed nothing animated in a place so tightly sealed. Not even the chirping of a cricket or the sound of a worm. Silence. Deathly silence. We have heard that silence. We have looked upon the remains of a loved one and imagined the chest heaving, the sound of life giving breath. Jesus was dead. Even in the darkness, the blackness of the tomb and yet beauty. The clean linen, the mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred weight, sweetly scented the blackness and where there was no corruption or the stench of death to putrify the sensitive sense of smell. Long before, God had smelled the sweet savor of Noah's offering. It had reached unto His nostrils. Then also there was remaining the fragrance of the alabaster box of ointment. No fairer or purer form could have graced Joseph's lovely garden. How sweet the rest of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, the only begotten Son, the Light of the world, Immanuel, Emancipator, Finisher of our faith, the Good Shepherd, the Man of Sorrows, the Fairest of ten thousand. Weep O ye heavens for Jehovah hath done it. "I will smite the shepherd and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered" (Matt. 26:31).

Fear Turned to Joy

Behold, there was an earthquake: and an angel descended from heaven and quite leisurely sat upon the stone. Stones are nothing to angels. They are strong. But Jesus, where, O where is Jesus? "He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay" (Matt. 28:6). O wondrous message of hope and deliverance. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior.

HE AROSE! He is risen from the dead! "No man taketh my life from Me; I lay it down of my own accord." The angels asked, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee" (Lk. 24:5, 6). "... and they remembered His words." And there was joy unspeakable and full of glory. Fear

had turned to joy. How wondrous the knowing of God's wondrous Gift. Because He has conquered death, He lives. In His most gracious, condescending love, I can accept His sufferings, His death, His resurrection, and I have life. It is wonderful to have been made alive because of His resurrection.



DESCENT FROM THE CROSS

This Rembrandt is part of the Widener Collection at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
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(See Cover Picture)

JOURNEY TO EMMAUS

See Luke 24

This picture (by Gustav Doré) is one of the most touching and suggestive of the series illustrating the life and mission of Christ. Two of His disciples were at Jerusalem on the first day of the week, succeeding the crucifixion, and were among those who had been told by Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and other women of Galilee, of the marvelous things they had witnessed at the tomb of Christ—that when they came to the sepulchre, the stone was rolled away and it was found empty, but that two men appeared in shining garments and said unto them, "He is not here, but is risen."

The same day these disciples went to Emmaus, a village about seven miles distant from Jerusalem, and as they journeyed their thoughts were only of the wondrous things that had been told them, and of these they talked to one another. "And it came to pass that while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus Himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know Him. And He said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another as ye walk and are sad?"

One of the two named Cleopas answered Him, recounting all that had been told them at Jerusalem, and saying to Him besides, "And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said; but Him they saw not."

Then He said unto them, "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them, in all the Scriptures, the things concerning Himself."

The simple account given by the Evangelist of this meeting vividly impresses the mind with the solemnity of the occasion, and the same impression is conveyed in a quiet and beautiful way by the illustration. The

figures are full of dignity, and both their attitude and expression betray the seriousness and gravity of the thoughts that occupy their minds. The countenance of Jesus is touchingly sad, and His companions appear awed and spell-bound by His discourse. Around them is a moveless scene. The air is hushed; the earth—even the shadowy town in the distance—seems left to them alone; while above them stretches the sky, vast, deep, and solemn as the night.

—The Doré Bible Gallery

ITEMS FROM OUR CONGREGATION IN BEMIDJI

Bethany Lutheran Church of Bemidji, Minnesota, was the happy recipient of a Hammond organ given them by Rosedale Lutheran Church of Minneapolis, Minn. The congregation is thankful to the Lord for the wonderful gift from the Rosedale congregation. Rosedale Church was also the recipient of an organ.

New members who have been received at Bethany Lutheran since December are: Mr. and Mrs. Roger Carmack and Richard; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pihlaja and Gena; Harry Erle; Mrs. Edith Berg; Miss Barbara Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reynolds; and Mrs. Mary Lou Schroeder, Carol, Doreen, Penny, Dean, Terri, Kimberly and Amy. There have been two adult baptisms and two children's baptisms in that period.

HE IS RISEN!

"He is risen!" Jesus lives!
From the tomb He rose victorious,
Victory to us He gives,
Full salvation, free and glorious;
Easter morn removes our sadness,
Fills our hearts with grateful
gladness!

"He is risen!" We shall rise!
Life from death to us He giveth,
On the Cross He paid the price;
We shall live because He liveth,
Naught from Him our soul shall sever,
He's our Life now and forever!

"He is risen!" Brought us Light,
Light of love, serene, supernal,
Light that changes darkest night
Into brightest day eternal;
Sun of Righteousness from Heaven
To this sin-cursed world is given!

"He is risen!" Gives us power,
Power to win o'er death and devil,
Power to face each testing hour,
And to overcome all evil,
Power to serve in faith and patience,
Never yielding to temptations!

"He is risen!" Lo, He lives!
Glory in the highest, Glory!
Every one who now believes,
Tell abroad the Easter Story,
Christ Victorious confessing,
Bringing peace, good-will, and
blessing!

