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Thanksgiving Blessing

God, we thank you
For giving us
Peace and home.
Let us not
Forget the ones
Who roam,
As we eat our meal.
Then let us bless
Those who live alone.

Sel.

Thanksgiving Day

All men owe thanks to God for the blessings of life. When the pioneers set apart a day of special thanksgiving many years ago, it was in gratitude for the common things of life, such as health, food, clothing, and the privilege of worshiping God according to the dictates of their conscience. They had few luxuries, little wealth, and no fame.

We also enjoy these common treasures of life today. We should be thankful to God for them. He has again provided us with a bountiful harvest, while many other nations are in danger of starvation. We have the privilege

of self-government and the freedom to worship God as our conscience directs. Moreover, we have the pure Gospel of God's redeeming grace in Christ Jesus.

Life is not as simple today as it was years ago. The cost of living is higher. There is much unrest and dissatisfaction. Yet we have the comfort of God's love and guidance in Christ Jesus, who is able and willing to solve all our problems. Let us therefore exclaim with the Psalmist of old: "Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High!" Ps. 50:14.

O. C. S.

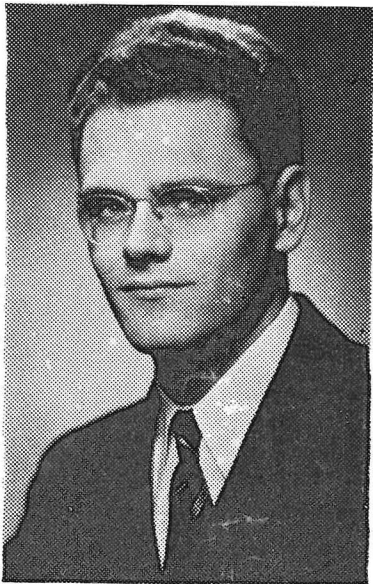
Rev. Hans E. Bollow

For many years Lutheran missionaries to the deaf from St. Louis, Mo., and Memphis, Tenn., traveled to the Deep South to bring the saving Word of God to the deaf in that territory and to instruct pupils in the schools in this Southern field. Our prayer has been that soon we might be able to place a missionary into that field, and this prayer has been answered.

On Aug. 1 of this year one of the graduates of our St. Louis Seminary, the Rev. Hans E. Bollow, was commissioned by the Rev. F. G. Gyle of St. Louis to take up the work in this section. The service took place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Orleans.

Pastor Bollow, born in Stettin, Germany, on Aug. 27, 1922, came to the United States with his parents when he was three years old. His home thereafter was New York City. After he had finished his public high school course, he spent three years at Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, N. Y., graduating from

this institution in June, 1943. He entered Concordia Seminary at St. Louis in the fall of that year and graduated on June 4, 1948. After completing two years at Concordia Seminary, Pastor Bollow served for two years in various types of pastoral work — at Brooklyn, N. Y., as assistant pastor, then as chaplain at Kings County Hospital. Later he served as assistant missionary at the Metropolitan Inner Mission in New York City, doing both religious and



Rev. Hans E. Bollow

social work. He was married on June 22, 1947, to Miss Elaine Otten of College Point, N. Y.

On June 13, 1948, Pastor Bollow was ordained to the ministry in his home congregation at Corona, L. I., N. Y., by the Rev. H. Pottberg. Although his commissioning took place in August, the missionary came to the South the latter part of June. He hopes to make New Orleans his permanent headquarters. At the present time he is serving nine stations from Pascagoula, Miss., namely, New Orleans, Shreveport, Monroe, and Baton Rouge, La.; Jackson and Pascagoula, Miss.; and Montgomery, Mobile, and Talladega, Ala. A large number of pupils, nearly a thousand, at the three State Schools at Baton Rouge, La., Jackson, Miss., and Talladega, Ala., attend his preaching services, which include both white and colored children.

This energetic young missionary, serving already such a vast territory, sees the need of

branching out still farther to bring the saving Gospel to other deaf in other large cities of the South, and as soon as possible he intends to start preaching services in at least three more places — Alexandria, La., Birmingham, Ala., and Pensacola, Fla.

Surely, with such enthusiasm and love for the work among the deaf and with the Lord's promised blessings upon the work done in His name, this young missionary will be successful in leading many souls to the Savior Jesus Christ. God grant it through His mercy.

E. M.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

From the Word of God and our Catechism we have learned that Baptism works (gives) forgiveness of sins and delivers from death and the devil. If that is true, and it is true according to God's Word, then it also gives eternal (everlasting) salvation.

Baptism Gives Eternal Salvation

The Word of God teaches that. In 1 Pet. 3:21 God says: "Baptism doth also now save us." And our Lord Jesus says: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). Saved forever, not only for this life, but also for the life to come. In Baptism God makes us sure of everlasting salvation. If anyone asks you therefore: "Are you sure that you are saved forever? Are you sure that you will go to heaven?" then you can joyfully say: "Yes, I am sure, for I am baptized. And in Baptism God offered, gave, and sealed to me life everlasting. I am a baptized child of God, and I shall go to heaven."

Baptism Gives Eternal Salvation in the Name of Jesus

One perhaps will say: "How can Baptism save a sinner? Is that another way to heaven? From the Creed we have learned that no man can come unto the Father except by Jesus, by believing in the blood that cleanses us from all sin. And now you say that also Baptism saves us!" Do not for a moment think that Baptism is another way to salvation. There is only one way, and that is Jesus, for He Himself says: "I am the Way." And in the

name of Jesus we are baptized, as we learn from Peter's words that he spoke to the Jews on the first day of Pentecost: "Be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ" (Acts 2:38). And Paul writes in Gal. 3:27 that we have been "baptized into Christ" and in Baptism "have put on Christ."

