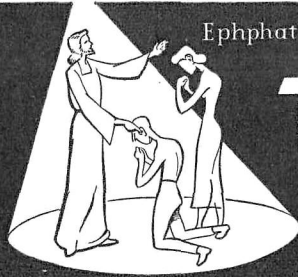


Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. Mark. 7:31-37



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New Congregation in New York

Negro Group Confirmed Christmas Eve

New York, N. Y. — Nine Negro Deaf were received into membership of our beloved Lutheran Church in a candlelight confirmation service on Christmas Eve. Two of the confirmands received Baptism. The impressive service was held in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Jackson Heights, Long Island.

The new members are Mr. James Price, Mr. Julius Anderson, Miss Katherine Brown, Mrs. Nellie Jackson, Miss Virginia Newby, Miss Doris Jones, Mrs. Elsie Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Albritton Randolph. These nine new brethren and sisters of the faith form the nucleus of our newly organized Church for the Deaf in Harlem, N. Y.

Active Group

The new group has passed a budget for the coming year, begun the use of the envelope system for contributions, and — most important of all — shown a real zeal for mission work.

At present the group is worshipping in Mount Zion Lutheran Church (Pastor Clemonce Sa-

bourin), at 145th St. and Convent Ave., Harlem. Pastor Sabourin and his congregation have been very helpful in the work. Pastor Kraus and his flock have appreciated the interest and support of this hearing congregation.

Our Harlem Deaf congregation also has a choir of its own. It meets with the choir of St. Matthew's Congregation for practice every Tuesday evening. Both choirs participated in a joint Christmas program sponsored by the two congregations. All praise and glory to God, who has blessed and spread His Kingdom of Grace.

Both the Negro and the White Deaf congregations have joined in an "Each One Reach One" mission campaign during the month of January. Each person in both churches will bring the name of one unchurched Deaf person or family to Pastor Kraus before February 1. They are also urged to bring the people themselves, if possible.

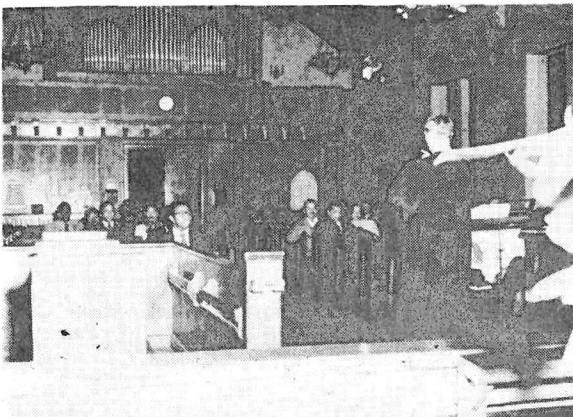
Also three adults were added to the white congregation by confirmation in the candlelight service Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. John Bohlman, and Mrs. Sarah Fetscher, a widow in her seventies.

G. K.

Dixie Conference Notice

Meeting April 28—29, St. Louis, Mo.

Pastors and Deaf Lutherans please write now for reservations to Mr. Walter Viets, 7415 Hoover Ave., St. Louis 17, Mo. All are welcome. Get your room reserved now and avoid the rush. WALTER MAACK, Chairman



Mount Zion Group, Harlem, N. Y., and Pastor Kraus

May the Lenten season bring all our Deaf friends to the Cross of Jesus, where they may learn from His Word how they can have everlasting life, light, joy, and peace with God.

It Is Finished

When Jesus left the Upper Room and began to walk the pathway to the Garden of Gethsemane, He was going to His work. God the Father had chosen Jesus to do a very important work. Jesus often spoke about His work. One time He said: "The Son of Man (Jesus) came not to be ministered unto (not for people to serve Him), but to minister (serve) and to give His life a ransom for many (price for making many people free)." Mark 10:45.

