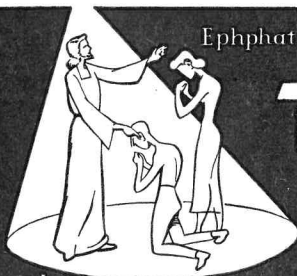


Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. Mark, 7:31-37



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Great Lakes Area Regional Conference

INDIANAPOLIS TO BE HOST

Delegations Urged to Attend

We are sincerely hoping that every major city in the Great Lakes area will send at least one carful of delegates or visitors to the conference. Why not get to work now and see if you can get someone to volunteer to drive? Then organize a group of three or four additional passengers and share expenses.

Accommodations

Hotel accommodations are available at the Lincoln Hotel (Indianapolis' best) at special rates of \$3.00 and up. Cheaper accommodations may be had at tourist homes.

Registration fee will be \$2.50 and includes the price of the banquet and Saturday and Sunday dinners.

Send in your reservations for rooms and for banquet tickets before May 15. Mail to: Great Lakes Conference, 2344 College Ave., Indianapolis 5, Ind.

NOTE: The Great Lakes area includes the Indiana, Chicago, Michigan, and Ohio Fields. Members and non-members, men and women, are welcome.

See you in Indianapolis, May 23—24!

There is much activity among the Lutheran Deaf of this great Hoosier city these days. Everyone is excited and anxiously doing his part toward making the second annual meeting of the Great Lakes Area Conference a success.

Business Sessions

There will be two business sessions, Saturday morning and afternoon at Trinity Lutheran School Hall, Arsenal and Market Streets.

Topics scheduled for these sessions include a paper on "The Doctrine of God," by Mr. John Berry, prominent Deaf layman of Detroit, Mich.; a paper on "Church Decorum," also by a Deaf layman, Mr. Lankenau, leader in Akron, Ohio; a paper on the new "Lutheran Deaf Mission Society," by Pastor Donald E. Simon of Columbus, Ohio. There will be a period of Bible study on the Book of Acts. All of these topics should be highly interesting and profitable. We hope there will be much discussion on all of them. At the business sessions we plan to organize the work of our Regional Conference for future years. This will mean drawing up a constitution, electing officers, standing committees, etc. On Saturday evening there will be a fellowship banquet at Trinity School Hall. There will also be other short features of entertainment and inspiration.

Worship Service

On Pentecost Sunday, May 24, our Deaf group will have a joint service with Trinity hearing congregation at their church building, Ohio and East Streets. Pastor E. J. Scheibert of Chicago will deliver the sermon in signs and speech.

Open House and Picnic Dinner

After the service there will be open house at Peace Lutheran Church of the Deaf, 2344 College Ave., to give all our visitors an opportunity to see the building which we dedicated last May 11 for a chapel and parsonage of the local Deaf congregation.

A picnic dinner will be served on the lawn of the church.

M. G. K.

Ephphatha Conference FLASH

August 7-11 is now set for the yearly meeting, as "RUMOR IS," page 34.

The Offering Plate Speaks:

"I like being an offering plate, because I'm in the service of the Lord and because I meet a lot of mighty fine folks.

"As I'm handed from one to another in the pews, I feel the touch of many friends. Sometimes I smile, for there are those occasionally who turn up their noses at me as though I had no business being there.

"There are others who reach for me with eagerness. They know that I'm a true friend and that I've received thousands of dollars for the Kingdom.

"But let me tell you about some of the interesting people I meet. There is the lady in the black dress and green hat—what a grand person she is! There is warmth and love in her hand as she holds me and gives me her envelopes. Incidentally, hers is usually a liberal offering because she is a tither. (She gives 1/10 to God.)

"Then there is that little boy with straight hair and blue eyes. His envelope always seems to have its 15 cents. Must be the tithe of his regular allowance. (10% of \$1.50.)

"I have a strange power over people. They can't fool me; their attitude when I approach tells me what they are—mean or bighearted, careless or conscientious, selfish or compassionate. Some are so happy to give! I know it from their faces. They seem to say: 'We love our church, and we want to have just as big a part as we can in the work it is doing.'

"See that distinguished-looking gentleman on the right? Only a few people know that the doctors have told him there is nothing more they can do. His heart is very bad, and he knows it, but he's on hand every service with a smile and a sizable contribution for me.

"Whatever I get, I use to strengthen the work of the Kingdom. And I wish you could know as I do the joy these gifts bring to HIM in whose name they are offered."

