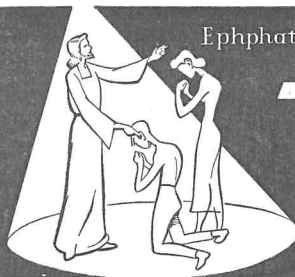


Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. Mark. 7:31-37



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Jacksonville Chapel Project

Plans Laid at Meeting

Jacksonville, Ill. — On January 29 a noteworthy meeting was held at Salem Lutheran School. It was attended by the Rev. C. C. Niemann of St. Paul, Minn., secretary of the Lutheran Board of Missions to the Deaf and chairman of that Board's committee for the Jacksonville Deaf Chapel Project. Present also were Rev. George C. Albers; J. A. Long; Rev. O. J. Klinkermann of Salem Lutheran Church;



Giving Jacksonville Chapel Lots to Synod

Mr. Elmer Roegge, chairman of the Lutheran Laymen's League of Salem Congregation; Mr. Earl Boucher, contractor; Mr. Eugene Hartzell, student of Concordia Seminary of Springfield, Ill., and architectural designer; Mr. Henry Komnick; and Pastor N. P. Uhlig of Jacksonville.

The Men's Club of Salem Church had sponsored a drive among the members of Salem Congregation to collect the funds to purchase the lots opposite the Illinois School for the Deaf. Over \$3,000 was given despite the fact that Salem is planning now to erect a \$100,000

school building. Mr. Elmer Roegge handed the legal papers to Rev. Niemann, deeding the property to Synod, which will own the chapel property.

The generosity of Salem Lutheran Congregation should be remembered. These kind people gave the use of their facilities to the Deaf for many years without remuneration. The church annually pays several hundred dollars for the transportation by bus of children of the Illinois School for the Blind to its Sunday school and services.

Reports at the meeting indicated that besides the site there is \$41,000 available now. About \$15,000 more will be required to complete the project. It was decided to begin construction as soon as the weather permits this spring and to construct the shell first, leaving unfinished whatever is not absolutely necessary. It was also decided to continue the collection of funds and to finish the building during this year if possible. Thus not only could the building be used next fall, but Synod would save the pastor's rental, for the unit will contain, besides the chapel and the instruction and recreation room, a five-room apartment and study.

N. P. U.

WHEN you lose hope, read Isaiah 40 or Psalm 23.

WHEN your faith gets weak, read Hebrews 11.

FOR joy in churchgoing, read Psalm 84.

WHEN sins trouble you, read Psalm 51 and 1 John 1:7-10.

WHEN tempted to do wrong, read Matthew 4:1-11.

WHEN sick, read Matthew 9:1-8, Psalms 39 and 91.

Ascension and Pentecost

This month we celebrate two great church festivals. On May 3, the fortieth day after Easter, we remember how Jesus went up to heaven. (Read Acts 1:1-14.)

On that day Jesus gave His followers a great work to do. "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me," Jesus said. Jesus' work on earth was finished, but their real work was now to begin. They must go to all the world and witness, that is preach, teach, proclaim, the good news of how Jesus died for all the world's sins.

Try to imagine how these poor eleven men felt. They loved Jesus. They wanted to do this work, but they felt so helpless, so weak. And the world was so large, and so many people were enemies of Jesus. They felt they could not do the work Jesus wanted them to do.

But ten days later, on Pentecost Day, Jesus sent to them His Holy Spirit, the third Person in God. (Read Acts 2.) Oh, what a wonderful change happened in these men! They were no more afraid, but boldly went everywhere, bringing the good word about Jesus. The next chapters in Acts tell us how God was with them and how they rejoiced in their work.

Today you and I are the followers of Jesus. We must tell the world about the forgiveness of sins through Jesus, who died on the Cross. Maybe we sometimes feel like these first disciples of Jesus, who thought that they could not do that great work. But let us remember Ascension Day and the promise Jesus gave His disciples: "I am with you alway" (Matt. 28:20). Jesus did not leave His followers when He ascended, but is yet with us with all His power.

And let us remember Pentecost Day and the power which the Holy Ghost gave to the first followers of Jesus. The same Holy Ghost is also with us if we continue in God's Word.

We ourselves cannot change the hearts of people. We cannot make them Christians. But God can! Ascension and Pentecost teach us that our dear Lord Jesus and His Holy Spirit will work with us. We shall not fail.

