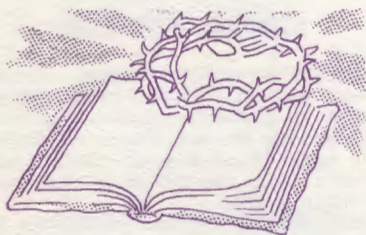


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WHICH JESUS DO YOU WANT ?

(The inspiration for this editorial came at one of our midweek services as I listened to Dr. Lehmanns sermon on the episode of Barabbas in the Passion story of our Lord.)

None of us can get away from Jesus. Even the crowd at the trials of Jesus had to choose between Jesus the Christ and Jesus Barabbas, for the official name of the condemned man who pilate placed besides Jesus was also Jesus. So, the people had to decide which Jesus they preferred. They chose Jesus Barabbas. He was set free. Jesus the Christ was condemned to death.

None of us can get away from Jesus. We all need to make a choice in our lives as to what god we want to follow - the God who is called the Christ, who gave His life as a ransom for our sins and through whom we can have everlasting life or the god of his world, representing status-quo; power of the clenched fist; domination by the things money can buy; the thrills and unnatural exhilarations of the life of sex, pleasure, dissipation. We are not all-sufficient, and need a god to which we give obedience and loyalty.

The crowds chose Jesus Barabbas and went on to commit sacrilege of

the holy, inhumanities to fellow human, and murder of the innocent. Once Jesus Barabbas had been chosen as their Jesus, the other wrong choices followed, for the choices we make determine the direction our lives will take.

We come again to the close of a Lenten period and to each of us comes the question again, "Which Jesus do you want?" As we make the life choice may we remember the path of life which each choice opens before us. It is not merely a simple choice we make, but one which has tremendous influence upon our lives. We can choose Jesus the Christ or Jesus Barabbas, Heaven or Hell, righteousness or unrighteousness, light or darkness, joy or sorrow.

Which Jesus will you choose? Rededicate your life to the Lord Jesus and thus let this Lenten season and the coming glorious Easter be a time of great spiritual worth for you.



**PRESENTATION
SUNDAY
APRIL 4th**

In the 10 a.m. service this day the class of 42 Confirmands will be presented to the congregation in an official examination (please note the change of service time). There will be no sermon at this service. Do not remain away because of the difference in the content of the service, for it is a very helpful service.

Dr. Lehmann preaches at the 8 a.m. service. Though it is the first Sunday of the month the Sacrament of Holy Communion will not be observed

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**PALM SUNDAY
SERVICES
APRIL 11**



These services, at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. begin with the traditional procession of "The Palms," even as the followers of the Lord carried Palms that first Palm Sunday and shouted their Hosannas. Each service will bring the Palm Sunday message by Pastor Rasche. The 10 a.m. service includes the Rite of Confirmation for those Confirmands who make the decision to follow the Christian way of life. At the conclusion, each worshipper will receive Palm branches to take home as a memento of the day.



**EASTER
SUNDAY
IS APRIL 18**

Beginning very early in the morning of Easter, we will assemble in our lovely lily-bedecked sanctuary for the 6 a.m. service, a full service with choral anthems, Scripture and the Easter message by the Pastor.

Then at 10 a.m. the Festival Easter service brings the features of the early service plus the Memorial Service and the dedication of the Memorial Easter Lily Altar.

At both hours on Easter the Sacrament of Communion will be offered in a special Communion service beginning approximately 5 minutes after the regular services conclude. Following the benediction and recessional at each service those desiring the Sacrament are requested to fill the pews from the front first.

**CHURCH SCHOOL
SESSIONS AT
EARLIER HOUR**

On Sundays April, 4, 11, 18 the Church School session begins at the



hour of 8:45 a.m. Also on Easter Sunday the session will be a combined session in Friendship Hall, for a special Easter program. Member families are reminded to return on Easter the Easter folders, the proceeds of which will be used to assist in procuring new furniture for the departments after the renovation of the Church School Bldg.



**CHOIR TO PRESENT
CANTATA FOR LENT**

"To Calvary" by Titcomb, a new modern Lenten Cantata will be presented as a Lenten offering to our Lord by our Senior Choir on Wednesday, April 7 at 8 p.m. This Cantata will take the place of the message this night.

Following the service the Bake Sale will be conducted by the Boy Scouts rather than the Church Sch. The last of the Coffee Hours will also be after this service.

**DRAMATIZATION OF
THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The 14th annual presentation of the Lord's Supper in dramatic form is scheduled for Wednesday of Holy Week, April 14th. This is a picturization of DaVinci's famous painting in several flash poses, following which each disciple relates his experience with the Christ. Directed by Mr. and Mrs. Al Witzke and in authentic costumes this presentation is truly one not seen in any other local church of which the pastor is aware. We are so grateful for this tradition and with pride announce this scheduling. Please tell your neighbors and friends about this outstanding feature, and bring them with you.

**HOLY THURS.
COMMUNION**



The Sacrament will be in the body of the service this night of Thurs April 15th at 8 p.m., as is our custom. However it will be a different service, for we shall be using an order of service which follows

the movements of Christ on the night of betrayal and through the day of crucifixion.



