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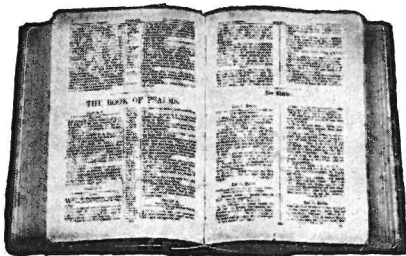
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The Scriptures



The Word of Holy Scriptures

No one can overthrow,

However fierce the conflict

Or strong may be the foe.

The truth once lay in darkness,

Pardon for sins was sold;

But one man preached the Scriptures;

'Twas Luther, lone and bold.

The Scriptures won his battle;

Today they still endure;

Through centuries God's children

Have had the Gospel pure.

MARIE C. TURK

Pastor Zellmer Installed

On May 17 at 3:00 P. M. members of Hope Lutheran Church for the Deaf and friends from Portland and vicinity, numbering approximately 150, overcrowded Hope Church to witness the installation of their new pastor, The Rev. N. W. Zellmer.

The Rev. E. Eichmann, former missionary of Hope Church, preached the installation service for the benefit of hearing friends. His remarks, based on 1 Cor. 4:1, 2, were interpreted into the sign language by the Rev. A. T. Jonas of Seattle, Wash. Pastor Eichmann very aptly applied the Word of God both to pastor and

congregation, reminding them of what the Lord expects of a pastor and a congregation. Pastor Eichmann also installed the new pastor, being assisted by Pastors Trinklein, Fenning, and Eggers. Mrs. Kaufman and Mrs. Kreidt signed an appropriate hymn. Pastor Zellmer closed the service with the benediction and doxology.

A reception for Pastor and Mrs. Zellmer was held after the service.

While Pastor Zellmer attended Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., he studied the sign-language for three years under the supervision of Missionaries Hischke and N. P. Uhlig. He graduated from the Seminary in 1939 and was ordained and installed June 23, 1940, at Hill City, Minn., where he served three congregations of hearing members and a small group of deaf in that vicinity.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible-Study for September

Bible-Lesson: Acts 2:22, 23

"Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs which God did by Him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know; Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel of God, ye have taken and by wicked hands have crucified and slain."

God has prepared a full and sufficient salvation for all the people in the world. In this continued Pentecost sermon it is stated clearly that Jesus came from heaven; that He was the Son of God. "He was approved of God." In the Original this reads: "God showed what kind of a person Jesus was."

It is interesting to note that Peter says:

"By miracles and wonders." We remember that miracles *are* an important chapter in God's Book in the Old Testament and in the Gospel record in the New Testament. Every humble, faithful Christian believes that these miracles are true! Every miracle was done for a special purpose. In miracles, Jesus fed the hungry, He cleansed the leprous and sick, and He raised the dead.

The miracles of Jesus can be divided into several groups. In some Jesus showed Himself the sympathetic Friend of the needy, who is willing to help in the hour of trouble.

In some miracles Jesus showed Himself as Almighty God who knows all things and who can do all things. He did this for example when He brought back to life those who had died. . . . Therefore, Jesus showed that we can depend upon Him no matter what our circumstances are.

But the miracles that inspire us most are those in which Jesus showed Himself as the Savior of all people. This greatest miracle of all took place on the third day after Jesus was crucified, when He broke the bonds of death and came forth alive. Thereby "death is swallowed up in victory." 1 Cor. 15:54. Now Jesus gives all believers the promise "Because I live, ye shall live also." John 14:19.

We see therefore that the miracles were so important in the life and ministry of our Savior that Peter tells the people: "Jesus . . . was a man approved of God among you, as a Friend of the needy and as the Savior of sinners. . . . by miracles."

Dear reader, please note that by the counsel of God, Jesus, the holy and innocent One, was to bring a sacrifice for sin. This sacrifice was to be effective forever. Heb. 10:12. The death of Jesus was God's holy will. "He delivered Him up for us all." Rom. 8:32.

But by the foreknowledge of God the wicked people . . . "have taken Him and crucified Him." This was plainly an act of sin, because Jesus had shown Himself as the Son of God by miracles and wonders. Nevertheless the people worked against God and His beloved Son. Their deeds were voluntary, and therefore their hands are called wicked.

And now, dear friends, this same "approved" and eternal Jesus stands before you.