—C. K. Solberg
(Mel.: No. 34 in Lutheran Hymnary)



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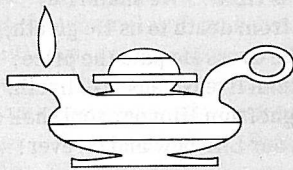
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BUDGET RECEIPTS

(February 1-28, 1977)

FUND	TOTAL BUDGET	CURRENT BUDGET	RECEIVED DURING FEBRUARY
General Fund	\$ 72,680.00	\$ 6,056.66	\$ 2,290.66
Schools	119,452.00	9,954.33	4,985.82
Home Missions	75,000.00	6,250.00	1,937.23
Foreign Missions	85,345.00	7,112.08	3,400.95
Praise Fund	30,000.00	1,500.00	623.84
TOTAL	\$385,649.00	\$31,873.08	\$13,238.50
1976-77	\$385,649.00	\$32,970.75	\$ 8,547.63



SCHOOL NEWS

INKINGS FROM AFLBS

The Gospel Crusaders team visited Bethany Lutheran Church, Abercrombie, N. Dak., and United Lutheran, McLeod, N. Dak., the weekend of Mar. 5-6. They were accompanied by Pastor Huglen.

The Logos team journeyed to Kenyon, Minn. (Hauge and Emmanuel), on Sunday, Mar. 6, where they provided special music at the morning services. Allen Monson is the pastor.

A "Team Without a Name" drove over to New Brighton, Minn., the same afternoon to sing at the 70th birthday party for Lynn Sletten's grandmother. Lynn is a member of the group.

Several other weekend trips by Gospel Teams are taking place during the month of March and will be reported next time.

A large snow fort was erected on campus, between the two dorms, on Mar. 3. Many willing hands joined in the work and play. Also put up was a giant snowman, largest to appear on campus in a couple years. Two or three days later they lay in ruins. The Moland family awoke that Friday to find two snowmen guarding their home, one literally blocking the stairway.

A roller skating party was held on Thurs., Mar. 10, at Rhythmland Roller Rink in north Minneapolis.

Enrollment at AFLBS for the third or spring quarter is 127. Among them are 59 seniors, 63 juniors and five special students. This has been by far the best over-all enrollment for a school year at AFLBS.

New student body officers are Mike McCarlson, Webster, S. Dak., president; Kraig Lerud, Thief River Falls, Minn., vice-president; Peggy Broten, Roseau, Minn., secretary; Sandy Katzenmeyer, Lake Itasca, Minn., treasurer; and David Larson, Osakis, Minn., chaplain.

The second quarter proctors and deans had their traditional supper at Golden Valley Steak House on Mar. 4. It was authorized by the Board of Trustess.

Proctors for third quarter are: **Boys' Dorm**, 2nd floor—Kevin Spading, Kirkland, Wash., and Jim Nielsen, Kimballton, Ia.; 3rd floor—Dan Larson, Rolfe, Ia., and Jerry Walker, Kenyon, Minn. **Girls' Dorm**, 2nd floor—Cindy Harju, Mass, Mich., Lynn Sletten, Faith, S. Dak., and Carol Fugleberg, Roseau, Minn.; 3rd floor—Rosalie Kopperud, Revere, Minn., Joyce Aasness, Doran, Minn., and Heidi Gruber, Everett, Wash.

The Boys' Dorm chaplains are Tad Spading, Kirkland, Wash., and Dale Kjos, DeLamere, N. Dak.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apr. 1-17 — Easter Vacation
Apr. 22-23 — Promotion Days
May 27 — Graduation Service

Introducing Our Seminarrians

GOD HAS PROVIDED

I was born on July 14, 1953. My parents, Ingvald and Iola (Fisher) Rok-

ke, presented me for baptism to the congregation of the Bethesda Lutheran Church at Strandquist, Minnesota. I became a confirmed member of the Bethania Lutheran Church at Newfolden, Minnesota in 1968.

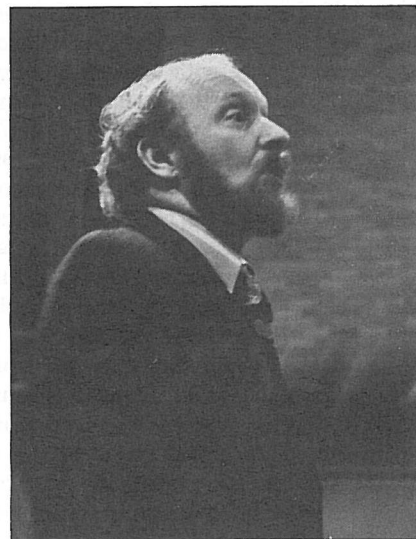
Upon graduation from high school in 1971, I attended the Association Bible School for one quarter and then Bemidji State University (Minn.) for four years. I acquired a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Education in 1975. In my junior year there, I was blessed to take as my wife Marlene Holmaas. We have a son born February 23, 1976.

It was not until graduation from college that I was confronted by the question of whether or not to attend seminary. As the pressures and responsibilities of the office are considered, one is more sympathetic toward Jonah. It is only in view of God's grace that one can presume to seek the office. With regard to my own calling, I look to the advice of James 4:13-15.

I am grateful to God for His provision of the needs of my family. Also, for my wife, my son, my parents, my parents-in-law, and all my relatives and friends who have been so supportive in the past year and a half. I remind you of Matthew 25:40.

Pray and work for our church and her seminary that they accomplish the Lord's work.

—Philip Rokke



Mr. Don Rodvold, director of the Concert Choir and the Choral Club.



**ASSOCIATION FREE LUTHERAN BIBLE
SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR**

Left to right, bottom row, Gretchen Kooiman, Carol Fugleberg, Anita Swenson, Juli Benson, Martha Haugen, Marilee Mortrud, Beverly Jones, Kathy Quanbeck and Nadine Solberg; second row, Sondra Iverson, Peggy Broten, Lorilee Davidson, Christie Freeberg, Marge Nash, Becky Johnson, Joyce Aasness, Linda Finstrom and Mary Ann Dalager; third row, Wayne Walker, Glen Hodnefield, Ivar Berge, Jim Nielsen, Duane Strand, Dan Larson and Jerry Walker; and top row, Steve Kordahl, Mike Prinzing, Douglas Johnson, Cary Dietsche, David Lee, Joel Rolf and Dean Rorvig.

