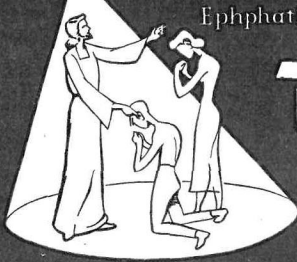


Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. Mark. 7:31-37



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Field Gleanings

St. Louis, Mo. — The afternoon of February 8 the ladies gathered at the parsonage for their monthly meeting. The discussion was based on the First Article. After the meeting Mrs. W. F. Reinking was surprised with a shower of birthday gifts.

The March meeting of the ladies was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Bumb. Unfortunately many ladies were not able to attend, but a discussion on the Second Article was held along with a short business meeting.

Family Social Night was held on February 22 in Christ School hall. Two good Christian movies were shown, "Tammy" and "As We Forgive." I reckon everyone enjoyed both of these pictures, a fine way we can learn to live our faith in Jesus. Mr. Maack showed movies that were taken of our members at different times; he also had a cartoon for the children. After the movies Rev. Reinking was surprised with two fine birthday gifts. First, the Deaf of St. Philip's Church presented him with a gift of money. Then Mr. Viets gave him a large box. When he opened it, his eyes popped, because it contained a clock-radio. He is very proud of the radio and tells us that he wakes up every morning to music. [So do we—girls' chorus. — Ed.]

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Deaths

Mr. Arthur Wolter, age 75, died March 23, and his funeral was held March 25 in Manitowoc, Wis. Mr. Wolter was Deaf, totally blind in one eye and nearly blind in the other eye, and crippled in both legs. Yet, with his poor eyesight, Mr. Wolter, using a magnifying glass, read a large-print Bible and always welcomed God's Word from his minister, Pastor Mackensen.

R. W. M.

Mrs. Ida Wright, age 83, member of the Lutheran Church, died after a long illness in her home at Columbus, Ind., on March 19 and was buried on March 21 in Ripley County, Indiana. She was a humble and sincere Christian who always appreciated the calls of her pastor.

M. G. K.

Delavan, Wis. — The newly formed Deaf L. W. M. L. has had meetings since January and has sent two boxes of clothing and soap and other useful articles to our Lutheran missions in Hong Kong. On the evening of March 25 the group met and enjoyed a Bible study program presented by Mr. Gerald Hesser, a member of Silent Lutheran Church in Madison, Wis. The group also rejoiced with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Beaver, who were to celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary on March 28.

R. W. M.

Evansville, Ind. — March 15 was a joyous day for our Deaf group here because two new members, Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Pennell, were confirmed and added to the church. May the Lord of the Church keep these His believers faithful unto the end.

M. G. K.

Indianapolis, Ind. — One more member was added to the congregation here on March 29. She is Miss Iva M. Boggs, an instructor at the Indiana State School for the Deaf. We extend to her our sincere welcome. Our only regret is that she will not be with us at Indianapolis for long. Her plans are to make her home in Wisconsin after June. The reason — wedding bells. May God's richest blessing always follow her.

M. G. K.

"Conquest for Christ" Grants

Deaf Churches Are Blessed

Our last issue told you we knew of \$6,666.60 given by Lutheran Deaf for "Conquest for Christ" in 1952. Was this the end of our story?

No. In return our Deaf churches have been given the following loan-grants:

Delavan	\$20,000 for chapel building
Rochester, N. Y. ..	20,000 for chapel building
St. Louis	20,000 for chapel building
New York	16,000 for chapel debt
St. Paul	3,000 for repairs
Devils Lake	3,000 for furniture
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Total	\$82,000

Lutheran Television Productions

Let us take 36 seconds of your time to bring you up to date on Synod's TV program "This Is the Life."

Eighty stations were scheduled to carry a special Easter program.

Yes, we are on more stations than any other program in the country.

Our mail averages 6,000 pieces a week — sometimes hits 8,000.

We have information on people who were attracted to our Church through our TV program and are now members through confirmation. Let us have more reports on such cases.

Official "pulse ratings" show current listening audience each week ranges from seven to eight million people.

The Lord is blessing Synod's *première* TV effort far beyond human expectations. May God continue to bless its growth to the glory of His name.

Some stations that began "This Is the Life" last fall have completed the first series showing and are now rerunning the same series. We've promised them a new series of 26 films in the fall.

So far, ten of the films have been specially prepared for rental to non-TV use — and are available through C. P. H.'s Audio-Visual Aids Service.

We estimate the total value of free time we are receiving from TV stations to be more than 1¼ million dollars (\$1,250,000) for 1953.

PR-TV information men in each area have appointed monitors to watch the program and make weekly reports to us.

Pastor H. W. Gockel and Melvin Schlake are now in Hollywood supervising the production of 13 films in the second series.

From Heaven into Misery

The divers and pearl fishers sink many fathoms deep into the sea to seek for pearls, and miners are lowered hundreds of feet into the earth to dig gold, silver, and other precious metals. How precious, then, must the human soul be in heaven when on its account the Lord Jesus did not hesitate to let Himself down into the bitter sea of human misery! — SCRIVER.