He offers you everlasting life. "What will you do with Jesus?" He is true God. He is *your* Savior. May you believe that Jesus performed the miracle of victory over death for you. May you believe all the miracles of the Bible, for they are told in such a forceful way as to *convince* all who are ready to accept the truth. Question: How many miracles did Jesus perform? _____ A. E. F.

A Prayer for Our Country

Lord God, Ruler of all the peoples of the earth, receive my prayer, I beseech Thee, for my country. I pray Thee that Thy power and mercy may rule those who guide, and order those who legislate. Let all seek the good of all people and not of self. Let them govern in the fear of God and not the fear of man or for personal advantage of their own. O Lord, we deserve chastisement at Thy hands and not good things. We have all sinned against Thee; yet for the sake of Thy love bless us, cleanse us, and defend us, and revive Thy work in this nation that we may indeed be a people fearing Thee and doing righteousness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Colorado Springs, Colo. Divine services are held in Colorado Springs by appointment about every other month. It is a privilege to have many scholars of the State School attend our services in the local Immanuel Lutheran Church. The splendid co-operation of the



Colorado Springs, Colo., Students Attending Lutheran Services

officials is highly appreciated. On the photograph the gentleman in the background (near the tree) is Mr. Harris, principal of the school. The picture was taken by Mr. Wm. Bower, who gives us much valuable assistance in conducting this mission. The pastor, A. E. Ferber, stands at the right. A. E. F.

Duluth-Superior Field.—During the school year the pastor spent much of his time in the Devils Lake school, where he conducted his classes every Saturday and Sunday. The older children have again gladly given their time and effort for their Savior by acting



Rev. W. Ferber's Confirmation Class, Devils Lake, N. Dak.

Top row (left to right): Ray Tharalson, Mark Wait, Carol Slattum, Edw. Lindbo, Loren Elstad

Center row (left to right): Richard Eide, Mazine Hayward, Joyce Hanson, The Rev. W. Ferber, Irene Crouse, Bobby Nolan, Herbert Younker

Bottom row (left to right): Alvina Burkle, Doris Mae Olsen, Marjorie Leiren, Duane McDaniel, Paul Wagdy, Ruth Wallstrum, Maxine Linson, Doris Walks

as Sunday school teachers. Mr. Justin Nelson, boy supervisor in the school, acted as treasurer and kept the attendance books in good order while several of the older boys helped in the correcting of the many papers. On Sunday, May 24, a class of seventeen children was confirmed in the local church. In this service two young boys, in school for the first year, were also baptized.

It is to be regretted that the pastor could not reach all the deaf who were waiting for services. However, since the school has closed, several extra places which could not be reached during the school term were visited; such as Williston, Killdeer, Harlow, N. Dak., and Port Arthur, Ontario. We can be thankful that Immigration officers have made it easy for your missionary to cross the international line.

Some of the deaf who cannot attend services regularly answer the questions of the Sunday school lessons the pastor is sending to them. We thus have a regular "Sunday School by Mail" class. It is pleasing to see how not only the children answer their Sunday school lessons by mail during the summer months, but how also those deaf who have left the school many years ago have joined us. It is to be hoped that many more deaf will make use of this opportunity. W. F.

Minneapolis Mission.—Temporarily the Minneapolis missionary has taken over four stations of the South Dakota Field: Aberdeen, Big Stone City, Watertown, S. Dak., and Montevideo, Minn. Pastor Mappes is ministering to the deaf in three other stations in South

Dakota. Services were held in the four stations mentioned above during July. It was a day of joy for the deaf, for some had had no service since November, 1941, and others not since February and March, 1942. Do we appreciate regular services? Do we receive this grace of God with thanksgiving? Do we regularly attend these services? What if suddenly your pastor is taken from you and you would not have services for a long time! O how you would long for services as did the deaf of South Dakota. So often we do not appreciate a blessing until it is taken from us. Come, let us, while we have services, attend with joy and thanksgiving and gladly learn the Word of our salvation!

In Aberdeen we ministered unto seven, in Big Stone City unto five, in Watertown unto eight, and in Montevideo unto ten. In Montevideo two grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. M. Mattson, members of our Mission, Elaine Eloise and Ora Leroy Baxter, and a cousin of these two, Paul Gustav Nyheim, were baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of all their sins. May God keep these new members of His Church unto life everlasting.

In August services with Holy Communion will be conducted. There are thirty-two communicant members in these four preaching stations. May God soon grant us a worker for this field!

