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Where'er I Go

By PAUL FLEMING

Where'er I go, whate'er my task,
The counsel of my God I ask,
Who ruleth all things right;
Unless He gives both thought and deed,
The utmost pains can ne'er succeed,
And vain must be man's might.

For what can all my toil avail?
My care, my watching — all must fail
Unless my God is there.
Then let Him order all for me
As in His will He shall decree;
On Him I cast my care.

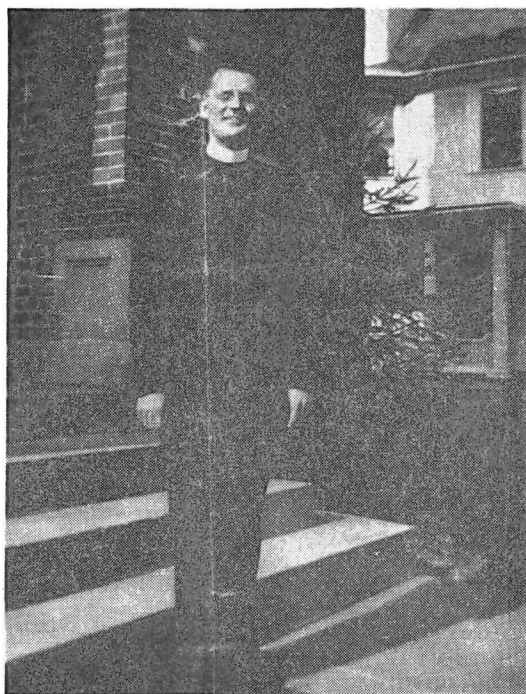
For naught can come, as naught has been,
But what my Father has foreseen
And what shall work my good.
Whate'er He gives me I will take,
Whate'er He chooses I will make
My choice with thankful mood.

I travel to a distant land
To serve the post wherein I stand,
Which He hath bid me fill;
And He will bless me with His light,
That I may serve His world aright,
And make me know His will.

And though through desert wilds I fare,
Yet Jesus Christ is with me there,
The Lord Himself is near;
In all my dangers He will come,
And He who kept me safe at home
Can keep me safely here.

Sel.

the East. Pastor Gerhold was born in the Bronx, N. Y., on June 26, 1918. From 1931 to 1937 he attended Bronxville Concordia College, and then he continued his theological training at the seminary. He graduated from this institution in 1942. His five years as a student at the seminary included two years



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Our new missionary to the deaf in the New England territory, the Rev. C. R. Gerhold, has established his headquarters at Watertown, Mass., near Boston.

With the exception of a few years spent as a student of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., his entire life has been spent in

of supply work at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., assisting Pastor F. T. Schroeder, who became Pastor Gerhold's father-in-law on May 15, 1943.

On Sept. 20, 1942, he was ordained at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh, Pa., and thereafter took charge of Negro mission work in that city. He was instrumental in

moving the place of worship of Faith Colored Lutheran Congregation to a permanent remodeled home and also established a parochial school, in which he served as the first teacher.

In Nov. 1944, Pastor Gerhold was installed as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Hawthorne, N. Y., and served the Major Bowes Lutheran Retreat as chaplain for two years. Through his work with visual aids for religious education he often came together with Rev. Possehl, the missionary to the deaf in New York, and thus his interest for the work



Rev. Gerhold and group of deaf attending services at Springfield, Mass.

among the deaf was aroused. After receiving the call from the Board of Missions to the Deaf, he accepted the deaf ministry and was commissioned by Dr. J. L. Salvner on April 4 of this year. During six weeks prior to April 4 the newly called missionary took a course of instruction in signs under the able leadership of Dr. Salvner. Together they acquainted themselves with groups of deaf as well as schools for the deaf in the vicinity of Boston.

During the three months Pastor Gerhold has worked in this field, the Lord has been opening new doors for this work and is granting His divine blessing.

