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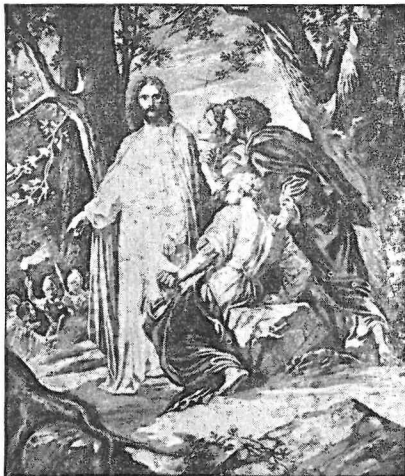
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### Lent

This month marks the beginning of the holy Lenten season. During these weeks we are again reminded with special force of our Savior's agony and death in our stead to bring to all men joy and eternal life. His heart burned with love for you and all men. He poured out



His heavenly treasures of mercy and grace upon all sinners. The life of the world hung on the moment in which Jesus announced salvation at the completion of His work on the Cross.

The Bible tells us that we gladden His heart by repentance and faith in His work. It is better to turn to Him than to any man. In hearing Him we hear God, and when God speaks, we should listen.

In this season you should sing songs of praise to Jesus and show your love for your fellow man. The Bible tells us: "He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer; and

ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." (1 John 3:14-15.) He who does not love and help his neighbor does not love God. A mean spirit toward others breeds meanness towards oneself.

In gratitude to the Savior for His agony on Calvary, repent of your sins, and lead a godly life. Attend Lenten services, and bring others to the foot of His Cross. O. C. S.

### Biography of Rev. O. C. Schroeder, B. D.

Pastor O. C. Schroeder is the only Canadian-born Lutheran missionary to the deaf, his birthplace being Dashwood, Ontario, Can.

Following his graduation from Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind., and from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., he was ordained as pastor at Knox, Ind., in September, 1909, and served two hearing congregations in Knox and Hamlet, Ind., till March, 1911. Seeing the spiritual needs of the deaf, he was led into this ministry and on May 11, 1911, after having received the call into the Deaf Mission, was installed as pastor to the deaf in Detroit, Mich., by the sainted Rev. A. Bell. For seven years he served stations in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana and in 1918 accepted a call to Kansas City, Mo. During his pastorate in Detroit a steady growth in membership of that congregation was noted—an increase from 10 to 56 members. His trips in the Kansas City field took Pastor Schroeder into Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa, where also, with God's blessing, many deaf were brought to the saving truths of the Gospel. In 1921 he again moved east, to Cleveland, Ohio, where for ten years he faithfully served the deaf in that city,

in Pittsburgh, Pa., Buffalo, N. Y., Washington, D. C., and several other smaller stations in various States.

Since 1927 Pastor Schroeder, with present headquarters at Chicago, Ill., has been pastor for deaf and blind and deaf-blind, editing such reading material for the blind, in both the Moon and the Braille type, as brings to them the light of God's Word and guides them on the pathway of life and shows them the only way to salvation through our Redeemer Jesus Christ. He is the manager and librarian of our Lutheran Library for the Blind in Chicago.



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This building, of brick construction, consists of six rooms on the first floor, used as living quarters of the lay assistant librarian, with a large room on the second floor for the books of the library.

The work of printing literature for the blind is very exacting and particular work, and Pastor Schroeder has proved his exceptional ability in this line of work, and the Lord has bountifully blessed his labors. Hundreds of blind and deaf-blind people in every State in the Union and in many foreign countries receive and enjoy the blessings from this reading material.

In addition to his work as editor of the Lutheran literature for the blind, he preaches regularly to the deaf in several institutions as well as to deaf groups in Michigan and Indiana cities and carries on a heavy correspondence with blind people throughout the country and in many foreign lands.

For 37 years Pastor Schroeder has been a member of the Ephphatha Conference of Lutheran Missionaries to the Deaf; thus he has the second-longest record of service among the deaf of all our present missionaries. Since 1926 he has held the office of editor in chief of the

*Deaf Lutheran*, official organ of our Lutheran Deaf Mission; has also served on a board for the hard of hearing in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, with prominent men of that city.

