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Deaf Lutheran Conference at Cleveland

The first Deaf Lutheran Conference in the Great Lakes area will be held, God willing, April 26 and 27 at Christ Lutheran Church, East 25th St. and Payne Ave., Cleveland. Delegates and visitors are expected from Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio.

Registration will be at 9:00 A.M. on the opening day. Meetings will be held Saturday morning and afternoon, possibly also Saturday evening. Three lectures will be delivered by Lutheran Deaf members of three different fields. The Rev. Dr. J. L. Salvner, Executive Secretary of our Board of Missions to the Deaf, will also bring us a message and will preach the sermon at the conference church service, which will begin at 10:30 A.M. on Sunday at Christ Church.

Visitors are welcome to attend this convention. *If you want a hotel room*, it is important to *make reservations now*. For any further information write to Pastor Theo. Frederking, 1221 Virginia Ave., Lakewood 7, Ohio.

Let us pray for a successful convention, that God may bless us in many ways. T. F.

Trinity Congregation in Pittsburgh to Celebrate 30th Anniversary

Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh, Pa., will mark its thirtieth year at a special service of thanksgiving on April 15. At the same time the Conference of Northeastern Ministers meets in this city. The guest speaker will be Dr. J. L. Salvner of Minneapolis.

Thirty years ago Pastor O. C. Schroeder came to Pittsburgh and urged the Deaf here to organize into a congregation. In April, 1922, the first constitution was formally adopted and

the officers elected. There were twelve charter members, six of whom are still members of Trinity. They are Mr. Chas. Fritzges, the present president; Mr. Martin Eber; Mr. Walter Eckhardt; Mr. Albert Orth; Miss Catharine Eber; and Mrs. Clifford Davis.

During these thirty years Pittsburgh has been served by six pastors: O. C. Schroeder, E. C. Baker, H. Heinecke, N. E. Borchardt, T. Frederking, and at present, H. W. Rohe.

May the Lord continue to bless the efforts of Trinity Church so that His kingdom may come to an ever-increasing number of Deaf and these receive His precious Gospel and Sacraments for their eternal salvation. H. R.

Deaf in Rochester, N. Y., Organize

Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf is the name chosen by the Deaf of Rochester for their new congregation. On September 23, 1951, the first organizational meeting was held, at which the proposed constitution was discussed. On October 22 the constitution was adopted and a name chosen. Thus, under the blessing of God, another organized church was added to the number of those now taking part in the work of advancing the Lord's kingdom.

The first officers elected were Mr. C. Leary, president; Mr. Theo. Kemmet, vice-president; Mr. H. Altemoos, treasurer; Mr. H. Smith, secretary; and Mr. A. Heinz, chief trustee. The congregation numbers twenty members, and a class of seven more will soon be confirmed.

The ladies of the congregation also immediately formed a Ladies' Guild and have been meeting each month with fine success.

The congregation meets for worship at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, where Dr. C. A. Behnke is pastor. Pastor H. Rohe comes from Pittsburgh each month to conduct the services for the Deaf. H. R.

"Conquest for Christ"

This is the name of the great Church Expansion Program of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, which is going forward now.

The word *conquest* means *victory*. It makes us think of a war in which one nation conquers or overcomes another nation and takes away its power.

That is exactly what the *Conquest for Christ* program is. It is a war against Satan and all the powers of sin and the spiritual darkness in the world. It is a war for Christ, to win souls of people everywhere for Him and for heaven.

A nation at war must have the help of all its citizens. It must go "all out," or it cannot conquer the enemy, especially if the enemy is great and strong. So with our *Conquest for Christ* program. If it is to be successful, we must have the interest and help of every Lutheran, also every Deaf Lutheran.

To carry on a war is a very expensive thing. During 1950 the people of the United States spent \$30,000,000 for war. This war for Christ, to bring the light of His salvation to this sin-darkened world, is also an expensive thing. Just as soldiers must be trained and sent to the battlefields, so pastors and Christian teachers must be trained and sent to the world mission fields. And just as soldiers need guns, tanks, planes, ships, etc., to fight a war, so our church workers need church buildings, schools, colleges, hospitals, books, autos, visual-aid equipment, etc.

