

The Deaf Lutheran

A MISSIONARY MONTHLY

*Published by the Board of Missions for the Deaf of the Lutheran Synod
of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States*

Published monthly by Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. Subscription price, 25 cts. per annum anywhere in the world, payable strictly in advance. Entered as second-class matter at the Post Office at St. Louis, Mo., under the Act of March 3, 1879. Acceptance for mailing at special rate of postage provided for in Section 1103, Act of October 3, 1917, authorized on January 14, 1935

Vol. 35

St. Louis, Mo., June, 1943

No. 6

What Then?

An aged Christian once asked a young man just entering business: "What are you going to do? You are about to settle in business, I understand."

"I hope to make a fortune!"

"And what then?"

"I hope that I may make a family reputation!"

"And what then?"

"Well, I suppose I shall grow old and die."

"And what then?"

The young man was speechless. He had never looked that far ahead.

It's the duty of youthful Christians, as well as the older, to help men realize the true fullness of this text: "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul (or life)?"

Selected

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE THIRD ARTICLE

"I believe in the Holy Ghost"

From our Bible we have learned that all the dead shall rise again on the last day. And what then? God says in His Word: "It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the Judgment," Heb. 7:27. And then what? Jesus says, John 5:28, 29, that some shall come forth unto the resurrection of life and others unto damnation. There is no third place. We arise either unto life or unto damnation. What will it be? May God grant that it will not be a resurrection unto damnation.

Unbelievers Shall Rise unto Damnation

Jesus says that "they that have done evil" shall rise unto damnation. By their doing evil

they show that they do not believe. And "he that believeth not shall be damned," Mark 16:16. They that will not accept Christ and continue upon the way of sin shall be damned; that means, they shall go to hell.

Unbelievers Say: "There Is No Hell"

Speak of hell, and many quickly will say: "There is no hell." And this they have from the devil. He is a liar from the beginning. He came to Eve, saying: "Ye shall not surely die." So he comes to people today, saying: "There is no hell." And as he deceived Eve, so he deceives many today with his lies.

The Bible Teaches a Hell

Jesus often speaks of hell. He tells us of a rich man who died and was buried and opened his eyes in hell, Luke 16. Also read Matt. 18:8, 9. They who believe not in a hell, believe not the Bible; and they that believe not the Bible, make Jesus a liar.

Not a Hell Here on Earth, but After Death

Some people will tell you: "Yes, there is a hell, but it is here on earth." They intend to say that this earth with all its trouble and wars and suffering is hell. But if hell is nothing more, then hell is not so bad after all. People want to stay here, and they enjoy themselves. This is not hell. God's Word teaches that a man will go to hell after death. The rich man was buried and opened his eyes in hell. Those who believe that hell is here on earth will be surprised when they after death open their eyes in hell.

Trust in Jesus Who Arose and as Victor Descended into Hell

Jesus came out of death and the grave and first went down into hell to show the devil and

his angels that He has won the victory. Believe in Him, and you will not arise unto damnation, but unto life. Do you believe? May God grant it for Jesus' sake! J. L. S.

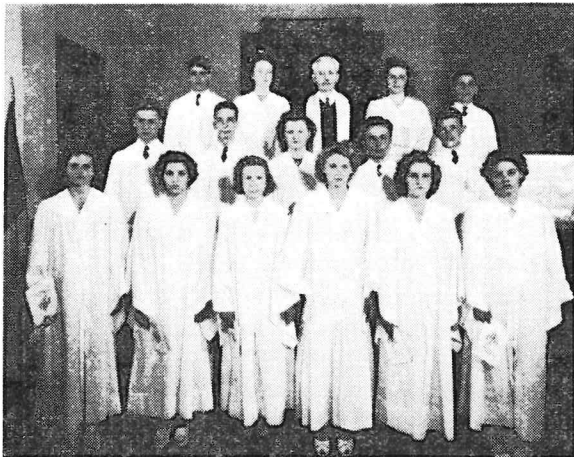
IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Minneapolis Mission. — Mrs. Augusta Malzahn, a member of Grace Church, fell asleep in Jesus on Sunday, April 18. She had been ailing for some time, and March 30 she was hurried to the hospital and immediately had to undergo an operation. The day before she partook of the Lord's Supper for the strengthening of her faith. While at the hospital, she repeatedly made confession of her faith in Him who died for her and rose again. Funeral services were held in Grace Chapel April 20. The address was based upon Rev. 14:13: "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Her body was laid to rest aside of her husband in Maple Lake, her former home. May God grant every one of us such a blessed death! J. L. S.

