

RELIGIOUS

Organ voluntary. Anthem, "When Bethlehem's Shepherd..."

At the Jackson Street Baptist church, West Scranton, the following program of Christmas music will be observed tomorrow:

MORNING SERVICE. Hymn, Adoration, No. 111. Lord's Prayer. Congregation in Unison...

German Baptist Church. At the German Baptist church, on Hickory street, Christmas will be observed on Sunday and Monday mornings...

St. Luke's Episcopal Church. At St. Luke's Episcopal church the services on Monday, Christmas day, will be as follows: 6 a. m., holy communion...

St. Paul's Evangelical. Christmas will be observed at St. Paul's German Evangelical church, Prospect avenue and Beech street, on Christmas day with service at 10 a. m.

MORNING PRAYER. Professional, "Hark the Herald Angels..."

St. David's Episcopal. At St. David's Episcopal church, West Scranton, the following programme will be rendered:

Christ Lutheran Church. At Christ Lutheran church, on Cedar avenue there will be morning services on Christmas day at 10:30 o'clock.

Holy Trinity Lutheran. The services at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, corner Adams avenue and Mulberry...

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street, to-morrow and Christmas day, will be of a character befitting this high festival of the church.

St. Mark's Lutheran. The services in St. Mark's Lutheran church on Sunday will have the character of the Christmas festival.

SUNDAY MORNING. Anthem, "Break Forth into Joy." Invocation. Versicle. Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness.

VESPER SERVICE, AT 7 P. M. Anthem, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" By the Choir.

The Christmas festival of the Sunday school will begin at 7:30. It will be followed by the distribution of gifts to the members of the school.

Evangelical Church of Peace. At the Evangelical Church of Peace Christmas will be observed on Christmas day at 10 a. m.

St. Mary's Church. At St. Mary's German Catholic church, South Scranton, a high mass will be celebrated on Christmas morning at 6 o'clock by Rev. Peter Christ, and other masses will follow at 8, 9:15 and 9:45.

Religious News Notes. Rev. Dr. S. C. Logan, L.L.D., preached in Princeton last Sabbath.

When Grip prevails, Cough Syrup, Emulsions, Inhalers and even Pills and Pastes are palliated off as cures.

Sunday-School Lesson for December 24 Christ's Coming Foretold.

ISA. IX:2-7.

BY J. E. GILBERT, D. D., LL. D., Secretary of American Society of Religious Education.

INTRODUCTION.—The observance of a day in commemoration of the birth of Jesus, the subject of the lesson, is no new thing.

LUTHER.—(Verse 2).—Looking down the centuries Isaiah saw Jesus first as a luminary, as John saw Him (John, i, 9), and as Jesus speaks of Himself (John, ix, 5) He saw Jesus as a man.

GLADNESS.—(Verse 3).—That which Isaiah next saw is imperfectly represented in the authorized text. The revised version makes the verse more intelligible.

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DELIVERANCE.—(Verse 4).—The Jewish people were successively the Assyrians, Chaldeans, Persians and Macedonians. The heavy yoke of their oppressors had been grievous in the extreme, and there was constant longing for deliverance.

CONTRAST.—(Verse 5).—That Isaiah spoke of spiritual freedom is evident from the contrast which he next makes between military achievements as previously conducted and the victory of Messiah. The battle is with confused noise, and the blood of the wounded and dying stains the garments of the living.

CHILD (v. 6).—How shall all this be accomplished? By what agencies and methods? Our author now becomes explicit, and lays down an historical basis. It will not be by vast armies led by some warrior like Joshua or David. It will not be by the direct and all powerful influence of the Holy Spirit, adequate as that is in the time when the walls of Jericho fell.

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child by an Orientalist expressed the parent's hope concerning its character and future. So here the eye of prescience turned on the predicted one beheld as glowing a history to require several names. He should be called "Wonderful"—in His nature and mission; in His love and mercy; in His hatred of sin and righteous regard to the lowly Man; in His compassion to the vilest of sinners; in His majesty and humiliation; in His divine attributes and earthly ones; in His human nature. He shall be called the "Prince of Peace," the author of reconciliation between man and man. These names are all applicable to Jesus only.

KINGDOM (v. 7).—The last view of this person had by the prophet represents him as the head of a kingdom. His abode is upon the throne of David, whose splendid reign was the glory of Israel. In Him should be fulfilled the covenant made with David. (Psalm lxxxix, 25-36). The kingdom under Him should have no end, even as Daniel in Babylon foretold, two centuries after Isaiah (Dan. ix, 24), an angel, Nebuchadnezzar, the proud king of Babylon, was made to confess after his humiliation. (Dan. ix, 24). But here Isaiah perceives that this everlasting rule shall be one of "Judgment and Justice," when God's will shall be executed and thereby the rights of man shall be secured. The vision was a most cheering prospect reaching forward to that good time yet distant when Jesus shall reign in all lands and all men shall confess Him to the glory of God. (Phil. ii, 10-11).

REFLECTIONS.—It is with such a spirit that we should come into the Christmas festivities. We may see even more clearly that Isaiah did how Jesus Christ, the light of the world, the source of joy to human hearts, the liberator of the oppressed, working through the gentler forces of the spirit, once the child of Bethlehem, is now the king in a new and enduring kingdom, that extends into all the earth. His beneficent way is fast, unerring in its glad time when shall disappear and when righteousness shall fill the earth even as the waters cover the deep. Unto Him let every heart give glory. Let every mouth be filled with praise. Blessed be the day and sweet the recollection that remind us of His coming. Fervent and united be our prayer that His kingdom may spread until all are His loyal subjects. (Matt. vi, 10).

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