Now Jesus says: "The hour is come." John 17:1. The time had come for Him to take up His great work and finish it. He went to His work alone. No one could help Him. The heavy agonizing sorrow in the Garden, the wicked trick of Judas in leading the enemies to Jesus, the hatred of the Jewish church leaders, the injustice of Pilate, the Roman governor, the hard mockery of the Roman soldiers, the crown of thorns, the bloody scourging (whipping), the spitting, and the bitter death of crucifixion — all this shame and suffering was Jesus' work. It was not an easy job. Yet He gladly did this work because He wanted to buy you and me and all people free from the bonds of Satan and from the punishment of everlasting death in hell.

Did Jesus complete His work? Did He do enough to buy our salvation? Thank God He did. He Himself said so when He cried out before He died: "It is finished!" And God the Father, who had sent Him to do this work, showed that He is fully satisfied. He (the Father) raised Jesus from the dead on Easter Sunday morning and gave to Him all power and glory. We are truly saved.

Lord Jesus, we give thanks to Thee,
For Thou hast died to make us free;
Made righteous through Thy precious blood,
We now have peace again with God. Amen.

Delavan, Wis. — New officers for the year 1951 have been installed. They are: president, Robert Nichols; vice-president, Keith Richardson; secretary, Robert Turlock; treasurer, Wm. Kruckenberg; elders, Oscar Beaver and Russell James; auditors, Marvin Goff and Max Richardson. R. M.

Family Devotions

What are family devotions? They mean that all the members of the family — father, mother, children, and any others who live in the same household, and visitors who may be present — gather together to learn God's Word.

How many families in our nation have such family devotions? We fear there are very few. Does your household still gather around the Bible every day?

Our God expects that we save some time for Him and His Word in our daily family life, and He promises blessings to those families who will do it. He is the One who arranged and established family life (read Gen. 2:23-24), and He says to all parents: "These words, which I command you this day, must stay in your heart; and you must teach them diligently unto your children" (Deut. 6:6-7).

We all know the terrible dangers that surround our dear nation — war, destruction, Communism. Our nation needs strength to meet these dangers. Where can our nation find that strength? In armies, planes, tanks, etc.? No! The real strength of a nation is in its homes; and the strength of the home is Jesus in the hearts of the people who live there. "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it" (Luke 11:28). "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Ps. 33:12).

Will you help to make your home and nation strong, by having the head of your household read to your family a lesson from the Bible every day? The new devotional books **Life and Light** will help you. Ask your pastor for one.

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Bible Readings for Lent and Easter, 1951

"He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them and rose again" (2 Cor. 5:15). Christ's death on the Cross for us on Good Friday and His glorious coming out of the grave on Easter Day for our salvation should urge us to live not for ourselves, but for Him, to give ourselves and all we have to Him, to do all we can do for Him, and to walk upon the holy way, all to the glory of our crucified and risen Savior. What a blessed life!

May these Bible Readings help you also to live for Him who died for you and rose again!

SUNDAY, MARCH 11 — Read Luke 2:31-33

Seek Life and Light in the Crucified Jesus

Simeon, with the Child Jesus in his arms, praised God for giving him His Salvation, and then praised God because this Salvation is for all people.

First he says: "Thy Salvation . . . Thou hast prepared before the face of all people." Therefore Paul also told Governor Festus about King Agrippa: "I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner" (Acts 26:26). And this is especially true of the suffering and death of Jesus on the Cross for both Jew and Gentile. On that Cross all could read in Greek, Latin, and Hebrew letters: "This is the King of the Jews." Before the face of all people it was done. And still in all the world today the crucified Savior is held forth before the face of all people, and also before the face of all the Deaf.

Simeon therefore calls Him "a Light to lighten (give light to) the Gentiles (people not Jewish)." In the Prophet Isaiah, God says to this promised King and Savior: "I will . . . give Thee for a Light to the Gentiles, that Thou mayest be My Salvation unto the end of the earth" (Is. 49:6). Therefore Jesus says of Himself: "I am the Light of the world" (John 8:12). Oh, look to Jesus on the Cross! He is the Light of the world. As the sun brings light into darkness, so Jesus brings light and salvation into the darkness of sin and death, also into your darkness.

