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Keep Christ in Christmas

The birthday of our Lord draws near,
The "Day of Days" of all the year,
A day of hope and joy and cheer.

Keep Jesus Christ in Christmas!

Let not old Santa crowd Him out,
With whiskers gray and body stout.
He helps the world forget about
The loving Christ at Christmas.

The day is Christ's by right divine,
A day no myth should undermine,
A day when thoughts and deeds sublime
Should keep the Christ in Christmas.

When every message, every gift,
Should in some joyous way uplift
One's every thought, and make them drift
To Bethlehem at Christmas.

Beyond all else this day should be
A day of holiest memory,
When all the world should joyfully
See Christ, its Lord, in Christmas.

Dr. Joseph Clark

Christmas Day

God made peace with the world that first Christmas night. He "so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). God's love is infinite. He gave an infinite Gift, Himself. He came down from His glorious heaven to help us by saving us from our sins and their awful results. When our first parents sinned, an angel with a shining sword was placed at the gates of Paradise, but by the coming and the work of Jesus the gates of heaven are again open to all who will accept the Christ Child in true faith.

May we all hasten to Bethlehem to adore

our newborn Savior! On that eventful night the angels sang of peace between God and man and good will within God's heart toward us poor, lost sinners. The Savior came to abolish the enmity caused by sin and to establish peace and to make us the children of God and heirs of heaven. This knowledge and faith gives us the peace which passes all understanding. We ought, therefore, sincerely to join the angels' chorus, "Glory to God in the highest," not only this blessed Christmas season, but all the days of our life. O. C. S.

Pastor Beyer Installed in Seattle

The installation of the Rev. J. A. Beyer in the Seattle field took place at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Seattle, Wash., on Sept. 11. The rite of installation was performed by the Rev. E. F. Schwidder, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Seattle. The Rev. L. Westerkamp, pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Seattle, and the Rev. G. C. Ring of Portland, Oreg., assisted in the service. Pastor Ring interpreted the entire service for the deaf. Mrs. Reeves, a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Deaf, helped to beautify the service by rendering a hymn in signs. The service was well attended. Deaf were present from near and far. We saw faces from Vancouver, B. C., and Tacoma and Everett, Wash.

Sept. 11 will long be remembered by those who were present and by those who wished to be present. It was a perfect day. The sun shone beautifully. We pray that the sunshine of God's love may brighten every day for Pastor Beyer and all those whom he will serve. God grant it. G. C. R.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Fourthly

What Does Such [this] Baptizing with Water Signify [mean]?

Our Catechism says: "It signifies that the old Adam in us should be drowned and die with all sins and evil lusts [wishes]." And then it adds these words: "And, again, a new man daily come forth and arise." Christians have an old man, but also a new man by faith in Christ Jesus and by Baptism, "the washing of regeneration [new birth] and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

"A New Man Should Daily Come Forth and Arise"

We are baptized into Christ. And our Bible tells us: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature," 2 Cor. 5:17. We are born again and renewed in Baptism, and therefore a new man should daily come forth and arise. Daily that should be done, for our new man still is weak. Every baptized Christian must say with Paul: "The good that I would [want] I do not; but the evil which I would [want] not, that I do." Rom. 7:19. The new man in us is as a little child and must grow and increase as a child does. Remember your Baptism daily. It will give you strength to "live before God in righteousness and purity forever." Paul, therefore, also says to baptized Christians: "Put on the new man, which after God is created [made] in righteousness and holiness." Eph. 4:24. And Luther writes: "Let everyone esteem his Baptism as a daily dress in which he is to walk constantly, that he may ever be found in the faith and its fruits, that he suppress [put down] the old man and grow up in the new."