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—Every summer we spend a few weeks in Northern Michigan around Escanaba. In this territory we have forty-one deaf for divine service and instruction. Fourteen Lutheran deaf reside in this territory.

The Chicago Red Cross Chapter has donated six



A Group of Deaf Attending Our Services in Northern Michigan

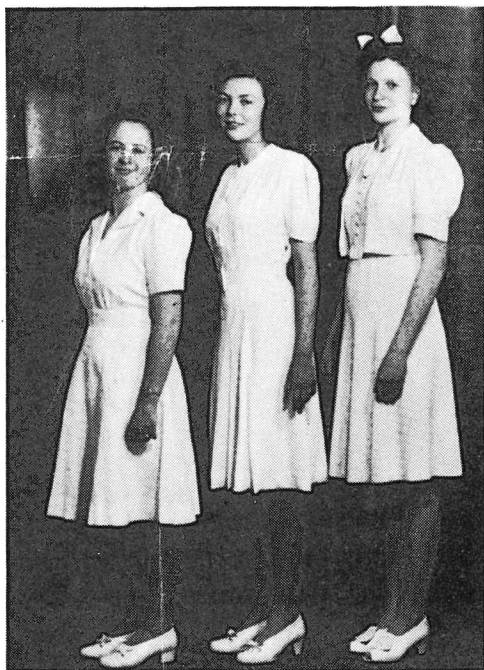
Braille writing slates to our Mission for the Blind. Many thanks! O. C. S.

Fargo Mission.—It is twenty-five years that Pastor W. Ferber has been engaged in the blessed work of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and bringing sinners to the cross of Jesus for their eternal salvation. Six years he labored among the hearing and nineteen among the deaf. The deaf in the North Dakota Field did not want to let this occasion pass by unnoticed. They arranged a service for deaf and hearing for Sunday, July 26, in Grace Church (Rev. A. H. Grumm, pastor), which for many years has extended many favors to the deaf and their pastor. The Minneapolis missionary preached the sermon, basing his remarks upon

the words of Christ recorded in Luke 15:7, 10. He showed that this work is a most blessed work. One sinner saved brings joy to the pastor, to that sinner and all believers, and to the angels in heaven. Forty-five deaf and many hearing friends attended. Many letters of congratulations and best wishes from deaf, friends and relatives, classmates, and fellow laborers in our work among the deaf were handed to Pastor Ferber at the close of the service. Thereupon the deaf handed him a purse of money in appreciation of his services among them. After the service all went to one of the city parks, where the deaf ladies served a fine dinner. The afternoon was spent at the park. A joyful day! May our good Lord continue to bless Pastor Ferber's work unto the glory of our Savior's name, the salvation of many souls, and the joy of all angels in heaven.

J. L. S.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Since our last news report, the following official acts have taken place in our field. Betty Lou Brandes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Brandes, was baptized in Cleveland on March 1. Nancy Mae Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jackson, on May 17, was baptized in Cleveland before our Colored Deaf Mission.



Confirmands of Columbus, Ohio
Rev. Theo. Frederking, Pastor

On May 3, Betty Jane Wilson was married to Harold M. Mowl in Trinity Lutheran Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., Edna Davies being the maid of honor and Donald Mowl the best man.—On June 6, Lois McNeeley was married to Ralph Frank in the home of the bride in Washington, Pa., Wanda James and Robert Smith being witnesses.—On June 20, Elsie Schmidt was married to Walter H. Viets in the Lutheran Church of Chukery, Ohio, being attended by Caroline Schmidt

and Rolland Schmidt.—May God bless these marriages with a blessed life on earth and eternal life in heaven through our Savior Jesus Christ!

The following became full members of our Church either by confirmation or baptism: Mr. and Mrs. Rock of Cleveland, Ohio, Ernest W. Nickerson of Washington, Pa., and Barbara Stevick, Mildred Hensel, and Hilda Bates of Columbus, Ohio. In our Columbus service, held in the local Zion Church, over sixty deaf persons were present in the service. May God continue to strengthen our new members that they may surely abide with Jesus and reach their goal in heaven!

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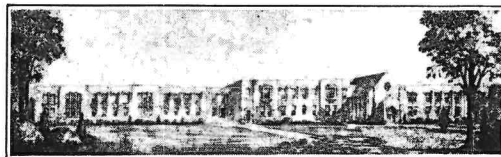
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