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Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

Praise God

Praise God for a home. Tens of thousands of sons and daughters do not enjoy the pleasures of a home.

Praise God for food and clothes. Millions are without these blessings.

Praise God for Christian books and Christian schools and for the pleasure and power which come from reading and education.

Praise God for the wonderful inventions and the progressive spirit which made today a good age to be alive in. The comforts, the conveniences, the pleasures, and the blessings that are available to all of us in these modern days are surely worth a "Thank you" to the great Giver of them all.

Praise God most of all for the blessed Bible and the loving Savior. Jesus is the theme of the praises that are sung in heaven. Shall He not be our chief cause for praise here? Just to be glad and grateful is praise that pleases God.

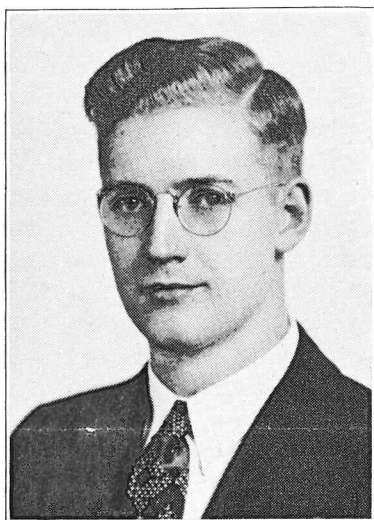
O. C. S.

Pastor W. Uhlig Installed at Los Angeles

Sunday, September 20, Pastor W. Uhlig was installed at Grace Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, by the Rev. O. W. Wismar, assisted by Rev. H. Borchers and Rev. T. Schoessow. An attendance of over 100 deaf attended the installation service, which was interpreted by the undersigned. Since July the Los Angeles field was served alternately by Prof. E. Wolfram, who was visiting in Los Angeles, and the undersigned, who came down from Oakland. The church attendance throughout the summer was very high, reaching eighty, and the co-operation and spirit was one which made working there a pleasure. After the installation a reception was held for the new pastor and his wife, luncheon was served, and plans for the next services agreed upon. Pastor W. Uhlig was well received, and the impression his bride of one week made upon her California friends by replying to the welcome with the manual alphabet is going a long way to assure her happy surroundings. Plans were discussed to solve the problem of the smaller preaching stations, and by all appearances the new pastor should have a large and profitable field. The members showed their appreciation to the undersigned for the various trips made to Los Angeles by presenting him with a splendid Bible and the traveling expenses. Redeemer Church of Seattle and the San Francisco and Oakland missions extended their well-wishes through Mr. C. Torell. In behalf of the Board of Missions at St. Paul and the Los Angeles deaf a joint vote of thanks is expressed to the members of Grace Lutheran Church, Pastors O. Wismar, H. Borchers, and T. Schoessow for the co-operation which made another day of the Lord a joyous one.

Rev. Walter Uhlig comes well equipped for

the work. He has inherited the interest in the deaf from his grandfather, Mr. Herman Uhlig, from 1875 to 1905 teacher at the Lutheran Deaf Institute at Detroit and from his father, the missionary to the deaf at St. Louis. While studying at Concordia Seminary at St. Louis, he learned the sign language from the sainted Rev. F. Hischke. After graduation, in 1938, he served in the Deaf Missions, supplying the Spokane and Montana field one year and serving the Memphis and Southern field two years. Last year he studied at Wash-



Pastor W. Uhlig

ington University in St. Louis, earning the degree of Master of Arts in preparation for his contemplated entry into Gallaudet College at Washington, as he wanted to enter the field of the education of the deaf. The call to Los Angeles brought him back to the important work of the Church. May the Lord be with him in his labors, and may he put his talents to good use in the large field to which he was now led.

G. W. G.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE THIRD ARTICLE

"I believe in the Holy Ghost"

Forgiveness of sins is the greatest blessing on earth. Have you this blessing? You need it, "for all have sinned," Rom. 3:23.

To the Lord We Must Go for Forgiveness

Yes, to the Lord, and not to Paul, Peter, Mary, or any other saint. Rightly the Jewish

teachers said: "Who can forgive sins but [excepting] God only," Mark 2:7. If you have hurt anyone, to him you must go and ask for forgiveness. Against God we have sinned, and to Him we must go for pardon.

