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## "He Knows the Way"

Job 23:10. "But He knoweth the way that I take; when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."

The way ahead for me looks dark;  
I cannot see the way to go;  
What lies ahead I do not know;  
Imagining brings visions stark.

When future prospects make me quake,  
A comfort true it is to know  
With trust of Job of long ago,  
"He knoweth well the way I take."

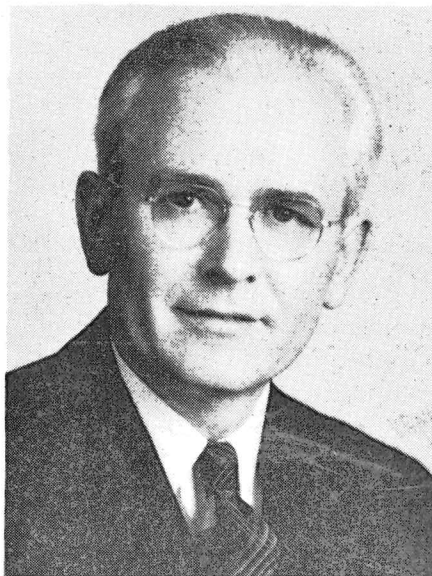
My God, so faithful, loving, kind,  
Knows well the way He leads me now;  
Unto His all-wise will I'll bow;  
No fear shall e'er disturb my mind.

By faith I trust with Job of old  
That when I have been wisely tried,  
With every need by God supplied,  
I shall at last come forth as gold.

San Antonio, Tex.

NORMAN V. ABBOTT

Pastor E. Mappes was born Feb. 21, 1898, in St. Clair County, Ill., near East St. Louis. In 1908 his parents moved to Norman, Okla. Following his graduation from St. John's College, Winfield, Kans., and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., in 1921, he was ordained by the Rev. A. H. Kuntz in Milwaukee, Wis., on July 10, 1921, and began his work the same



## The Rev. Ernest C. Mappes

### A Sketch of His Life and Work

The Apostle St. Paul wrote to the Christian church at Corinth: "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:4). While the Savior bestows His Spirit upon all true ministers of the Gospel, yet it is well for church members to bear in mind that He does not supply all with the same aptitudes.

The Rev. E. Mappes has received the gift of making the study of the chief doctrines of our blessed religion clear and interesting to the young. He has achieved outstanding success with Lutheran scholars at State schools for the deaf, having confirmed 304 pupils in the past 26½ years. Among this group was a record class of 35 catechumens in 1947.

year at Omaha, Nebr. Arriving in Nebraska, he served for a brief period also Kansas City, Mo., Topeka, Kans., and the Kansas School for the Deaf at Olathe, Kans., as well as stations in South Dakota during the years 1928—1938. In the States of Nebraska and Iowa he opened several new stations and in the past 26½ years organized the following deaf congregations: Bethlehem Congregation in Omaha in April, 1924; Peace Lutheran Congregation, Sioux City, Iowa, in 1945; Faith Lutheran Congrega-

tion, Fort Dodge, Iowa, Calvary Lutheran Congregation, Des Moines, Iowa, and Grace Lutheran Congregation, Lincoln, Nebr., in 1947.

After the purchase of three lots in Omaha in 1931 a church building and parsonage were constructed and dedicated to the service of the Lord on Feb. 20, 1938.

Pastor E. Mappes learned the sign language while attending the Seminary in St. Louis from the sainted Rev. C. Schubkegel and his members and was led into this work by his association with the deaf there and the Rev. J. L. Salvner.

Since 1944 Pastor Mappes has been chairman of our Lutheran Ephphatha Conference of Ministers to the Deaf, and since 1939 he has been co-editor of our official periodical, *THE DEAF LUTHERAN*.

Mrs. E. Mappes, a Christian deaf lady, is likewise genuinely interested in the spiritual welfare of the deaf; she assists her husband very ably in his important work. May God give our mission to the deaf many such faithful and sincere workers!

O. C. S.

## Studies in Luther's Catechism

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

#### *Whom Should We Baptize?*

Whom should we baptize? Old and young. Should we baptize also little children? Many people will answer: "No, babies must not be baptized." Let us learn what our Lord Jesus says about this.