And this Jesus is "the Glory of Thy people Israel." He was made of the seed of David

according to the flesh, lived, and worked among the Jews. Therefore Jesus also said to the Samaritan woman: "Salvation is of [from] the Jews" (John 4:22). Both Jew and Gentile should rejoice in this Salvation. But, oh, so many will not have it! It is for you, dear friend. Rejoice in it as did old Simeon.

PRAYER: Thanks for this great Salvation, heavenly Father, which Thou hast prepared for us in our suffering and crucified Jesus. Help us to rejoice in it in life and death. Amen.

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 18 — Read Luke 2:34-35

May Jesus Raise You from Sin to Life

This is Palm Sunday, when we remember how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on an ass (donkey). We hear the people rejoicing and singing "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!" As the Prophet said in the Old Testament, so it happened. But what do we hear a few days later? Friday morning the same people cried out: "Away with Him! Crucify Him!"

Of this old Simeon spoke to Mary and Joseph. He blessed them, but said: "Behold, this Child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel." Paul says the same in these words: "We preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block" (1 Cor. 1:23). For many in Israel He was set for the fall. They wanted a king like the kings of this world, not a poor man nailed to the Cross. But for many, like Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus, who took Him down from the Cross, He "is set for the rising again." This Child also is set "for a sign which shall be spoken against." Read the Book of Acts, and you will see that everywhere people spoke against the crucified Lord Jesus. And so it is today. So many in this world, like the Communists, speak against the Lord Jesus and against them that love His name.

Yes, more than that. Simeon tells Mary: "A sword shall pierce (go through) thine own soul also." This happened when she stood by the Cross with several other women. It surely was great sorrow for her, as a sword cutting through her heart, to see her Son, the Son of God, nailed to the Cross and dying. This Child is set for that, "so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed (made known)." At the Cross people made known their thoughts:

some laughed and mocked, some trusted in Him and obeyed. What are your thoughts at the Cross of Jesus?

Wonderful words Simeon spoke. Mary and Joseph marveled (were surprised) at those things. More and more wonderful things they hear of the Child Jesus.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, thanks for this heavenly Savior, who died on the Cross for me. Help, so that He be set for my rising again, as I trust in Him and His Cross. Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 23 — Read Luke 2:36-40

Speak to Others of Your Lord and Savior

God's Son nailed to the Cross, and dead! That is the story of Good Friday. Why, then, do we call it *Good Friday*? We learn of Anna, a widow of 84 years. She was a prophetess, one who spoke the Word of God. Her husband died after seven years of married life. She loved the house of God, for she "departed not from the Temple, but served God with fastings (often eating nothing) and prayers night and day." Surely she was a good example for everyone of us. Although she was old, very old, she went to church and served God. Everyone of us, man or woman, young or old, ought to learn from her to love to go to church and to continue in prayer.

She came into the Temple when Mary and Joseph had come with the Christ Child. She gave thanks to God for this Savior and spoke about Him to all that waited for Him. And why did they wait for Him? He was to come "for redemption in Jerusalem." Redemption means salvation. He was to come to redeem (buy) sinners and to save them from sin. Of Him she spoke. Let us do as old Anna did. Let us thank God for this Savior and speak to others about Him so that many more will thank God with us. Do you know anyone who still walks in darkness and knows not this Savior? Go and tell him about Jesus nailed to the Cross for sinners. And speak of Him also by going to church and praying! Look unto the Crucified Savior, trust in Him; live unto Him!

Joseph and Mary now had done all things according to the law of the Lord. They went on their way to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. "And the Child grew, and waxed (became) strong in spirit, filled with wisdom;

and the grace of God was upon Him." He was growing up to do the will of His Father and to finish the work of salvation on the Cross. Give thanks to God for Him!

