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He Lives!

I know that my Redeemer lives.
Though stripped of all this vain life gives,
Bereft of all I once held dear,
I have one comfort true, sincere:
He lives!

Though smitten with diseases sore,
He's at my side, I ask no more.
Though friends and relatives forsake,
This comfort they can never take:
He lives!

His grace exceeds my sin and guilt,
His precious blood for me was spilt;
So I'm at peace, I know no fear,
I'll spread abroad this word of cheer:
He lives!

Though worms destroy this frame of mine,
They cannot harm my soul divine;
When Christ's last trumpet calls the blest,
I'll shout triumphant with the rest:
He lives!

Marie C. Turk

Easter Day

Christians believe in the resurrection of their Savior and in His victory over sin, death, and the grave. The Easter message is a faith-

strengthening Gospel. The joy of Christ's resurrection fortifies our hearts for every trial; it gives hope even at the graves of our loved ones.

Some may speak only of the reawakening of spring and show interest only in Easter lilies and new clothes, but to us Easter is the cornerstone of our faith, giving hope even in the deepest sorrow of life; for Jesus has promised that we, too, shall rise from the dead and be glorified to live with Him unto all eternity. We believe with St. Paul that Christ rose from the dead; we believe that there is a sound basis for our faith, because the Bible tells us so. All who despise this most glorious Gospel have no hope, for St. Paul teaches: "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" (1 Cor. 15:17). May the risen Redeemer's blessing abide with us, and may He strengthen our faith in the sure Gospel of His redeeming love and our hope of eternal life! O. C. S.

Rev. Walter J. Hintz

Pastor Walter J. Hintz, pictured below, is our new Lutheran pastor for the deaf at Seattle, Wash. He is taking charge of the field which was formerly served by the Rev. A. T. Jonas, who in 1948 accepted the call to the Los Angeles, Calif., field.

Rev. Hintz was born March 17, 1913, at Hannover, N. Dak. He graduated from Concordia Seminary in Springfield, Ill., in 1940 and then as a candidate served one year at Roundup, Mont. In September, 1941, he accepted a call from Garrison, N. Dak. Here he was ordained and installed on Oct. 5, 1941. He



The Rev. Walter J. Hintz (right) being installed as pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Deaf at Seattle, Wash., on Sunday, March 6, by the Rev. Ernest F. Schwidder (left) and the Rev. Dr. J. L. Salvner, who "signed" the service for the deaf congregation

served this territory until the spring of 1947, when he moved to Crystal, N. Dak., to become pastor of St. John's Lutheran Congregation of that city. In December, 1948, he accepted the call sent him by the Board of Missions to the Deaf and the Seattle deaf congregation. He arrived in Seattle on Jan. 14, 1949.

Ever since Pastor Hintz has given much of his time to the study of the sign language under the very able tutorship of Dr. J. L. Salvner. On Sunday, March 6, he was installed at Seattle in a special service conducted by Dr. Salvner.

On June 4, 1941, Pastor Walter Hintz was married to Miss Sophia Ostermeier at Springfield, Ill. They have three children, a son of five years, a daughter three years of age, and another son, one year old. The two eldest are adopted children.

May our dear heavenly Father grant His grace and blessing to Pastor Hintz and his labors in this field to the glory of His holy name and for the salvation of many deaf.

E. M.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Cleveland, Ohio. — Mr. Gustave J. Schuttenberg, born Aug. 27, 1875, in Cleveland, passed away on Jan. 10 at the age of 73 years and on Jan. 13 received a Christian burial. Two days after his birth he was baptized by the Rev. H. C. Wyneken of Trinity Lutheran Church. He attended the Detroit Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, where he received his education and was confirmed. He remained faithful unto death and greatly cherished the Word of God. Just before his death he was reading his daily Bible and hymn-verse booklet, and in it, under Jan. 10, also these words: "We believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved" (Acts 15:11). So the pastor made this the text of his funeral sermon. Through the kindness and patience of his sister-in-law it was possible for his brother William to give him a good home for the past 43 years. Both Mr. and Mrs. William Schuttenberg survive him and mourn his departure.

Zoe Ann Kress, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Kress of Akron, Ohio, born Jan. 20, was baptized on Feb. 2. The sponsors are Mrs. Nancy Ann Kress and Mrs. Glenna Mae Kress, the grandmothers of Zoe Ann. May she remain in the grace of our Savior Jesus!

Kansas City, Mo. — The Lord has blessed the preaching of the Gospel in this territory in the past months, and we are deeply thankful unto Him. Reports indicate that loyal, Christian members and friends have come to worship in increasing numbers and have also shown their love for Jesus with increased gifts unto Him.