Our Ministers Are Ready to Serve You

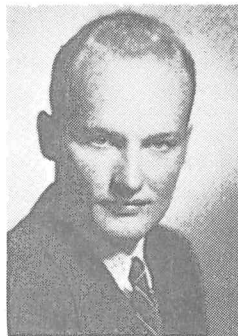
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Rev. Herbert W. Rohe

Our Pittsburgh missionary, the Rev. Herbert W. Rohe, was born at Verndale, Minn., September 15, 1919. He also spent a number of years of his life as a boy in North Dakota, where his father, the Rev. Walter E. Rohe, served Lutheran congregations in various cities.

After his public and parochial school training, Herbert Rohe entered Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn. He was graduated from this



institution in 1939. During his seminary days at St. Louis, Mo., he did supply work for two years, first at Albany, Minn., and then at the Cleveland, Ohio, Deaf Mission from 1943 to 1944. While a student at the seminary, he studied the sign language under Pastor N. P. Uhlig. After

his graduation in January, 1945, he accepted a call from the Board of Missions to the Deaf to become pastor for the Deaf in the Pittsburgh area. He was ordained and installed in Pittsburgh on February 25, 1945, by Pastor Theo. Frederking, assisted by Dr. J. L. Salvner.

Pastor Rohe has worked faithfully and successfully in this large field for the past six years and at present serves 11 preaching stations in three States — Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York. He also conducts regular religious instruction classes in three schools for the Deaf — Edgewood, Pa., Youngstown, Ohio, and Rochester, N. Y.

Trinity Congregation for the Deaf at Pittsburgh was organized in 1921 by the Rev. O. C.

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Bible Readings for May, 1951

Christmas Day is the day of our heavenly Father, who gave His only-begotten Son for the salvation of the world, which was lost in sin. Easter is the day of our victorious Savior, who, after giving Himself into death for us, arose again. The month of May brings with it the Day of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. Pentecost is the day of the Holy Ghost, who still works mightily by means of His Word in the hearts of people. Our salvation is the work of the Triune (Three-in-One) God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

May these Bible Studies fill our hearts with joy in this true and only God and urge us to praise Him for our wonderful salvation now and forever!

SUNDAY, MAY 6 — Read Luke 3:18-20

In Love Warn Others Against Sin

John spoke wonderful things of Jesus and urged the people to do things pleasing to Him. With these words John tells us also to serve our Lord Jesus and to seek the things above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God, ruling over all things for the good of His Church.

John showed King Herod his sin and told him to turn to the Lord. Herod had put away his wife and married his brother Philip's wife. And he had done many other evil (wicked) things. John was not afraid to speak to the king about his sin. So we should not be afraid to speak to people about their sin and to warn them. Jesus Himself tells us to do this with these words: "Go and tell him [your brother] his fault between thee and him alone." (Matthew 18:15). It is not an easy thing to do. Therefore so many people, also Christians sometimes, do not speak to a man about his sin, but go and gossip to others about him. That is sin. Oh, there is so much gossip in this world! This we should not do, but should, like John, speak to them that walk in sin and warn them. And why? To save their souls. If a man dies in his sin, he will be lost forever in hell. Surely, you do not want anyone to go to everlasting punishment. Speak to him about his sin, and tell him to turn to Jesus and be saved.

Indeed, often people then become angry

with us, as Herod did with John. He took him and put him in prison. People will perhaps hurt us for speaking to them about their sin. But then they cannot blame us if they are lost, just as Herod could not blame John for being lost.

PRAYER: Dear Father in heaven, as Thou hast loved us in Christ Jesus, so let us love and warn others against sin and bring them to Jesus, the only Savior. Amen.

PENTECOST, MAY 13 — Read Luke 3:21-23

Thanks Be unto God for the Gift of His Holy Ghost

This is Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Easter, when our Lord Jesus poured out His Holy Spirit upon His disciples and they began to preach the wonderful works of God for the salvation of mankind in many languages. They who gladly received these words were baptized. The same day there were added to the Church about 3,000 souls.

And this Holy Spirit still does wonderful works by His Word and Baptism. This Holy Ghost came down upon Jesus. When Jesus was baptized and stood praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Ghost came down in bodily shape like a dove upon Him. So, when we were baptized and prayer was offered, the Holy Spirit came into our hearts, washed us clean from sin, and made us His own. Again, when we hear and learn the Word of God, He likewise comes and works in our hearts, gives us faith, and keeps us in the true faith. When Jesus was baptized, the Father said: "This is My beloved (dear) Son, in whom I am well pleased." So we have become God's dear children in our Baptism, and we must say with John: "Behold, what manner of (wonderful) love the Father hath bestowed (given) upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!" (1 John 3:1). Praise God for His wonderful love unto us!