The Lord of the Church continue His divine blessings upon all his labors in behalf of precious blood-bought souls among the deaf and the blind.

## Studies in Luther's Catechism

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

#### "Baptizing"

Christ's last command to His Church is: "Teach (make disciples of) all nations, baptizing them" (Matt. 28:19). First, let us learn what the word "baptize" means.

#### "To Baptize" Means "to Put Under Water," or "to Immerse"

"Baptize" means to "immerse," that is, to put the whole body under water. Romans, chapter six, we read: "We are buried with Christ by Baptism into death." Now, some people tell us that all baptizing must be done in this way. But from our Bible we learn that there are other ways of baptizing.

#### "To Baptize" Means "to Wash with Water" or "to Sprinkle"

In Mark 7:4 the Bible says: "And when they [the Pharisees] come from the market, except they wash [baptize], they eat not. And many other things there be which they have received to hold, as the washing [baptizing] of cups and pots, brazen vessels, and of tables." Hebr. 9:10 speaks of "divers washings," that is, different kinds of baptisms, in the Old Testament. Aaron and his sons had to be "washed with water" before they came to the service of God (Ex. 40:12). He that was to be cleansed from leprosy had to wash his clothes and wash himself in water, that he might be clean (Lev. 14:8-9). Upon him who had touched the dead body of a man the water of separation was to be sprinkled (Num. 19:18-19). These and other washings are the "divers washings" mentioned above. "To baptize" therefore means "to wash with water" or "to sprinkle." Therefore Ananias said to Paul: "Be baptized, and wash away thy sins" (Acts 22:16).

**"To Baptize" Also Means "to Pour Out"**

Matt. 3:11 John says of Jesus: "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost." And now read Acts 2:17-18: "I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh." Hence, "to baptize" also means "to pour out."

**Rejoice in Your Baptism**

As persons and things were cleansed in the Old Testament by putting them under water or washing them and sprinkling them with water or pouring water upon them, so in the Baptism of the New Testament the whole body is put under water, or water is sprinkled or poured upon a person, and the sinner is washed clean of sin; sins are washed away (Acts 22:18). Therefore rejoice in your Baptism, no matter whether you were baptized by immersion or sprinkling or pouring. Your sins are washed away and you are saved. Oh, sing and rejoice!

J. L. S.

**Rev. E. J. Scheibert's 25th Anniversary**

On Nov. 9 Our Savior Lutheran Church for the Deaf of Chicago observed the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. E. J. Scheibert in a service at Bethel Lutheran Church, Chicago. The jubilarian was ordained in August, 1922, at St. Johnsbury, N. Y., and commissioned to serve at Detroit, Mich., as missionary to the deaf. He labored at Detroit until 1937, when he assumed charge of the Chicago field.

A committee of Our Savior Church, headed by Mr. Maiworm, worked out the details of a thoughtful and impressive celebration, ably assisted by Rev. A. C. Dahms, former pastor of Our Savior Church. At Bethel Church Rev. Wm. Boehm, its pastor, served as liturgist, Pastor N. P. Uhlig, of Jacksonville and formerly pastor of Our Savior, preached orally and in signs on Ps. 71:17-18, the Rev. M. E. A. Mueller of Milwaukee interpreted the liturgy, the lessons, and the hymns, and a choir of Bethel Church rendered anthems, beautifully interpreted by the Misses Ruth Fabry and Christel Erdmann.

At a social gathering after the service, in which Rev. Dahms was master of ceremonies, various organizations of the church extended felicitations through their officers, speakers

reminisced about the days gone by, and many letters of congratulation were read. Rev. and Mrs. Scheibert, tireless workers as both are for the Lord and the deaf, were given eloquent proof that their services are gratefully remembered. They received also a purse from the congregation. Among the large stack of congratulatory letters were greetings from synodical and District officials and from the Board of Missions to the Deaf and a poem by Miss Christel M. Erdmann, which fittingly expressed the feelings of loyal Christians toward their pastor.

Refreshments were served by the ladies of the congregation. N. P. U.