For those able to be at a morning service, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered at a 9 a.m. service here in our sanctuary. Included in this service is a message for Good Friday from the pulpit.

THREE HOUR SERVICE

From noon to 3 p.m. the Community Three-Hour Good Friday Service will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Ch., on Baltimore St. at Robinson. Pastors and choirs of community churches will participate. Composed of seven 25 minute segments, this service permits you to leave at any interlude or remain for the entire service.

TENEBRAE COMMUNION, 8 p.m.

Our Communion will be in the body of the service, which also includes a message from the pulpit and choral music. The service will be concluded with the service of Tenebrae (the lowering of the lights). This is a practice of the Christian Ch. coming from the Middle Ages, though not often used. In its Protestant version it brings the extinguishing of the candles at the altar, accompanied by solemn narration and music. The church finally is in total darkness, signifying the temporary extinguishing of the "light of the world" in the death of Jesus, the culmination of the Lenten season. In deep dimness the worshippers will be requested to depart from the sanctuary, keeping utter silence until out of the church building



EASTER MEMORIAL AND LILY FUND

Each Easter we look forward to the beautification of our altar area as multitudes of lily blooms are put in place for our Easter services. These are procured through the generosity of our members and friends who make special cash memorials or cash gifts to our Easter Lily Fund.

Others desire to place their money in the Memorial Fund and thus they give straight memorials. Both the Easter lily memorials and Easter memorials become a part of our Memorial service at the 10 a.m. Easter service.

Make use of the envelope accompanying this mailing for Memorial gifts to the Memorial Fund. If you desire the gift to go to the purchase of lilies, please indicate this on the same envelope when you insert your memorial gift. Be sure to give addresses as well as names of donors plus the names of the individuals you are memorializing. We request that these memorials and gifts to the Lily Memorial Fund be on hand no later than Palm Sunday, April 11th.

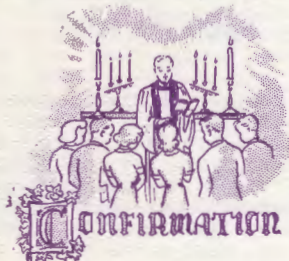
RETURN SELF- DENIAL FOLDERS

Special boxes will be in the Narthex during Holy Week and on Easter and you are requested to deposit the 'dime-folders' there. This special Lenten offering will be dedicated at the Festival Easter service. Your extra generosity at the Lenten-Easter season will be greatly appreciated and thanks for it given by your Finance Committee, the Council and the church at large.



HOOD CHOIR TO SING

The excellent choir of our own Hood College, in Frederick, Md. is to appear in concert at our First and St. Stephens Church, 6915 York Rd. on Sunday, April 11, at 8 p.m. This is arranged by our Chesapeake Association for the folk of all our churches. We will be thrilled by this singing of this fine group. No admission charge. Offering.



CONFIRMATION REUNION, APRIL 25

Another traditional service at United Church. Held as a part of the 10:15 a.m. service, this service brings the opportunity for all Confirmands, from the oldest to the youngest, to rededicate themselves to the Lord even as did the Confirmands on Palm Sunday. While we are yet in the glow of Easter may we humbly consecrate ourselves to the Lord who is our Saviour and Friend. Regular service at the 8 a.m. hour. Return of our Church School to the 9 a.m. schedule for sessions.



EVENTS

Lenten Sales to continue each Friday thru April 9th. Let us not forget to patronize these Friday sales for the tasty products on sale.

Church Council, Tues. April 6

Ladies Aid, at noon, Wed. April 7

Church School Sup'ts, Tues. Apr. 13

Women's Guild, Wednesday, Apr. 21

This is the 21st birthday party of the Guild and they are inviting all

members of the Ladies Aid to their party. Further, all women who worked at the Lenten sales are also invited to this special meeting. Time is at 8 p.m.

Christian Education Com., Tuesday, Apr. 27, 7:30 p.m.

Men's Club, Wed., April 28, 8 p.m.

Scouts:

Girl Scout groups meet on Monday - Brownies and Jr. Girls at 3:45 and Girl Cadettes, 7:30 with meetings in Friendship H. Boy Scout groups also meet on Monday - Cub Dens at 7:30 in Scout room, 2nd floor of Church School building. Boy Scout Troop #19 at same time. The Cub pack meets each 4th Monday. Choirs, on Thursday, with the Youth Choir at 6:30 and the Adult Choir at 7:30. The Cherubs meet on Sats. at 1:30 p.m. Youth Teen Nite, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

COMING IN MAY

Chesapeake Association Meeting, Sat., May 8 at Faith and St. Mark's Church, 1 to 5:30 p.m.

Mother-Daughter Banquet, Wed. May 12, Friendship Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Girls Guild Mother-Daughter Meeting Sunday, May 23, 6:30 p.m.

RENOVATION BONDS

At this writing the Renovation Bonds are at the printers and will be on hand soon. If you have not made a request for a Bond, we look forward to receiving your indication very shortly. We have no other means of financing the Renovation of our Church School Building but the support you people give. We know you will underwrite this need.

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