Indeed, we still are weak and so easily fall into sin. Then let us think of our Baptism and study the Word, and the Holy Ghost will comfort us with the words of Jesus and His blood, which cleanses us from all sin. He will give us strength to hate sin and love to do good more and more and live unto Him who died for us and arose again.

PRAYER: Holy Spirit, live in my heart and make it Thy home, so that I trust in Jesus, the only Savior, and serve Him in love now and forever. Amen.

TRINITY SUNDAY, MAY 20 — Read Luke 3:23-38

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Saved Us

Jesus was baptized when He was thirty years of age. When He was born, they did not baptize babies, but circumcised all the Jewish boys on the eighth day. Today we baptize children in the name of the Holy Trinity, of the Triune (Three-in-one) God, as Jesus commands us: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19). Into this name of the true God we have also been baptized and have become His dear children. Oh, stay with this Triune God unto the end!

Jesus began His work when He was about thirty years old. And now our lesson says: "Being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph." When they heard Him preach, they said: "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?" (John 6:32). But He was not really the son of Joseph, but the Son of God, as the Father said at His Baptism. He was not made of a man, but of a woman. The angel had told Mary: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy Thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35). Joseph was Mary's husband, but not the father of Jesus.

And as Joseph (as we learn from Matthew 1), so also Mary was of David, of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of Adam. Her Son, therefore, was that Son of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in whom all nations should be blessed, the Son of David, the Christ, promised unto David, and also the son of the first man, Adam, who was to be born of a woman to defeat the devil. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost for our great salvation!

PRAYER: Thanks to Thee, heavenly Father, for giving Thine only Son into death for us; thanks, dear Savior Jesus Christ, for laying down Thy life for us; thanks, Holy Spirit, for bringing us to the saving faith in Christ Jesus. Amen.

SUNDAY, MAY 27 — Read Luke 4:1-8

Meet Temptations with the Word of God

Jesus was baptized at the River Jordan; and, being full of the Holy Ghost, He returned from Jordan. And the Spirit led Him into the wilderness, where He was for forty days tempted of the devil. Jesus now began His work, and quickly the devil was there to tempt Him and to hinder His work. So also when a man turns to Christ, is baptized and saved, quickly the devil will come to lead him away from Jesus down to hell. Watch and pray!

From Jesus we learn how to meet the devil's temptations. For forty days Jesus did eat nothing, and He hungered. Then the devil came and said to Him: "If Thou be the Son of God —." He wanted to make Jesus doubt that He was the Son of God and that God cared for Him. "If Thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread." And Jesus answered: "It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." He intended to say: "My Father can keep me alive without bread, by His word." "It is written," He said, that is, written in the Word of God. So in trouble and sickness and suffering the devil often tempts us, saying: "Are you really a child of God?" Then let us meet him with the Word of God, saying: "It is written: All things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28).

But the devil will not quickly give up. He took Jesus up into a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of this world in a moment of time, and said to Him: "All this power will I give Thee, and the glory of them. . . . If Thou, therefore, wilt worship me, all shall be Thine." Now Jesus tells him to get behind Him, saying: "It is written: Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." So the devil often tempts us with the riches and pleasures of this world, saying: "All this I will give you if you give up Jesus and follow me." Then, as Jesus, let us meet him with a word of God, saying: "The world, and all that is in the world, passeth away, but he that doeth the will of God abideth (stays) for ever" (1 John 2:15-17). Blessed are we if we know the Word of God and can meet all the devil's temptations with it!

PRAYER: Dear Savior, help me to love Thy Word, gladly hear and learn it, and then not fall when the devil tempts me, but get the victory with it, and be saved. Amen.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3 — Read Luke 4:9-15

Let the Word of God Guide You in All Things

Twice the devil had tempted Jesus, but could not make Him fall. Jesus won the victory over him with the Word of God. But he came the third time. He brought Him to Jerusalem and set Him on a pinnacle (high point) of the Temple and said: "If Thou be the Son of God, cast (throw) Thyself down from hence." He intended to say: "By jumping down show the people that Thou art the Son of God." And now see how slyly he works! He comes with a word of God, and says: "It is written: He shall give His angels charge over thee to keep thee; in their hands they shall bear (carry) thee up." Indeed, God has said these words; but to cast Himself down from the Temple was not a command of God. Therefore He again answered: "It is said (in the Word of God), Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." And then the devil left Him for a season (while).

