

ECUMENICAL REFLECTIONS

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One of the greatest evils against which the church is fighting today is the evil of neutrality in daily circumstances which call for clear-cut confessions of our Christian faith.

Someone has well said that the hottest places in hell are reserved for those people who, when a great issue is involved, prefer to remain neutral. It

does take too much courage to talk forcibly to a group of like-minded, professing Christians about the lack of dedication in the church, and the growing deterioration of our society.

Some people are very eloquent as long as they're with their own. About the only time they can be silenced is in the church itself. There seems to have developed a cult among Christians — "sophisticates" like to call themselves — who pride themselves upon warming themselves at the sinful world's fire.

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It is high time that parents stop giving "toward" advice, and give their "complete trust" by being "pals," no matter what, and start assuming their obligation to act like parents.

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These are the people who always want to be "neutral" on any subject. They won't talk one way or the other on such important subjects as fair doctrine or the importance of regular church attendance.

As a result of their lack of conviction, many seeking souls are learning first-hand to treat God's saving Word with indifference.

THE THIRD PLACE where we should stand up and be counted is in the world. If we do not tell our unchurched neighbors and more important our leaders in government and education how we Christians feel about the breakdown in law enforcement and moral standards, how will they ever get the message?

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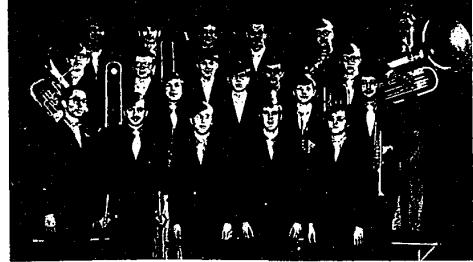
We are citizens of our country, as well as citizens of God's Kingdom, and as such, we have God-given obligations to contribute to its well-being.

During this Lent season may we recall Jesus' forthright confession before His hostile judges. He bore witness to the truth though meant His crucifixion.

To us this Savior says, Neutrality is impossible for My followers. You have to stand up and be counted. "He who is not with me is against me, and he who gathers not with me, scatters abroad."

Matt. 12:30. We stand up to be counted when without fear or favor, we confess Him as our Savior and then live and promote His absolute standards of righteousness!

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THE MALE CHORUS and Brass Ensemble of the St. Paul Bible College, St. Bonifacius, Minn., will present a concert Easter Sunday evening in Farmington's Northwest Christian and Missionary Alliance Church.

Blend Of Masses Broadcast Set

A 60 minute Easter special "Masses," a blend of nine recorded versions of the Mass from around the world, will be heard on WKAR-AM 870 and WKAR-FM 90.5, on Good

Friday, March 31, beginning at 11 a.m.

"Masses" is a performance of folk, flamenco, yodeling, jazz, creole, and traditional masses combined with poetry,

dialogue, and personal perspectives. During specific segments of these elements will be heard simultaneously.

The program was produced

by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and distributed by National Public Radio.

INTERSPERSED with the perspectives of Christ, God

masses (the kyrie, gloria, credo, sanctus, and the agnus dei), young children, teenagers, and adults offer their personal perspectives of Christ, God

five principal parts of the and Easter.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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COME—Worship the Risen Lord with Us. He Lives as He Promised.

Attend These Special Services

PALM SUNDAY - March 26
9:30 a.m. Family Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Worship

PUBLIC SHOWING OF THE TECHNICOLOR FEATURE FILM
"Wind of Morning"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29
8:00 p.m. Combined Choirs
Easter Cantata
"Seven Last Words"

THURSDAY, MARCH 30
8:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Supper. Music by John Ambrose and Dorothy Main.

Grand River Baptist Church

Six Mile Road (1 1/4 Mile West of Farmington Rd.)

First Baptist Church
of Farmington

GOOD FRIDAY
1-2 p.m. Services with Bethel Baptist Church of Farmington

EASTER SUNDAY

7 a.m. Sunrise Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday Bible School
11 a.m. Morning Worship Service

Easter Message
by Pastor Walter Ballagh

7 p.m. Evening Gospel Hour

FARMINGTON ROAD AT SHIAWASSEE

Walter C. Ballagh, Pastor

DEEPER LIFE CONFERENCE
MARCH 29 - APRIL 2
HEAR

REV. HAROLD FIFE
KESWICK SPEAKER... BIBLE TEACHER
AND

THE EVANGEL TRIO
Weeknights 7:30 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Judson Baptist Church
28301 MIDDLEBELT ROAD
Between 12 and 13 Mile Roads

First Baptist Church
45000 N. Territorial Road
Plymouth, Michigan

MARCH 30—Maundy Thursday
Service 8:00 p.m.
MARCH 31—Good Friday
Community Service
APRIL 2—Easter Sunday
8:00 a.m. Service
Easter Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
"His Land" Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.