#### **Jesus says: "Baptize All Nations"**

Jesus wants all nations to be baptized. Now, who belongs to a nation? How old must a child be before it can join a nation? You will answer: "I joined the American nation when I was born." That is correct. Children are members of that nation in which they were born. Therefore we surely obey Christ's command when we baptize not only the old, but also the young, yes, also infants. Salvation is also for babies, and we should bring it to them. This we do in Holy Baptism. Come, let us do this because our Lord Jesus commands: "Baptize all nations."

### **The Apostles Baptized Families**

Someone perhaps will say: "But the Apostles did not baptize babies." How does he know? There is not one word in our Bible which tells us that the disciples would not baptize children. But we do read that they baptized whole families. In Acts 16:15 we read that Lydia of Thyatira was baptized, and her household. Acts 16:33 tells us that the prison keeper of Philippi was baptized, and all his. Never do we read that the Apostles did not baptize children.

### **Also Children Need Holy Baptism**

People often tell us: "Children are innocent and holy, and therefore need not Baptism." The Bible does not say that. In Psalm 51:5 David says: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." And our Lord Jesus says to Nicodemus: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh," John 3:6, that means, they that are born of sinful parents likewise are sinful. And because of sin also children are under God's wrath as Paul says Eph. 2:3: "We were by nature (birth) children of wrath." Therefore also children need forgiveness.

### **Let Us Bring Our Children unto Holy Baptism**

Thank God, if your parents brought you to the Lord Jesus in Baptism. And today let us hurry and bring our little ones to church to be baptized. Let us not put it off for weeks and months and years. Bring your little ones to Jesus!

J. L. S.

### **A Solid Anchor**

Our first parents laid a heavy yoke upon the human race when they lost their perfect condition. Satan triumphed when Adam and Eve committed the first sin, but Jesus crushed the head of the serpent, our enemy. He always was free from sin and delivered us from sin by His death. In this vale of tears there is no consolation except in Him. He will raise us up to the heights of heaven, where God raised Him.

If you wish to avoid shipwreck of your hopes for temporal and eternal happiness, then cling to the Word and promises of God. Without this anchor of your faith, death, eternal

death, will be the end of your voyage across life's stormy sea. Faith in the promises of God's redeeming grace in Christ Jesus will lead you safely to the other shore. Cling stoutly to them. God's Word is a never-failing aid. With true faith in God and His Son Jesus you may escape the rocks of unbelief and the whirlpools of sin and unlawful pleasures. You will then join in the song of millions who sing His praises and serve Him in love and devotion. Jesus assures us: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Word shall not pass away." Matt. 24:35. O. C. S.

### All Hail the Day of Pentecost

Let songs of praises fill the sky;  
Christ, our ascended Lord,  
Sends down His Spirit from on high  
According to His Word.  
All hail the day of Pentecost,  
The coming of the Holy Ghost!

The Spirit by His heavenly breath  
Creates new life within;  
He quickens sinners from the death  
Of trespasses and sin.  
All hail the day of Pentecost,  
The coming of the Holy Ghost!

The things of Christ the Spirit takes  
And shows them unto men;  
The fallen soul His temple makes;  
God's image stamps again.  
All hail the day of Pentecost,  
The coming of the Holy Ghost!

Come, Holy Spirit, from above  
With Thy celestial fire;  
Come and with flames of zeal and love  
Our hearts and tongues inspire!  
Be this our day of Pentecost,  
The coming of the Holy Ghost!

THOMAS COTTERILL, 1819

### On Speaking Terms?

When Mark Twain was touring Europe, he received an invitation to visit the Kaiser. "Why, Papa," exclaimed his little daughter when she heard of it, "if this keeps up, there won't be anybody left for you to get acquainted with but God."

Are you acquainted with God? Do you meet with Him every morning, every noon, and every night? Are you on speaking terms with Him?

There is only one way of getting "on speaking terms" with God. That way is Christ. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

He who has been restored to "speaking terms" with God through Christ will have God as his ever-present Companion, as the Listener to his every prayer, and as an un-failing Source of strength. Have you met God — through Christ?

### IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Omaha, Nebr. — May 2 was a happy day for 28 pupils of the Council Bluffs and Omaha schools as on this day, their confirmation day, they vowed faithfulness to the Triune God at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Omaha. Five are from the Omaha school and twenty-three from the Council Bluffs school. Sixteen of these were also baptized. One boy, Ross Thompson, was not able to be present owing to a case of mumps.

Over a hundred people were present at the service, about 85 deaf and a number of parents and relatives of the children coming from out of town.

On April 11 Mr. Francis Christensen was confirmed at Sioux City, Iowa.