CONCERT CHOIR TOUR, 1977 (revised)

Sunday, April 10	Sand Creek, Wis.
Monday, April 11	Cumberland, Wis.
Tuesday, April 12	Mason, Wis.
Wednesday, April 13	Bessemer, Mich.
Thursday, April 14	Open
Friday, April 15	Chassell, Mich.
Saturday, April 16	Ishpeming, Mich.
Sunday, April 17, morning	Ishpeming, Mich.
evening	Eben Jct., Mich.
Monday, April 18	Cloquet, Minn.
Tuesday, April 19	McIntosh, Minn.
Wednesday, April 20	Roseau, Minn.
Thursday, April 21	Thief River Falls, Minn.
Friday, April 22	Minneapolis, Minn.

(Home Concert at AFLBS)

Mr. Don Rodvold is the director of the Concert Choir. Faculty representative for the tour will be Pastor Kenneth D. Moland.

Please check locally for time and place of the concerts.



**ASSOCIATION FREE LUTHERAN BIBLE SCHOOL
CHORAL CLUB**

Left to right, bottom row, Karen Livingood, Rosalie Kopperud, Annette Breden, Vrenda Bengtson, Deb Sunvold, Dawn Lerud, Sheryll Myhrer and Joanne Hanson; second row, Rhonda Hettervig, Wanda Holmaas, Sherry Milton, Sue Grothe, Rachel Mundfrom, Linda Brudwick, Joyce Lindgren, Janell Kneeland and Heidi Gruber; third row, Karen Kjos, Philip Johnson, Erling Langness, Kraig Lerud, Carol Stulen, Kent Bakken, Ted Hansen and Lynn Sletten; and, top row, Tad Spading, Jim Hjelden, Mark Kjos, Kevin Spading, Victor Young and Greg Johnson.

CHORAL CLUB TOUR, 1977 (revised)

Wednesday, March 30	Dalton, Minn.
Thursday, March 31	Bradley, S. Dak.
Friday, April 1	Ortley, S. Dak.
Saturday, April 2	Roslyn, S. Dak.
Sunday, April 3, morning	Wallace, S. Dak.
evening	Pukwana, S. Dak.
Monday, April 4	Faith, S. Dak.
Tuesday, April 5	Dickinson, N. Dak.
Wednesday, April 6	McLeod, N. Dak.
Thursday, April 7	Upsala, Minn.

Mr. Don Rodvold is the director of the Choral Club. Faculty representative for the tour will be Pastor Raynard Huglen.

Please check locally for time and place of the concerts.

TWO DAYS

O day of darkness, black as night,
When sin and hatred reigned;
The sun in shame did hide its light,
The ground with blood was stained;
The earth did quake and rocks were
rent,
All God's creation cried
When men refused the Gift He sent
And Christ was crucified.
O suffering Jesus, mild and kind,
Woe to our fallen race;
In love Thou cam'st to save mankind
And we but spurned Thy grace.
O day of beauty and of light,
What wonder hath God wrought!
Satan's evil plot of night
Has now been put to naught.
Christ's holy blood that stained the
earth
Was but sure victory,
For by His death He gave us birth,
He set the sinner free.
O day of darkness, turned to light,
Now opens mercy's door;
Christ's victory has put to flight
All darkness evermore.

E. I. Mork
Bottineau, N. Dak.

THE RESURRECTION PROOF OF CHRIST'S MESSIAHSHIP AND DIVINITY

The resurrection has great apologetic value. Without it, so far as we can see, the mission of Christ would have ended in failure. But by His rising from the dead He proved to His disciples that He was the Messiah. Look at their daunted faith right after His death. They had trusted that it was He who would restore Israel. Now their hopes were blasted, their faith almost eclipsed. Listen to Peter as he says hopelessly: "I go a-fishing." Now look at the same Peter and his fellow-apostles on the day of Pentecost preaching a risen Lord and Saviour! How can we account for the change? They had seen the risen Lord. So when we know it to be an actual, historic fact that Christ conquered death, we also have an in-ble basis for our faith in the messiahship of Christ the Lord.

L. S. Keyser

The Best of Hallelsey

THE WAY TO VICTORY

"And this is life eternal, that they should know Thee the only true God, and Him whom thou didst send, even Jesus Christ" (John 17:3).

To know Christ is the salvation and life of the soul from first to last.

To behold Jesus, that is the beginning of man's salvation. A soul has not been awakened spiritually in a Christian sense until the Spirit has brought it face to face with Christ.

Then sin becomes bitter and distasteful; then man begins to see the selfishness and spiritual coldness of the human heart. Then a reckless sinner is transformed into a despairing sinner.

And this despairing sinner never becomes a free and peace-filled Christian until the Spirit draws aside the veil and enables him to see Christ as his Savior in the Word. Then slavish fear of God is banished; likewise fear of men.

A believer strives daily against his old sinful habits and the wickedness of his old heart. Oftentimes he strives and loses, makes good resolutions and fails again.

What is it that can give him victory in this unequal struggle?

A glimpse of the Savior is enough to make sin loathsome. Then temptation loses its enticing power, and the sinner feels that it is blessed to say no to sin.

