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The Ascension of Our Lord

Forty days after His resurrection Jesus led the disciples to the Mount of Olives near Bethany and in full view of them ascended into heaven. His ascension is further proof that He finished the work which He came to do and that He is preparing a place for us in heaven. On Ascension Day Jesus returned to the glory which He had from all eternity.

He came into this world of sin, death, and suffering to obey every command of God, all of which we had broken, and to bear the punishment of our sins which we deserved. On the Cross he earned the salvation of all sinners. By His resurrection He gave proof of the accomplishment of His redemptive work. The Apostle teaches: "Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death; because it was not possible that He should be holden of it" (Acts 2:24).

In heaven, at the right hand of God, Jesus pleads our cause when we err. He guides

and protects His Church so that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. The ascension of Jesus therefore is very comforting for all true believers.

O. C. S.

Biography of Rev. Nathanael Paul Uhlig

Three generations laboring for the amelioration of the lot of the deaf is a grand record. Such is the history of the Uhlig family. First came D. Herman Uhlig, director of the Lutheran School for the Deaf at Detroit, Mich., then his son Rev. N. Paul Uhlig, and a few years ago the grandson Walter Uhlig began his ministry in the Deaf Mission.

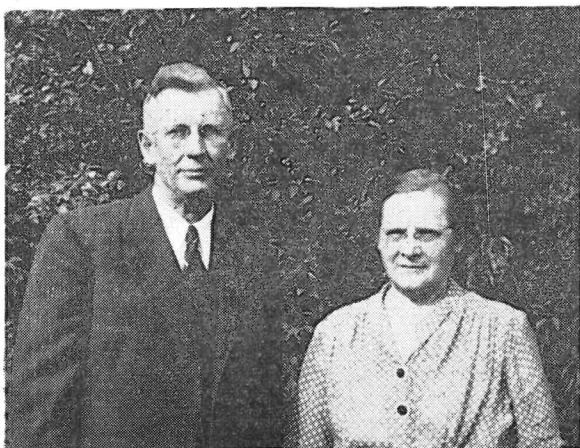
Rev. N. P. Uhlig was born on Feb. 20, 1885, at the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf at Detroit. He studied at the Milwaukee, Wis., Concordia College and at the St. Louis, Mo., Seminary, graduating from the latter institution in June, 1909. During his Seminary days he assisted the Pastors for the Deaf N. F. Jensen and C. Schubkegel. He was ordained and installed on Aug. 8, 1909, at St. John's Lutheran Church at Pinconning, Mich., which congregation he served till June, 1912.

A call was extended to Pastor Uhlig by Our Savior's Lutheran Deaf Congregation at Chicago, Ill. He accepted it and labored faithfully in this field till February, 1918. During these six years he also served eight other cities in Indiana, Michigan, and Illinois.

Then Pastor Uhlig received and accepted a call from Trinity Congregation at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and so terminated his work in the Deaf Mission for the time being. However, during the nine years at Cedar Rapids he also held occasional preaching services for the deaf in that city and at Boone, Iowa.

In September, 1927, he left Cedar Rapids to take up his work in St. James Lutheran Church at Shawano, Wis. Always making use of his knowledge of the sign language, Pastor Uhlig also in the vicinity of Shawano served groups of deaf and individuals by appointment.

The sudden death of Rev. F. A. Hischke in February, 1938, who was missionary to the deaf at St. Louis, Mo., left this large and important field without a pastor. Our Board called Pastor Uhlig from his hearing congregation back into the Deaf Mission, and he, feeling the great need of workers and still having a deep interest and love for the work among the deaf, accepted the call and began



his work in St. Louis in August, 1938. At the beginning of his work in St. Louis six other stations in Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee, and Arkansas were served by him regularly, and for a period of six months he also served five cities in the Milwaukee, Wis., field. Then came the bid to the deep South, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, and a number of preaching places were opened in this vast territory. This meant that usually two weeks were spent in covering this mission field. God granted success and blessing upon the strenuous efforts of the missionary. Access was gained in these parts to a number of State schools for the deaf heretofore never reached by our Church.

