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Bringing Christ to the Nations THE INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN HOUR Over Station KBON Every Sunday morn 11:30 P. M.

Miami, Fla., March 2 (Special) The heaviest legal injustice in all history was the trial that sentenced Christ to the cross. Dr. Walter A. Maier asserted here today in a special International Lutheran Hour address.

Prime Minister Tojo and twenty-seven other top Japanese defendants at the Tokyo War Crimes trials are defended by twenty-four American lawyers.

At Nuernberg, during the trial against the Nazi leaders the court sat for 216 days. The trials of Christ, both his countrymen and the Roman authorities took only a few hours altogether.

The judges at the Nuernberg trial studied 800,000 affidavits, examined two hundred witnesses, heard millions of words of testimony. More than 4,000,000 words of evidence were taken in Tojo's trial.

Even civil trials in America have completely outbalanced the life and death proceedings against Christ.

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twelve hours after He was arrested, and all that He said in His trials could be printed on less than a single page.

Dr. Maier repeated a plea made two years ago and that the verdict of "guilty" be reversed to "not guilty."

ference of the 1946-47 Conference year, Rev. Goosby's text for his Christian sermon was taken from John 6th chapter and 66th verse and his subject "The Two Routes of the Two Groups"

Before delivery of his message the Presiding Elder commended the Officers, Pastor and wife and members and friends of St. Johns for the excellent progress that is being made at St. Johns, spiritual, financial and the building.

Several thoughts from the message of the Presiding Elders' message were as follows: The Association with Jesus Christ is a test of our love for His great sacrifice in order that we might have life.

Mrs. M. Rebecca Goosby accompanied her husband the Presiding Elder to this Quarterly Conference at St. Johns.

Visitors: J. M. and Mrs. C. Johnson of Minneapolis, Minn., Miss M. Williams of Omaha, Mrs. E. McCoad from Pittsburgh, Pa., sister of Mrs. J. S. Sloan, Mrs. Brynne of Omaha and Mrs. Dismen of New York City.

Have you become a member of the Century Club? If not why not turn your membership into the Pastor or any Trustee of St. John. If you can't become a member of the Century Club, don't forget that we have a 75 Club, 50 Club, a 40 Club and a 25 Club, so let us become a member of one of these organizations in St. John.

Mason Devereaux Jr., pauses here to acknowledge his deep appreciation to St. John officers, Pastor and wife, and membership for the excellent comment that has appeared in the St. John Messenger pertaining to his work as Official Reporter of St. John Church.

Mothers send your children to Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. Attend our Morning Services at 11 a. m. Union Services at 7:30 p. m.

We thank Mrs. H. Adams for the encouragement of the group of our children who took communion on Sunday February 23rd. It is such beautiful thoughts and interests in the program of St. John that prompt Mrs. Adams to so encourage our young people.

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Where to go to Church Sunday



First Church of Deliverance Rev. A. J. Thomas, Pastor Miss Bernice Ellis, Reporter I reaching Tuesday and Thursdays 8:00 p. m. Sunday School 10:30 a. m. Morning Worship 11:00 a. m. Evening Worship 8 p. m.

Christ Temple Church of Christ (Holiness) 2124 North 26th St. Res. 2122 North 26th St. Rev. O. A. Askersen, Pastor Velma Shearon, Clerk

Freestone Primitive Baptist Church 26th and Hamilton Sts. Rev. Dan Thomas, Pastor Mrs. Phikie Oliver, Reporter Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Morning Service 11 a. m. Evening Worship 8 p. m.

Zion Baptist Church 2215 Grant Street Rev. F. C. Williams, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Junior Church 10:45 a. m. Morning Worship 11 a. m. Evening Worship 7:45 p. m.

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church 25th and R Streets, So. Omaha Rev. Fant, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Morning Worship 11 a. m. Evening Worship 8 p. m.

Church of God in Christ 2712 R St., South Omaha Elder A. E. Johnson, Pastor Sunday School 10 o'clock Y.P.W.V. 6:30 p. m. Prayer Band, Tuesday night Bible Band, Wednesday night Sewing Circle Thursday afternoon at 2 p. m.

Church of God in Christ 2318 North 26th St. Elder V. M. Barker, Pastor Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning Worship 11 a. m.

Fellowship Baptist Church 1839 North 24th St. Rev. D. A. Campbell, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning Worship 11 a. m. Evening Worship 8 p. m.

Church of the Living God 2316 North 25th St. Elder A. J. Henderson, Pastor Res. 3011 Miami St. Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Morning Services 11:00 a. m. Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.

Church of God in Christ 1207 South 13th St. Elder D. M. Watson, Pastor Idell Watson, Reporter Y.P.W.V. 6 p. m. Evening Worship 7:45 p. m.

Church of the Living God C.W.F.F. 2412 Parker St. Rev. S. K. Nichols, Pastor Rose Marie Oliver, Repr. Sunday School was well attended. The lesson was enjoyed by all.

Hillside Presbyterian Church 30th and Ohio Sts. Rev. W. Gordon, Pastor Mrs. T. Newte, Reporter Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Morning Service 11 a. m. Visitors are always welcome.

Church of God 2025 North 24th St. Elder N. S. Spaght, Pastor Alice Britt, Reporter Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Morning Worship 11 a. m. Evening Service 8 p. m.

