

# The Assistant Pastor

Vol. 1

## HE IS RISEN!

THE gruesome scene enacted on Golgotha is fresh in our memories. One who claimed to be the Son of God, the Savior of the world, with powers to tear the bands of death asunder and arise on the third day, was nailed to the cross, there to hang till dead. Towards evening He died and was placed in a guarded grave.

Many, apparently devout, there are today who will say : "Yes, I know that story and I know others similar to it. Down through the ages prophets, saviors or deliverers have at intervals arisen. I thank God for all of them; all have done good. May the Great Spirit, by whatever name He be worshiped, speed the day when every one is a faithful follower of some great moral leader. To this great and glorious end let us all join hearts and hands in the unity of brotherly love and tolerance."

Shall we grant that our Jesus is one among several? No, no, no!! HE AROSE FROM THE DEAD! Thereby He is proven to be as high above all others as God is above man. He has proven His claim to be the Son of God, the Messiah, the Savior of the World!

No. 1

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." 1 Cor. 15; 20-22



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**CHURCH SERVICES.**

**Jerico:** First and third Sundays, 10 a. m.  
Saturday school every Saturday, 2 p. m. Con-  
firmation class Fridays, 2 p. m.

**Saude:** Second and fourth Sundays, 10:45  
a. m. Saturday school every Saturday, 10 a. m.  
Confirmation class, 9:30 a. m.

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I take great pleasure in introducing to you  
my Assistant. He will visit every home in the  
congregations once a month. He is young and  
inexperienced but is very anxious to serve  
efficiently in furthering the Kingdom of God at  
home and abroad. As such we beg all to receive  
him kindly.

He will bring you special messages from the  
regular pastor. He will also carry a scrap book  
wherein are filed clippings that have in some  
special way appealed to your pastor during his  
reading of current publications. He will remind  
you of various duties as church members. He  
will bring you a record of current events in the  
congregations, not so much on account of their  
value as news items as their value as historical  
data for posterity.

Even a mere assistant can not live on noth-  
ing. He, therefore, asks a salary of 50 cents for  
twelve calls. However, his coming is not depen-  
dent upon the receipt of his salary. He will  
keep no accounts. If you pay he will say:  
"Thank you"; if you do not pay he will make  
his monthly calls just the same and you will  
receive no bills. His chief concern is to benefit  
you and your church.

May God bless his efforts!

H. M. TJERNAGEL.

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The following have recently been enrolled in  
the Book of Life through Holy Baptism in the  
Jerico Church:

Carol Ann, child of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Slin-  
dee. Sponsors were: Mr. and Mrs. John S.  
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George Alfred, child of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred  
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The latest Jerico bride was Martha Overboe.  
The inevitable groom was Clarence H. Cutsforth.  
The marriage ceremony was performed at the  
parsonage, February 25.

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The winter of '25-'26 will be recorded as  
unusually long but only moderately severe. It  
will also be remembered as one bringing excep-  
tionally little sickness to the members of our  
churches. However, Lars Aasen of Jerico was  
menaced by the flu for a few days and Mrs. B. J.  
Vigdal of Saude was stricken with an ailment  
that baffled the local physicians and seriously  
alarmed her many friends and relatives the  
greater part of the winter. She is now well on  
the way to recovery. When the aches and pains  
are forgotten the kind words said to her by the  
choir members with a beautiful bouquet of car-  
nations, will still be fresh in her memory and a  
source of joy.

Flowers have a beautiful language all their  
own and a voice so mellow and soothing to the  
sick. What can be better designed to lead us  
whether well or sick to thoughts of the sublime  
mind and artistic hands of the Creator. Any-  
thing so beautiful must be a product of love.  
Yes, they are designed and made for us by Him  
who is love, and who loved us unto death. The  
Bible tells us so.

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"The Prophet Elijah is on earth again", was  
a news item that spread over the Pacific Coast  
states some years back. Many heard him speak.  
Not a few believed in him. One day as the  
prophet was walking the streets of one of the  
large western cities with his girl-wife, whom he  
had clandestinely married, an enraged brother-  
in-law came up from behind and shot him dead.

It was pathetic, to say the least, to see the  
young wife at the burial of her murdered hus-  
band, with tearless eyes calmly assuring all:  
"He will arise again on the fourth day; he  
said so."

But he did not arise. That grave still holds  
its prey and thereby gives final and conclusive  
evidence that the alleged prophet was a deceiver.  
There was no Easter morn for his followers.