Oh, Rejoice in Your Baptism

In Baptism the Holy Ghost has covered your sins with the blood of Jesus and His righteousness and washed away all your sins, and now and forever you can sing:

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress,
Wherein before my God I stand
When I shall reach the heavenly land.

Daily remember this for your comfort, and also comfort others with it. J. L. S.

CHARITY is not a bone thrown to a dog, but sharing what you have with someone else when you are just as hungry as he is.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Cleveland, Ohio.—The following Baptisms took place in our northern Ohio field: Violet Ruth Stevens, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Stevens, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cleveland on Sept. 19.

Robert Lewis Thomas, son of Mrs. Bessie Henderson, at St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Cleveland on March 28.

Mr. Chester Clark, father of Kenneth and Wendell Clark, was baptized during a confirmation ceremony on Aug. 27 in the First Lutheran Church at Stryker, Ohio.

Marriages performed were as follows: Miss Norma M. Bushey of Barberton, Ohio, to Mr. John B. McDaniel of Falmouth, Ky., on July 17, in the First Lutheran Church at Barberton. Mrs. Marie Marks and Mr. Richard Marks were the attendants. Mrs. Minnie Burt, well-known Sunday school leader of Akron, beautifully interpreted two solos. Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel both have teaching positions at the Alabama School for the Deaf.

Mr. Kenneth Kress of Akron and Miss Mary Ann Hughart of Baltimore were united in marriage on April 16 in St. John's Lutheran Church of Akron, Ohio. Mrs. Katharine Schrieber and Mr. R. Lankenau were the witnesses. A beautiful solo was rendered by Mrs. R. Lankenau. We wish both these couples God's continued blessing upon their marriages.

The ground-breaking ceremony for the new Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Cleveland was held on Oct. 10. Building operations are to begin immedi-

ately, with the hope that by next spring, God willing, we may finally dedicate our long-hoped-for house of God to His glory. T. F.

Omaha, Nebr.—Mrs. Mine Laursen, member of our Omaha congregation, departed this life on Sept. 18 to be with her Savior, in whom she sincerely trusted and whom she so beautifully confessed again only five hours before her death.

Funeral services were conducted on Sept. 21, the pastor choosing for his sermon text John 10:27—28. Mrs. Mappes interpreted the two hymns: "I'm But a Stranger Here, Heaven Is My Home" and "Beautiful Savior."

Again we have learned to say: "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

In the service held at Des Moines, Iowa, on Sept. 26, Mrs. Marvin Neuschwanger received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and was accepted as a member of Calvary Lutheran Congregation of that city. She finished her course of instruction in a comparatively short time. God grant His mercy, and help her to remain faithful to Him unto death. E. M.

Columbus, Ohio.—The following infants were baptized. In *Columbus, Ohio*: Roberta Kay (John Riddlebaugh); Harry James (Harold Jordan); Kenneth Lynn (De Liel Chamberlain); Lloyd William (James Carter); Linda Sue (Harry Case); Robert Jon and Pauline Dixie (Richard Shackelford), Mary Lou and William Edward (Harry Carlisle). In *Springfield, Ohio*: Roger Lee (Roland Marshall). In *Mansfield,*



Confirmation class at Columbus Ohio. Rev. J. A. Beyer, pastor. L. to r.: Mrs. Fred Case, Mrs. Jack Green, Mrs. Paul Walker

Ohio: Riger Lee (Guy Hans). In Dayton, Ohio: Harvey Lee (Richard Wilson).

Mrs. Fred Case, Mrs. Jack Green, and Mrs. Paul Walker were baptized and received as communicant members in Columbus on May 23.

May each one of these twice-born children of God remain faithful to her baptismal promise unto everlasting life.

Mr. Raymond Sturgeon and Miss Dorothy Thomas were united in marriage in Dayton; Mr. Robert Gantz and Miss Nancy Jane Anderson, in Columbus. May Jesus be their ever-present House Guest all through the balance of their earthly life and thereafter receive them as worthy guests at the marriage feast in heaven.



Part of group at the reception for the Beyer family in Columbus, Ohio

The large number of deaf members and friends who gave the Beyer family a very warm and deeply appreciated reception filled their new home and overflowed onto the spacious porch and lawn on a terrifically hot July day.

Several letters of thanks have been received from poor and suffering people in Europe for clothing, food, and money sent them by the deaf in Columbus, Mansfield, Springfield, and Dayton, Ohio, and Richmond, Ind. May God grant each of the givers a rich reward of His grace.

J. A. B.

Minneapolis. — "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." John 11:25, 26. Upon these words of our crucified and risen Lord Jesus were based the words of comfort for the relatives and friends of Mrs. Lydia Kuske, nee Walter, who passed away Monday, October 4, at her home in Arlington, where she had been living alone since the death of her husband in 1940. She had been ailing for a few days, and Monday morning they found her dead lying on the floor. In 1914 she and her husband were confirmed and became members of our church, and both were faithful attendants, both in our services and also at the Lord's Table. The last service Mrs. Kuske attended was August 29 in Hamburg, in which service she also partook of the Holy Supper with other deaf. She died at the age of 72 years, two months, and one day. Burial took place October 6 in Arlington, where her body now sleeps unto the great resurrection morn. Five of her deaf friends attended the

funeral. Five sisters and three brothers mourn her departure but rejoice in this, that she had learned to know her Savior and to trust in Him. Yes, "blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13. J. L. S.

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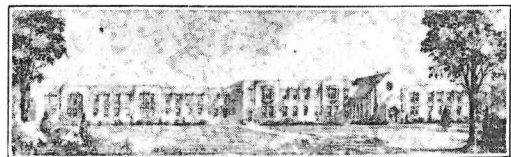
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