Paul Says This Also in Romans 6:4

Our Catechism asks: "Where is this written?" and then answers: "St. Paul writes, Romans, chapter sixth: We are buried with Christ by Baptism into death." Jesus died and was buried for our sins; and, baptized into Him, we died and were buried with Him. Are you baptized? Then you are baptized into Christ's death and are dead to sin and therefore no more should live in sin, but daily put

off the old man and drown him. However, Jesus did not stay in the grave. Paul says: "He was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father." As we are buried with Christ by Baptism, so we also are risen with Him, and now should "walk in newness of life"; that means, live a new and good and holy life. May Baptism work this in you and me!

Remember Your

Baptismal and Confirmation Promise

In Baptism you have renounced (promised to give up) the devil and all his works and all his ways, and have given yourself unto the one true God, the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. And this baptismal promise you renew on your confirmation day. Remember this. It will keep you from sin and help you to walk upon the holy way.

Daily Rejoice in Your Baptism

Remember, in Baptism all your sins have been washed away and you have put on Christ, and in it you also will receive strength daily to live a holy life well-pleasing to your God and Savior. Rejoice, I say, rejoice in it daily!

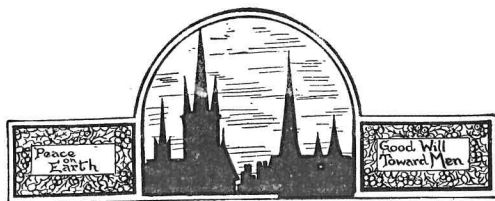
J. L. S.

1950 Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference

Deaf laymen and pastors will meet in conference at Trinity Lutheran Church, Memphis, Tenn., Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 28—29, in the Chapel for the Deaf, Lord willing. Laymen may be selected by organized congregations in Missouri and Central and Southern Illinois. Deaf members of our Lutheran Church in other towns of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Missouri, and visitors from other States are invited.

The program will include a paper by the Rev. Dr. John L. Salvner on the ministry in the work among the Deaf. Members will have time for free discussion. An educator will be invited to attend. For further information write to Mr. Walter H. Maack, Chairman, 509 West Main St., Collinsville, Ill.

We cannot always keep evil thoughts from getting into our mind; but we should not let them stay there.



A Hymn for the Nativity of My Savior

BEN JONSON, 16th Century

I sing the birth: Was born tonight
The Author of both life and light;
The angels so did sound it,
And like the ravished shepherds said,
Who saw the light and were afraid,
Yet searched, and true they found it.

The Son of God, the eternal King,
That did us all salvation bring,
And free the soul from danger;
He whom the whole world could not take,
The Word which heaven and earth did make,
Was now laid in a manger.

The Father's wisdom willed it so,
The Son's obedience knew no "No,"
Both wills were in one stature;
And as that wisdom had decreed,
The Word was now made flesh indeed
And took on Him our nature.

What comfort by Him do we win,
Who made Himself the price for sin,
To make us heirs of glory!
To see this Babe all innocence,
A Martyr born in our defense;
Can man forget this story?

Deaf-Blind on Television

The Lutheran Ministry to the Blind and the Deaf-Blind was presented to the television public over WPIX, television station of the *New York Daily News*, Sunday, Oct. 2, under the direction of the Rev. George Kraus, associate pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Jackson Heights, L. I., and produced by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, the American Bible Society, and the New York Association for the Blind.

A quartet of blind singers from the Lighthouse sang several hymns, accompanied by George Shackley, nationally known organist. Miss Ruth Ashkenaz, who has flown to Guatemala and Pittsburgh and taken many train rides with her seeing-eye dog, Bina, read from

the Braille Bible. Mrs. Olive Gurriell, blind weaver at the Lighthouse factory, showed a necktie, a baby blanket, and a matching tie and scarf which she had made.