Omaha, Nebr. — On April 18 a class of fifteen pupils from the Council Bluffs and Omaha schools was confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Omaha. Ten of these were also baptized.

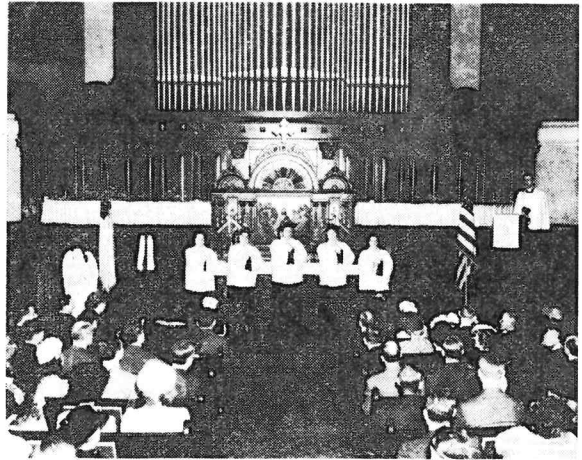
A group of five adults also were confirmed and accepted as members of our Omaha congregation on May 2. The following are the new members: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Teater, and Mr. Elvin Miller. Four of these were baptized.

In the same service Robert Craig, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Carter, was also brought to



Omaha and Council Bluffs State School Pupils
Confirmed by Rev. E. Mappes on April 18

Front row, left to right: Melva Crabb, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Betty Cooper, Dubuque, Iowa; Elsie Diehl, Crawford, Nebr.; Ethel Holub, Fremont, Nebr.; Melva Waterman, Sumner, Iowa; Betty Schwake, Independence, Iowa. Second row: Jack Barnett, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Russell Rains, Webster City, Iowa; Audrey Swalley, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Marvin Masters, Williamson, Iowa; Harold Poch, Atlantic, Iowa. Third row: Nick Routan, Des Moines, Iowa; Evelyn Cirks, Gilmore City, Iowa; Rev. Mappes; Constance Osborne, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Donald Lingner, Grand Junction, Iowa



Easter Services Conducted by Pastor F. Possehl
in New York City

Jesus through Holy Baptism. Sponsors were: Mrs. Glen Cooper and Mrs. Elvin Miller.

At Des Moines, Iowa, there was a sudden increase in attendance at service when 46 deaf were present on May 9 in the evening.

On the same day 31 deaf attended a service at Webster City, one of our newest preaching stations. Many came a long distance. E. M.

Kansas City, Mo. — In the first Easter service to be held in our Kansas City chapel, three infants were baptized and thus received into Christ's kingdom. They were: Larry Morgan, Robert J. Tate, and Louise F. Rushing. The parents live in Edgerton, Mo., Merriam and Olathe, Kans., respectively.

Messrs. James and Leonard Hickmann came into the city from a great distance to worship in the Easter service. One of the brothers, being nearly blind, was led along the highway several miles to a bus connection.

Word has been received by the Kansas City missionary that his brother, Chaplain G. H. Ferber, now stationed in Texas, has recently been promoted to captaincy.

Flowers placed on the church altar on Palm Sunday and Easter were taken to sick friends after the service by the Visiting Committee. The ill persons were Mrs. F. Ellmaker and Mr. W. E. Barriger. A. E. F.

New York City. — Easter Day was a joyous day for the members of St. Matthew's this year. After a long, cold winter Easter Sunday was our first day of real spring. Even nature seemed to sense the import of the day and blossomed forth, adding significance to the resurrection of our Savior. The church service was one of the best-attended services in the history of our mission. More than 150 deaf were in attendance. The members evidenced their love to their Savior by an offering which totaled more than \$60. It was also a great joy to see nearly every member at the Lord's Table.