We live in a world of suffering. We all suffer. Children of God should suffer willingly, in fact, thank God for suffering and rejoice in tribulation. But as a rule we are afraid of suffering, even long before it comes. And when it does come, we sigh and complain.

But a glimpse of the suffering, bleeding Savior is enough to set our impatient minds at rest. We become ashamed of our impatience and our complaining.

Verily, this is eternal life: to know Him whom Thou didst send, Jesus Christ, O God be praised!

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editorials

THE GIFTS OF THE RESURRECTION

Easter is God's morning! Life has been brought out of death. Death has met its master. The life-giving Sun has arisen to dispel the shadows of death over the earth.

"He is not here; for He has risen!" Thus did the angel direct attention to the place where the body of the Christ had lain. If Christ had not been raised, the evil and unrighteousness of men which converged to put to death the sinless Son of God on Good Friday would have had the final triumph. But now is Christ risen! and has become the firstfruits of them that sleep and of those who are in Christ in this world today.

The Resurrection of Jesus gave us our Lord's Day. And so it is that on the first day of each week we have what has been called a "little Easter." Interesting it is that in the Russian language the word for Sunday means Resurrection. Communist efforts to change the name have failed. What courage it must give Russia's Christians to hear the word spoken even by the Communists as a testimony to the victory of Jesus Christ. Would that the coming of each Sunday would remind us that Christ is risen and there is a new covenant sealed with the blood of the great High Priest, Jesus.

But now we shall look at the Gifts of the Resurrection, at what comes to the person who is open to Jesus Christ and offers his need to Him in return for all that He can give. First, there is **pardon for the past**. Of course, as we speak of the Resurrection we are placing it with the death of Jesus. Resurrection implies that there was death first. "Who (Jesus) was put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (Romans 4:25).

If there had been no resurrection following the crucifixion there would have been a death; yes, we could

even say a sacrifice, but that would have had no significant power beyond what can be found in noble example. But hear this: He was "designated Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by His resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 1:4). Therefore, His death and resurrection have power transferrable to those who believe in Him. And belief means coming, receiving, accepting, obedience.

For such there is liberation from past sins. Everybody apart from Christ tries to do something with his sins: forget them, drive them out of sight, if not from mind, rationalize or justify them. A psychiatrist cannot release sin. He can only help a patient look at it from a different angle which may reduce present pressure. Only in Jesus Christ is there pardon for the past. "Therefore, if any one is in (the resurrected) Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come" (II Corinthians 5:17).

"The old has passed away." A truly tremendous concept, but true. How desperately many people in our country need to learn of that possibility.

Secondly, there is **power and purpose for the present** through the resurrection of Jesus. Sometimes the Christian Church is accused of being only futuristic, of promising "pie in the sky by and by." We shall speak of the future later, but, of course, a true presentation of the Bible's message has much to say about blessings and purpose in this present life. Relationship and fellowship begin **now**.

We have often wondered what meaning and purpose the unheeding masses see in life. They have only themselves to live for and only uncertainty lies ahead. But in the Lord Jesus Christ there is a plan. We are important in His purposes.

And the Resurrection gives power. We see this in the disciples, don't we? Previously cowed, fearful and uncertain men and women went out to face a hostile world with the news that Jesus was risen. Nothing could stop them. Even forcible death did not end their witness but gave new heart to others who marched under the banner of the Christ.

The one who goes God's way doesn't cease to have problems. Indeed not. But he is buoyed up by the assurance that God is with him and that in the final analysis he wins through the conquering Lord.

Finally, there is **promise in prospect** because of the Resurrection. Even before His suffering and death, Jesus had said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life; he who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die" (John 11:25, 26). How much more those words must have meant to those who knew of them after the stone blocking Joseph's tomb had been rolled away and Jesus Christ stepped forth into the coolness of an early morning!

Jesus is called the "firstfruits" of resurrection to come for all who believe. Ancient, even heathen, cultures have believed in immortality, but it is in Christ that there can be substance to the hope and belief, as witnessed by the little girl, who, as she lay dying, protested a well-intentioned remark she had overheard, "You are wrong; the best is yet to be."

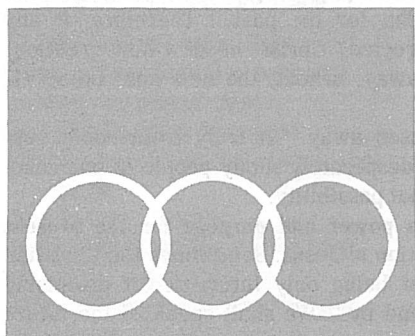
Let me share a deeply personal experience, one I hes-

itate to use because of its personal nature, but feel led to share. I was ten years old when my father passed away. My brother, who is younger, and I arrived at the hospital in a small northwestern North Dakota town about ten minutes too late. As we reached the top of the stairs to the second floor, one of our sisters met us with the words, "Daddy has gone to be with Jesus." That's how we heard about it, but how glad I am that the news was spoken in that way. We believed it then and we do now.

Because Jesus arose there is promise in prospect. It is for those who are in Christ, for those who have shared in His death and resurrection by laying all at His feet. If you have not surrendered all to Jesus, let this Easter time be a time of new birth for you.

The Lutheran Ambassador prays for all its readers, and for all the world, full and free participation in the Gifts of the Resurrection.

Glory to God in the highest!



LIFE WITHIN A PRISON

I am writing this in hope of giving friends a little taste of what it is like to be an inmate in a prison.

