

# The Deaf Lutheran

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## **The Birthday of the Christian Church**

**(Pentecost, May 28)**

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

Christ's work on this earth was finished when He ascended visibly into the heavens. No longer would He be seen by men; but the work of building His kingdom here on earth had to be continued. For ten days the disciples waited for the coming of the Holy Ghost, who would make clearer to them the things that Christ had taught and give them the faith and courage to proclaim His message to all the world, in spite of all opposition and hatred of His enemies.

Since the first Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost entered the hearts of men through the preaching of the Gospel of God's love and help through Christ Jesus, He has operated in the hearts of sinners in the same manner to save men. He continues to call, enlighten, and sanctify the members of Christ's Church.

Nothing can destroy the Church of Christ, neither enemies from within, nor opposition and hatred from the outside; for the Holy Ghost is with the Church and is able to convert even the bitterest of its enemies when the Word of God is taught. Trust, therefore, in His Word, and you cannot fail. May God give you this grace.

O. C. S.

## **Memphis Chapel Room Dedicated**

Sunday, February 19, after some delay in building, Trinity Lutheran Church, Memphis, began to use its new parish house. Upstairs (by elevator!) you can see the new room our Deaf have been given for their church services. A nice altar has been moved down for

the group; it was first in Redeemer Church at Memphis, then it was used at Gordonville, Mo. The ceiling and walls are white; lights are fluorescent; the floor is green tile; a lectern (reading desk) made by a Deaf cabinetmaker several years ago is used in the service; altar candles and the crucifix are gifts from the Ladies' Aid of Trinity Lutheran Church. After many years of meeting in the old parish house, the Deaf are happy and thankful to have the use of this beautiful room. Pastor Victor Brugge and his members deserve many thanks for all their past love and interest shown the Deaf. Special thanks are also due to the secretary of Trinity, Miss Stella Reinhardt, who has given much of her time to help the missionaries and do many favors for the Deaf as well.

## **Dedication Message**

Since Dr. Salvner was asked to preach in Bogalusa, La., that morning, the pinch hitter from St. Louis took his place. The dedication sermon text was Psalm 65:1-4. We can receive great blessings in God's house if we hear and do His wish, with His help. God wants all people saved (forgiven); that is why we want our friends to come with us to church. Here we receive that forgiveness of sins from Gospel-preaching of Christ and from Baptism and the Lord's Supper, as Jesus has promised. God has chosen and invited us to be near Him in church; so let us gladly use and enjoy the blessings which He offers to give us here. May God continue to bless the work which our Memphis Lutherans have been doing with the help of Vicar William Reinking. F. G. G.

## **No Ephphatha Conference in 1950**

So says the Board of Directors of our Church. The Missouri Synod is cutting down as many meetings as it can this year, so that the 1948-49 deficits can be whipped and more

money spent for sending preachers and building mission churches. Maybe the men in the different regions can hold meetings this year, at their own expense.

At the Dixie Conference a pastor from Northern Illinois said he liked the idea of smaller conferences very much. The expenses would be low, and the local Deaf, as in Memphis and Shreveport, would be willing to support small conferences gladly and join in the discussions. (Yes, this is an editorial.) Four times, Ephphatha Conference has talked about this (cf. Minutes, 1938, 1945, 1948, 1949); twice it has been tried in the Dixie Fields. IT WORKS! Let's all try it! F. G. G.

### Correction: Deaf Ministers

A sentence in another paper reads: "Lutheran Churches do not permit the Deaf to enter the ministry." We have no such rule. We know of at least three *Deaf* ministers in Lutheran churches; two of them in our Missouri Synod, one active today. A *Deaf* student was preparing for the ministry in the Springfield, Ill., Concordia Seminary last year; but he discontinued his studies.

Some men may have been discouraged, but there is not now, NEVER HAS BEEN, any rule to prevent any *qualified* man from entering our ministry because of his deafness.

Ephphatha Conference Minutes, 1949: "After a brief discussion by Pastor Beyer, Conference went on record in favor of encouraging and helping DEAF Lutherans to become pastors."

### Studies in Luther's Catechism

#### THE OFFICE (POWER) OF THE KEYS

*What Do You Believe from These Words?*

Christ has given the power of the keys to His Church on earth and therefore to every Christian.

#### Only "Called Ministers" May Teach or Preach

One perhaps will say: "Christ has given this power to me; therefore I may get up in the congregation and preach and also baptize and administer the Lord's Supper." Oh, no! For God says in His holy Word: "How shall they preach except they be sent?" Rom. 10:15. And Paul says of himself: "Paul, *called* to be

an Apostle of Jesus Christ," 1 Cor. 1:1. Therefore our Catechism also speaks of "called ministers." They only should teach and preach in church who are called and sent.

#### Christ Calls and Sends Ministers

They are "ministers of *Christ*," as our Catechism tells us, and, according to the Word of God, "ministers of God," 2 Cor. 6:4. Paul calls himself "an Apostle of Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:1) and a servant of Christ, saying: "Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ," Phil. 1:1. As Jesus called the twelve disciples and sent them out, so He today calls and sends out men with the keys of heaven. Indeed, it is a great honor to be a minister and servant of Jesus Christ. But he also has great responsibilities. He is a minister of Christ and therefore should come in the name of Jesus and only with His Word. Thank God if you have such a minister of Christ in your midst!

