

Among the Local Churches



International Sunday School Lesson for April 21
COMFORT FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Isaiah 40:1-11

Rev. Samuel D. Price, D.D.

In the midst of troublesome times the prophet is declaring the blessed condition of the future. Judah as well as the ten tribes of Israel must be carried away into captivity but there would be a return to the land which Jehovah gave in perpetuity to his people. The day will again come when the Hebrew will regain his tribal possession in Palestine. Modern Zionism is in full accord with the teaching of the Bible.

Here is a lesson study where you will do well to consider the exact words of the text. Their content is rich in blessedness. The very sound and phrasing is quieting and is like an oasis in a vast desert of dreariness, for too often, such is our daily life. With special emphasis, by reason of the repetition, the Almighty commands the prophet-messenger to advise His people that there are restful days ahead. Therefore, even now there is reason to enjoy the repose of the soul that is possible for the child of God. Turning away from God led to the captivity in Babylon. The peace that passeth all understanding was still to be the portion of His people.

The rough pathway of life was to be made easy for the pilgrim en route to the eternal Zion. Filling in of valleys and lowering of mountains sounds like modern methods of road construction. In the Orient such things have often been done to make ready for the coming of an earthly king. Now prophecy says that royal preparation shall be made for just the ordinary traveller heavenward. Withal, the glory of the Lord shall be in evidence and no one shall miss that glorious sight.

Frailty in human life is akin to the grass of the earth. The majority pass on early and few live beyond the proverbial four score years. In marked contrast the "word of our God" is presented. Here is that which must continue to abide. Think of the attacks on the Bible through all the ages past. Many think it is an indication of genuine smartness to endeavor to discredit the Holy Bible. Groups and even nations have sought to show the Bible worthless. But there never was a day when this Book was more firmly established as the guide for man in this life and even unto Heaven. The product in applied Christianity is sufficient evidence for us to accept its teachings and live accordingly.

High privilege is given to Isaiah as he is told to seek a mountain, as it were, for a pulpit and proclaim the glad tidings to all Zion. Throughout the holy city, Jerusalem, he was to go and let his voice ring in the streets, declaring "Behold, your God!" Jewry would be great, and is marvellously so, because of their Jehovah. He gives rewards for obedience and makes joys to abound for His children. Herein is the basis for the opening words of encouragement, "Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem."

Under the simile that is repeated so often in the New Testament another pastoral scene is presented. He is the Great Shepherd of his sheep and will feed them all in his omnipotence. The little lambs are likewise his constant concern. He will adjust His step to their ability and when one is too small or weak to walk he will "carry them in his bosom."

Redeemer Lutheran Church
West Central and McGovern
Rev. W. F. Suhr, Pastor

Third Sunday after Easter.
Sunday school, 9:30.
German Service, 10:30.
English Service, 11:00.

The Bible class meets on Thursday evenings. The epistles of St. Peter are being studied in this course. Besides that a comparison is made between the teaching of Mohammedanism and Christianity.

On Saturday morning at 9:30 the children are to meet in the S. S. rooms to rehearse a play.

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

Highwood Lutheran
Oakridge and High Street
Rev. G. A. O. Engstrom, Pastor
Sunday, April 21: 9:45 a. m.—Sunday school; 11:00 a. m.—Worship in Swedish; 7:00 p. m.—Lecture over the Revelation.

Monday, April 22: 8:00 p. m.—Congregational meeting.
Tuesday, April 23: 8:00 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

St. Paul's Evangelical Church
Deerfield
Rev. Pipenbrot, pastor
Church school, 9:15.
Service, 10:30.
Choir rehearsal (Friday eve) 7:30.
On Thursday evening, April 25th the L. L. L. club will meet at the home of Violet and Virgil Hago.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Highland Park, Ill., 381 Hazel avenue, a branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., holds services every Sunday morning at 10:45 and on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, when testimonies of Christian Science healings are given. Sunday School meets at 9:30 a. m., and is open to pupils under the age of twenty. Subject for next Sunday's sermon—sermon "Doctrine of Atonement." You are cordially invited to make use of the reading room, 361 Central avenue, which is open every week day from nine in the morning until six in the evening and on Wednesdays until 7:30. The reading room is also open on Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30.

Bethany Evangelical Church
Rev. C. F. Schriver, Minister
Laurel Ave. and McGovern St.
This is conference week but the work goes on just the same at Bethany church. Sunday school at 9:45. The school will meet in their usual meeting places for this week at least. Announcements will probably be made at that time concerning the reorganization and relocation of departments.

Worship services at the hours of eleven and seven forty-five. You are invited to enjoy these services. These services.

Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday at seven o'clock. All of our young folk are invited. Bring your friends. Help make this a most helpful part of our church services.

Sunday, April 28th the organ will be dedicated. Mr. Bergman of Milwaukee will give the recital, some vocal numbers and a short formal dedication service will be the features of the vesper service at 4:30. Watch this space for full announcement next week.

The dedication services of last Sunday were times of rejoicing. We thank all who shared with us in any way.

We invite you to worship with us. If you are looking for a church home come to Bethany before you make your final choice. See the pastor or phone to him whenever he can be of help to you in any way. We are here to serve in Jesus name.

The Swedish Methodist Church
Highwood Avenue and Everts Place
Rev. William W. Nelson, Pastor
Thursday, April 18: 8:00 p. m.—Meeting of the prayer group at the Lars Nielsen home in Lake Forest.
Saturday, April 20: 8:00 p. m.—The Covenant chorus of Chicago will give a grand concert at the Oak Terrace school located at Central street and Prairie avenue, Highwood. No one can afford to miss this opportunity to hear such excellent singing as that which this chorus is able to produce. Bring all of your friends. Tickets may be secured at the door.
Sunday, April 21: 9:00 a. m.—Confirmation class hour; 10:30 a. m.—Sunday school; 6:00 p. m.—Epworth league meeting; 7:45 p. m.—Evening service in Swedish.



Rev. A. J. Byas

Presiding Elder of the Chicago District of the Evangelical church, who presided last Sunday afternoon at the dedicatory services of Bethany Evangelical church.

CHURCH DEDICATION IS GREAT SUCCESS.

Bethany Evangelical Features Attract Many; Pastor Describes Program

That dedication day, Sunday, April 14, was a great success at the Bethany Evangelical church as indicated by the widespread interest manifested in the event on that date and the gratified expressions of pastor and people. The events of the day are thus described by the pastor, Rev. C. F. Schriver:

Great Dedication Day

A wonderful day, good attendance, fine preaching with an inspiring evangelistic note, uplifting singing by both congregation and choir, tastefully arranged decorations, wonderful fellowship, many visitors and a willingness to give sacrificially made Sunday, April 14, 1929, a day of triumph for Bethany Evangelical church. We wish to thank our friends from near and far for the part they had in this our success. Much credit is due the choir for their work in anthems, responses, hymn singing, as well as in the solo parts. Mrs. Barrett and Miss Charlotte Brand deserve special mention for their leadership.

Financially the day was most successful and while we did not get quite to our goal we got within sight of it when nearly \$10,000.00 were raised in cash and pledges payable within a year. The pastor has promises of assistance from others whom he will see shortly after conference. We again say thank you and may God (Continued on 3rd following page)