At Springfield, Mass., a group of deaf known as the Pilgrim Club, led by a Congre-

gational pastor until May 16, has now been turned over to Pastor Gerhold, as the deaf want Bible study in the combined method. This means that the pastor will be able to bring the Gospel of Christ regularly to about 25 deaf adults and perhaps more, as time goes on. In the fall, services are to be held twice a month in Springfield on the Sunday afternoons when the club meets in the evening.

Boston services are now held twice a month. One service a month is also conducted at the New England Old Folks' Home for the Deaf at Danversport, Mass. Also at the Boston School for the Deaf instruction classes are held for the Protestant children. Eleven children have attended these classes.

In the fall it is also planned to add a few other preaching stations, as perhaps Brattleboro, Vt., Hartford, Conn., and Providence, R. I.

May the Lord of the Church, who called this worker into this important field, grant His continued grace and blessing on his labors for the salvation of many deaf. E. M.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

What Does Baptism Give or Profit?

Our Lord Jesus commands: "Baptize all nations." He wants everyone to be baptized, and therefore we ought to think very highly of it. However, He not only commands Baptism; He also connects with it precious words and promises, as Luther's Catechism shows.

"Baptism Works (Gives) Forgiveness of Sins"

The Bible teaches that. As Saul, afterwards called Paul, sat in Damascus blind, God sent Ananias to him, saying: "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins" (Acts 22:16). And on Pentecost Day Peter said to the Jews at Jerusalem: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission [forgiveness] of sins" (Acts 2:38). Therefore our Catechism rightly says: "Baptism works forgiveness of sins." Are you baptized? If so, then blessed are you! For in your Baptism your Lord Jesus came

to you, offered, gave, and sealed to you, yes, to you, the forgiveness of all your sin. Rejoice in your Baptism every day!

"Baptism Delivers (Frees) from Death"

Death came by sin, for the Bible says: "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin" (Rom. 5:12). Of the tree in the midst of the Garden God said to Adam: "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Gen. 2:17). Adam ate of it, and he died. "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). And this means not only death here on earth, but everlasting death in hell. The Bible calls this "the second death" (Rev. 2:11). Oh, rejoice in your Baptism! "It works forgiveness of sins" and therefore saves also from death, both the death here on earth and everlasting death in hell. For the baptized Christian death is like a sleep, and also "the second death has no power" on him (Rev. 20:6). Thank God for your Baptism!

"Baptism Delivers from the Devil"

The devil led man into sin and brought death upon him. But behold, you are baptized, your sins are washed away, death has lost its sting, and therefore also the devil has no more power over you. In Baptism we put on the Lord Jesus (Gal. 3:27). He died on the Cross for our sins, rose again for our justification (forgiveness) (Rom. 4:25), and came that He might destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8). Praise be to God! Baptism delivers also from the devil.

With Great Joy Rejoice in Your Baptism

"Baptism works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil," Luther's Catechism tells us. Oh, praise God for your blessed Baptism!

Eternal Blessings

The true charter of spiritual liberty, peace, happiness, and freedom from fear was given to us by Christ. He alone can give true joy here on earth and joy forever in heaven. These blessings do not come to us by earthly science, invention or wisdom, nor by earthly power of political leaders, societies or other groups of men. Laws cannot create such happiness in

the hearts of men. Only Jesus, the King of Kings, can bestow these gifts upon despairing humanity. Wealth, friends, and happy homes cannot give them. Rich and poor alike may have God's gifts free of charge through the Gospel.

Christians can spread the good news of salvation by leading godly lives and supporting the Church. The peace of Jesus makes for eternal joy. All other blessings will fade away. Help others to know this Jesus for the salvation of their souls. St. Peter teaches: "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

O. C. S.

Draw Nigh to God

Draw nigh to God when not a sound
Can reach your inner mind,
When naught but memory of song
And voice are far behind.

Draw nigh to God when you must live
Within yourself from day to day,
When others sing and talk and pray
And you can't hear a word they say.

Draw nigh to God when all around
Is silent as a grave,
And go and thank Him for your eyes,
Those precious eyes God to you gave.