A goal of \$10,000,000 has been set to carry on this great war for Jesus. This is to be over and above what we have been giving to Jesus for mission work in the past. March 23 was set as "D Day," the day on which every member and friend of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod should have an opportunity to make his first gift and his promise as to what he hopes to be able to give during the next few months for this thrilling work.

Everywhere Lutheran people are talking about the great *Conquest for Christ*. They feel sure it will be successful. They even have hopes that more than \$10,000,000 will be raised by God's free and thankful people.

Will you be a good soldier in this great war? Go first to Jesus' Cross, where Jesus went to

war for you and me against all the powers of hell. Think about it much, pray about it often. Then you will be ready to join in the battle by making a good gift to Jesus, our victorious King. We know He will bless this *forward march!*

Oshkosh, Wis. — Mrs. Helen Fenske, formerly of Turtle Lake, Wis., has moved to Oshkosh to live with her brother. Her new address is 631 — 15th St. R. M.

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These ministers preach in more than 260 cities in our land; they conduct classes in religion at over 50 city and 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.

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Bible Readings for April, 1952

He lives, all glory to His name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
 "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 13*Read Luke 9:28-36**We Also Shall Rise and See His Glory*

"He is risen!" With these words the disciples greeted one another on the first Easter Day. So still today the hearts of Christians rejoice in the crucified and living Lord and Savior. Salvation is finished! Sins are forgiven! Heaven is opened to us! We shall live with Him in glory! Rejoice, all you Christians!

This glory our lesson describes to us today. Jesus took Peter, John, and James and with them went up into a mountain to pray. And as He prayed, His face was changed and did shine as the sun, and His clothes were white and glittering as snow. And two men, Moses and Elijah, came in glory and talked with Him about His death on the Cross. The three disciples saw all this glory. And Peter said: "It is good to be here, and let us make three tabernacles (tents): one for Thee and one for Moses and one for Elias." He knew not what he said. And a cloud came over them, and they heard a voice out of the cloud, saying: "This is My beloved Son; hear Him." And now they saw only Jesus and did not tell anyone of it.

So, dear friend, through our risen Lord we also shall be changed; our bodies shall be glorified, and with Moses and Elijah and all other believers we shall see Him in His glory. Then we also want to stay with Him forever and sing: "To Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood . . . to Him be glory forever and ever. Amen." Thank Him for His Easter victory. Go and tell it to your friends and neighbors, yes, to all people in the world.

PRAYER: Thanks, dear risen Lord Jesus, for Thy victory. Heaven is opened unto us, and we can enter and live with Thee in glory forever. Thanks, glorious Savior! Amen.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20*Read Luke 9:37-42**Jesus Saves from the Power of the Devil*

The devil is strong. Always he wants to hurt and destroy. A troubled father came to

Jesus and asked Him to show mercy to his son, because the devil hurt him. And he was his only son. What did the devil do to this boy? It is a sad story. The evil spirit, the devil, took him, and the boy cried out suddenly, and then the devil shook him so that he foamed at his mouth; and then the devil hurt him much and slowly went out of him. So from birth all people are in the power of the devil. All are born in sin and daily sin much. The devil is leading them on the way down into hell. That also is a sad story.

The father had asked the disciples to help, but they could not. So no man can help us from sin and the power of the devil. We cannot save ourselves. We all are lost.

But, thanks to God, there is One who can help! This One is our dear Lord Jesus. When the father of the sick boy came to Him, Jesus first complained about the people and also about His disciples because they had no faith, but were bad people. And He said: "How long shall I be with you and be patient with you?" The disciples in the past had cast out devils, but now they were weak in faith and could not help this boy. So often we also are weak in faith, and we worry. Jesus forgive us.

Jesus then told the father to bring the son. And the devil again took him and terribly shook him. But Jesus commanded the devil, and he came out, and the son was well. A wonderful work! So this Lord Jesus also saved us from sin and the power of the devil. This He did by His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. Also a wonderful work! Praise Him for it!