Billings Stewardship Bulletin

RUMOR IS that Ephphatha Conference of Ministers of the Deaf will meet in August at Des Moines, Iowa. (Unofficial source.)

Tipping and Tithing

Now it came to pass on a certain day that the manager was guest of a certain rich man. And the dinner was enjoyed at a very popular restaurant. And the waitresses were very efficient. And the dinner was very good.

Now when the end of the evening was at hand, the waitress brought unto the guest the check. And the guest examined it, frowned a bit, but made no comment.

But as we arose to depart, I observed that the guest laid some coins under the edge of his plate. Howbeit, I know not what denominations the coins were. But the waitress smiled happily, which, being interpreted, means that the tip was satisfactory.

Now with such customs we are all familiar. And this parable entereth not into the merits or demerits of tipping.

But as I meditated on the coins that become tips throughout our nation, I began to think of tips and tithes. For the proverbial tip should be at least a tithe, lest the waitress turn against you.

And as I continued to think on these things, it came to me that few people who go to church treat their God as well as they honor their waitress. For they give unto the waitress a tithe, but unto God they give whatsoever they think will get by.

Verily, doth man fear the waitress more than he feareth God? And doth he love God less than he loveth the waitress?

Truly, truly, a man and his money are past understanding. — *Ontario District Edition.*

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Bible Readings for May, 1953

Come, ye sinners, one and all,
 Come, accept Christ's invitation;
 Come, obey His gracious call,
 Come and take His free salvation!
 Firmly in these words believe:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

SUNDAY, MAY 3 — Read Luke 14:28-33

Give Up All You Have for Jesus

What does it mean to be a Christian? What will it cost me? Jesus told us that we must give up all our friends, yes, also our life, and take up our cross and follow Him.

When a man wants to build a tower, he will first sit down and see if he really can pay to finish it. And if he knows not how he can do it, he will not build. If he builds anyway, then he cannot finish it. People will mock him, saying: "This man began to build and was not able to finish." Again, if a king has 10,000 soldiers and goes to war against a king with 20,000 soldiers, he first will sit down and think whether he with his 10,000 can defeat the king with 20,000. And if he sees that he cannot do it, he will quickly make peace with that king and not go to war.

So Jesus wants us to stop and think before we follow Him. We should ask ourselves: "Do I really want to give up all I have for Him?" Jesus says that we cannot be His disciples if we do not want to do that. Oh, let us gladly forsake all that we have for Him who laid down His life for us.

Yes, if you want to follow Him, you must be ready to suffer everything, even death, for Him. Following Jesus, you must go to war against all sin, evil, and wickedness. It will be a hard battle, but with Jesus Christ you will win the victory . . . and Jesus will give you a crown of life. People will hate you, but you will be blessed if you stay with Him to the end. You will enjoy His love forever.

PRAYER: Dear Savior, all I want in Thee I find. Help me gladly to give up all for Thee, my best and greatest Treasure. Help me be a good soldier for Thee. Amen.

SUNDAY, MAY 10 — Read Luke 14:34, 35

"You Are the Salt of the Earth"

Salt is good. It keeps things from spoiling and makes food taste better. Now Christians

are like salt. By their words and doings they try to keep the world from spoiling and becoming worse. And they also make the world more pleasing to our heavenly Father.

If the salt has lost its taste, how can it get that taste again? It is good for nothing, and people will throw it away. So when a Christian does not speak or live as a true believer, then he is worth nothing. Such a man brings shame on the name of Jesus. He leaves his Savior and loves the world. He leads other people on the evil way. He makes the world worse, not pleasing to God. He makes God and His holy angels more and more sad. And God must throw him away. Yes, woe to Christians who are like salt that has lost its taste!

Oh, listen to these words! Watch and pray so that you will not be like worthless salt that is thrown out. Stay with Jesus, and live for Him who lived and died for you!

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, help me be like good salt in this world, and make me more pleasing to Thee; for the glory of Thy name. Amen.

SUNDAY, MAY 17 — Read Luke 15:1, 2

Jesus Receives Sinners

Publicans were tax collectors for the Roman government. Many of them cheated the people and became very rich. So people called them "sinners." These came near to Jesus to hear Him. They knew that they deserved everlasting punishment for sin. They came to Jesus to hear His good words of forgiveness. If a man has learned to know his sin and sees that he cannot save himself, then he will come near to Jesus to hear His wonderful words of salvation.

