

# The Assistant Pastor

March 1939

## Behold The Lamb of God!

The weather and roads were perfectly good, but your Assistant Pastor just could not make the rounds in February due to the serious illness of your pastor's sister. By mail we delivered to you instead Daily Devotional Readings for Lent prepared by the Rev. Prof. L. B. Buchheimer, the descendant of a Dane who settled in St. Louis when the Missouri Synod was still in its swaddling clothes. Rev. Buchheimer was for many years a pastor in St. Louis, now he is at the head of our college for colored people in Greenboro, North Carolina.

In this booklet Prof. Buchheimer directs your attention to the Lamb of God and in the words of John the Baptist invites you to "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." He presents Him as saying to you, "Come now and let us reason together: Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

"And that," says the writer, "is His loving invitation at the beginning of this Lenten season." He continues: "'But wherewithal shall I come?' asks the conscience stricken sinner; 'I have nothing to bring to Thee but a poor wicked heart.' 'That,' God answers, 'is all I want. It is my property. The purchase price was paid long ago by the blood of my Son.' 'But if I come,' the penitent replies, 'I shall soon fall away. I am so weak. The enemies of my soul are so strong.' 'Fear not,' God says: 'My strength is made perfect in thy weakness.' 'But, oh! I have sinned against knowledge and conviction. I have grieved and resisted the Spirit. My sins are so dark — deep — numerous.' 'The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from *all* sin.'"

Come to Calvary's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows to you, to me, to all.



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## Church Directory

**H. M. Tjernagel, Pastor**

### SAUDE CONGREGATION

Trustees: Chris Treider, Ned Borlaug, E. Firkingstad.  
Treasurer: Nels Ellingson.  
Secretary: G. G. Vaala.  
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Ladies' Aid: Mrs. Otto Hanson, president; Mrs. Carl Miller, secretary; Mrs. Oscar Natvig, treasurer.

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Trustees: C. Cutsforth, Ole C. Johnson, Olaf Roberson.  
Secretary: A. N. Anderson.  
Treasurer: J. A. Robinson.  
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Ladies' Aid: Mrs. M. A. Robinson, president; Mrs. K. C. Johnson, secretary; Mrs. Harvey Roberson, treasurer.

## Standing Services

### JERICO

First Sunday, Norwegian, October-May, 10:30 a. m.  
Third Sunday, English, October-May, 10:30 a. m.  
Saturday school every Saturday, 10:00 a. m.  
Confirmation class, Fridays, 2:00 p. m.

### SAUDE

Second Sunday, bilingual service, October-May, 10:45 a. m.  
Fourth Sunday, English, October-May, 10:45 a. m.  
Saturday school, 2:00 p. m.  
Confirmation class, Fridays, 9:30 a. m.  
Fifth Sunday by special announcement.

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**Martha Yvonne**, a child of Alvie Iverson and wife Gladys, née Nelson, was born December 11, 1938, and baptized January 15th. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Roberson, Arlene Knutson and Harvey Nelson.

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**Laura Jean**, a child of John O. Knutson and wife Alice, née Vigdal, was born December 30, 1938, and baptized February 5th. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Knutson, Palmer Anderson and Palma Borlaug.

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**Sigrid Johanna**, a child of Norman Nelson and wife Johanna, née Borlaug, was born January 1, 1939, and baptized February 5th. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Alvie O. Knutson, Olis and Anna Borlaug.

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**James Edward**, a child of Alvie James Johnson and wife Gertrude, née Attleson, was born January 21st and baptized February 19th. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Alvie T. Johnson, Olaf and Alice Johnson.

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**Question 285 of our Catechism Explanation** asks: "Why do we have sponsors at the baptism of little children?" The answer given is: "Sponsors should serve as witnesses that the child has been baptized in the name of the Triune God; they should, moreover, pray for the child, and, to the best of their ability, provide for its Christian training if it becomes an orphan." This answer is considered of sufficient importance to warrant the demand that it be committed to memory by all who expect to be confirmed in our churches.

Is it in your memory, dear reader, when you promise to serve as sponsor, and do you, to the best of your ability, mean to fulfill the duties which by general understanding rests upon sponsors?

If the child does not become an orphan, then the duty of praying for the child and providing Christian training rests upon *you parents* where God has directly placed it. If you neglect it you do so at the peril of your own soul and the souls of your children. God's command is clear, and He "is not mocked." Bring them up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," Eph. 6:4. "These words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou riseth up," Deut. 6:6-7. The Lenten booklet sent you is for your assistance in just this.

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**Our reorganized Young People's Society** is also for your assistance in this your duty. The society met Sunday evening, February 19th, to begin Bible study as outlined in the Sentinel under the head: Study Topics. Rev. N. S. Tjernagel was present and led the meeting. The attendance was small, but a good beginning was made. Mrs. O. N. Firkenstad and Mrs. Ole Ellingson served coffee and cake.

The society will meet again Sunday evening, March 19th. The Sentinel for February 13th contains the lessons for that evening's study. New officers of the society will be elected at this meeting.

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**The Jerico Aid** was entertained by Mrs. Edwin Thompson in the church parlor on Wednesday, January 18th.

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**The Saude Aid** was entertained at the Ole Natvig home by Mrs. Ole Natvig and Mrs. John Natvig February 16th.