After returning home from attending the AFLC Bible School for one quarter (Fall, 1975), I went to work in a service station for a few months. This job came to an end when the owner decided to close the station. I was faced again with the problem of finding another job. A friend of mine who is the accountant for the Washington State Reformatory in Monroe suggested that I apply there as a correctional officer. Shortly thereafter I was hired and began two weeks of training, during which time I was shown through the institution and told what this job would require of me. I viewed many training films and heard many lectures on how to perform my job. I also spent four hours of each day inside the walls with the officers for on-the-job training. The third week I was put on the watch schedule from 2:30 to 10:30 p.m.

The most difficult part of the job for me to accept was the language I was hearing. The men inside the prison speak only in one syllable four-letter words. They not only speak to one another this way but to the officers as well. The sad part is that

most of the officers use the same language as the inmates! The first month I did not know whether I would be able to handle this or not. Now I find that I don't really hear the language; rather, I've learned that the language is a symptom of their old nature, the deeper sin of unbelief. I am learning to hear beyond the language to what the men are actually trying to say.

What type of people are in prison? These men are from all types of backgrounds—upper, middle, and lower income families, big cities and small. The average age of these men is 22 years and they serve an average of 18 months to two-and-a-half years. We do have some men doing life and even double-life terms, who have committed crimes such as burglary and murder.

What are the living conditions like within the prison? The men, for the most part, live two to a cell in cells that measure eight by ten feet. In their cells, which they refer to as their "houses," they have two bunks, a desk, a toilet and sink, plus all of the personal gear which they have accumulated, such as a TV set, radio and clothing. Some of the men have even carpeted their cells!

This particular reformatory was built to hold 600 men, but presently we hold over 800, so we, like most other institutions, have an overcrowding problem. Consequently, there is not enough work for everyone, so many just lie around all day long.

Inside these walls the men have established their own society and to survive they have to be tough. The weak ones are preyed upon by the strong ones, the homosexuals and the many different pressure groups. To

escape this society some men attempt suicide by cutting their wrists, trying to hang themselves or using an overdose of drugs.

Minimal religious rehabilitation is available. We have a new chapel, but it is attended by very few—maybe 20, since attending church gives the men a bad name among the others. It seems the only way to reach these men is by personal contact on their own ground, which would be at their cells or out in the recreational areas.

There are great opportunities for Christian work within our many prisons. There are jobs available for chaplains, counselors and correctional officers. Perhaps this is a field for some to consider seriously. Most of these jobs can be filled by either men or women.

There is one thing each of us as Christians can do for these men and that is to pray for them. We always remember ourselves in prayer—let me urge you not to forget about those less fortunate than ourselves. Matthew 25:40: "And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'"

I am a member of Elim Lutheran Church in Lake Stevens, Washington. I just completed two weeks at the Training Academy of Criminal Justice and am presently working at the Washington State Reformatory in Monroe.

Dave D. Forsberg

(Ed. note: It is good to hear from Dave and good to hear that one of our Bible School students is working in another field of great opportunity for good. God bless you, Dave. His address is 817 94th Ave. S.E., Everett, Wash. 98205.)

Women For Christ

MRS. LANNING GIVEN HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AT GRANITE FALLS



Mrs. Magnus Lanning, right, is shown being presented an Honorary Membership pin and certificate by Mrs. Marvin Sunvold, president of Faith Lutheran Women's Missionary Federation, Granite Falls, Minnesota.

SEMINARY STUDENTS THANK THE WMF

February 23, 1977

Women's Missionary Federation
Mrs. Robert Dietsche, President
Sand Creek, Wisconsin 54765

Dear Women's Missionary Federation Members:

The Seminary class wishes to thank the Women's Missionary Federation for its gift to our accounts at the AFLC Booknook.

We appreciate this means whereby we may add to our textbooks.

Thank you for your continuing prayers and interest in each one of us as seminarians.

In Christ,

The Seminary Student Body

WMF WORKSHOP AT WILLMAR

The Women's Missionary Federation workshop and banquet at Freda's Bord on Friday, February 18, was well attended-120 ladies registered. A beautiful plant decorated the main table. There were clever edible nut cups at each place and little souvenirs, also tracts. The one entitled "How I Learned to Pray for the Lost" showed us the power of our spiritual weapons in Christ. "His Land" reminded us that we are all answerable to Him for our lives and our material blessings.

Mrs. Robert Dietsche, our national WMF president, welcomed us and greeted us from Galatians 1:1-5. Mrs. Dennis Gray gave the devotions, reading chapter 3 from II Peter, which reminds us of the certainty of Christ's return, and gives a final warning to the godly to be steadfast and diligent, that we may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless, growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Ladies' Chorus from Green Lake Lutheran Church, Spicer, Minn., sang two numbers: "Jesus Only" and "His Name is Wonderful." Mrs.

Reuben Emberson, treasurer, shared Ephesians 5:20: "Giving thanks always..." and read the familiar hymn of Thanksgiving, "Now Thank We All Our God" before she gave us an updated account of the financial situation. The budget has been met in all projects, going 60% over, as compared to 75% last year. However, our receipts were greater. We must remember that our budget was larger and, so as our budget increases, our giving must increase. She expressed thanks for faithfulness and generosity in giving, also for the correspondence received from many. She mentioned several large money gifts given over and above our listed projects. Some of these were: \$800 for a larger transformer in Brazil, \$1300 for extending telephone service from Campo Mourao to the Bible Institute, \$5000 to the AFLC, subscriptions to **The Lutheran Ambassador** for each seminarian, tuition for the Basic Youth Institute, etc. She closed her report with a poem, "Give though thy gifts be small"... and with II Corinthians 8:14: "...that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want..." As we are blessed we are to help those in need. Mrs. Dietsche then challenged us with Rev. 3:11, asking, "Do we want to leave a legacy for ungodly survivors or do we want to give our means to those who are giving the Word to those who have not heard?"