PRAYER: Crucified Savior, thanks for saving me by Thy Cross. Let me trust in Thee for my soul's salvation and also speak to others of Thy love for sinners. Amen.

EASTER, MARCH 25 — Read Luke 2:41-47

Rejoice! He Died for You and Rose Again!

Joseph and Mary went up to Jerusalem every year for the feast of the Passover. That was God's commandment. This feast should make them remember how God saved His people from the Egyptians. That night every Israelite father had to kill a lamb, put the blood of it on the door, and then he and his family should eat of the lamb and be ready to go out. That same night God sent an angel to kill the first-born in every house that did not have blood on the door. Then the king told Moses to hurry and to take the people out. So God saved them from their enemies. And the Jews remembered this every year at the Passover feast.

And now Paul says to us this Easter Day: "Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed (killed) for us." (1 Cor. 5:7.) The lamb of the Passover in the Old Testament pointed to the Lamb of God in the New Testament, the crucified and living Lord Jesus, whose blood should save us from sin and death and the devil. He was sacrificed on the Cross for us. Therefore Paul writes: "He is our Passover." And now He is risen again. Let us rejoice in our Passover Lamb, Jesus, today, this Easter Day, the day of victory. Every Easter Day, yes, every Sunday, let us come together to remember and rejoice in His victory.

For the Passover feast the Jews had to put away all leaven (yeast), and eat unleavened bread. So Paul tells us to keep the feast, the Easter feast, not with the old leaven of wickedness and sin; but to put sin away and serve the Lord with a true heart filled with love and goodness. This Easter Day we remember these words of Paul: "As Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4.) Above all, let us, like Mary and Joseph, love to go to the house of God, and then gladly hear

and learn the word of God, as did the Boy Jesus, who stayed in the Temple, doing that while His parents went on their way home. This is our Easter duty.

PRAYER: Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, thanks for giving Thyself into death for us and then rising again in glory for us. May I now serve Thee, put away sin, and walk upon the holy way. Amen.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 — Read Luke 2:48-52

Live unto Your Glorified and Risen Savior

Mary and Joseph went on their way home after the Passover feast, but the Boy Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. Why that? We shall see. Mary and Joseph thought that Jesus was coming with friends and relatives. But they found Him not among them. Therefore they went back to Jerusalem and looked for Him. After three days they found Him in the Temple sitting with the teachers, both hearing them and asking them questions. All were surprised at His understanding and answers. And His mother and Joseph were amazed (surprised). Mary said to her Son: "Why hast Thou thus dealt (done) with us? Behold, Thy father and I have sought (looked for) Thee sorrowing."

And what did Jesus answer? He said: "Wist (know) ye not that I must be about (doing) My Father's business (work)?" He must do the work of His Father; above all, love His Father's house and with joy hear and learn His word. Mary should not be surprised at His staying in the Temple. But they did not understand His words. He then went with them and came to Nazareth and was subject (obedient) unto them. But His mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

So let us keep the words of Jesus in our hearts. Let us keep busy doing our heavenly Father's business. That is our Easter duty. Like the Boy Jesus, let us love to be in the house of God and gladly hear and learn the story of Jesus and His love, how He did all the Commandments for us and then paid for our sins with His blood. And let us bring His saving Word to the many who still sit in darkness and know not the Easter victory of our risen Savior Jesus Christ. Then we also shall, like the Boy Jesus, increase (grow) in wisdom

and stature (years), and God and people shall be pleased with us.

PRAYER: Risen Savior, help us to learn from Thee to do our Father's business, to love the house of God and gladly to hear and learn Thy Word, and so please our heavenly Father now and forever. Amen. J. L. S.