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Bible Readings for June, 1953SUNDAY, JUNE 7 — *Read Luke 15:3-7**Joy in Heaven over One Sinner Saved*

"Jesus receives sinners." And because the church leaders murmured against Him for doing this, He told the parable of the lost sheep. Perhaps a man has one hundred sheep, and one of them is lost. He will leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the lost sheep until he finds it. So our dear Lord Jesus is a good Shepherd. He follows the lost sinner, looks for him, calls him. He does not want one sinner to be lost.

And, oh, what joy when the shepherd finds the lost sheep! He puts it on his shoulder rejoicing. Then he calls together his friends and neighbors and says: "Rejoice with me; for I have found my lost sheep." So the angels of God in heaven rejoice with our Lord Jesus if one sinner turns from sin to God. Is there joy in heaven about you?

The shepherd rejoices over that one sheep more than over the ninety-nine that were not lost. So the angels rejoice more over one sinner won for Christ than over the ninety-nine Pharisees and scribes who think they need not this Savior of sinners. Let us help to bring other sinners to our Savior, and we shall make the angels sing.

PRAYER: Dear Savior, Thou art come to seek and to save lost sinners. Let us gladly help to bring poor sinners to Thee, and so make the angels sing and rejoice. Amen.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 — *Read Luke 15:8-10**Bring Sinners to Christ*

Oh, rejoice! Jesus receives sinners! Not one should be lost. Jesus teaches us that in the story about the lost coin. A woman has ten pieces of silver, and now one is lost. She will do all she can to find it. She lights a candle, takes a broom, and sweeps the house, and looks into every corner until she finds it. So our dear Jesus does all He can to bring a sinner back to God. He looks for him, goes after him, calls him by His Word.

When the woman has found the lost coin, she calls her friends and neighbors to rejoice with her. So Jesus says to His angels, "Rejoice with Me, for I have found a poor sinner." And

the angels sing and say: "Glory to God in the highest."

And what about us? Are we happy, too, and do we sing when a lost sinner turns to Christ and is saved? Every year Deaf people are brought to Jesus and His Cross. And they rejoice in the Savior Jesus and His salvation. If only one learns to know Jesus and trusts in Him, that should make our hearts sing and full of joy. Let us diligently work and find other poor sinners for Jesus and so make the heavens ring with the songs of the angels.

PRAYER: Dear Savior, Thou Friend of sinners, help me eagerly to tell other sinners about Thee and so bring them to Thy Cross for their soul's salvation. Amen.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 — *Read Luke 16:1-3**Be a Good Manager of God's Good Things*

David and his people willingly brought offerings to the Lord. David said to God: "Both riches and honor come of Thee, and Thou reignest over all. All things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee." 1 Chronicles 29:12, 14. Our Lord teaches us the same in our lesson for today.

God is like the rich man. We are His stewards or managers. All that we have is His own, not ours. God gives us health and strength, body and mind, work and money. All this we should manage for Him and His glory. We should use it all for Him who shed His blood for the forgiveness of all our sins and our eternal salvation. We should also use it for the good of our neighbor.

Now Jesus tells us of a steward who wasted his employer's goods. People came and told the boss about it. Then the boss called the steward to give a report of his stewardship (managing). He also told him that he could no longer be steward. So God will ask us: "What have you done with the good things I have given you? What have you done with your health and strength? What with your body and mind? What with your gold and silver which you have received from Me? Have you used all these for My glory and for the good of your neighbor? Or have you used them all only for yourself and your pleasure?" What will your answer be? What shall we answer our God, who so loved us and gave His only Son to die for us?

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, help me use the good things Thou hast given me for the glory of Thy name and the good of my neighbor. Amen.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28 — Read Luke 16:4-9

Make Friends with the Good Things of God

The steward had wasted his lord's goods and lost his work. He now planned how to make friends for himself with his master's things. He did this so that these friends would take him into their homes when he must go away without work. And what did he do? One man owed his master one hundred measures of oil. He told this man to take his bill and change it to fifty. Another man owed his lord one hundred measures of wheat, and the steward told him to change it to eighty. This steward surely cheated very wisely. He showed that the children of this world do more wisely than the children of light, than the Christians who have learned to know Jesus and His sin-cleansing blood.

From him the Christian should learn to do wisely with the many good things God has given him to manage. Jesus especially speaks of gold and silver. He calls it the mammon of unrighteousness. So much dirt clings to gold and silver. Christians should do wise, righteous things with money and so make friends for themselves. These friends will receive and welcome them into the heavenly homes.

How can we make friends unto ourselves? Chiefly by bringing the sweet story of Jesus and His Cross to all the world. Then they will learn to know the one and only Savior and rejoice in His salvation now and forever. They will welcome us into heaven and say: "Lord Jesus, these people have sent a minister to us with the good news of forgiveness by faith in Thy blood." Let us eagerly and gladly do this: make friends for ourselves and glorify our Savior's name with the many good things of His own which He gives us.

PRAYER: Dear Lord and Savior, Thou hast given Thy life for me, and also givest me many good things. All is Thine. Help me use all Thy gifts for the salvation of many souls. Amen.

J. L. S.

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How about some news? Thanks!