Do you know your sin? Do you know that you can do nothing to take away your sin? Oh, then listen to Jesus! He speaks words of forgiveness to you in the Bible. Open it, and you will hear Jesus speak to you. This good news we learn also in church. Your pastor preaches the Word of God. Therefore the Lord Jesus speaks to you through your pastor. Come to hear Him!

The Pharisees, those proud people, and the scribes, the Temple teachers, spoke against Jesus because He welcomed sinners and ate

with them. Therefore they would have nothing to do with Him. They thought they were good people and needed no Savior. Oh, let us rejoice in this wonderful truth: "Jesus receives sinners." This is good news for every sinner, also for you and me.

PRAYER: Dear Savior and Friend of sinners, thanks to Thee for Thy love to me, a sinner. Thanks also for Thy precious word of forgiveness. Let me always gladly hear and learn it. Amen.

PENTECOST, MAY 24 — *Read Luke 15:11-24*

Ask God for the Holy Spirit

Today is the day of Pentecost, fifty days after Easter and ten days after Jesus went up into heaven. On this day He sent His Holy Spirit upon His disciples. They then preached the wonderful works of God in many languages. And three thousand people believed in Christ Jesus and were baptized to receive forgiveness of sins. Still the Holy Ghost works in the hearts of men by the Word of Jesus.

Read this beautiful story of the lost son. He received the things that were his from his father. He then ran away from home and spent all his good things living in sin and shame. Now he was in trouble. He decided to go back to his father and say: "I have sinned." The father saw him far away and ran to meet him. He took him into his arms, put a fine coat upon him and shoes on his feet and a ring on his hand. Then he told the servants to kill the fatted calf. And all ate and were merry. This is a beautiful picture of our heavenly Father's love and forgiveness. He receives us with joy when we come to Him and say: "I have sinned." He forgives us in Christ Jesus, puts on us the beautiful dress of Jesus' blood and righteousness, helps us to walk upon the holy way, and makes us His own. The Holy Spirit by this story urges us to go to our heavenly Father every day with sorrow for our sins and a firm trust in His love. Then we shall have perfect joy here on earth and joy forever in heaven.

PRAYER: Come, Holy Spirit, teach me this precious truth of God's love in Christ Jesus to all sinners. Help me always to trust in His love and to bring it to other sinners. Amen.

TRINITY SUNDAY, MAY 31 —

Read Luke 15:25-32

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

This Sunday is called Trinity Sunday, and we think of the great things the Triune (Three-in-One) God has done for our salvation. The Father loves us and sends His Son for us; the Son loves us and lays down His life for us; and the Holy Ghost loves us, and by His Word brings us to the true faith in Jesus Christ and keeps us in Christ Jesus unto the end. Let us praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost for our salvation.

Many will complain if God saves a poor lost sinner. The brother of the lost son did this when the father took his brother back into their home. When he heard of it, he refused to go in. The father then went out, begged him to come in and to rejoice over the return of his brother. But he complained to his father, saying: "I have served you many years, and you never gave me anything so that I might make merry with my friends. But for that son who wasted all your good things in a life of sin and shame, for him you quickly killed the fatted calf." The father showed him that he had no reason to complain, saying: "Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It is good and right that we make merry. Your brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found. Come, join us."

Many people are like this older brother. They think they have done so much for Jesus and therefore are better than others and deserve better things, and they murmur when a man, as the thief on the cross, gets forgiveness. Friend, never complain, but rejoice if a poor sinner turns to God and receives forgiveness. And thank God if we can serve Him many years. Thank Him for His love. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost for it!

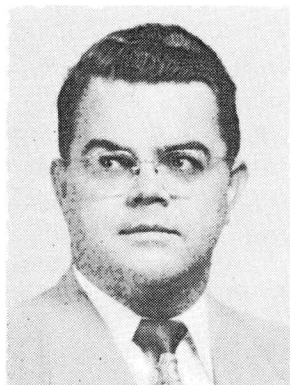
PRAYER: Heavenly Father, thanks for Thy dear Son; dear Savior, thanks for Thy bitter suffering and death for our sins; Holy Spirit, thanks for bringing us to the true saving faith in Christ Jesus. Amen. J. L. S.

Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
Before Thy Throne we sinners bend;
Grace, pardon, life, to us extend.

Pastor Theo. DeLaney

At Santa Maria, Calif., on December 22, 1919, Edwin Theo. DeLaney first saw the light of day.