Missionary and Mrs. Connely Dyrud and family were introduced. Pastor Dyrud thanked the WMF for its help in mission work. Faithfulness and consistency in giving adds up to great amounts received through the WMF. Money alone does not produce half of the results that money with prayers does. He based his remarks on II Corinthians 5:17-21. We are **AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST**. There are three qualifications for an ambassador. (1) He must have a close relationship with his king or president before he can be sent. We are ambassadors for the King of Kings, Jesus Christ; therefore, we must have this close, personal relationship with Him. How can we be sent if we do not know Him? (2) An ambassador represents the king or president of his country. He is not there on his own and so he must know the language, the culture and

HERE WE COME — NOGALES!

by Rev. Gerald F. Mundfrom

the people so he can represent the king or president. We, too, must represent the King of Kings as Christ did. When He was on earth, He spent most of His time walking and talking with the people, only twice did He speak to the multitudes. We must walk and talk with people, not to do what they do, but to share Christ with them that they might learn to know Him, that He might be their Lord and living Savior. (3) An ambassador is the mouthpiece of the king or president. He receives orders from him and acts accordingly. We receive our orders through the Word of God. We must be touched by the Holy Spirit and filled with Jesus Christ so that we will speak His words.

Mrs. Dyrud favored us with a solo, "I'll Tell the World that I'm a Christian." On behalf of the WMF, Mrs. Dietsche thanked the Dyruds, the ladies of Zion for their love and hospitality, Pastor and Mrs. Gray, and all who had a part in the program and plans for the Workshop.

Mrs. Melvin Walla, our past WMF president, closed with prayer. Another workshop is now history, but the challenge is ever before us to be Christ's true ambassadors so that His salvation may be made known to all. Will both you and I be faithful to Him?

Mrs. Reuben Wee,
WMF Secretary



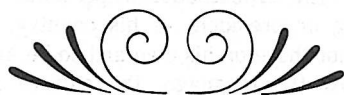
In Memoriam

Key: The name of the town is the address of the deceased. Following that is listed the name of the deceased, age, date of death and the church in which he or she held membership.

NORTH DAKOTA

Hatton

Elmer Lykken, 62, Nov. 1, 1976, Zoar



Our work was lined up for us after deciding to move to Nogales. There were several fall WMF district rallies at which I was scheduled to have a Christian Book Fair, as well as some speaking engagements. There was the matter of selling the bookstore, sorting out what we wanted to take with us, and packing.

But it all went very smoothly. Glenn Moe, a member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Grafton, N. Dak., bought the bookstore. It was a joy to deal with Glenn and a pleasure to turn our bookstore business over to him and his wife Alice. It was beyond expectation how it all worked out. We felt God's leading and His will being done in it all.

Just a few days before leaving, we had a rummage sale and I had my last speaking engagement, at Hegland Lutheran Church near Strandquist, Minn.

Our plans were to rent a 24-foot U-haul truck. Manley Tollefson of Osna-brock, N. Dak., offered to drive it for us. This was an answer to prayer, as I could not see myself driving a big truck such a distance.

We were encouraged by our friends, relatives and our older children as we made ready to move. All were rejoicing with us in the way God was moving in our lives. God provided for many of our needs through our friends and relatives, and we received more gifts than needed for our moving expenses.

Finally it was time to leave. We loaded the truck (and we had a lot of good help) on Nov. 9th and 10th. On the morning of Nov. 11th we started out. Manley was to drive the truck and I would follow with our station wagon and camper. In our haste to get going, I forgot to securely fasten our camper hitch. In going over the railroad track at Ardoch (15 miles from Grafton), the camper hitch became disengaged from the station wagon. But God was with us. We could have had a bad accident, but escaped with only a couple of dents in the

camper.

At Grand Forks we were treated to lunch at a restaurant by Margaret's sister, Mary Lindquist, and two hours later enjoyed a delicious noon meal at Percy Strands, just off the freeway at Colfax, N. Dak.

The first day we were favored with a strong north wind, which cut down on our fuel bill. (Actually, the wind was in our favor the entire trip!) At day's end we reached the home of Rev. Wilfred Lidquist, Margaret's brother, at Maskell, Nebr., where we spent the night.

The second day we got to Dodge City, Kan., and spent the night in a motel.

About mid-afternoon on the third day, as we came into Santa Rosa, N. Mex., we ran into a snow storm. The wet snow clung to the windshield, making it hard to see. We heard of slippery roads ahead and of cars in the ditches and were advised not to continue.

Again we stayed at a motel. The next morning we found travelling slow because of slippery roads and we still had a long way to go on that fourth day. For a while it was doubtful that we would make it that day. But in mid-afternoon the roads got better and we made good time, arriving at Nogales a little after 9:00 p.m. The Dynnesons had a goose dinner waiting for us!

The next day, Sunday, was a much needed day of rest for all of us. On Monday we unloaded the truck. Again we had a lot of good help. Manley stayed two days, helping us hook up our appliances and get settled.

It was a joy to be back and a relief to have the trip behind us. It seemed like a long way back after having been here for a brief period in August. There had been much to do and attend to in coming with all our belongings. But now we were back to stay. And God led and took over in it all. Our hearts were full. We were now ready to serve our Lord in this place.

There has been much building done

on the mission grounds to develop the facilities. Much hard work on the part of Pastor Lawrence Dynneson and others has brought this about. Most of the buildings have been constructed of stone and concrete. The stones did not cost anything; they came with the land. But it did involve many hours and days of hard work. The work is still not completed, but in the developing stage. I saw a challenge to help Lawrence finish what he started and has worked at for many years.