In the past few months the following friends have made a public confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus and have joined the Lutheran Church: in Kansas City: Ruth Ann Baird, William Ragland, Mrs. Shirley Gouby, Mrs. Wear; in Marysville, Kans., Mrs. Ben Throm; in Wichita, Kans., Miss Betty Stout; in Topeka, Kans., Mrs. R. Puett; in Olathe, Kans., Misses Helen Baugh, Shirley Brooksher, Flourine Knoup, and Mildred Mullens. Also the pupils Carol St. John and Larry Matherly were baptized in Kansas City, and the infants Brenda Lay at Herington, Kans., and Marvel Dietz in Denver, Colo. As time goes on, may all our friends "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18).

Eight marriages were solemnized in Pilgrim Chapel, Kansas City, Mo., and one in Wichita, Kans.

A very inspiring part of our ministry are the associations with our young Christian friends. In the schools of Kansas and Colorado we have the privilege of conducting a public worship each month with all Protestant scholars. In addition thereto it is our privilege

to conduct a Bible class each Monday with one hundred and twenty-five scholars of the Kansas school. In Kansas City, in connection with the released-time program, we conduct a Bible class each Wednesday with thirty pupils of the oral department of the Benton School. We know that the study of God's Holy Word will bring great blessings to all these individual friends who accept it in faith, *because the Lord has promised that it will.* 2 Tim. 3:15.

The Kansas City congregation and the Wichita members have resolved to increase their payments of the pastor's salary each month.

The 1949 officers of the Pilgrim ladies' Dorcas Board are: Mrs. O. B. Spotts, president; Mrs. J. Wehmeyer, vice-president; Mrs. E. R. Hedges, treasurer; Mrs. C. J. Olson, secretary. A. E. F.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Yes, Minneapolis is still on the map. Grace Lutheran Church for the Deaf is still here, too. Here is a little news. Ronald Tilford Shaw was baptized on Dec. 19 in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tilford Shaw. Witnesses were Mrs. Hattie Shaw, Mr. Luther Shaw, and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Loebner. After suffering a stroke and spending about six weeks in the hospital, Mrs. Paul Kopprasch was relieved of all suffering on Jan. 5. Christian burial services were held on Jan. 8. Mr. Kopprasch has gone to Los Angeles to stay with his daughter Myrtle. A farewell party in his honor was held on Jan. 18. Before Mr. Kopprasch decided to move to California, he wanted to be sure he could go to a Lutheran church there. That is a very important question when we are planning to move. Alma Saterlund, who joined our church by the rite of confirmation last September, had a heart attack on Dec. 5. She is getting along well, but has not been able to leave her home yet. Mr. W. E. Bauer will be confirmed in our church on Feb. 20. The Ladies' Aid Society had a gas burner installed in the parsonage furnace. Since the coalbin is no longer needed and the ladies wanted their kitchen enlarged, a group of men and women were busy on Feb. 12 moving walls. Did you ever see some dirty faces? A coalbin can be a dirty place. But just wait until the place is all cleaned up! The Oral Society helped to purchase flannelgraph materials, and the members are helping cutting out the pictures used in teaching children in schools. Dr. Salvner has been out West since Dec. 28. We miss him very much. Greetings to all from Minneapolis! C. B.

Seattle, Wash.—Sunday, March 6, Pastor Walter J. Hintz was installed as pastor of Redeemer Church, Seattle; of Calvary Church, Tacoma; and of the deaf in three preaching stations: Everett, Yakima, and Vancouver, B. C. About sixty-five deaf were in attendance and twenty hearing friends. Seven of the Seattle pastors assisted at the installation. After the service refreshments were served by the ladies of Redeemer. May our good Lord be with the new pastor and bless his work unto the glory of our Savior's name and the salvation of many deaf.

God has moved the hearts of many deaf to take up instructions in the Word of God preparatory to confirmation and partaking of Holy Communion. Pastor

Jonas had gathered a class of five in Vancouver, B. C. Jan. 30 we had our first meeting with them. In our February service the Lord's Supper was celebrated, and after the service the class met again, and, to our surprise, nine had come to attend the class. The members of the Vancouver group had arranged a potluck dinner, and there three more came to Pastor Hintz and expressed the desire to join the class. In Yakima two are being instructed, and in Tacoma Pastor Hintz very likely will have a class of four or five. Thanks be unto God for these blessings.

Also the lodge question, which has caused quite a stir in Seattle and other places, is being discussed upon the basis of God's holy Word. May our dear Lord and Master grant His Holy Spirit for these discussions according to His promise and richly bless them unto the glory of His holy name! J. L. S.

Omaha, Nebr.—At Des Moines, Iowa, on Feb. 27, William Charles, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kelley, was brought to Jesus in Holy Baptism. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kelly were sponsors.

Mr. Harold Locke of Harcourt, Iowa, was accepted into membership of Faith Lutheran Congregation at Fort Dodge, Iowa, on March 27, by confirmation.