Women of the Bible

Mary Magdalene — Had Seven Devils

Mark 16:9: "... out of whom He had cast seven devils"

The Bible tells us of people in whom devils lived. Sometimes these devils made those people do crazy things. Those people suffered in body and mind. They hurt themselves and hurt others. They spoke evil words and cursed God. Mary Magdalene had seven devils living in her. She must have been in great mental pain.

Jesus made these devils leave Mary Magdalene. Mary was so thankful that she served and worked for Jesus and His twelve followers. This means that she helped Jesus and His friends when they traveled. The twelve disciples and Jesus needed food, needed someone to cook, needed someone to wash and patch their clothing. Mary Magdalene and other women helped Jesus and His followers, doing what was needed. This was her way of showing her thanks to her Savior.

Mary Magdalene was one of the few women at the Crucifixion. She was also the first person to see Jesus after He rose from the dead. At first she thought He was the gardener. But when Jesus spoke her name, she worshiped Him and said, "Master!" She never stopped believing in and serving Jesus.

Jesus still has faithful women serving Him. They serve Him with their deeds and gifts. Sewing for the poor, comforting the sick people, teaching the young in Sunday school . . . these are some of the ways in which women still help our Savior.

PRAYER: O God, we thank Thee that Thou hast taken us from the devil and made us Thy children in Jesus. Help us to be faithful until death. Give us faith to thank Thee in little and big works of love to others. We pray this because of Jesus Christ. Amen. C. R. G.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

Sixth Chief Part — The Lord's Supper

What Is the Sacrament of the Altar?

We have learned to believe and say, with Luther's Catechism: "It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ." Now the next question is: "Does the Bible teach this? And if so, where is it written?" Luther asked this question. He wanted to teach only as the Word of God teaches.

Four Holy Writers of the Bible Tell of It

"The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and St. Paul write thus." The Evangelists are the Gospel writers who tell us the story of Christ's life and work. Three of the four, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, write of the Holy Supper. Then Paul, that great missionary to the Gentiles, also speaks of it. These four tell us of it in almost the same words. Surely, if God found it necessary to give us the words of the Holy Supper four times, we ought to think very highly of it. Let us now study these words from the Bible and see whether the Lutheran teaching of the Holy Supper is right.

What Does Matthew Write of It?

Our Catechism says: "It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ." Now what does the Bible say? First, let us study the words of Matthew, chapter 26:26-28. He writes that Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said: "This is My body." Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "This is My blood." Matthew teaches that this Sacrament is the body and blood of Jesus. The words are very plain. A child can understand them. "*This*," means this bread and wine which He is giving them. "*Is*" means "is truly"; it does not mean "is a symbol of, or sign of," "means," or "signifies," as some churches teach. They err, not knowing the Bible.

What Do Mark, Luke, and Paul Write of It?

Someone perhaps will say: "Indeed, Matthew's words must be understood this way, but perhaps the words of the other writers will show us that the bread and wine are only 'symbols,' or 'signify,' the body and blood of Christ." Very well; let us see. Take your Bible and read Mark 14:22-24. There you will find that Mark writes the same words as Matthew:

"This is My body," and "This is My blood." And what does Luke write? Chapter 22:19-20 we read: "This is My body," and "This cup is the new testament in My blood." And Paul uses the same words as Luke in 1 Cor. 11:21-25. Not one of these holy men writes that bread and wine "signify" or are "symbols of" the body and blood of Christ. These are men's thoughts and words, and we cannot accept them. Only God's Word must rule in the Church, for Jesus says: "If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed" (John 8:31). Therefore we say with our Bible: "It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Let Us Stay with the True Bible Teaching

In everything let us ask as Jesus did: "What is written in the Law? How readeest thou?" (Luke 10:26.) And whenever we teach anything, let us put our finger upon a word of God, as Jesus did, saying: "It is written."

J. L. S.

Gospel Gems

MARCH 18, Palm Sunday. "Now when the centurion and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying: Truly this was the Son of God." — Matt. 27:54.