Again it pleased the good Lord to call by death one of our workers, the Rev. Wm. Gielow, stationed at Indianapolis, Ind. Because at that time a severe shortage of workers among the deaf was felt and no one could be

called immediately, Pastor Uhlig served these 6 stations in Indiana and Illinois monthly. In short, while Pastor Uhlig lived in St. Louis from 1938 to 1945, he served 32 stations in 11 States for periods of from four months to seven years, besides instructing sign-language classes at the St. Louis, Mo., and Springfield, Ill., seminaries for seven and six years, respectively. God be praised for having granted health and strength to this servant of His during these strenuous years.

We here add that a few months after Pastor Uhlig came to St. Louis a property was purchased in the central part of the city which served as both chapel and parsonage. This property was bought at a cost of \$7,850. The congregation members under the direction of the pastor made some valuable improvements to provide space for recreational purposes.

In September, 1945, the St. Louis field was divided, and Pastor Uhlig and his wife moved to Jacksonville, Ill., relinquishing the Missouri stations. Up to the present time he has been serving a number of cities in Illinois and the State School at Jacksonville. He is also teaching sign-language classes at the Springfield Seminary. The southern field was taken over prior to 1945 by Rev. W. Westermann.

Seven missionaries now active in our Deaf Mission were tutored in the sign language by Pastor Uhlig, as were also several others who served for a time in the work among the deaf.

For three years Pastor Uhlig also served as editor of the DEAF LUTHERAN.

To this veteran of the Cross and to his dear wife, who has been a faithful companion and assistant to him in all these years, we say: God be with them, help, and bless them as they continue together in ministering to blood-bought souls among the deaf.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Who Should Baptize?

Our Savior's last command was: "Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." To whom did He give this command?

Jesus Commands His Disciples to Baptize

We read: "The eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying: Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them." (Matt. 28:16-20.) His disciples should go out into the world and baptize. But this command is not only to the eleven, but to all His disciples, to all believers "unto the end of the world," also to you and to me. His believers are His Church on earth. To His Church He gave Holy Baptism and says: "Go and baptize."

His Church Does This Through His Ministers

The Church should baptize people, but that does not mean that every and any Christian may get up in church and baptize. No, Paul says: "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Cor. 14:40). Christians call ministers or pastors who in their name teach, preach, and baptize. These ministers also are servants of Christ and stewards (managers) of

and baptize the child in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. That is a true Baptism. And if God permits such a child to live, it need not be baptized again.

Thank God for Giving Baptism to His Church

God has given this command to baptize to His Church. His believers should see to it that everyone is baptized and send out missionaries into all the world to do that for them. Gladly and diligently let us do as Jesus tells us.

J. L. S.

"A HOUSE is only a residence; religion makes it a home."

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Fargo, N. Dak., Field. — In Devils Lake, N. Dak., we have a well-organized Sunday school which meets every Sunday morning. The older deaf boys and girls serve as Sunday school teachers for the younger children, while Rev. W. Ferber is the teacher for the older group as well as for the catechism class. We make much use of pictures, both large and small, and since we are conducting our classes in the school building, we also make good use of the blackboard. Even maps are a great help. The accompanying picture shows Miss Marlys Hektner, a senior in the school and a communicant member of our Lutheran Church, using both a map and a blackboard in explaining the Sunday school lesson.

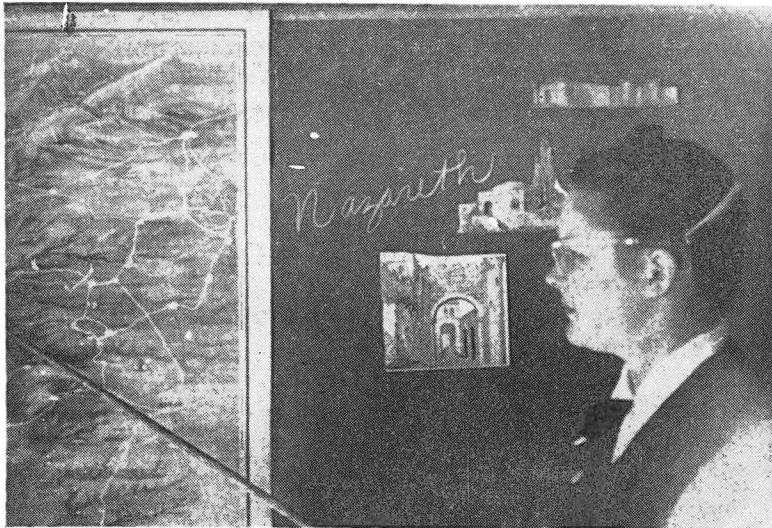
W. F.