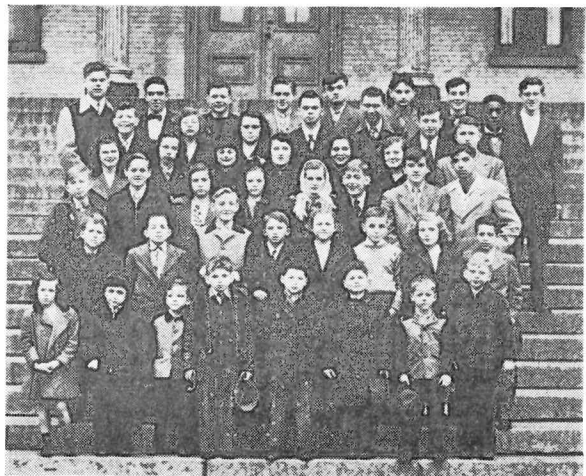
God keep this new member faithful unto death.

On the evening of Feb. 18 Miss Thyra Dobson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dobson, was married to Mr. Richard Gibson of Kansas City in a ceremony held at Bethlehem Church in Omaha. E. M.

Columbus, Ohio.—Chaplains returning from World War II reported that half the men in military service knew nothing of the Bible. And the president of Wellesley College says that, generally speaking, the girls who enter that college are ignorant of the religion to which they claim to belong.

Now, if these young men and these privileged girls are ignorant in religious matters, what about American youth in general? And what about the thousands of deaf children in our country?

Hearing children may receive religious instruction in the home, in the Sunday school, and through sermons

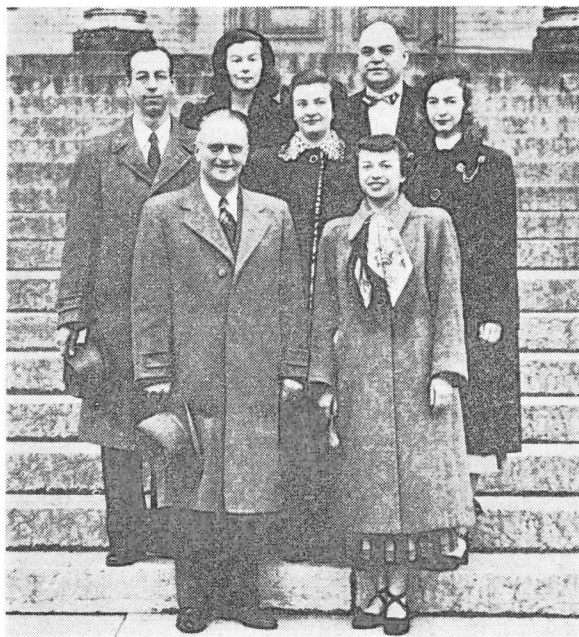


Lutheran Sunday School at Ohio School
Several pupils were absent the day the picture was taken

in church. Deaf children, as a rule, do not have these advantages. For this reason the work at the State schools for the deaf is of very great importance.

Most schools for the deaf in our country provide some religious instruction: they teach the Golden Rule, by which nobody will ever reach heaven; they teach a certain number of Bible stories, but that is about all they are permitted to do.

Our pastors go much farther. We teach the stern and sobering Law of God and the genuine Gospel, the Good News of salvation in God's heaven only and



Teaching Staff. At left: John Riddlebaugh. Center (front to back) Pastor J. A. Beyer, Ruth Beyer, Carol Beyer. Right side (front to back) Maryann Anderson, Lillian Anderson, Arthur E. Anderson

alone by the grace of God through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. And this wonderful message we are bringing to well over 1,600 children in 33 State schools.

In some cases adult deaf people assist in this work; an unusual and notable instance is found in Columbus, Ohio, where Mr. Arthur E. Anderson has served as principal and teacher for over eighteen years. His service has been marked by initiative, resourcefulness, faithfulness, and consecration.

Mr. Anderson has now resigned and turned over the cares and the joys to younger hands; and we, in turn, extend to him our hearty thanks for his long and meritorious work and a sincere "Well done!" In this we include his daughters, Lillian and Maryann, who have also taught in our Sunday school in recent years.

Mr. John Riddlebaugh has already taught for over ten years and will continue. Mrs. Emma Strong, a hearing lady with years of teaching experience, was cheerfully released from her duties at Zion Lutheran Church in order to teach in our Sunday school.

While reorganizing our Sunday school we have divided some of the large classes and have added Mr. Harry Case, Miss Edna Davies, Miss Lucille

Schumm, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Benedict to the staff. The pastor's daughters, Ruth and Carol, teach the beginners', or kindergarten, class. Some of these will be able to serve only on a part-time basis because of working hours, distance, and health considerations.

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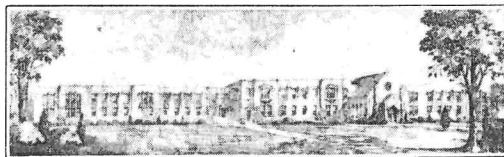
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