He is a son, grandson, and great-grandson of native Californians. His father worked in the oil fields for 20 years and then for 11 years managed a chicken ranch. Plenty of fresh eggs and grade-A poultry as a diet, with fresh fruit and California vegetables, no doubt gave young Theo. the physical strength and fitness which he possesses.



Rev. Theo. DeLaney
Lutheran Pastor of the Deaf
Austin, Texas

Because the family moved about considerably from place to place, Theo. attended no less than 17 elementary schools and two high schools. In all, 25 different teachers tried their skill instructing him and preparing him for the future, and, may we say, their efforts were certainly not in vain.

Young DeLaney and his sister, in their younger years, had attended a number of Protestant Sunday schools. When the family moved to Terra Bella, Calif., while a junior in high school, Theo. was instructed by Pastor W. F. Schlueter in the chief teachings of the Bible. On Pentecost Sunday, June 6, 1936, he made his confession of faith and received the rite of confirmation, thus becoming the first Lutheran in the family.

After graduation from high school in the spring of 1937, he decided to become a minister of the Gospel and entered Concordia College at Oakland, Calif., in the fall of that year. After his graduation at Oakland in 1940 he continued his studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. From August, 1943, till June,

1944, Student DeLaney worked as vicar at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, New York, under supervision of Pastor Floyd Possehl. Student DeLaney became interested in the work among the Deaf and in learning the language of the Deaf while yet a college student at Oakland. Dr. Geo. Gaertner of Oakland was responsible (good for him) that DeLaney received a good knowledge of the sign language before he left for the seminary, tutoring him from one to two hours each week. At the seminary he continued his study of the language under Pastor N. P. Uhlig.

On Ascension Day, 1941, Student DeLaney preached his first sermon for the Deaf at Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, St. Louis. This was done in signs and speech simultaneously — a real feat for a veteran in the Deaf work! What would we say of a beginner tackling such a job? (Answer: Would say, "We do it, but we don't like it!" — Ed.)

After his vicarage in New York in the fall of 1944 Student DeLaney had charge of the sign class at the seminary, relieving Pastor Uhlig of this work; also assisting at various times with preaching to the St. Louis Deaf congregation. He graduated from the seminary with the so-called "Epiphany Class" on January 17, 1945.

A call to Barstow, Calif., to a hearing congregation, was accepted, and on Sunday morning, February 25, Candidate DeLaney was ordained in Barstow by the Rev. Richard Deffner. That afternoon the new chapel at Barstow was dedicated. While at Barstow, Pastor DeLaney also served another congregation at Needles, Calif., as vacancy pastor for over a year. This meant traveling a distance of 152 miles each way, 304 miles every Sunday.

Pastor DeLaney terminated his ministry at Barstow on June 30, 1947, after receiving and prayerfully considering and finally accepting a call by the Board of Missions to the Deaf. His field of work was to be in Texas and Oklahoma. During the summer he took a refresher course in the sign language under Pastor Gaertner in Oakland, and on Sunday, September 7, he arrived in Austin, Tex., his headquarters. He was commissioned by Dr. J. L. Salvner at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Austin,

Tuesday evening, September 9, 1947, several local Lutheran clergymen assisting in the service.

Stations now served regularly in this field are Austin, Waco, San Antonio, Dallas, and Fort Worth, Tex., and Tulsa and Oklahoma City, Okla. Occasional services are held in Houston, Temple, and Corpus Christi, Tex. Besides this preaching schedule, Pastor DeLaney also holds religious exercises in both the white and Negro schools for the Deaf in Austin. Some of the Lutheran Deaf members assist in instruction on Sunday mornings, and the pastor prepares and mimeographs all his Sunday school material. He states that some of the teachers at the school also use this material in their Sunday school classes.

Pastor DeLaney conducted three television services in San Antonio in 1951 and 1952. Among other unusual experiences in his work among the Deaf he mentions a funeral conducted which required a 1,000-mile round trip. He also states that he is still foot-loose (single); hence he is able to cover about 2,000 miles each month without worrying about a wife or a family sitting at home lonesome. (Could someone perhaps help him to worry?)

Since 1948 our Texas missionary has served as secretary in our Ephphatha Conference of Lutheran Pastors of the Deaf. While in California, he was secretary of a circuit conference, and when leaving Barstow, he had to resign from three presidencies of various civic organizations.