Class Confirmed by Rev. E. Mappes on May 2

Names of members of the class and home address  
Front row, l. to r.: Carol Engelhorn, Lansing, Iowa. Margaret Dean, Clinton, Iowa. Patricia Fletcher, Diller, Nebr. Loretta Loosemore, Tipton, Iowa. Doris Kempf, Lincoln, Nebr. Mary Ellen Hegre, Cherokee, Iowa. Frances Jensen, Shelby, Iowa. — Second row: Marilyn Taylor, Burt, Iowa. Wanda Gargus, Davenport, Iowa. — Alberta Swanger, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Rev. E. Mappes, Daisy Warden, Des Moines, Iowa. Joyce Jacobson, Waukon, Iowa. Ileen Hahle, Aurora, Nebr. — Third row: Dick Cole, Davenport, Iowa. Philip Covert, Clinton, Iowa. Robert Straight, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Charles Pope, Burlington, Iowa. Alvin Fleck, Hubbard, Nebr. Robert Larson, Britt, Iowa. Herbert Larson, Omaha, Nebr. Merel Jarchow, Shell Rock, Iowa. — Back row: Billy Kautzky, Des Moines, Iowa. Frederick Bell, Marengo, Iowa. James Strunk, Van Meter, Iowa. Billy Harmon, Ottumwa, Iowa. Gerald Matzen, Bagley, Iowa. Robert Moore, Des Moines, Iowa. Darwin Teeters, Grand Junction, Iowa

God keep all of these new members of His Church in true faith in their Savior unto death, that they may receive a crown of life.

**Weddings:** On March 27 Mr. Harold Locke of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Miss Eloise Martinson of Harcourt, Iowa, married at Harcourt. On March 28 Mr. Neil Mayberry and Miss Shirley Smith, both of Des Moines, Iowa, married at Des Moines. On May 5 Mr. Robert Hiltabidel of Omaha and Miss Phyllis Houser of Council Bluffs, Iowa, married at the bride's home. We wish these young people God's blessing on their journey through life together. E. M.

**Minneapolis, Minn.**—"Lord, teach us to number our days." We have seen the need for this prayer again in the sudden death of John Lauby. On the Sunday before his death he was in the house of God to worship the Savior, who died for him and rose again and ascended to prepare a home in heaven for His followers. On that Sunday Mr. Lauby also received the holy Lord's Supper to strengthen his faith in Jesus. Early Tuesday morning, April 13, he quietly fell asleep in Jesus.

John Ludvig Lauby was born March 10, 1877, at Duluth, Minn., where he was baptized. He attended school at the Minnesota School for the Deaf at Faribault, Minn. On April 27, 1913, he was confirmed in Minneapolis by Pastor J. L. Salvner.

His body was laid to rest in Chrystal Lake Cemetery, Minneapolis, on April 17. A large group of people attended the funeral service. Pastor Salvner chose John 10:27-28 as the text for the funeral sermon. This had been Mr. Lauby's memory verse at his confirmation. This text was well chosen. Mr. Lauby was one of Jesus' sheep who loved to hear his Shepherd's voice. Although he was blind and had to depend upon friends to take him to church and sign the service for him, he seldom missed church services. He loved the Word of God and placed his hope for salvation in his Savior. He was also given to much prayer for his Church, for the deaf, for his pastor, and gladly he contributed for the Lord's work.

May the Holy Spirit comfort the survivors, his brother, Oscar, and his nieces and nephews, and all his friends, with the glorious hope that Jesus has given to him eternal life! And may the Lord teach us all to be prepared always for death by faith in Jesus, that we may enter into eternal glory.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Nascene are the proud parents of a baby girl. Sandra Mary arrived April 12.

Mr. R. G. Taylor and Mr. Irvin Dubey spent some time in the hospital the past few weeks. They are recovering well from their operations.

Before Pastor Zellmer took up his work for the deaf at Portland, Oreg., he conducted services for the deaf in the Grand Rapids, Minn., area. Since then some of these people have moved away. But those who are still there want to hear and learn the Word of God. Services were started again on April 26. Four deaf and four hearing people were at the service. There may be other deaf in the area whose names and addresses we do not yet know. C. B.

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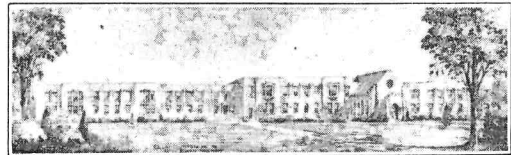
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