#### Today Jesus Calls and Sends by Agency

He does not call his ministers today as He called the twelve Apostles. Then He called directly. Today He calls ministers indirectly, that is, through the Christian congregation. To His Christian Church He gave this great and last command: "Preach the Gospel to every creature." Now not every Christian can go out; and therefore for this they should call men and send them out in their name. Christ's ministers are also servants of the Christian congregation. In the name of the Christian congregation they should preach, baptize, and administer the Holy Supper. They should not be "lords" over God's people, 1 Pet. 5:3, but servants. Thank God for your pastor and for all missionaries that go out into all the world in your name!

#### Ministers Are a Gift of God

They are a gift of the Holy Ghost, for Paul says to the elders, or ministers, at Ephesus: "The Holy Ghost has made you overseers to feed the church of God," Acts 20:28. And in Ephesians 4:11 we read: "He gave some, Apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." Thank God for your pastor and minister, a precious gift of God; think highly of him; support him as your God tells you; and remember him in daily prayers; and all shall be well. J. L. S.

## The First Letter of John

(A translation by Pastor G. Kraus. Thanks again to the Rev. Prof. Martin Franzmann for reading and editing the MS.)

### CHAPTER I

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have watched and our hands have touched — [that is] about the Word of Life. And the Life appeared. And we have seen, and we witness and announce to you the Life, who is eternal (that which was with the Father and appeared to us). That which we have seen and heard we announce to you so that you can have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And we write these things to you so that your joy can be full. (Vv. 1-4.)

And this is the message which we have heard from Him and we announce to you: That God is Light, and truly no darkness is in Him.

If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth.

If we walk in light (as He is in the light), we have fellowship with one another. And the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleans us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just so that He will forgive our sins. And He will clean us from all wrong living.

If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar; and His Word is not in us. (Vv. 5-10.)

(To be continued)

## College Teaches Deaf to Meet Problems

The Deaf can deal with the levels of higher learning if they have the opportunity. This is proved by unique Gallaudet College.

Gallaudet is a college for the Deaf — the only one in the world. "At Gallaudet, students learn to meet the world on equal terms," observes the April *Coronet* article "Teaching the Deaf to Live Anew."

"Only fear is unusual at Gallaudet College," says President Elstad. The students look like undergraduates on any campus. "Before class begins, they gather in College Hall, talking casually among themselves, making dates and jokes and going over their homework. When classes are over, they turn out for college activities — sports, the school newspaper, the dramatic club."

200 students are chosen from thousands of young Americans born Deaf or made Deaf by disease.

Trained mainly in State-supported grade and high schools, they challenge the ancient notion that the Deaf are helpless in a world of sound. "We believe," said Dr. Irving S. Fufeld, dean of the college, "that the Deaf can meet the world on equal terms."

America's system for education of the Deaf, unmatched anywhere in the world, grew out of the interest of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, for whom the college is named. Founded 86 years ago by Act of Congress, and partially supported by Federal funds, Gallaudet accepts 60 new students each year; more than half of them are admitted on Congressional scholarships.

## Interested in the Education of the Deaf?

The January, 1950, *American Annals of the Deaf* is most informative for all interested in the education of the Deaf.

*American Annals of the Deaf*, founded 1847, is the oldest educational journal in the United States. It is the oldest journal on the education of the Deaf in the world.

In the January, 1950, issue, the following information is found:

1. Names and addresses of teachers of the Deaf in the U. S. and Canada.
2. Names of students training to teach the Deaf.
3. Vocations taught in schools for the Deaf.
4. A list of papers by or for the Deaf.
5. A directory of organizations of the Deaf.
6. Cost of pupils in schools for the Deaf.
7. Names and addresses of Federal and State rehabilitation agents.
8. Names of Federal and State special Education officers.
9. Training programs for parents of pre-school Deaf children.
10. A list of the names of the hearing aid companies approved by the American Medical Association.
11. Research projects on matters pertaining to the Deaf.
12. A list of Summer Camps for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
13. A list of schools for the Deaf having Parent-Teacher Associations.
14. A list of films on the education of the Deaf.

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All orders for the January issue or for subscriptions should be sent to: Editor, *American Annals of the Deaf*, Gallaudet College, Washington 2, D. C.

## FIELD GLEANINGS

*Great Falls, Mont.* — Sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. A. Randles, whose father departed this life in November at Bowlie, S. Dak., age 82. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord," Rev. 14:13.

*Confirmations* — Miss Lorna Peterson and Mrs. Beulah McFarland at Billings, November 20. — Clyde Catron at Bozeman, November 28. — Bob Kosanovich at Butte, January 21. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," Rev. 2:10.