MARCH 22, Maundy Thursday. "Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call Me Master and Lord; and ye say well; for so I am. If I, then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." — John 13:12-15.

MARCH 23, Good Friday. "When Jesus, therefore, had received the vinegar, He said: It is finished; and He bowed His head and gave up the ghost (died)." — John 19:30.

MARCH 25, Easter. "Ye seek (look for) Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified; He is risen; He is not here! Behold the place where they laid Him." — Mark 16:6.

MARCH 25, The Annunciation. "He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of his father David; and He shall reign (rule) over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end." Luke 1:32-33.

Field Gleanings

Indianapolis, Ind. — On Christmas Eve the Indianapolis congregation sponsored its first children's Christmas service. Deaf children from the Indiana State School for the Deaf told the Christmas story in verse and song. Seven children took part.

The children attend a Bible school conducted on Saturday mornings by Pastor and Mrs. Kosche with the help of Norbert Matthews, hearing son of one of our members. We pray God to bless our Bible school and to help us reach more of the children from the large Indiana State School.

On Christmas Day a group of six members of the congregation stayed after the morning church service, had their dinner at the church, then practiced signing several Christmas carols, and went with the pastor to visit the sick and shut-in Deaf. A short Christmas service was held in each home or hospital ward. The group signed the carols, and the pastor signed the Christmas story and told how the Baby Jesus was born for every one of us. Each shut-in person was given a box with fruit, candy, etc. We all felt it was one of the nicest ways we could have spent Christmas Day. M. K.

Madison, Wis. — On Wednesday evening, December 20, about thirty-two adults assembled in church for a special Christmas service and also an evening of fellowship. First, an excellent ham dinner was served by the ladies. Then the service in the church began and ten children of the Deaf signed their Christmas pieces and several of the Christmas songs. The group then assembled again in the church basement for a tableau scene depicting the coming of the Wise Men to worship the Baby Jesus. Three of the ladies signed some Christmas hymns, and humorous stories about Christmas were told. Truly, all who came had a grand evening. The congregation presented the pastor and his wife with a beautiful Sessions electric clock.

A sincere welcome to Jacob C. Vertz, who was received into communicant membership in the Madison church by confirmation on Sunday, November 26. May our Lord give him strength to keep his promise to continue faithful to the true Bible teachings. R. M.

Minneapolis, Minn. — Thanks to God, two more were added to the membership of our church by confirmation: Mrs. Myrtle Markham of the Home for the Blind in Field Hotel, and Frederick Pape in his home. Mr. Pape was not able to go out because of illness and failing sight. Pastor and Mrs. C. C. Bremer, with five members of Grace Church, witnessed the confirmation of our blind friend January 12, and of Mr. Pape January 14. Both made a good confession of their faith, with joy renewed their baptismal vow, and promised, by the grace and with the help of God, to remain in this Christian faith unto the end. We had hoped to have another blind person, Miss Susan Gould, whom we confirmed several years ago, witness the confirmation of Mrs. Markham; but Miss Gould had been down with the flu and still was quite ill; so we advised her not to come and gave her the Holy Supper in her room. Mrs. Markham, Mr. and Mrs. Pape, and the other four members also partook of the Holy Supper.

We welcome the two new members and pray God that He will keep them, and us all, in His grace to life everlasting. J. L. S.

New York, N. Y. — The Walther League society of St. Matthew's is buying Bibles to place in the pews of the church for the weekly Bible class, which is held during the hour before worship every Sunday.

The young people's group has also joined the Synod-wide Bible reading program. Each member sends in a dollar to the national headquarters and receives a New Testament. A similar copy is sent to a person in another nation (in his own tongue). Names and addresses of the two persons are exchanged. The plan is that both read the New Testament together and then carry on a correspondence.

The Leaguers also are beginning a tract program, each member carrying a number of tracts in his pocket to distribute on busses, subways, etc. G. K.