Pastor Kraus then preached a sermonet, describing the useful lives which blind and deaf-blind persons are able to live. He spoke of the darkness of the soul, which is far worse than darkness of the eye. He then signed to a deaf-blind girl the message of Christ's light and life, which is ours through His work on the Cross. Miss Geraldine Lawhorn, the girl who became deaf-blind later in life, studies piano and takes swimming instructions, likes to walk,



Lutheran Deaf of Upper Michigan, Who Meet with Pastor O. C. Schroeder in Ishpenning

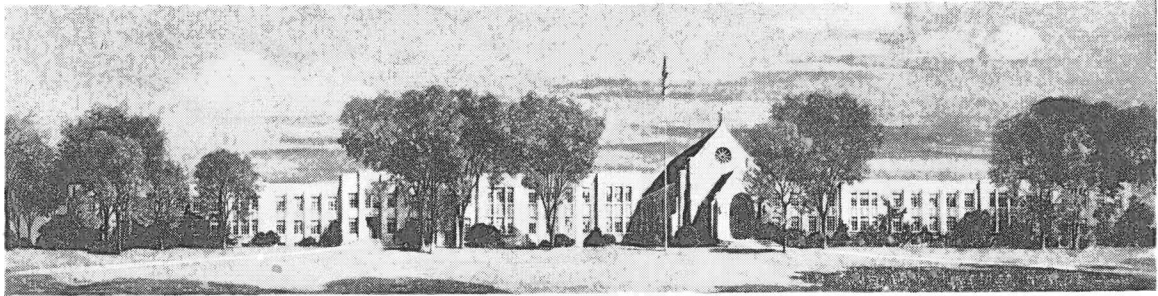
sew, knit, and crochet; she knitted for the Red Cross during the war.

The work of our Lutheran Mission to the Blind was explained. Blind persons of several different national and racial backgrounds took part in the broadcast to show the worldwide spread of the Gospel. G. K.

Change in Editorship

Pastor E. Mappes, who has served well and worked hard at the job of Associate Editor since 1941, has resigned his post on the Deaf Lutheran. Many thanks are due him for the careful and excellent work he has done for our paper.

News items should now be sent to our St. Louis pastor, Rev. F. Gyle, who will assist Pastor Schroeder in the editorial department. Your ideas and news items are wanted.



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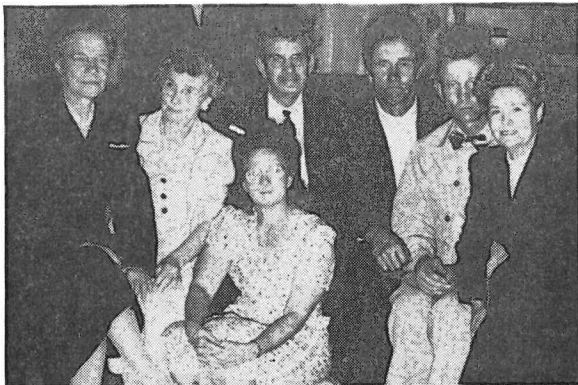
Omaha, Nebr.—At the Lutheran Church in Bazile Mills, Nebr., Mr. Leo F. Strickland, Glenwood, Iowa, and Miss Lela Mae Horstman, Winnetoon, Nebr., were united in marriage on Aug. 14. We wish them God's blessing in their married life and home.

Baptisms: Katherine Roberta, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Degenhardt of Omaha, was baptized in Bethlehem Luth. Church in Omaha on Sept. 18th, and Dennis Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Haines of Sioux City, was baptized in the service there on Oct. 9. May these children grow up in the knowledge and faith of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name they received this holy Sacrament.

On Oct. 27 funeral services were held for Mr. Henry O. Hoss in Omaha in the presence of a few close friends. His life came to an untimely end after he had suffered from a heart ailment and had also at numerous times expressed a feeling of loneliness following the death of his wife two years ago.

Many new pupils have enrolled this fall in our weekly instruction classes at both the Omaha and Council Bluffs schools; and so by God's grace we have the privilege of bringing the saving truths of God's Word to more pupils in these two schools than ever before.

E. M.



A Group of Deaf at Fosston, Minn.

These deaf have for more than 20 years attended the services of Pastor W. Ferber regularly. In winter, when the snow is deep in the roads through the woods, they come with horses and sleigh. The picture was taken in a farmhouse, where the services are often held

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