Good Hope Lutheran

28800 Chemung Hill Rd.
Rev. Dean Rebeck
427-3680
MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:45 p.m. - Good Friday
7:45 p.m. - Easter Sunday

Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church

26212 W. 8 Mile
Kinloch
Holy Communion 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday
Tenebrae Service 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday 8:15 a.m.
8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Godfrey E. Alberti, Pastor

Timothy Congregation
The American Lutheran Church
8820 West River Avenue
Grand Rapids, Michigan

HOLY WEEK SERVICES
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. - Sacrament of Holy Communion "Were You There When He Gave the Holy Supper?" Luke 22: 19-20
Friday, 1:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service
Saturday, 1:00 p.m. - Easter Sunday Service
The Rev. John Rodt preaching
7:30 p.m. - Tenebrae Service "Were You There When He Was Laid in the Tomb?" John 19: 41-42
Easter Sunday, 6:30, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Holy Communion at all Services
"Were You There When He Rose from the Grave?"
Romans 6: 5

St. John's Lutheran Church
134-2 MERCEDES
1 block S. of Schoolcraft, 1 block E. of Inkster Road
Pastor: Rev. John K. Kuehne
KE 2-2660

MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:45 p.m. - Good Friday
7:45 p.m. - Easter Sunday

EASTER SUNDAY
8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast served by Youth Group
9:45 a.m. 11 a.m. Divine Worship
(Nurses' Aid) K-9th Grade

Lutheran Church of the Risen Christ
134-2 MERCEDES
1 block S. of Schoolcraft, 1 block E. of Inkster Road
Pastor: Rev. John K. Kuehne
KE 2-2660

MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:45 p.m. - Good Friday
7:45 p.m. - Easter Sunday

EASTER SUNDAY
8:30 a.m. - Sunrise Service
8:00 a.m. - Service of Holy Communion
7:30 a.m. - Festival Service
10:15 a.m. - Festival Service

Apostolic Lutheran Congregation

26225 Hulsted Road
Farmington, Michigan
Raymond H. Tukki, Pastor
Palm Sunday
Services 11:00 a.m.
2:30 p.m. - Good Friday
Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker:
Missionary
Lenna Anttila
of Finland
Rev. Raymond H. Tukki, Pastor

Easter Greetings
Grace
Lutheran
Church

25630 Grand River
Detroit, 48240
KE 2-2266

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Service at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY

Service at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Communion

EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Everyone Welcome!

A sacred concert which includes gospel songs interspersed with personal testimonies will be presented in the Northwest Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, at 7 p.m., Easter Sunday, April 2.

The concert will be presented by the Male Chorus and Brass Ensemble of the St. Paul Bible College, St. Bonifacius, Minn. It will include classical, and sacred hymns and instrumental numbers.

The 25 - voice ensemble is one of three college choirs representing the college through concert areas around the college and through extended tours. Its present schedule includes churches and auditoriums in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan.

The concert is under the direction of Bruce Burkley, who earned his bachelor degree from Houghton College in Houghton, N.Y., and his master of music degree and artist diploma from the Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, Md. He has had wide experience in composing, teaching and directing.

The St. Paul Bible College is the midwestern regional college of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The college offers degrees in seven areas.

Redford Baptist Church

"The Friendly Church With A Vital Message"

GRAND RIVER and SEVEN MILE 533-2300

WELCOME TO OUR EASTER SERVICES

9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Message by Dr. Gordon H. Schroeder
"The Resurrection"

6 p.m. Movie
"Operation Nightwatch"

Good Friday Service, Friday 12:30 p.m.
(Nursery Provided During All Services)

St. David's Episcopal Church

16200 W. 12 Mile Rd.

Southfield

EASTER SERVICES

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Holy Communion and Sermon

Everyone welcome

The Rev. Howard G. Myers, Rector

The Rev. Michael J. Taylor, Assistant

The Rev. Albert Conner, Assistant

St. Mark Presbyterian

26701 Joy Rd.

Dearborn Heights, Mich.

278-9340

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Upper Room Communion Service

7:30 p.m.

EASTER

Sunday Service 7 a.m.

Contemporary Service 8:30 a.m.

Worship and Church School - 10 a.m.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Easter Specials

Announcing

Great and Spiritual Services

Easter: 10:00 a.m. Service

12:00 noon. Children's "Candy Rain"

2:00 p.m. Song Fest

Rehearsal April 1 - 9

7:00 p.m. Nightly

Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

9415 Merriman Road

Southfield

422-6930

Robert P. Mueller, Pastor

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Communion Service

GOOD FRIDAY

1:30 p.m. - Mid Day Meditation

EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 a.m. - Sunrise Service

7:30 a.m. - Service of Holy Communion

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. - Festival Worship

Evening Service

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

Festival Film