St. Louis, Mo., July 1 to December 27, 1950. — *Baptized*, December 24, James Earl, son of Joseph and Gloria Basta, born November 16; Earl J. and Melba C. Killian, grandparents, sponsors.

Married, George Andrew Smith, Jr., to Louise Margaret Fabbio, at Our Redeemer Church, St. Louis, August 26, Mr. Joseph Thun,

Miss Geraldine Havlichek, attending. Text: John 2:1-11.

Marion Arthur Russell and Faye Beulah Russell, reunited in holy wedlock at the parsonage, December 23, Mr. and Mrs. V. Thomas, attending.

Christmas morning we had in church five people brought to our church by one man. One was a member, four were visitors who have returned several times. This is the kind of Christmas gift every pastor rejoices to see. *What would happen if every member brought one friend? Are you bringing your friends to hear about Jesus?*

Voters' Meeting, January 18, 1951. — Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf approved a new high in the 1951 budget and agreed to raise funds for the Jacksonville, Ill., Deaf Chapel, and the St. Louis Lutheran Charities, *in addition*. The following budget was adopted:

1. For the preaching and teaching of God's Word in our own city:
 - a. (same as 1950) Salary \$360
 - b. (same as 1950) Auto miles 240
 - c. (new in budget) Parsonage 100
2. For preaching and teaching God's Word outside St. Louis 180
3. For conferences to help and encourage the work of God in our Lutheran Church 110
4. For supplies and equipment to advertise and to explain our work to members and friends 145
5. For a place of worship — Grace Chapel 145
6. For mission speaker and visitors 35
7. For part of expense of business telephone and advertising in directory (same as 1950) 60
8. To repay Lot Fund for current deficit 115
9. For charities and gifts to our own members 20



St. Louis Parsonage and New Auto

Under Item 2. \$60 additional will be raised from Field offerings (out of town) to total \$240, our District quota. Cash on hand, January 1, 1951, was: General Fund, \$82, Lot Fund, \$1,779.

Pastor Ed. Schmidt of Trinity, East St. Louis, Ill., our new Circuit Visitor, was present as a guest at the voters' meeting. After the meeting he spoke briefly to our voters and the Bible class. He stated that he was glad to see that our congregation had such able officers and that they did not need outside help in managing their business, but showed that they, with their pastor, were willing to do the Lord's work with zeal and interest, both for the home church and for missions.

Pastor Gyle reported on the purchase of the larger parsonage and also on the purchase of his new 1950 Ford. The Mission Board gave \$5,000 for car help this year, and he was one of those to receive \$1,000. His new car replaces the 1939 Ford, which had 250,000 miles.

Pastor G. E. Nitz of Grace Church told the voters and the Bible class that Grace Church was very glad to be able to offer them a place to worship, while they are preparing to build.

St. Philip's Lutheran Church, Deaf Department. — Our Colored Deaf, members of the hearing church, are served by the missionary to the Deaf. The hearing congregation contributes to the local work among its own Deaf members and friends, up to \$150 each year. The use of the building is also granted without charge. The Lord has blessed our work at St. Philip's this year with three new members (see July, 1950, DEAF LUTHERAN) and a catechumen (one studying for membership) for early spring, 1951. We now have seven active members in this group, with weekly services, averaging nine in attendance, and a weekly Bible class which has grown this winter to eight or twelve in attendance.

Mr. Archie Marshall, graduate of Chicago Art Institute, drew the front-page design for the DEAF LUTHERAN. We thank him for the time and effort he gave to bringing friends to the Bible class and to church also. He was confirmed February 4, 1951.

On December 19 the Deaf Bible Class of St. Philip's surprised Pastor and Mrs. Gyle with a tea, at which they presented them with a tray and a set of dessert dishes. 'Thanks again! At this time Pastor Walter Heyne greeted his Deaf members and friends in speech and with quite a number of signs. He is learning to sign rapidly!