Pittsburgh Field. — On Sunday evening, Dec. 28, at our service in Pittsburgh, little Harold Merwin Mowl, Jr., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Mowl, was brought to the Lord Jesus for His blessing in holy Baptism. We express our

wish in the word of the hymnist: "Write the name we now have given, write it in the book of heaven."

The first business meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf was held in Pittsburgh on Jan. 11, and the following officers were elected to serve during the year 1948: president, Mr. Chas. Fritzges; treasurer, Mr. Louis Kieffer; secretary, Rev. H. Rohe; trustees, Mr. Walter Eckhardt and Mr. Martin Eber. After the former treasurer, Mr. Martin Eber, had made his report, a new monthly budget for 1948 was adopted, and our annual request for a subsidy from the Board of Missions was made. Further business was taken up at a meeting on March 7.

In January Miss Norma Bushey, teacher at the



the mysteries of God, that is, the Word and Sacraments. God arranged it so that ordinarily ministers, His servants and servants also of the Church, should baptize.

In Some Cases Any Christian May Baptize

What if a little child, not yet baptized, is at the point of death? What if a minister is not to be had? Then any Christian may take his catechism or Bible, read the words of Christ in the last chapter of Matthew and the last chapter of Mark, pray the Lord's prayer,

Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, began helping the pastor in conducting classes in religion for children from the school. Miss Bushey teaches Bible History. We are grateful for the time and effort she is giving in the service of the Lord.

On Jan. 20 Mr. Wm. E. Haenssel of Buffalo, N. Y., made his solemn promise of faithfulness to the Lord in confirmation and was received into membership in the Church. We wish to commend Mr. Haenssel for his Christian zeal and earnestness in studying the teachings of Jesus while preparing for confirmation and pray that the Lord Jesus may ever more gladden his heart in His service.

Feb. 28 was the eventful day in the lives of Miss Dolores Leicher of Pittsburgh and Mr. Milton Saulter of Coudersport, Pa. On that day they came before the altar of the Lord to exchange their vows of love and faithfulness in holy wedlock. Also at the same service, Miss Dorothy Schafer and Mr. Wm. Schultheis, cousin of Miss Leicher, made the vow of holy matrimony. We pray that the Lord may lead both young couples and keep them ever faithful and true to their solemn promises.

Church services for the deaf of Warren, Ohio, were begun in the new year. On Feb. 29 an hour of worship was conducted in the club room of The Warren Silents Club with an attendance of twenty. We wish to thank the members of the club for their kindness in permitting us to use the facilities of their club and hope that their good will and interest will continue in the future so that the Word of God may bless their lives.

H. ROHE

Omaha, Nebr. — Bethlehem Lutheran Deaf Congregation in Omaha celebrated the tenth anniversary of its organization on Feb. 22. The Rev. C. Schleicher of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., preached the sermon in both signs and speech. His text was Ps. 52:8: "I am like a green olive tree in the house of God." All who were present received help and encouragement to continue steadfastly in God's true Word and to remain faithful and fruitful members of His Church. Ninety-five deaf attended the service and a number of hearing friends. Rev. H. Schauland assisted in the service.

In the evening the Ladies' Aid served a luncheon, which was followed by a short program. The pastor and officers of the congregation and of the Ladies' Aid gave addresses, and several hymns were rendered.

On March 7, in the Omaha service, Mr. Everett Degenhardt of Omaha and Mr. Everett Goodin of Fairbury, Nebr., vowed faithfulness to the Triune God, received Holy Baptism, and thus were accepted into membership of our church.

In the same service, Mary Ethel, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Teater, was brought to the arms of Jesus in Baptism.

God grant these new members grace and strength to remain in the true faith in their Savior. E. M.

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