PRAYER: Mighty Savior, Thou canst save and hast saved us from sin and the power of the devil. We are Thine now and forever. Thanks be to Thee! Amen.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27*Read Luke 9:43-45**For You He Came*

Jesus had healed a man who was much troubled by the devil. Jesus said one word, and the devil had to leave. And we learned that He saved us also from the power of the devil. Indeed, He is the mighty God. People were surprised at the mighty power of God which Jesus showed again and again in His wonderful works. We have a mighty Savior!

And while the people wondered about the things that Jesus did, He said words to His disciples which are not easily understood and believed — wonderful words! He said: "Let these words sink down into your hearts." They are important words, and they should closely listen. And what are these words? "The Son of Man shall be delivered into the hands of men." The Son of Man is our Lord Jesus. He loves this name. Often He calls Himself by this name. He wants to be our Brother. The mighty Son of God became true man. And He should be given into the hands of men. They would hurt Him — nail Him to the Cross and kill Him. The Son of God must die!

The disciples understood not these words. The meaning was hid from them; they knew it not. They still believed that their Master would set up a kingdom like other kingdoms of this world. And they feared to ask Him. So today many understand not the story of the Cross. They believe it not. They think it all foolishness. What, then, do these words of His suffering and death really mean to you and me? He has told us. Listen. "My body, given for you; My blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sin." How wonderful! And now He is risen again. He has won the victory. He truly is the Son of God. He lives, and we shall live also. Praise Him!

PRAYER: Thanks, wonderful Savior, for going into suffering and death for me and then rising again for my sure salvation. Help me now to love and serve Thee. Amen.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Read Luke 9:46-48

Before God the Humble Are Great

Do you want to be great? Let Jesus tell you how it can be done. It is not the way of the world or the way of His disciples. Man's heart is jealous and proud. And we Christians still have such hearts. Therefore we are not surprised that the disciples quarreled among themselves who of them should be the greatest. Everyone wanted to be greater than the others. And the same we see among Christians today. They work together in church! but one wants all of the praise, and another wants greater honor than the other. This is not the way to be great in God's kingdom.

Jesus knows all things. He saw these jealous

and proud thoughts in their hearts. And He taught them a lesson, a lesson for us also. He took a child and let it stand beside Him and said: "Anyone who receives this child in My name, receives Me; and he that receives Me receives Him that sent Me." A child is great before God and our Lord Jesus. If you want to be great, you must become as a child. Therefore He furthermore says: "He that is least among you all, the same shall be great. A child is humble, and he that is most humble and thinks himself worthy of nothing, he is the great one in God's kingdom.

Indeed, everyone should be humble, very humble. Everything that we have and are comes from God. Our body and soul, our mind and understanding, food and drink, house and home, as also everything else, come from the Giver of all things. Therefore Paul asks: "What have you that you have not received? Now if you did receive it, why do you glory as if you have not received it?" 1 Corinthians 4:7. If you want to be great before God, then humble yourself and say with Jacob: "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which Thou hast showed unto Thy servant," Genesis 32:10.

PRAYER: Help, dear Savior, that I humble myself and confess that before Thee I am worthy of nothing and so be great in Thy kingdom. Amen. J. L. S.

Field Gleanings

Austin, Texas. — January 23, 1952, a healthy son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Barney Heintschel of Austin. Mr. Heintschel, instructor in woodwork at the Texas School for the Deaf, has been teaching the Sunday school class for Lutheran children at TSD for four years. Mrs. Heintschel was confirmed last May.

Our Southwestern missionary has been privileged to appear on TV three times recently. The first two times were services in the sign language. Deaf choirs appeared in these telecasts. On January 22 he made his third appearance on a San Antonio station. This time he appeared on a special interview. No Deaf were on the program; so very little signing was done. But he had an excellent opportunity to tell the hearing world about our Lutheran Church's work for and with the Deaf, not only in Texas, but all over the country. E. T. D.