At present Pastor DeLaney is working diligently on a history of our Lutheran Deaf Missions and also gathering data on work done among the Deaf in other countries. When completed, this should prove to be a very useful and valuable document. We wish him the Lord's blessing in this endeavor.

Pastor DeLaney has accepted a call to the San Francisco, Calif., field and will soon leave to take up the work on the West Coast. May our God grant this fellow worker continued success in all his labors for the welfare and salvation of many Deaf. E. M.

Do you ever see anything about *your* town in *your* paper? NO? Sorry! Guess *you* didn't tell us about it! PLEASE SEND NEWS, OFTEN!

Field Gleanings

Cleveland, Ohio — On April 13, 1952, in our Easter service, Paul M. Zander, Eleanor Mae Opatrny, Mrs. M. Ross, and Helen Strei were received into the church by confirmation. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Neustedt were received into the congregation by transfer. May God keep all our baptized and confirmed members in the faith of our Savior unto their death. T. F.

Indianapolis, Ind. — We rejoice to welcome another new member, Mr. William A. Bearhope, Jr., age 23, who was baptized and confirmed on February 22. William, who is a jewelry maker by trade and a wood craftsman by hobby, has already shown his thanks and love to his Savior by faithful church attendance and by spending many hours at the chapel-parsonage, using his skill in making repairs and improvements. M. K.



Here is a picture of the Regina, Sask., Canada, Deaf. All of them are from the city of Regina itself. Front row, left to right: Miss Gloria McBay, Mrs. Arnold Roemer, Mrs. John Rayner. Second row, left to right: Mr. Linus Jones, Mr. Arnold Roemer, Mr. Peter Stewart, Mr. John Rayner

Mr. Stewart attended our Winnipeg services some time ago and urged us to take up the work in Regina again. This group put on a Christmas program last Christmas, complete with Christmas carols, Bible readings, sermon, Christmas tree, which they carried from their home to the church. Of course, according to the good Canadian custom, a tea followed the program, a sanctified custom in the British Empire! (Long live Queen Bess! — Ed.)

W. F.

Baptisms

Walter Arthur Juhnke, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Juhnke, Sr. Born January 23, 1952. Baptized February 17, 1952, in Christ Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Elmer E. Juhnke and Frieda Schaubarth, sponsors.

Charles Paul Picking, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Picking. Born May 15, 1927. Baptized October 26, 1952, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Karl Edward Reinbolt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reinbolt. Born June 18, 1952. Baptized November 9, 1952, in Christ Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Czajka, witnesses.

Timothy Gordon Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Finley Sutton. Born January 22, 1952. Baptized May 25, 1952, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio. Mrs. Verna Sutton and Mrs. Mae Wright, sponsors.

Paul Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Thomas. Born July 12, 1952. Baptized November 16, 1952, in St. Philip's Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Raymond Smith and Mrs. Joe Jackson, sponsors.

Wendell Wilbur Uhlich. Born November 9, 1913. Baptized March 30, 1952, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Donna Evelyn Wondrash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Picking. Born March 24, 1927. Baptized October 26, 1952, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

T. F.

Death

Mrs. Josephine F. Wilkinson, of Chicago, age 75, wife of Mr. George Wilkinson, passed on to her eternal rest on February 7. Burial was at Ravenna, Mich., Pastor E. W. Rische officiating. She was confirmed in the Lutheran faith in 1943 by Pastor E. J. Scheibert.

E. R.

Marriages

William C. Crano and *Betty Jean Burke*. August 9, 1952, in First Lutheran Church of Barberton, Ohio. Walter Duhon acted as best man and Dorothea Robinson as maid of honor.

Paul L. Smith and *Catharine M. Ewald*,

April 19, 1952, in Christ Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Earl Froelich was best man and Miss Elinor Ilse the maid of honor.

Frederick Wondrash and *Donna Picking*. June 7, 1952, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio. Charles Picking, brother of the bride, was best man and Ethel Gutshall the maid of honor.

These weddings were all very beautiful church weddings, accompanied by various attendants. May the blessings of God rest upon these couples throughout their married lives.