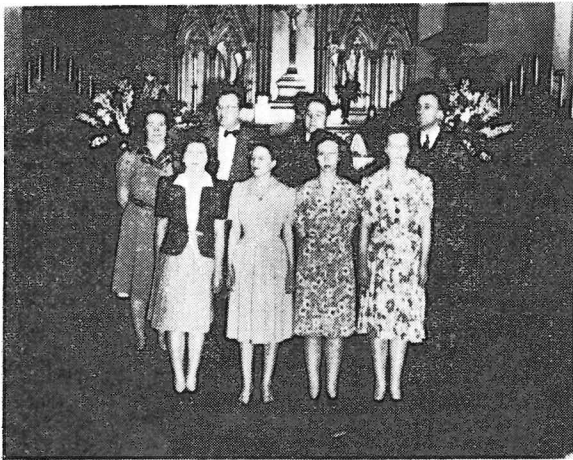
The choir added greatly to the beauty of the service by rendering several beautiful selections. Much credit is due the choir for the very fine work which it is doing. Every Sunday they sing three hymns.

All these hymns are sung from memory. Every Tuesday evening they meet for rehearsal and arrangement of new hymns. Members of the choir are: Mrs. Hjalmar Borgstrand, Mrs. Louis Brooks, Mrs. Conrad Ulmer, Miss Katherine Christgau, and Mrs. John Heil. The congregation is extremely grateful for their zealous work.

In the evening the movie *King of Kings* was presented. This beautiful picture shows the life of Christ. It was enjoyed by all and greatly aided all in understanding the events in the life of our Savior. As the deaf left church, a look of gratitude for God's boundless love was on their faces, and I am sure that a prayer for the many sin-sick souls in the world was in their hearts.

F. P.

Cleveland, O.—On Easter Day 60 deaf and 20 hearing visitors attended our service in Cleveland, when seven adults joined Christ Lutheran Church by confessing the Christian faith and by promising faithful-



Cleveland Confirmation Class

Left to right, rear row: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Erickson, John Yunko, Rev. T. Frederking. Left to right, front row: Eunice Taborsky, Elsie Holmes, Ruth Rentner, Evelyn Rentner

ness to Christ and the Church. The new members are: Evelyn and Ruth Rentner, Elsie Holmes, John Yunko, Eunice Taborsky, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Erickson; the last three were baptized in this service.

On Easter three infants also were baptized, namely: Geoffrey N. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson, Jr.; Shirley Lou Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fisher; and Betty Jane Erickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Erickson. These baptisms were witnessed by Mrs. Mollie Northam, Mrs. Robert Young, Elinor Ilse, and Catherine Ewald. May these newly baptized children and also our new adult members remain true to Jesus, and finally reach heaven by Christ's grace.

On March 27 Emory M. Wood, inmate of the Ohio Home for Deaf at Westerville, Ohio, also was baptized, the witnesses being Leslie Oren, Iva Cook, and Arthur E. Anderson. Mr. Wood has been quite ill, and we pray that God either restore his health or finally take him into our glorious home in heaven.

On April 4 Robert O. Lankenau and Miss Betty

Jane Martens, both of Akron, entered into holy matrimony, which was witnessed by Mrs. John J. Gilsinger, Jr., and Robert C. Sampson. The ceremony was performed in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio, by the Rev. Theodore Dorn, who officiated in the absence of the minister. We wish this couple God's abundant blessings for this world and for eternity.

THEO. FREDERKING

St. Louis, Mo.—Wedding bells were ringing recently. April 3, at our St. Louis chapel, Miss Cora Bogenpohl was married to Mr. Edwin K. Long. On April 10 Mrs. Rose Bryant was married to Mr. Robert E. Brown. Both couples live in this city. On May 2 Miss Mabel Redfern of Vincennes, Ind., was married to Mr. Russell Rubottom of Indianapolis after the service for the deaf in Trinity Church, Indianapolis. May these people experience that Jesus, invited into the home at the time of marriage and constantly kept as a welcome Guest by attention to His Word, will bless abundantly all that cultivate His friendship.