Draw nigh to God and let your eyes
Roam o'er that wondrous sight,
The sun, the moon, and other things
Through which He shows His might.

Draw nigh to God and praise the Lord
For other gifts to you and me,
For mind, that wondrous mind—
Without it a living death you'd be.

Draw nigh to God and use your eyes
To read and fill your mind
With holy things to take along
When you leave this world behind.

Draw nigh to God when all goes wrong,
For He your Friend will be,
In pain, in grief, in loneliness
Through all these things, Him you will see.

Draw nigh to God when all goes well
And go and scatter cheer around,
And let your heart swell up with praise,
Although with deafness you are bound.

Draw nigh to God all of the time
Whate'er your lot may be,
For, walking, trusting, by His side
You'll find security. MRS. ELLIS SURBER
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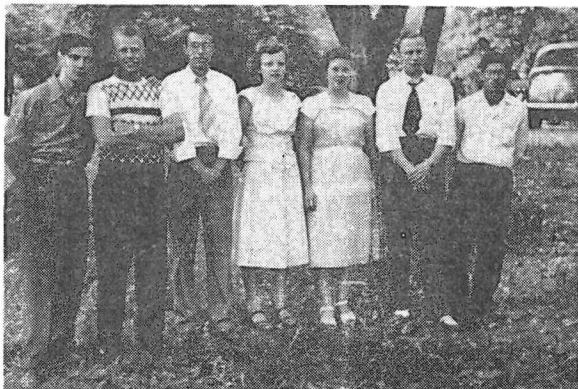
Omaha, Nebr.—The following weddings took place during the summer: At Des Moines, Iowa, on Sunday, June 20, Mr. Marvin Neuschwanger and Miss Fonda Beer were united in marriage at Trinity Lutheran Church. In Omaha, on June 30, Mr. Oscar Treuke and Miss Viola Tikalsky were married in Bethlehem Lutheran Church. On July 31, also in Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Omaha, Mr. Earl Petersen and Miss Catherine Stinger made their vows. May the Lord and Savior Jesus be the constant Guest in the homes of these newly married couples and bless them in their future life together.

In the Omaha service on Aug. 1, Linda May, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schultz, was brought to Jesus in Holy Baptism. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schultz were sponsors. "Suffer [let] the little children to come unto Me," says our Lord Jesus. May He keep this child in His grace unto life eternal.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Laursen of Omaha celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with "open house" on Aug. 28. A host of friends and relatives came to congratulate the couple and to wish them God's blessing. On the evening of Aug. 24 a small group of relatives and friends met at the Laursen home for a short service of praise unto God for His abundant blessings showered upon them during the past 25 years. After a few words by the pastor, Mrs. Mappes and Mrs. Clayton signed the hymn "The Lord Hath Helped Me Hitherto."

May God grant grace, hope, and joy for the future through His word of promise. E. M.

Fargo, N. Dak.—On Sunday, June 13, the Lutheran deaf of the Fargo parish held their second reunion. The church service was held in the Lutheran church of the Wisconsin Synod, 38 deaf attending. Many of these deaf came from points more than hun-



dred miles away. The above picture shows six deaf and Miss Erna Wentzel, third from right, the secretary for Mr. Carl Smith, superintendent of the State School for the Deaf in Devils Lake. This group came from Devils Lake for the reunion, although Devils Lake is fully a hundred miles away. May the interest shown in this reunion also show itself throughout the rest of the year.

Miss Erna Wentzel, a hearing friend of our mission, has been a great help to our Lutheran Sunday school in the State School in preparing hundreds of pictures for projection onto a screen through an opaque projector. W. F.

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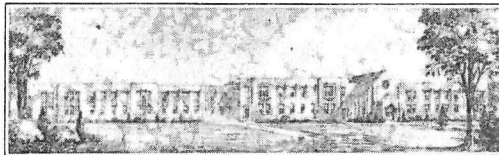
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