The Lord Forgives

"There is forgiveness with *Thee*," David writes in Ps. 130:4. And in Ps. 103:3 he sings: "The *Lord* forgiveth all thine iniquities." In his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul writes: "God has forgiven you," Eph. 4:32. And when David had confessed his sin, Nathan said unto him: "The *Lord* also hath put away thy sin," 2 Sam. 12:13.

The Lord Forgives Richly and Daily

Will God forgive all my sins? Indeed; go to Him. Even though you were the chief of sinners, you will not be disappointed. He forgives not only a few sins, but in Ps. 103:3 we read: "He forgiveth *all* thine iniquities." The prophet Micah says: "Thou shalt cast *all* their sins into the depth of the sea," Micah 7:19. And again we read: "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from *all sin*," 1 John 1:7. And we need it every day. We daily sin much and indeed deserve nothing but punishment. And every day we can go to Him, and that at any hour of the day or night. Therefore Jesus teaches us daily to pray in the Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses." How blessed to know that, as we learn in Luther's Catechism, "the Holy Ghost daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers."

Sing Praises to God for Forgiveness

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and, all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgiveth all thine iniquities." Ps. 103:1-3.

J. L. S.

A Sad Thought

A prominent society lady one day asked her minister whether or not all people will be together up in heaven. The minister answered, "Yes." And then she said, "But that is a sad thought for me, if I must sit next to my maid in heaven." The minister replied: "You need not be afraid of that, because anyone who is as proud as you are will never get there." "Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud, for the Lord hath spoken," Jer. 13:15.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Pacific Northwest Mission.—August 16 marked the twentieth anniversary of the building of a church and parsonage in Seattle, Washington, for the deaf of the Pacific Northwest. This memorable occasion was observed with a fitting celebration, rededicating these



Confirmation Class at Tacoma, Wash., and children baptized by Pastor A. T. Jonas

Back row, left to right: Mr. Maxson, Mrs. Hollenbeck, Mrs. Hale, Miss Latshaw, Mr. Waincott, Mrs. Bowlen, and Mr. Bowlen

Front row, left to right: Elda Smith, Waincott boy, Robert Dixon, Ronald Boesen, Naomi Boesen, Elsie Bowlen, Evelyn Dixon, Shirley Dixon

church facilities of the deaf to the service of the Redeemer.

Since the arrival of the new pastor for this field, nine souls have been added by the rite of confirmation and by Baptism. In Seattle, Mrs. Victoria Smith and Mr. Glen Clark were welcomed as members by a group of forty deaf attending the service. In Tacoma, Mr. and Mrs. Bowlen, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Hollenbeck, Miss Latshaw, and Mr. and Mrs. Maxson became members by their promise to remain faithful unto death. Forty-five deaf witnessed this service, in which also five children were baptized, three of them deaf children, Evelyn, Shirley, and Robert Dixon; Elda Ellen Smith and Elsie Bowlen. Naomi and Ronald Boesen had been baptized a few weeks before.

In consequence of war conditions and war production many deaf from the Middle West are moving into this territory, especially from North Dakota. We have received transfers for five members from North Dakota. Mrs. Glen Clark, Robert Phinney, Alwyn Matthews, Mr. Lindermoen, and Randall Stavee.

In the near future, Red Cross first-aid classes will be open to the deaf. These classes will be taught by the pastor of the deaf. A great deal of interest in this project has already been aroused. Although none of the wartime emergencies have interfered with any church activities or the civilian life of the deaf, it is good to be prepared for any eventuality as the war zone stretches ever nearer.

The missionary has also been asked to take charge of a Sunday school conducted by a hearing lady for a group of about fourteen children. These young folks attended a lip-reading school and present quite a problem as some are unable to read lips well enough to get along. Another young man is partially blind, and it is almost impossible to converse with him, as he has no knowledge

of the signs or manual alphabet. The long absence owing to trips to Montana have made it difficult to find a solution to the problem of caring for this group.

A. J.

New York City.—June 29 was a day of great rejoicing for our congregation in New York City because on this day a fine class came before the altar of their God to renew their baptismal vow. Just before the class took their vow to remain faithful forever, they sang the beautiful hymn "Thine Forever, God of Love." The confirmation sermon was based on John 8:31, 32. The thought was brought out that we can know the saving truth only as long as we continue in the Word of God. The service was attended by a large number of hearing friends. May God, out of the abundance of His mercy, keep these young members in true faith until life everlasting.