Notice the sketch of the mission grounds which accompanies this article. Our son Stephen prepared this map for me.

(Ed. note: We regret that we were not able to make use of Stephen's sketch, due to technical difficulties. Perhaps at a future date we will be able to reproduce a map of the mission compound at Nogales.)

The mission is outside the city limits on the right side of Highway 82 as you come into Nogales from the north east. It is just two miles from the custom gate leading into Mexico.

The sign reading "Triumph Lutheran Church," with an arrow pointing up the hill to the church, is the first thing you see as you approach the mission.

The terrain of the mission grounds slopes up-hill from the road with the church in the back and on the highest point in the compound. There is a winding road going through the grounds and on up to the church.

The developing of this mission has been done on six levels. Each number in the sketch indicates a different level, number 1 being the lowest. There are stone retaining walls between each level.

The Dynnesons live in house M. He is the director of the mission and pastor of Triumph Lutheran Church.

May and Leonard Swanson live in house Q. Leonard supports himself and his wife by selling Raleigh products. He does not hesitate to witness for Christ to his customers. May, who speaks Spanish fluently, has spent many years crossing the border to the city of Nogales, Mexico, bearing a Christian witness to the people there. More will be said about her activities in Mexico at a later time.

Pastor Kenneth Thompson, a Lutheran Brethren pastor, formerly

from Alaska, is temporarily living in trailer house L. He is building his own home about five miles from the mission. He feels called by God to give of his time to the work here.

We are temporarily living in house O. The present plans are to finish and move into house F. Then we will open a Christian bookstore at house O, which is close to the highway. We plan to sell both Spanish and English Christian literature.

The trailer house B by the church is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallace. Their plans are rather uncertain. The mission has shown kindness to them by providing a parking place for their trailer. Joe is custodian of the church and helps with the building and other jobs around the mission compound.

I is a trailer home owned by the Will Lindquists, missionaries under the World Mission Prayer League. They have a temporary home here where they live as they travel to and from Mexico. They came to Nogales shortly after we arrived and went into Mexico again after Christmas. We appreciated their fellowship and love for the Mexican people.

One of the purposes of this mission is to be a help and a stopping place for all Christian missionaries as they come from and go into Mexico. The missionaries of the World Mission Prayer League, especially, are accommodated here. We are now hoping to meet a need in the work of these missionaries by providing them with Spanish Christian literature through our bookstore.

The trailer house H is for guests (missionaries and otherwise) and is not occupied at the time of this writing.

Besides the workers who live on the grounds there is Elaine Knutson, who has an apartment elsewhere in Nogales. Elaine formerly served in Bolivia, in Ecuador, and at the Navajo Lutheran Mission at Rock Point, Ariz. We are happy to have her as a part of our team.

There are also several Mexican Christian laymen who work with the mission. (More will be said about them at a later time.)

There is much work here (both physical and spiritual) which challenges us and needs to be done. We

greatly covet and need your prayers. May God bless and use His own, wherever they are, in the time that is left before Jesus comes again.

FINLAND SAYS 'NO' TO ORDINATION OF WOMEN

Helsinki—(LC)—There are to be no women pastors in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland. A proposal that the ministry be opened to women fell 15 votes short of the necessary three-fourths majority needed.

There were 66 votes in the November Synod favoring the ordination of women, and 37 opposed.

All 19 female members of the Synod voted for the proposal. Of the 37 opponents, 17 were clergy and 20 were laymen. Archbishop Martti Simojoki abstained from voting on the measure. Two of the church's eight bishops voted against the proposal.

Archbishop Simojoki emphasized that he "did not see any theological reasons that would deny women the ministry in the Lutheran Church." However, he added, "there are still quite a few people in our church who have not yet become convinced of this, so that in my opinion it is still not possible to take this step."

GOD SO LOVED

The life I love is not my own,
Was purchased by the Lord alone,
So let me live it for His praise,
With joy and peace of mind, always.

His endless love beyond degree
Is what it took to set me free
From chains of sin and death and hell,
Inherited from the man who fell.

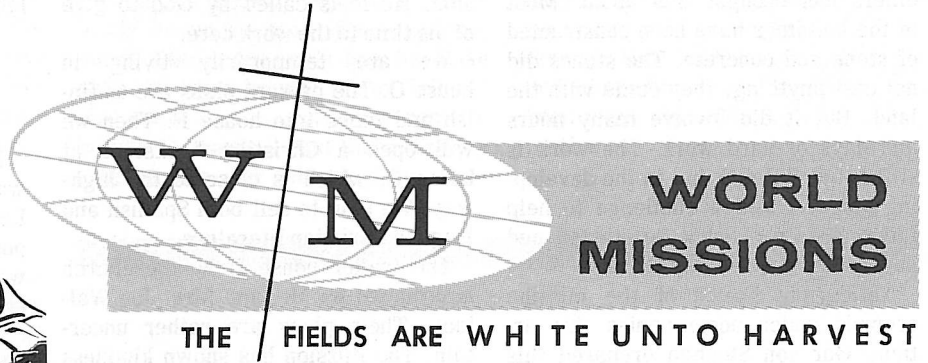
T'was mother Eve who wished to be
As wise as God, Himself, you see;
So of the "tree of knowledge" ate
And shared with Adam the same fate.

Thus "Paradise lost" became our lot
Who of Adam's race are born for
naught,

Except on Christ the Lord we call
And beg forgiveness for it all!

May be sung to melody "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" from **Concordia**.