Miss Joanne Collatz of River Forest, Ill., a pupil of Central Institute for the Deaf of St. Louis, was instructed by the pastor and prepared for confirmation. On Palm Sunday she was confirmed at River Forest by Dr. Geiseman at Grace Lutheran Church, River Forest, Ill., with other hearing children, many people not knowing that this girl was a deaf girl, as she reads lips and speaks very well.

Easter Sunday Mrs. Fred Roglitz and Mr. Kenneth Lee were confirmed in our chapel at St. Louis. At that time the husband of Mrs. Roglitz, confirmed by Rev. O. C. Schroeder in Lincoln, Nebr., years ago, was enrolled on our roster of members, transferring to our congregation. May God keep all these new members in faith and grace.

The angel of death called at Jacksonville, Ill., taking Mrs. Nannie Lebkuecher, nee Mathers, on April 4, after an illness of several months. She was a devout Christian, and her passing meant that she went to her Savior, whom she loved. She was buried at Jacksonville on April 6. She was 65 years old.

At Columbus, Ind., death took Mr. James Williams, aged 83, after a lingering illness. He, too, was glad to go to see his Redeemer. He was interred May 1 at Brownstown, the missionary conducting a service at the chapel of a funeral home after the regular Columbus service on the evening of April 30. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth."

We are happy to note that three of our St. Louis Seminary students will work in the Deaf Missions this coming year, which is their so-called "interne year," since theological students after three years of study, work in a church or mission and then return to complete their fourth and final year. Mr. De Laney of California will assist Rev. Possehl in the New York area, Mr. Herbert Rohe of Minnesota will work with Rev. Frederking at Cleveland, and Mr. Helmut Schauland of Minnesota will assist Pastor N. P. Uhlig in the St. Louis-Indiana Field. Others at the St. Louis Seminary and a class of eleven at the Springfield Seminary have been very active in learning the sign language. God bless these fine young men!

N. P. U.

Chicago.—In recent months the following were confirmed: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Claussen, Mrs. D. Webb, Mrs. A. Hanson, and Mrs. E. Meyers of South Bend, Ind.; William Griswold, Samuel Eley, and Mrs. Josephine Wilkinson of Muskegon, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hensel of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Claussen, together with their infant daughter, Carol, Wm. Griswold, and S. Eley were also baptized. May they all continue in the true faith unto the end. When the South Bend group was confirmed, over forty deaf were present. At a meal before the service a collection provided a gift of \$12.50 for our Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit. We appreciate that spirit of interest for our school among our deaf in South Bend.

Two of our older members entered eternal rest so far this year: Leo Ristow, who died very suddenly of a heart attack at the age of 64 years on February 8; Alma Sir, who for over a year had been confined to the Oak Forest Infirmary and who quietly passed away on April 18, at the age of 73 years. Previous to that Wm. Gliston, our oldest member, had died at the good old age of 83 years. In spite of his advanced age he seldom was absent from our services. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Susannah Aurelia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Carlson, was born March 9 and received Holy Baptism on April 25. Just before Easter, Miss Laura Mau, while returning home from a special Lenten service with her hearing sister, was struck by an automobile and had to be rushed to the hospital with a broken leg. She is improving rapidly, and we hope that soon she will again be with us regularly. E. J. S.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—By special invitation we attended a meeting of the American Foundation for the Blind at the La Salle Hotel in Chicago some weeks ago. One of the topics under discussion was the Government's rehabilitation service for war-blinded soldiers. A war-blinded soldier of the First World War stated that the loss of sight to an adult is such a terrific impact on his morale that he needs every assistance possible to give him courage and patience to carry on. Home teachers for the blind also related that their chief difficulty with the adult blind is the problem of reviving their spirits and courage to adjust themselves to their new situation. The Gospel of Jesus and the work which we are doing with our Christian literature to bring Christ to the blind is most helpful in restoring their hope and confidence.