*30 below zero in Havre*, January 17; but some of the folks from Hogeland (SIXTY MILES!!!) came to church that day. It is a fine spirit that rules our hearts when we let nothing stop us from hearing the LORD'S Word, not even subzero weather.

*Bible Hour, Work Hour, Social Hour* — February 3, at the pastor's home. After the Bible lesson some of the young people did typing and mimeographing for the pastor. Others visited and played games. Everyone contributed toward the refreshments. It was a very fine evening; we plan to have them often. A. L. H.

*Oakland, Calif.* — On Palm Sunday at Golden Gate Mission six young people were united with the church by the sacred act of Baptism. These were the Misses M. Evans, B. Duggins, P. Young, and the young men P. Sheridan, A. Enyart, W. Bowen. Credit for five of these goes to Marilyn Evans, an unusual, eager, and regular Bible student, who brought five others to church. Miss M. Bennett and Miss P. Laible of California School for the Deaf renewed their baptismal vow at their confirmation. Four others could not complete their studies at this time because their employment hours were rather inconvenient.

Mrs. F. Aldersley was called to her heavenly rest after a brief illness, at the age of seventy-two. She was the daughter of a pioneer Presbyterian minister in this Bay area. Illness has called in a number of homes. Mrs. E. Hartman's recovery from a severe major operation is proof that the Lord answers prayer. Mrs. Agnes Campbell, a friend, opened her home to Mrs. E. Hartman and assisted her to a speedy convalescence, since Mr. Hartman is not well. Mrs. L. Frye is slowly regaining her health after a heart attack.

This spring the church was refinished on the outside. During the war we could not obtain a suitable material. Using exterior ship enamel, Messrs. Horace MacAllister, C. Springer, and T. Cook did an excellent piece of work, saving the church quite a sum of money. MacAllister is a navy-yard painter and experienced in high-ladder work. Our program now calls for painting of Memorial Home for the Deaf. Although this is not financed by the church, the members are always ready to lend a hand to keep it in condition.

At the California School of the Deaf we have 57 children whom we serve. Three classes are conducted each week from three to six, according to their closing class hours. A Sunday morning service is also conducted from nine to ten. At the California School for the Blind this year we have but one deaf-blind pupil. The missionary for seventeen years also served the hearing blind at this institution; but since the separation of the Blind from the Deaf Mission he has turned this work over to another pastor. At San Francisco Mrs. V. Bianchi was received by Baptism and Mrs. Bertha Kraling by transfer from St. Paul. G. W. G.

*Portland, Oreg.* — We extend sympathy to the mourners of Hans Christensen, who passed away Sunday, March 19. "The hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice and shall come forth." May these words of Jesus (John 5:28-29) give comfort.

At a meeting of the voters, March 16, a plan for a parsonage was selected. The blueprints have been ordered from Home Building Plan Service.

Something new has been added! On the first Sunday of every month, we plan to have a POTLUCK DINNER in the basement after the regular morning service. The afternoons will be spent visiting and playing games. G. C. R.

*Saginaw, Mich.* — The members of our congregation in Saginaw were saddened by the sudden death of Harry Dundas, on February 26, 1950. Apparently Mr. Dundas was recovering from a major operation. Suddenly complications set in and caused his unexpected death.

Mr. Dundas was one of the pillars of our congregation in Saginaw and was beloved by all. He was a barber and had worked in Saginaw in this calling for over thirty-nine years. Many friends and relatives attended the funeral services, conducted on March 1, 1950. "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."

N. E. B.

*San Jose, Calif.* — We are pleased to have located Mrs. J. Hibbard of Omaha and Mrs. Beda Hinkle of Detroit. At San Jose Mr. and Mrs. B. Ursin, well informed in church work, are supporting our efforts there. Their home is a resting place for the missionary.

G. W. G.

*Spokane, Wash.* — Miss Ada Wanacek was confirmed on October 9, 1949. That same day the men of the church cooked and served the dinner. It was good, too! After dinner, the voters adopted a budget of \$500 for 1950. This congregation gave \$182 for missions in 1949, a big improvement, according to treasurer John Skoglund.

*Wedding* — Betty Barney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Barney, joined in holy marriage to Hugh Neuman, at Faith Lutheran Church, January 6. Congratulations and God's richest blessings to you!

In February, some of the men put decorating wall-board on the ceiling of the parish hall. On February 12 the voters decided to pay \$3 a month more toward paying the pastor's salary and \$2 for office supplies. The congregation now pays \$25 a month for services of the pastor. The same day new officers of the Women's Mission Society were elected: Mesdames A. Anderson, president; H. Bishop, vice-president; John Moore, secretary; John Skoglund, treasurer. A. L. H.

### Lutheran Ministers to the Deaf

Rev. J. A. Beyer, 1101-15th Ave., Seattle 22, Wash.  
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### Minister to the Deaf and the Blind

Rev. O. Schroeder, B. D., 1648 E. 85th St., Chicago 17, Ill.

These ministers preach in more than 200 cities in our land; they conduct classes in religion at many State schools for the Deaf. You will find them ready to serve you; call upon them or write to them. The Deaf need God's Word.