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**ATTENTION, SAUDE.**

On November 26, 1856, the pioneer families  
of our settlement assembled, for the first time,  
for Divine worship. The place was the Vaala  
log cabin. The preacher, a young pastor, Ulrik  
Wilhelm Koren.

Since then nearly 70 years have passed. And  
what years! The unheard of has become com-  
monplace; the impossible, realities. Years of  
tremendous upheavals in church and state.  
Years of wonderful material progress and spir-  
itual blessings which are now heaped in our  
laps.

The worshippers at that first church service  
are now, many of them, long since, 'neath the



turf. The young preacher, who later became a general in God's army, is also resting after a long workday of blessed achievement.

Sons, daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, shall we forget them? Shall we let the seventieth anniversary pass unnoticed? Let there be a firm and unanimous "NO" to these questions.

We suggest that a building suitable and adequate to our present needs and becoming as a memorial to our brave and God fearing forefathers, be erected near our church, and that such building be completed and ready for dedication on November 26, 1926.

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CLIPPINGS.

"Civilization rests on its care of childhood."  
—Chicago Tribune.

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"It is a mistake to train young people in all lines of knowledge and give them full college equipment for undertaking the big tasks of life without making sure also that fundamental principles of right and wrong as taught in the Bible have become a part of their equipment. There is a control of forces and motives to the management of vast affairs which comes only through an educated consciences."—James J. Hill. Quoted from Lutheran Layman.

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Clarence Darrow said recently at a mass meeting held in Detroit: "I know very little about it (evolution). Even the scientists who have studied it confess that they know little about it—aside from the principle of the thing. . . . I do not know whether the world has progressed or ever will. I do not know which way is forward, backward, up or down".

Ignorant indeed, Mr. Darrow, just as St. Paul says of you and your kind: "If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness, he is proud (foolish—opblaest—verdustert) knowing nothing." 1 Tim. 6:3-4.

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Speaking in opposition to compulsory Bible reading in the public schools, Dr. R. H. Pitt, a Baptist, hit the nail squarely and solidly on the head when he said:

"While religion rests ultimately on choice, all human government rests ultimately upon physical force. This is its final appeal. Hence all laws to be effective must carry penalties, and the penalties are physical. Whenever, therefore, government, which rests finally on physical force, undertakes to administer in the realms of religion, which rests ultimately on freedom of choice, a monstrous perversion occurs and confusion and chaos follow. By the same token whenever religion, resting ultimately on free choice, undertakes to compel through physical penalties it loses its own soul and comes at length into public contempt and hatred."

Read this again and then once more.

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Holding fast the Easter Message in a believing heart, every sinner can joyously and defiantly say with St. Paul: "Death is swallowed up in

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victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

Jesus says to you: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeest thou this?"—John 11:25, 26.

"I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another".—Job 19:25-27.

Satan's arrows all lie broken,  
Death and hell have met their doom;  
Christ, thy rising is the token:  
Thou hast triumphed o'er the tomb.  
Thou hast buried all my woe,  
And my cup doth overflow;  
By thy resurrection glorious  
I shall wave my palms victorious.

#### GOD HEARS AND ANSWERS PRAYER.

Several times I observed a parishioner clearing up a field of virgin soil. He was a man who had already reached the autumnal of life. The land was swampy and the turf deep and the whole task seemed a thing of drudgery. One day, in answer to my question, he said: "The day my son was leaving for overseas he began to say something, but his voice choked and he was not able to finish. Later he wrote me and said: 'Father, if I never come back, I want you to plant some trees on the lot of land I bought from Uncle Joe and make it into a cultivated field. Nothing seems so fitting to perpetuate the memory of the dead as something that has life and growth and will go on living.'" The young man never came back and the father found great solace for his bereaved heart in carrying out in every detail his son's last wish.

The Divine Father said to His servant, the prophet Isaiah: "Before they call, I will answer." He is speaking of Israel and their blessings in the "new earth." But the promise is not limited to the purified remnant. God's promises are limitless. All God's people of every age and clime are His children. If an earthly father is so desirous of fulfilling the wish of his child, how much more our Father in heaven! God even makes provisions for an answer to the expected call. "Thou preventest me with the blessings of goodness," said the Psalmist, meaning that God was always anticipating his need. In the Parable of the Prodigal, that picture of the father running to meet the son and embracing him with the kiss of a full forgiveness—even before the son had time to present to the father his request—is the eternal likeness of the heart of God. May this be our encouragement and our hope, for "He is faithful that promised."

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