

Reigns..

G. G. Snuborn will be the speaker at the men's meeting of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association...

Tomorrow's Services

Methodist Episcopal. Elm Park church—Prayer and praise at 9:30; anniversary service and reception of probationers to full membership at 10:30...

(church the public is cordially invited. Strangers especially welcome.)

Green Ridge Baptist church—Meeting for prayer at 8:45; church services, with sermons by the pastor, at 10:30 and 7:30...

Presbyterian.

First Presbyterian church—Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Dr. McLeod will preach morning and evening. Strangers welcome.

Episcopal.

St. Luke's Parish—Rev. Rogers Israel, D. D., rector. Rev. E. H. Huntington, senior curate. First Sunday in Advent, 10:30 a. m. Holy communion...

Sunday School Lesson for December 15.

The Passover. Exod. xii: 1-17.

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

INTRODUCTION.—The visit of Moses to the obdurate king, Pharaoh, last week, was the final offer of grace made by Jehovah. The time for persuasion had passed—the time for judgment was at hand (Prov. 1:26). Thereafter the leader of Israel devoted his energies to the preparation of his people for the day of judgment...

The first observance of the ordinance was three days after the death of the first-born. It was a method of security against impending judgment. The people employed what had been designated as the condition of their own salvation...

MEMORIAL.—Verses 14, 15, 17. But the Passover was not for a single night—it was appointed as a perpetual observance to occur at the same time every year throughout subsequent generations. Century after century there should be the unadorned bread, the slain lamb, the sprinkled blood, the paschal feast. But why repeated? It signified security that those who believed in it should be spared to posterity...

YEAR.—Verses 1 and 2. The time element is a matter of great importance, so regarded in the beginning of the world's history (Gen. 1:5). In the earliest ages man perceived that all things accomplished a period in a circle. One revolution of the earth around the sun, while not then understood, was called by the Latin name, and in other eastern nations by equivalent words...

LAMB.—Verses 3 to 6. This beginning of the redemptive year was to be celebrated in all after centuries by the Jewish people. It was a memorial of the redemption of Israel from Egypt, as a further national distinction. The chief feature of the Passover was a lamb, a male of the first year without blemish. It must be selected as to size and weight of the lamb of the household, so that the family might be preserved, and if one family were too small two lambs might unite in the observance. It was to be taken from the flock on the tenth day of the month and kept up and fed for four days that it might be in excellent condition...

INFLUENCE.—Verse 10. A strong and propitious influence is the product of obedience. If the people have one blood, one language, and one religion they may be more easily retained under one government. But even then they must have common interests, and in order to do this they must have frequent intercourse. It separated them from Egypt and from the nations around them...

BLACKBOARD LESSON HINTS.

By Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, D. D. [From Author's Notes in "The Sunday School Lesson Illustrations," Published by F. H. Revell & Co., Chicago, Ill.]



CHRIST OUR PASSOVER IS SACRIFICED FOR US. In I Cor. 5:7. "For even Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us." Paul links the old dispensation with the new. He makes the Old Testament sacrifice preach the New Testament salvation. He makes the Passover lamb, sacrificed for Israel's deliverance from bondage, symbolize the New Testament Lamb of God, sacrificed for the deliverance of the world from death.

As the lamb was without blemish, Jesus, the Lamb of God, was perfect; as the lamb was sacrificed, Jesus was sacrificed; as the blood of the lamb was sprinkled on the doorposts of obedient Israel in Egypt, so the blood of Jesus by faith is obediently applied to our hearts; as the death sentence passed upon every home where he saw the blood of the sacrificial lamb, so Jesus has become our "Passover," and we have eternal life through the blood of the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. (John 1:29.)

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Evangelical Lutheran. Evangelical Lutheran—Third Sunday in Advent. Gospel, Matt. 21:10; epistle, I Cor. 1:1-5.

Miscellaneous. First Church (Unit. Scientist), 249 Adams avenue. Sunday services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 11:45 a. m. subject, "The Preserver of Man." Testimonial meeting, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The church is also open every day during the week. The Bible and all Christian Science literature is kept in its free public reading room.

Evangelical Lutheran. Evangelical Lutheran—Third Sunday in Advent. Gospel, Matt. 21:10; epistle, I Cor. 1:1-5.

MUSICAL GOSSIP.

The following musical selections will be rendered at Elm Park church tomorrow, under the direction of Mr. J. Alfred Pennington, organist and choir-master.

Offerings—Organ, "Song Without Words"; Ladies of the Penn Avenue Baptist church on Thursday evening.

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