## OBITUARY

Ole Iverson was born in Norway December 23, 1861, and was brought to this country by his parents when he was 5 years old. He was married to Martha Aaberg March 22, 1885. They settled on a farm 3 miles north of Jerico where they lived until they retired to New Hampton nine years ago. They were blessed with a large family, eight daughters and four sons. Henry resides at Caldwell, Idaho; Bessie (Mrs. Underdahl) at Galata, Montana; Tillie (Mrs. Denver) at Rio Linda, California; Emma (Mrs. Roxby), Bertha (Mrs. Hoem) and Mayme (Mrs. Soderlin) at Minneapolis; Josie (Mrs. Johnson) and Clara (Mrs. Sanderson) and Alvie at Jerico; Lena in New Hampton. Carl died in infancy and Theodore as a veteran of the World War.

Mr. Iverson was afflicted with a very heavy cross: He was stone deaf the last years of his life. Mrs. Iverson is very happy and grateful to God for permitting her to live to close her deaf husband's eyes in death.

Ole Iverson will be remembered as the last one to serve as "klokker" in the Jerico church, a position long ago discontinued. We shall remember him as our guest, together with B. Sundvold, in our home in Stanwood, Washington, about 35 years ago. He often spoke about the Christian Day School that he saw in operation in our congregation there, and



lamented that there was no such school for the children of Jerico. Though his ears could not hear the message of God to sinners the last years of his life, his eyes could see and he could and did read the message of redemption through Christ Jesus.

He died suddenly from an heart attack at his home in New Hampton January 18th and was buried in the Jerico cemetery the 21st.

#### The Funeral Sermon.

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us." Rom. 8:18.

Let us, dear mourners and friends, at once turn to that inexhaustible well, the Word of God, and draw comfort in this our bereavement.

Two things are placed in comparison in our Bible verse: The glory that shall be revealed in us and the sufferings of this present time.

When a glory that *shall* be revealed is spoken of and compared to the sufferings of this present time, it is clear that something is referred to that is far more glorious than anything we have known or may know here. And yet, what grandeur, beauty and joy may we not enjoy here: The beauty and grandeur of earth, sea, and sky, of plains and mountains, the incomparable beauty of the firmament, the joys of the home-circle, husband, wife, and children living in mutual love and helpfulness. Yes, and more, very much more, every one who believes the Word and promises of God may here know that peace which passeth understanding; enlightened by the Holy Spirit through that Word, he knows and does not doubt that sin, death, and the devil are vanquished by Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World. If such glories and joys are given to the children of God now, what then must be the glory not yet revealed?

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." I Cor. 2:9. Indications, however, are given in figurative language in such passage as Rev. 21: "And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass" v. 21. "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof" v. 23. The seventh chapter speaks of the great white robed throng with palms in their hands, in perfect joy before the throne and the Lamb. The Lamb, our crucified and resurrected Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Can in truth the children of God with certainty look forward to such unspeakable glory? For answer we need only turn to the words immediately preceding our text. Speaking of the children of God it says: "And if children then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified together." Just as surely as Jesus has been exalted from suffering to glory at the Father's right hand, just as surely shall all redeemed sinners who rejoice in the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, be raised to glory with Him, for they are co-heirs with Him.

Having spoken something of the future glory, let us now turn for a little to "the sufferings of this present time." Note the plural, sufferings, is used. The holy writer does not refer to some special

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suffering but in general to the trials and tribulations of this life, the pilgrimage through this vale of tears. And Paul had indeed his full share. He had his "thorn in the flesh" and his constant trials and suffering in the pursuit of his calling. But these things are not worthy of mention, he declares, in comparison to the glory that shall be revealed in him.

This assurance is surely comforting to you, dear mourners, as you think of the departed one. As surely as you believe that his sins were atoned for by the Savior of the world and as surely as you believe that the deceased was a penitent sinner who daily sought the grace of God through Jesus Christ, that surely you now believe that he is freed from all ills. Now his ears are opened and he can hear and join in the song of the saints: "Amen: Blessing and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen."

### SILVER WEDDING

February 26, 1914, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff A. Knutson were married. On the same date 25 years later they were still happy and in good health and were surrounded by children, uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters, cousins, and friends that had come to celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary with them.

Their daughter Corrine, Mrs. G. Robinson, and daughter Carol, their sons Albert, Donald, and Duane are their crown jewels.

A Scripture reading and prayer appropriate to the occasion was offered by their pastor. The friends and relatives brought baskets from which sprang a dinner that included all the appetizing dishes from A to Z.

May God continue to bless Mr. and Mrs. Jeff A. Knutson and family and keep them as useful citizens and good church members and preserve them all for His heavenly kingdom.

### PLEASE REMEMBER

that the amounts you place in the envelopes that come to you with your parish paper is your contribution to the support of your Synod and its work. Last year there were quite a few that gave exactly nothing at all. Not a single envelope returned from them with as much as a penny. We hope there will be no blank spaces in our account books at the end of this year but that all will give. If you can not give much, then do give a little.

The contributors can save us who take care of the contributions a lot of trouble if they will. Please write the amount you place in the envelope on the outside of it. It is a very small and simple matter for you to do this and it will help us a lot.

Do not make the mistake of complaining of your pastor because he urges you to give towards the support and spread of the Kingdom of God on earth. He can very readily show you by the Old as well as the New Testament that he is in the company of the prophets and apostles when he does so, yes, he *must* do so if he would be faithful to the Lord of the Church.

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