Paradise Baptist Church 1811 North 23rd St. Rev. C. C. Adams, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Morning Worship 11 a. m. L.K.W. Mission Thurs. 8 p. m. Evening Worship 8 p. m. Prayer Service Wed. 8 p. m.

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church 3211 Pinkney St. Rev. J. P. Mosley, Pastor Christine Phillips, Reporter Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Morning Worship 11 a. m. Evening Worship 8 p. m. Sr. Mission Tuesday 8 p. m. Prayer Service, Wed. 8 p. m.

Bethel A.M.E. Church 2430 Franklin Street Rev. Herbert W. Bletson, Pastor Telephone Jackson 3561

Pilgrim Baptist Church 26th and Hamilton St. Rev. Charles Favors, Pastor Ed. Dortch, Reporter Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Morning Worship 10:45 a. m. Evening Worship 7:45 p. m. Allen Christian Endeavor Lge. 6:30 p. m.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church 3010 R St., South Omaha Rev. W. M. Clayton, Pastor Mrs. Jeannette Thompson, Reporter Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Morning Worship 11 a. m. Evening Worship 8 p. m.

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LESSON FOR MARCH 2 Lesson subjects and Scripture texts selected and compiled by the International Council of Religious Education; used by permission.

JESUS SUMS UP HIS CLAIMS LESSON TEXT—John 12:12-16, 30-32 MEMORY SELECTION—And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.—John 12:32

The last week of our Lord's ministry on earth comes before us today as we consider two events—one of which occurred on Sunday and the other on Tuesday. One sees here the attitude of men toward Christ, of God toward men, of the Father toward the Son and the majestic drawing power of the Saviour.

I. Believing Men Honor Christ (vv. 12-16). God says, "Him that offereth praise glorifieth me" (Ps. 50:23), and the believer recognizes that "praise is comely for the upright" (Ps. 33:1). Jesus is entirely worthy of the praise of every heart and voice.

Presenting himself as their Messiah, Jesus received the enthusiastic acclaim of his disciples and friends, who were probably joined by others drawn by the excitement. The Pharisees did not join in (see Luke 19:40), nor did the city, not even knowing who he was (Matt. 21:10, 11). So it is today; some love and praise him, some hate him, others just ignore him. Of which class are you?

He gave Jerusalem and the nation a final opportunity to receive him. It was not yet too late, but it was their last chance. Such a time comes in the life of every one of us. They rejected him. Do we? But even though some did reject, let us not forget that there were those who shouted, "Hosanna"; who cast their garments down before him and waved palms of victory and joy. Thank God for their holy enthusiasm. Pray God that we may have a little more of it.

II. God Honors Men Who Serve Christ (vv. 20-26). It is good to note that wherever prompted the coming of the Greeks, they wanted to see Jesus. A man has progressed far on the road to blessing when he makes known his desire to see Jesus. Coming to him means coming to the One who has the words of eternal life.

Note that the disciples were wise enough to bring the men to Jesus. The true function of every Christian worker is to bring men to him. The reply of our Lord to the Greeks, and to the disciples who brought them to him, seems a bit singular at first glance. Did he not wish to receive them? They had probably come to see the great religious leader, the King of the Jews—why did he tell them to go?

The words of our Lord are clear. Men do not need an example, a leader, a teacher; they need a Saviour. It is as a sacrifice for sin that Christ will draw all men unto himself.

III. The Father Glorifies the Son (vv. 27-30). The awful blackness of the burden of the world's sins which he was to bear pressed down upon our Lord in an agony of soul beyond our ability to understand. But even his troubled soul did not turn from the hour of death for us.

The question of verse 27 is essentially this: "Should I ask the Father to deliver me from this hour? No, I came to be man's Saviour." He did not look away, nor wish to turn back. He knew why he had come, and he was faithful even to death (Phil. 2:8; Heb. 2:9).

He had only one desire—that the name of God the Father should be glorified (v. 29). Do we who bear his holy name follow in his footsteps? Do we have an eye single to his glory—or do we seek our own? Then came the voice from heaven; the Father had glorified his own name in the Son, and would do it again—yes, again and again.

Jesus knew the Father would do it, he did not need any assurance (v. 30), but for the sake of the people the witness was given. Notice the rest of the listeners—some recognized that a heavenly message had been given; others had only heard some thunder.

May God give us grace to hear his voice when he speaks, and not consider it merely the rolling of some deep voice of thunder! IV. The Son Draws All Men to Himself (vv. 31, 32).

Because Christ was lifted up on the cross and died, there is victory over sin and death, declared by his resurrection and ascension to the Father. Satan is still at liberty in the world, but he is defeated (John 16:11). Death still comes, but the sting is gone for the Christian (1 Cor. 15:55-57). The world is still fighting our Lord, but he is drawing men to himself here and there throughout the world.

One day he will come as King of kings and Lord of lords, to declare in its finality the victory which has already been won. We should be reminded anew that it is Christ the Saviour who will draw men if we will only exalt him in our preaching and teaching. Let us do it!

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RELIGIOUS NEWS ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH 22ND AND WILLIS AVE. REV. E. B. CHILDRESS, Pastor MASON DEVEREAUX, Repr. Rev. L. S. Goosby our Presiding Elder brought us the message at the 11:00 a. m. Service Sunday February 23, 1947. He was here to conduct the 2nd Quarterly Conference.

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