T. F.

"Conquest for Christ"

Figure Reaches \$6,666.60

With eleven headquarters not reporting, twenty-four Deaf churches total \$6,666.60 in gifts for missions and colleges of Synod. The reports are the same in most fields of our Deaf work. (See November issue, page 70.) The following fields change their report:

	Members	Amount
7. Iowa East	179	\$ 382.05
10. Indiana	32	381.00
11. Central Illinois	44	67.00
13. Tennessee-Arkansas	36	400.00
15. Minneapolis, etc.	189	433.11
19. Pittsburgh, etc.	25	67.80
20. Oregon	80	144.85
23. Milwaukee (new)	104	661.00
24. Seattle, etc. (new)	101	109.80
25—35. No reports!	833	?
1—24. Totals (Reported)	2,716	\$6,666.60

Average reported, \$2.45 from each member. Highest six fields in averages were: \$11.91, Indiana; \$11.11, North Dixie; \$6.36, Milwaukee; \$5.62, Florida; \$5.30, Eastern Missouri; and \$4.73, Michigan.

Did your Treasurer report to us?

"Life and Light," Number Twenty, for March-April, was printed in 1,050 copies. It is now in the homes of 1,050 Deaf people. Are you getting it? Twenty-four Deaf churches have put up \$10 each to insure against any losses. Copies sell for 15 cents each, cash. If you did not get yours, ask your pastor.

Poetry Corner

Not long ago we were having our regular monthly instruction class with Mr. and Mrs. Foster Leonard and Miss Sarah Hawkins of Sullivan, Ind., in the Leonard home. Mr. Leonard brought out the family Bible to look up a passage and chanced upon a paper with this poem. It was written by a Deaf man, Mr. David H. Tipton, formerly of Coal City, Ind., in memory of Mrs. Mary A. Leonard, Mr. Leonard's mother, who died January 5, 1933. We feel that its simple but deep Christian sentiments definitely give it a place in our paper. David Tipton, about 15 years ago, also left us to go to the throne of Jesus. His former wife is now Mrs. Harry Arnot of Michigan City, Ind.

IN MEMORIAM

Aunt Mary has left us and gone to the throne
Of Jesus, our Savior, who welcomed her home;
The home of the soul where no storms ever
blow

And the light in His mansion forever shall
glow.

She has gone where she never will suffer again.
For God in His kindness relieved her from
pain;

And while friends and kindred stand 'round
and weep,

Her body in its casket is resting in sleep.

Yes, resting in sleep, for she is not dead,
For Jesus, our Savior, long years ago said
That all who on His name would believe
The blessed eternal life should receive.

We will lay her body beneath the cold sod,
While her soul is at rest above with her God;
And when He gives the call to relieve us
from pain,

We'll all be reunited with Aunt Mary again.

DAVID H. TIPTON

Studies in Luther's Catechism

Prayers Before and After Meals

Friend, do you pray before you eat? Do you give thanks for food and drink? That is God's wish and command. Let us learn what the Word of God says about it.

All Things Are Gifts of God

In James 1:17 we read: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and

cometh down from the Father of lights." Our daily food and drink are gifts from our heavenly Father. Many people do not look upon food and drink as gifts of God. They say, "We have worked for all these things and earned money to buy food and drink." But can a man by all his work make one kernel of wheat or one apple? Indeed not. If God will not let all this grow, then man's work and money would be worthless. God must give the seed. He must make His sun to rise and must send rain upon the earth and so make things grow for food. Therefore, when you go to your table and see many good things upon it, it is good and right for you to remember Him who gives all these good things.

Thank Him for His Many Gifts

By His Apostle Paul, God says: "God has created meats to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth." Christians should receive all things, also food and drink, with thanksgiving. And in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 God tells us: "In everything give thanks; for this is the will (wish) of God in Christ concerning you." Surely, God wants us to say "Thank You" to Him, just as you say this to everyone who gives you a gift. Should we take all these good things from our good God and not give Him thanks? So many never thank Him. They are like animals which receive their daily food from their heavenly Father and know not how to give thanks unto Him. Are you not much better than animals? Then go to your table, and first look up to heaven and thank the Giver of all good gifts.

Oh, Give Thanks!

David again and again by the Holy Spirit urges us to give thanks, saying: "Oh, give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good, and His mercy endureth forever." Psalm 106:1. "Be ye thankful." Colossians 3:15. J. L. S.

Treasurers, Attention!

Please send reports of cash received for "Conquest for Christ" from these fields:

- 1) Great Bend, Kans.; 2) Kokoma-Logansport, Ind.; 3) Southern Calif.; 4) New England; 5) New Jersey; 6) Upstate New York; 7) St. Paul, etc.; 8) South Dakota; 9) Gulf; 10) Spokane, etc.; 11) Southeastern U. S.