So the devil often tempts us to do things that God does not command us, and says: "It is written: 'With God nothing shall be impossible.' Therefore fear not to do this or that. God can keep you." Then let us answer: "It is written: 'He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake'" (Psalm 23:3). Let the Word of God guide us in everything that we do, and let us follow the example of Jesus, who loved us and gave Himself for us, and all will be well.

PRAYER: Thanks, dear Savior, for Thy Word, which can save my soul, and keep me on the way pleasing unto Thee. Amen. J. L. S.

Gospel Gem

MAY 1, St. Philip and St. James, Apostles. "Verily, verily (truly), I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto My Father." — John 14:12.

Women of the Bible

Lydia — Had a Kind Heart

Acts 16:14: "*Lydia . . . worshiped God*"

Lydia was born in Thyatira in Asia Minor. Here she learned to dye cloth purple. She went to live and sell purple cloth in the large city of Philippi in Europe. She was one of the few women in business.

Still Lydia had time for God. Though she was not born a Jew, she learned about the true God, who promised a Savior for all people. Regularly she went to worship with the Jewish people. They had no church building, but prayed outdoors by the river.

God told Paul to visit Europe and preach about Jesus. Paul spoke to the Philippian Jews by the river. He preached that they must repent and be sorry for their sins and showed them that Jesus was their Savior. He told them that all believers in Jesus should receive Holy Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

Lydia paid attention, and God gave her faith. She told her family and servants about Jesus. Lydia was the first woman in Europe who believed. She received Holy Baptism and had all the people in her house baptized. Lydia invited Paul and his helpers to stay at her home.

God's ministers told her many things from the Bible. After the Greek people had put them in jail, how happy Lydia was when God freed Paul and he came to her home again (v. 40). She did much mission work with the others, because Paul wrote to the Church at Philippi some years later, mentioning also the women who worked with him in the Gospel (Philippians 4:3).

PRAYER: O Holy Spirit, live in my heart. Help me to serve Thee by helping my pastor. Help me to understand Thy Word when I read it at home. Help me to bring others to Jesus. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Gospel Gem

MAY 3, 1951, Ascension. "And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy and were continually in the Temple, praising and blessing God." — Luke 24:51-53.

First Letter of St. Paul to Timothy

(Translated by Rev. T. DeLaney, edited by Prof. M. Franzmann)

CHAPTER IV

Now the Spirit, in just so many words, says that in the latter times (*last days of the world*) some people shall depart from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of devils, speaking lies in hypocrisy (*pretending to be something they are not*), branding their own conscience, forbidding marriage, *commanding people to abstain from eating meats*, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by the faithful and those who know the truth. Because every creature of God is good, and nothing should be rejected that is accepted with thanksgiving, because it is made holy by God's Word and prayer. By laying these things before the brethren, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished (*fed*) by the words of the faith and by the good teaching you have followed. But refuse profane (*unholy*) and old wives' (*foolish*) stories; train yourself in godliness. Because bodily exercise profits only a little, but godliness is profitable for everything, having the promise of this present life (*on earth*) and that to come (*in heaven*). The saying is true and worthy of acceptance by all: Because we both labor and get mocked for this reason, that we have hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all mankind, especially of believers. (Verses 1-10.)

Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example of the believers in word, in conduct (*actions*), in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, pay attention to reading *the Word of God*, to exhorting (*appealing with God's Word*), to teaching *the Word of God*. Don't neglect the gift within you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands of the elders (*ministers or pastors*). Meditate (*think, study*) on these things; be filled with them, so that all may see your progress. Pay attention to yourself and to the teaching; continue in them, because in doing that you shall save both yourself and those who hear you. (Verses 11-16.)

GOING to convention June 17? Stop at St. Louis for church, 10:45 A.M., Garrison and St. Louis Avenues.

Gospel Gems

MAY 13, 1951, Pentecost. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." — John 14:26.

MAY 20, 1951, Trinity Sunday. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." — John 3:5.