August 16 was the date of our annual picnic. Threatening skies failed to discourage a large crowd from attending. A heavy rain in the early afternoon sent all scurrying for shelters. The rain continued all afternoon, but no one went home. By evening the few who had had the foresight to bring umbrellas had many admirers. The day was saved by the quick thinking of the committee. They arranged new games which could be played under the shelter. When evening came, a tired but happy group departed for home.

Through the interest and zeal of our members another large class has been organized to study for confirmation. I am sure it is very pleasing to God when the members of His Church here on earth show such love for the souls of their fellow men. When we are concerned about the souls of others, it shows that the faith which we confess means very much to us. Certainly God has richly blessed our efforts in the interest of His Church. May God continue to bless us, so that



Confirmation Class, New York City

Back row: Rev. F. Possehl

Front row, left to right: Marie Schreiner, Florence Mockler, Edythe Burgmuller

through His precious Gospel many more sin-sick souls may be led to their heavenly home. F. P.

St. Louis, Mo.—With the coming of fall, work has been resumed at the two theological seminaries at St. Louis and Springfield, and at each institution there is a class very busy at learning to use the sign language. We need workers to preach the Gospel, and from these

classes come the best men for the important work of preaching Christ to the deaf.

Wedding bells have rung three times at our chapel during the past months. On June 20 Miss Evelyn Long and Mr. Russell Gastreich were married; September 5 Miss Bertha Ervin and Mr. Geo. Kraunung were joined in marriage; September 13 Miss Stella Bangert and Rev. Walter Uhlig were united in holy wedlock. May they all be very happy, and they will if they keep Jesus in their home.

On September 13 we had the pleasure of ordaining our son as missionary to the deaf of Southern California. Dr. J. T. Mueller of Concordia Seminary assisted in the ordination. The local deaf have always taken great interest in Rev. Walter Uhlig, who, together with Rev. Possehl, served them for four months in 1938 after the death of Rev. Hirschke. He has since May, 1941, frequently helped his father by preaching and performing other services for the deaf. At the wedding reception, in the evening of the day of his ordination, he was presented with a Communion set by the members of our church.

Our work brings us into regular contact with the deaf of Southern Indiana, who formerly were served by the late Rev. W. Gielow. The attendance at each of the six places is very gratifying, and one constantly hears the hope expressed that a worker may soon be found for the large field which was orphaned by Rev. Gielow's death and is now being served by several other missionaries, each of whom has a territory which alone is enough to look after. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He may send forth laborers into His harvest."

N. P. U.

Minneapolis Mission. — Calvin Wilson of Minneapolis and Myrtle Steffarud of Fargo, N. Dakota, were joined together in holy marriage in Grace Chapel September 29. May they invite Jesus into their home and be richly blessed! John 2:1, 2.

Classes were resumed at the Faribault school with an enrollment of sixty-two in our classes and also in the Minneapolis school, where we are instructing twelve boys and girls every week. Pray for us that God's Holy Spirit work mightily in their hearts and keep them in Jesus unto life everlasting.

J. L. S.

My Obligation

These two words, "My Obligation," are printed on some church offering envelopes. That is a fine thought. It is not a matter of indifference whether or not we give to the Lord. We are obligated to give to Him. When we consider all that He has given to us, we should gladly and willingly give to the Lord. The package of church envelopes serves as a reminder of our obligation to give to the Lord's treasury. "All things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee," 1 Chron. 29:14.

He Prayed for Him

A soldier was coming back from the church service. Another soldier made fun of him for it and at the end said to him: "Don't forget to pray for me." It made some of the men who stood there laugh. What do you suppose the Christian soldier did? — He kneeled down before all those twenty men, and prayed for the man who was making fun of him, and for the others, too.

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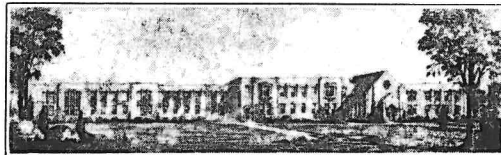
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