No one can say exactly what our periodicals have done toward the extension of Christ's kingdom. The effect of this type of work cannot be set down black on white. We could not say that certain souls have accepted Christ as their Savior because they have read our literature. At the same time it would be unfair to minimize its importance. No one can look into the hearts of men and see how some article has helped a soul in need of the assurance which the Gospel of Christ gives. We cannot enumerate the individuals who have found comfort and courage to bear life's burdens because they have read in plain simple words the message of Jesus. Yet our magazines must have accomplished just that in many instances.

A recent letter from one of our pastors in New York State seems to corroborate this view. He wrote: "The material which you are able to send to Mr. L. is read completely and faithfully. It certainly is fine work that you are doing among those who are handicapped with the loss of sight. Without this aid Mr. L. for one would have no facilities for reading some of the blessed truths of salvation." O. C. S.

Lutheran Ministers to the Deaf

Rev. N. E. Borchardt, 11719 Evanston Ave., Detroit, Mich.
 Rev. E. Scheibert, 1400 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago, Ill.
 Rev. A. E. Ferber, 3807 Gillham Road, Kansas City, Mo.
 Rev. E. Mappes, 5070 Lake St., Omaha, Nebr.
 Rev. J. Salvner, 1221 N. 22d Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
 Rev. W. Ferber, 617 14th St., S., Fargo, N. Dak.
 Rev. W. Westermann, 204 Washington Ave., Memphis, Tenn.
 Rev. G. W. Gaertner, Ph. D., 3233 62d Ave., Oakland, Calif.
 Rev. Martin E. A. Mueller, 1717a W. Meinecke Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.
 Rev. R. F. Cordes, 1162 Marshall Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
 Rev. Theo. Frederking, 12322 Phillips Ave., Cleveland, O.
 Rev. A. T. Jonas, 1101 15th Ave., Seattle, Wash.
 Rev. John C. Streit, 1517 N. Western Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla.
 Rev. N. P. Uhlig, 4517 W. Pine Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.
 Rev. W. Uhlig, 1434 W. 65th St., Los Angeles, Calif.
 Rev. Floyd Possehl, 87-49 95th St., Woodhaven, N. Y.
 Rev. N. W. Zellmer, 3111 S. E. Alder Court, Portland, Oreg.
 Rev. Arnold Lutz, 1308 E. Fifth St., Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Ministers to the Deaf and the Blind

Rev. O. Schroeder, B. D., 1648 E. 85th St., Chicago, Ill.
 Rev. C. Bremer, 6056 S. Harper Ave., Chicago, Ill.

These ministers preach in more than 200 cities in our land; they conduct classes in religion at many State schools for the deaf. You will find them ready to serve you; call upon them or write to them. The deaf need God's Word.

BOARD OF MISSIONS TO DEAF AND BLIND

Pastor H. A. Gamber, Chairman, 924 Margaret St., St. Paul, Minn.
 Pastor E. H. Bertram, Secretary, 849 Armstrong Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
 Mr. G. F. Kruse, Treasurer, 1495 Osceola Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
 Pastor C. J. Hoffmann, Statistician, 3848 16th Ave., So., Minneapolis, Minn.
 Mr. J. P. Miller, 1104 Vincent Ave., So., Minneapolis, Minn.
 Rev. John Schumacher, 1680 W. Minnehaha St., St. Paul, Minn.



Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, Mich.
 Mr. John A. Klein, Director
 6861 Nevada Avenue, Detroit, Michigan

The Deaf Lutheran

Official Organ of Lutheran Church Missions for the Deaf
 Published Monthly

Twenty-five Cents per Annum in Advance

Send all subscriptions, changes of address, and cancellations to Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

The DEAF LUTHERAN goes to press on the 12th of the month preceding month of issue.

Rev. O. C. Schroeder, B. D., Editor, 1648 E. 85th St., Chicago, Ill. Send all news items intended for publication in this monthly to Rev. E. Mappes, Associate Editor, 5070 Lake St., Omaha, Nebr.