Mrs. Olaf (Mabel) Solheim
Minnewaukan, N. Dak.



THE LAST STEP

"I'll be over sometime." This response came from a man whom I invited to church. Sometime later this man's nephew came over to my home and informed me that his uncle had died very suddenly. Obviously that man had not expected to die yet because that day he had taken his dinner with him to work as usual. Severe chest pains developed while he was at work. Immediately his employer rushed him to a doctor. The doctor promptly took him into his office; yet only a few minutes later he was dead. That man had said, "I'll be over sometime;" however, he had procrastinated too long.

He had not reckoned with the fact that "Time and tide wait for no man." Nor had he heeded the words of David, "There is but a step between me and death." He had not expected that as he stepped into the doctor's office it was to be his last step.

One person remarked, "There are many gates to the grave. We can die anywhere, at any time, by any means." But we must prepare for this step since the Bible says that after death comes judgment (Heb. 9:27). This preparation can be made by taking the step of faith (by coming to Jesus). The Bible tells us, "He who believes in the Son has eternal life" (Jn. 3:36). Why not prepare now for that final, all-important step?

—Einar Unseth

**"GO WEST, YOUNG MAN,
GO WEST!"**

By Rev. Connelly Dyrud

As Brazil is trying to settle its frontiers the call has been loud and long, "Go West, young man, go West!" For some 20 years the government has been giving land deals to the poor people so enticing that not only the poor or the young, but almost everyone feels the surge of enthusiasm to move on to better, bigger farm land which is up for grabs. Just go and settle it and work it and it's yours.

The state of Parana, where our AFLC mission is located, was in the same situation some 20 years ago and the families moved in by the truckloads and by the thousands to cut off the rich jungle and farm it. The trees were cut and sold for lumber and the

land was rich and fertile and ideal for coffee, or "green gold," as the Brazilians call it.

But as the borders were reached in our state, other states and frontiers opened to the north and west. The enthusiasm has never ever stopped but goes in spurts. Nature, in its most subtle ways, seems to move men because of bad crops due to too much rain or too little, or insects or whatever, to cause the farmer to lift up his eyes and see that the grass is greener on the other side of the fence.

So it has been in our state of Parana. The small farmer gets smaller and smaller as he sells off pieces of his land to pay for his debts that continually grow and he always waits for the big year that will set him on his feet again. But when that good year



A frontier congregation meeting in the home of one of our laymen in the Amazon region. Sr. Vincente, an AFLC layman, is shown in the back row, left.

does come around, his farm is so small that he is forced to sell out to the ever-growing farmer. And the small farmer then gathers up what he has and buys a small truck, or whatever, and moves on to the great frontier to pick up free land to farm.

But what really spurred them on these last two years was the big coffee frost. This caused many to move. What effect has this on our mission? MUCH!!!!!! Many of the converts of our early churches moved to our state for the same reason then. Now these young converts, who have been growing in Christ and become our lay leaders in our churches and graduated from our Bible school and seminary, plus many of our church members and interested families have been moving to the state of Rondonia these last years.

This is a territory in the Amazon Basin and though the reports coming back are mixed: good land, good future, but malaria and disease, this does not seem to stop the flow nor the drive to get in on the ground floor of a bright future.

We, the field conference, became more and more depressed to see our labors wrested away from us as our church rolls dropped by great numbers in the last two to three years.

We prayed much about it and could not understand why the Lord permitted this to happen. The territory where our people were going was way over a thousand miles away and the

roads are bad, taking days to get there if we wanted to, virtually cutting off all hope. But as the letters started coming back to us with the Macedonian call, "Come and help," our laymen there were opening their homes every Sunday and Wednesday for Sunday School and Bible studies and were getting 30, 40, 50 and more people each time, hungry for the Word. Now they want missionaries and pastors to come up and teach them more, baptize their children, share communion, etc.

It all seemed far-fetched as we are only three families and two single workers on the field. We could not spread ourselves any thinner. But the Lord had been working in the hearts of several families back in the States and had worked it all out. The prayers of the faithful prayer warriors of the AFLC are being heard as the Lord is calling and sending more new families to the field. We can only thank Him, for now we are able to send help to the Amazon region. It's token help but it's a start.

We ask you of the AFLC to keep praying forth new workers into the field and also for the work on the field and for the doors to remain open. Time is of the utmost importance; doors do not remain open forever in these countries.

"Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you" (II Thess. 3:1).

HE DIED—BUT HE LIVES!

I hear the words of love,
I gaze upon the blood;
I see the mighty sacrifice,
And I have peace with God.
'Tis everlasting peace,
Sure as Jehovah's name;
'Tis stable as His steadfast throne,
For evermore the same.

The clouds may go and come,
And storms may sweep the sky,
This blood-sealed friendship changes
not,

The cross is ever nigh.
My love is oftentimes low,
My joy still ebbs and flows;
But peace with Him remains the
same.

No change Jehovah knows.

That which can shake the cross
May shake the peace it gave
Which tells me Christ has never died.
Or never left the grave.
Till then my peace is sure,
It will not, cannot yield;
Jesus, I know, has died and lives;
On this firm rock I build.

I change, He changes not,
The Christ can never die;
His love, not mine, the resting-place,
His truth, not mine, the tie.
The cross still stands unchanged,
Though heaven is now His home:
The mighty stone is rolled away,
But yonder is His tomb.

And Yonder is my peace,
The grave of all my woes;
I know the Son of God has come,
I know He died and rose.
I know He liveth now
At God's right hand above;
I know the throne on which He sits,
I know His truth and love.

—Horatius Bonar



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