**To a Servant of God**

Poem by Miss Christel M. Erdmann, dedicated to Rev. Ernst J. Scheibert upon his twenty-fifth year of ministering to the deaf.

With humble hearts we gather here,  
And all with one accord  
We raise our voices, use our hands  
For praise unto the Lord.  
We thank Him for His blessings great,  
For all His gifts so free,  
For giving us His servant  
In holy ministry.

Thy Word in all its truth and grace,  
In all its purity  
Has flowed from nimble fingers  
For a quarter century.  
"The deaf have heard Thy Word, O God!"  
These words, a sweet refrain,  
Our promise give, that in Thy fold  
We always shall remain.

And unto you, God's servant true,  
We ask His blessings deep  
On all the goodness that you sow —  
And on all that we reap.

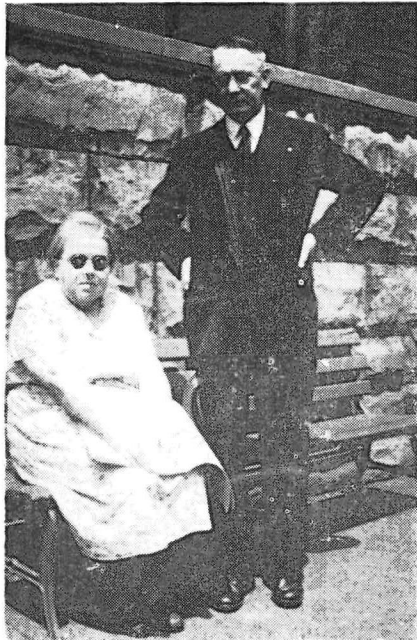
**IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL**

*Minneapolis, Minn.* — Patricia Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stiverson, was born Dec. 9 and baptized in Grace Church on Christmas Day. Her grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Robinson, and her uncle, George Robinson, were the witnesses at her Baptism. May the Lord, who has brought her into His kingdom by Baptism, keep her in His grace and lead her to her home in heaven.

A large group of people attended the children's Christmas service in Grace Church on Dec. 26. At Duluth 35 people attended the Christmas service, and party on Dec. 28. We need Jesus not only at

Christmas time, but always. May all the deaf gladly hear His Word and worship Him in 1948! C. B.

*Sioux Falls, S. Dak.*—Nov. 30 was an important day for our deaf Lutherans at Sioux Falls. That day they were formally organized as a congregation by adoption of a constitution that had been prepared. They kept the name they had used in past years, Trinity Lutheran. The congregation numbers seven voting and 26 communicant members, including those at the South Dakota School for Deaf. Elected to serve for the first year of organized existence were A. J. Krohn, president;



Pastor Schroeder and one of the many blind persons who enjoy the blessings of our Lutheran literature

Donald Sauby, vice-president; G. Sylliaasen, secretary-treasurer; and G. Daniels and Raymond Daugaard, elders.

Receiving the washing of Holy Baptism were Teddy Victor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Todd of Worthington, Minn., at that city on Dec. 14, with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hagen as sponsors; and Wanda Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Oelberg of Mason City, Iowa, in that city on Jan. 3, with Wayne Christian and Mrs. James Travits as sponsors. Acts 22:16: "Be baptized, and wash away thy sins."

Bruno Wagner, a communicant member at Aberdeen, S. Dak., passed away suddenly after a short illness on Dec. 17. Funeral services were conducted by a hearing pastor. C. SCHLEICHER

*Omaha, Nebr.*—Darlene Jean, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Eggleston of Omaha, was baptized in the service in Omaha on Dec. 21. God keep her in His grace.

The funeral of Mrs. Louisa Redfield took place on Jan. 10. She died on Jan. 7. Although not a communicant member of our church, she attended services quite often. We also visited her a number of times during her illness, and she made a good confession of her faith in the Savior Jesus. E. M.

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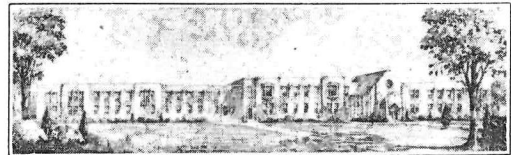
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