REV. HERBERT W. ROHE

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Schroeder, and a revised constitution and by-laws were adopted in January of this year. Trinity numbers 24 communicants and 14 voting members. Another congregation in his field, at Rochester, N. Y., is in the process of organizing. In the entire field there are 83 communicant members. Each member contributes by means of the envelope system. The Pittsburgh congregation raises a part of the pastor's salary each month and also sends in contributions for other church purposes through weekly double-pocket envelopes. Trinity Congregation has an active Ladies' Aid Society of ten members.

By receiving a sizable donation from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Eastern District toward visual-aid supplies, Pastor Rohe makes use of this equipment and material to good advantage in his work in the schools and in the Bible classes at the various stations. And so the work in this field is progressing very nicely under God's grace and blessing.

May the Lord of the Church continue His divine blessing upon the work of this young pastor and grant that many Deaf also in this area will be saved eternally through the preaching of God's pure Word. E. M.

Field Gleanings

Rockford, Wis. — Silver candleholders were loaned to our Deaf group in Rockford by Mr. and Mrs. Nels Ackerson. Usually we meet in an upper schoolroom for our church services at Rockford, and the candleholders with candles help to make our place of worship a little more churchly. We also use these candleholders in our preaching places at Watertown and Baraboo. R. M.

Florida is Calling!

Executive Secretary Salvner Surveys New Field

On January 28 we left wintry Minnesota to spend a few weeks in sunny Florida. Pastor C. C. Niemann, secretary of our Board of Missions to the Deaf, went with us. In Chicago we met our friend Pastor N. P. Uhlig, and the three of us together went to Springfield, where we met with the Sign Class at the Seminary. We were pleased to see such a live interest for our work among these young men. Then our ways parted. Pastors Niemann and Uhlig going to Jacksonville in the interest of our work there, where, God willing, a chapel and parsonage will be erected in the near future.

We went on to St. Louis, but we could not escape ice and snow on our way to the Southland. Because of weather conditions the train did not arrive in St. Louis until one o'clock the next morning. Here we also found ice and snow. We visited the Sign Class also at the St. Louis Seminary and here, too, found young men who are greatly interested in our Mission. One evening we addressed a number of members of our Deaf congregation who had arranged a potluck dinner that evening. After that Pastor F. Gyle, our St. Louis missionary, hurriedly took us to St. Philip's Church, where hearing services were held, which were attended also by our Deaf colored parishioners. We gave a brief address on our work. The next day we went on to Memphis to spend a few days with Vicar Stacy. Arriving there, we found several inches of ice coating the streets and on top of it several inches of snow. Profitable days we spent with Vicar Stacy, discussing the needs of the field.

And then we moved on to Jackson, Miss., to be with Vicar Lennon for a few days. The train was to leave at 5:20 P. M., but did not arrive until 9:30 P. M. and departed at 10:00. It is only a four-hour trip, but because of snow and ice we did not get there until 8:30 the next morning. Busses were not running at all. In the morning we saw a great number of telephone poles down, and the wires a tangled mass. Our friend Lennon lost many hours of sleep, running down to the depot at all hours of the night. The weather finally cleared up, and on Sunday, a beautiful day, we held services in the school for white children in the

morning, and in the afternoon for the boys and girls of the colored school. In the evening we preached to 19 deaf adults, a very enthusiastic group.

And now we were to go into Florida by bus. Because of weather conditions we missed the express bus in New Orleans, but the second day we arrived in Tampa and spent a few days with Martin Salvner, our brother. Then we went on to Fort Lauderdale, to be with our children. There we spent about two weeks in the warm sunshine, and we enjoyed being away from the ice and snow and blizzards of the North. We spoke on our work in the Lutheran church at Sulphur Springs, where Rev. W. Lutz, brother of the former pastor of Grace Church (Deaf), Minneapolis, is pastor. We also spoke in our church at Fort Lauderdale.

Thus we combined work with pleasure several times. In nearly the entire State the Deaf have no preaching services. However, they have several Bible classes conducted by deaf laymen. The Pensacola Deaf some time ago had asked Vicar Lennon to serve them, and he has held services there several times for a very interested and grateful group. But God was to open the door to us in other cities. March 1 we went to St. Augustine, and we had a wonderful visit at the School for the Deaf, where we also enjoyed the hospitality of the president of the school, Dr. Settles. We saw several new things pertaining to the education of the Deaf. Sunday morning we addressed about 125 boys and girls, and in the evening a service was conducted with nine adult Deaf, a group that meets every Sunday evening for Bible study, Mr. Fugate being the leader of it. The collection for our work amounted to \$4.81. Monday we were called to officiate at the funeral of a Deaf Christian woman, Mrs. Dillie Heyman, 90 years of age. After the funeral we returned to St. Augustine, and Tuesday morning we conducted the usual morning devotions upon the request of Dr. Settles and the principal, Mr. John Latson, addressing about 75 colored Deaf and 45 colored Blind. We want to thank Dr. Settles, Miss Allen, the Olson sisters, who teach at the school and are of the Lutheran Church, also all the other teachers and the other personnel of the school, for making our stay there such a pleasant one.

Then we returned to Tampa, where we spent

almost another week with our brother. Sunday afternoon, March 11, we held services for the Deaf and hearing in Zion Church, the Rev. Elmer Bergt, pastor, who has accepted a call to Japan. Twenty-three Deaf and forty hearing friends attended this service. After the service the ladies of Zion Church served coffee and cookies, for which we heartily thank them. Then our nephew and niece Mr. and Mrs. John Hicks took us to St. Petersburg for a service in the evening in Grace Church, of which Rev. Robert Steinbach is pastor. Nine Deaf and about forty hearing friends attended. Collections for our work: Tampa, \$24.81; St. Petersburg, \$19.10. Hearty thanks to Zion Church and Grace Church and their pastors for their kind help and co-operation! Wherever we went, the Deaf welcomed us and were glad to hear that we intend to minister to them regularly.

For the first, Vicar Lennon will conduct services for the Florida Deaf on the first Sunday of every month. April 1 he will preach in St. Augustine and probably in Jacksonville, and on May 6 in Tampa only, the St. Petersburg Deaf stating that they would just as soon go to Tampa. Thus they will get services every other month, until we can place a full-time missionary into Florida. God willing, we shall do that this fall. Then monthly services will be held in these cities and in other cities where there are no preaching services.

We are thankful unto our good Lord for thus directing and guiding us, and we rejoice that we could preach Christ and Him Crucified to so many Deaf and also to some Blind. May

God richly bless His Word in the hearts of all and be with us that we may continue to serve the Deaf of Florida, unto the glory of Jesus' name and the salvation of many Deaf. God grant it!

J. L. S.

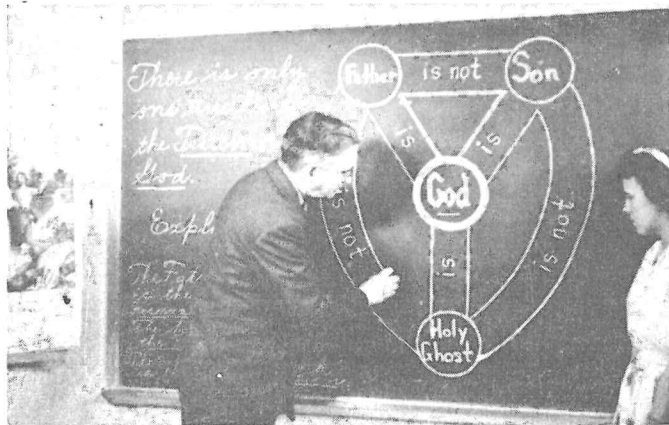
Field Gleanings

Indianapolis, Ind.—On January 28 two children from the Saturday Bible school, Clarence Young, 11, and Rosa Manning, 14, received the Sacrament of Baptism. We pray that they will stay with Jesus always. Both children are colored.

On December 12 Mrs. Ida Dare, age 88, oldest member of Peace Congregation, died while watching the pastor sign the hymn "Abide with Me." What a beautiful death! And on December 5 Mr. Charles Surber, age 86, of Mooresville died. Mr. Surber was a hearing man who had married a Deaf woman, and two of his children are deaf. He became interested in our Lutheran Church through his Deaf son, Fred Surber, with whom he lived the last months. He was preparing to become a member at the time of his death. M. K.

St. Paul, Minn.—Two major improvements were recently made in the church property of Calvary Congregation. A new oil furnace was installed in the church, and the kitchen of the parsonage was remodeled. The members are paying off these projects through special contribution envelopes. R. C.

For information about our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, write to Mr. John A. Klein, Director, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit 34, Mich.



Director Klein instructing the confirmands



Interior scene of the Chapel at the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf