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*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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Blessed
New
Year
to
All!*

In 1954

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord,
which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be
moved; He that keepeth thee will
not slumber.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall
neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy Keeper; the Lord
is thy Shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from
all evil; He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going
out and thy coming in from this
time forth, and even for evermore.

Psalms 121.

A Thought for Today and Every Day

Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland.

When we seek relief
From a longfelt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more. Amen.

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Editorials

GREETINGS. — The DEAF LUTHERAN is wearing a new dress. Having worn its old dress forty-five years, it was about time to change. It had a new hat several years ago, and if you observe closely, you will notice that it is now wearing a ribbon from that new hat which Archie Marshall had designed. We hope you like our new dress.

And while we are about it, let us not forget that the price of the paper for the present is held at fifty cents per year. As a matter of particular interest to the pastors that have been getting the DEAF LUTHERAN in a bundle package and then distributing the papers to their members, we wish to state that soon we would like to get the names and addresses of all members so that the paper can be sent to each one directly, as some pastors have done; thus it will be possible to eliminate much work for them and save money besides, and everybody will get his paper promptly and regularly. And please tell us how you like the features and dress of the DEAF LUTHERAN. Thank you!

Like Moses on Mt. Nebo

So we stand on a height at New Year's. Behind him lay the vast wilderness through which Israel had passed. He remembered the countless blessings of mercy and grace God had shown him and Israel, but also the sins and ingratitude of the

years of wandering. Before him lay the promised land Canaan, and the heavenly Canaan would soon receive him, where he would rest. So we now remember not only the many blessings God gave us the last year but also our many sins which we regret and for which we ask the mercy of God through Jesus. However, before us lies the heavenly rest of Paradise, and we have the promise that God will not leave us nor forsake us. Let us be determined to walk before Him as His children in holiness, trust, and love.

A Great Danger

Professor Carver of Harvard University often told his classes: "Many nations have survived adversity, but none has long survived prosperity." This is well spoken.

God warns us through Moses in Deuteronomy 8:11: "Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God." That is the real danger of prosperity. People become satisfied with earthly comforts and forget that God gave all. They become proud and forget that "God resists the proud." They love their things more than God and forget Psalm 62:10: "If riches increase, set not your heart upon them."

This warning comes to nations; our nation should remember that. It comes to every one of us; each one must apply it to himself. Otherwise it will happen to us as the Scriptures say: "Ye shall surely perish" (Deuteronomy 8:19, 20.).



Field Gleanings

○ Give Thanks unto the Lord!

Christ instructs us to pray for laborers in the Lord's vineyard (Matthew 9:37, 38). Again He has answered our prayers and given us four new workers for our Mission.

The **Rev. Donald Boerner**, of Flasher, N. Dak., who did some work among the Deaf in Delavan, Wis., and Jacksonville, Ill., while he was at the Springfield Seminary, was commissioned October 11 and is now at work in the Boston Field to succeed Pastor Gerhold, who now ministers to the Deaf in the New-ark Field. **Pastor Clark Bailey**, Saint Louis, whose home is in Fresno, Calif., is at work with Pastor A. E. Ferber and took over the newly created Colorado Field in the early part of December. **Pastor Ervin Oermann**, whose home is York, Pa., is serving the Texas-Oklahoma Field, succeeding Pastor DeLaney, who is now working in the Oakland field with Dr. Gaertner. The writer of these lines spent five weeks with Pastor Oermann in the field for the purpose of teaching him the sign language and of helping him to get started in the field. He commissioned him October 4. And in October and November we were in Watonga, Okla., with **Pastor Marlin Sampson** for three weeks in order to get him ready for work in the Jackson, Miss., Field. He was commissioned there on December 13.

Vicar Drachenberg, who has been ministering to the Deaf in the Jackson Field, will take over the work in Chicago among the colored Deaf, and also minister to the Deaf at several Michigan and Indiana stations. May God be with these new workers and grant that they be a blessing unto many Deaf. Thanks be to God!

However, we must continue in prayer for laborers. We need two full-time workers for 1954, also a vicar and probably a part-time worker. God grant us these men. Pray for us! J. L. S.

SAN FRANCISCO

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tripp and **Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bucking** recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. These very faithful and enthusiastic church workers have been members at San Francisco for 21 years. The celebration was held at



Golden wedding celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tripp and Mr. and Mrs. George Bucking, San Francisco, Calif.

the Tripp home. The pastor spoke on the words of Psalm 34:10: "They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." These people have ever sought the Lord and worked with the church. They have brought their own children to church and have the reward that their children and grandchildren share every good thing with them. They are blessed with good health and set a wonderful example in churchgoing. Also at San Francisco we must not forget **Mrs. Mable Musladin**, now blind, but who 20 years ago helped beautify our services with her hymn-signing. She is visited regularly by Pastor Gaertner, who started the work there, and will be served equally faithfully by Pastor Theo. DeLaney. Our work at the Deaf School is now going forward. With the help of the San Francisco pastor we are able to hold properly graded instruction classes and conduct three Sunday services. The church at Oakland has transferred 12 members to the new stations which have been started, and, God willing, we hope to serve Vallejo and Sacramento, Calif., shortly.

G. W. G.

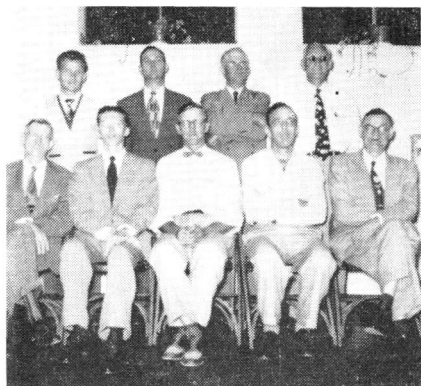
Pastor Bailey Commissioned

The Rev. Clark Bailey was commissioned December 13 as pastor of the Colorado Field, which Pastor A. E. Ferber for so many years has served from Kansas City. At 2:30 P. M. he was given the charge in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs, and at 7:30 P. M. a similar service was conducted at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Denver. Pastor H. G. Hartner, President of the Colorado District, and other officials of the District and

local pastors participated with Rev. Ferber in the services and ceremony. It was a happy day for the Deaf of the area, for now they have their pastor in their midst, and Rev. Ferber is happy that much closer attention can now be given their needs. While he always came gladly, it was a long journey for him these many years. May God bless the pastor and Deaf of the Colorado area! The pastors that have sown the seed and then thrown the torch to other and younger men have no greater joy than to see the work progressing in the hands of their successors. The Apostle John put it this way: "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth," 3 John 4.

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Voting members of Grace Lutheran Church met recently for their regular quarterly meeting. Among other items of business the 1954



Voters of Grace Deaf Lutheran Church,
Memphis, Tenn.

budget was discussed, and it is commendable that this small group of two dozen communicants approved a figure of \$872.75! — **Pastor Thies** and family have moved to the new and "permanent" parsonage at 3765



New Grace Lutheran parsonage,
Memphis, Tenn.

Tutwiler. Many Deaf helped with this move. The home and lot are large enough that the pastor's family of six children can grow up without being crowded. — **Roger Thies** was baptized into the Christian faith on Sunday, October 18. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Correll acted by proxy for the infant's sponsors. — **Mr. and Mrs. Correll** were in an auto accident November 6. Both were taken to Baptist Hospital. Mr. Correll suffered only bruises, but Mrs. Correll was not so fortunate, receiving a broken little finger, broken ribs, bruises and shock. — Grace Lutheran Church "lost" several members lately. **Mrs. Etta Hix** moved to Texas to live with a daughter. **Mrs. Franciska Bradbury** moved to Massachusetts to make her home with a daughter. **Mr. Oscar**



Birthday party after service at Miss Wright's home, Hot Springs, Ark.

Vinson went to Ohio in search of employment. We wish them all well. T.

Peoria, Ill. — Mrs. Emilia Cunningham passed away in faith of her Savior October 29, and was laid to rest October 31.

Jacksonville, Ill. — Miss Lena M. Dippold, aged 86 years, of Farina, Ill., died November 11 of a stroke. She was buried November 13 by Pastor Uhlig. She was instructed and baptized by Rev. Wm. Gielow and was a very faithful Christian. Her funeral text was Revelation 7:9-14.

Joseph Hayes of Jacksonville, Ill., departed this life after a lingering illness August 3 and was buried August 6. He and his grieving widow, **Mrs. Rowena Hayes**, had only a short time before become members of Christ for the Deaf Congregation.

Parke B. Moses and **Anson Brown** recently became members of the little flock of Jacksonville Lutheran adult deaf.

Fourteen pupils of the Illinois School for the Deaf received the Sacrament of **Holy Baptism** November 22 in a baptismal service in Christ for the Deaf Chapel. They were **Patricia Chisholm, Aaron Freeman, Joyce Shoaf, Leon Haywood, Frank Lohman, Richard Koehne, Floyd Thompson, Dale Thompson, Roy Johnson, Preston Lindsay, Mary Lindsay, Herbert Mapes, Joyce Lantz, and William Walker**. A number of others have not been baptized and are asking for the Sacrament. "Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus; for as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ," said the Apostle Paul, Galatians 3:26, 27.



Confirmation class of Rev. Mappes, Omaha, November 22, 1953

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

The confirmation of 16 pupils from the Iowa School for the Deaf and 6 from the Nebraska School for the Deaf took place on November 1 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Omaha. This service had been postponed from May 3 because of the pastor's illness at that time. Many parents of the children attended the service. Motion pictures taken that Sunday afternoon of the confirmation were included in a news telecast that evening by one of the local television stations.

This fall 301 pupils were enrolled in our religious instruction classes in the Nebraska and Iowa Schools for the Deaf. God bless our humble efforts in behalf of these children.

A pair of twins, **Carl Lee and Carolyn Linda Matthews** of Omaha, were baptized in the Omaha service

on October 18. On October 25 **Vicki Ann Williams** and **LaVon and Thomas Cafferty** were baptized in a service at Grand Island, Nebr.

Mr. James Wiegand, member at Lincoln, Nebr., mourns the loss of both his wife and his mother, who passed away within the space of three weeks in October. May the Lord, who permitted this to happen, be the constant Support and Comfort of the bereaved. E. M.

Detroit, Mich.—In the months of September and October our congregation was saddened by the death of four of its members, **Mr. Eugene McCall**, **Mrs. Leon Moreland**, **Mr. Albert Badowsky**, and **Mrs. Victor Doucet**. Two were of advanced age: Messrs. McCall and Badowsky; one of middle age, Mrs. Moreland; and one comparatively young, Mrs. V. Doucet. We are very forcibly re-

minded of the truth of God's Word: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8, 9.

We wish to call attention to two special gifts received for the work of the church. On the first Sunday in November **Mr. Leon Moreland** presented our congregation with a check of five hundred dollars for the general fund in memory of his wife. And on the following Sunday, when we had our Mission Festival, a three-hundred-dollar gift was received from **Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kuehn** for missions. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." B.

NEW YORK NEWS

When Pastor Kraus of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Jackson Heights, L. I., and his family were on vacation, **Mr. John Bohlman**, one of our members, was lay reader for this service held on the first Sunday of the pastor's absence. The following Sunday **Mr. William Husman**, who is studying for the ministry at Saint Louis, had the regular service. He spoke on "Redemption from sin to serve the Lord."

Mr. Husman is the son of one of our members. Truly God has blessed her with a wonderful son. He was only a little boy when his father died. His mother saw to it that he attended school and church regularly. As he grew older and more understanding, he realized his one and only ambition was to become God's servant. He entered the Bronxville Concordia in 1947, graduated in 1950, and has now com-

pleted three years at the St. Louis Seminary. He is now serving as vicar in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the Bronx for one year and will return to St. Louis in September, 1954, to complete his studies.

Mr. Husman has often preached to us when Pastor Kraus has been absent. He is wonderful in the sign language, and watching him sign a sermon, one can see that his heart and soul is in his work. I am sure God is pleased at the progress he is making.

God saved us from sin for Himself, to do the work He has planned for us to do. That is why we are living in this world. Christ said, "Go ye into the world and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

Mr. Husman has heard God's call, and we pray that our Heavenly Father will guide and keep him in the one true faith which is in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MRS. L. BROOK

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

Rochester, N. Y. — The impressive chapel-parsonage of Alpha Lutheran Church, located at 1365 East Ave. and Hawthorn St., Rochester, was dedicated November 22. Three services were held that day. Rev. J. L. Salvner, D. D., Executive Secretary of the Lutheran Board of Missions to Deaf, spoke in the morning. The Rev. C. A. Behnke, pastor of St. Mark's of Rochester and President of the Eastern District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, spoke in the afternoon. And the Rev. Herbert E. Plehn, Saint Matthew's, Rochester, preached in the evening. Congratulations to Alpha Congregation and its tireless pastor, Rev. Herbert Rohe!



Know Your Bible

The Bible is **God's message to man**. In it He reveals His will to us. "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," 2 Peter 1:21.

The **center** of the Bible is **Christ**. Jesus said: "Moses wrote of Me," John 5:46. "To Him give all the Prophets witness," Acts 10:43.

The Bible was written within the 1,600 years from 1500 before Christ unto 100 after Christ.

In the Old Testament we find law, history, poetry, and prophecy.

The first five books of the Old Testament were called **the Law**, the Law of Moses, or the Pentateuch, which word means "Five Books." They were written by Moses.

The books from Joshua to Esther are the books of **history**.

The books of Job, the Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes (Preacher), and Song of Solomon are **poetry**.

The books of Isaiah to Daniel, called the four Major Prophets, and Hosea to Malachi, the twelve Minor Prophets, are **prophecy**.

The Hebrews divided the Old Testament into three parts: the "**Law**," the first five books; the "**Prophets**," and the "**Scriptures**," and in this last section they had Job, Psalms, Proverbs, which were used in the services as devotional books, then the "Five Rolls" or "Lessons," Song of Solomon, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, and Esther in special seasons, and an "Appendix," in which were Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, and the two Books of Chronicles.

The Old Testament is the story of the **Nation of God** that would bring the **Man of God**, Jesus, who is the Savior; His life and work is recorded in the New Testament.

In the New Testament we have five books of **history** (Matthew to Acts), twenty-one Epistles of **instruction** (Romans to Jude), and Revelation, the one book of **prophecy**, which describes the time after Jesus till the end of the world from various angles.

Every month we shall tell you something about the Bible.

"Knowledge is power." Saint Peter tells us to "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you," 1 Peter 3:15. To be ready we must become ready by study.

The old Bible stands against all that make fun of it.

Last night I paused before a blacksmith's door
And heard the anvil ring the evening chime.

Then, looking in, I saw upon the floor
Old hammers, worn with beaten years
of time.

"How many anvils have you had,"
said I,

"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"

"Just one," then, with a twinkling of the eye:

"The anvil wears the hammers out,
you know."

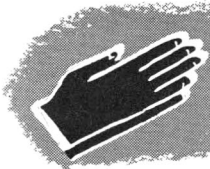
And so, thought I, the anvil of God's Word

For ages skeptics' blows have beat
upon;

And while the noise of falling blows
was heard,

The anvil is unharmed, the hammers — gone.

The Anvil



Devotions

Sunday, January 3

Read Luke 19:11-14

Work Until Jesus Comes Again

The disciples had wrong ideas about Christ's kingdom. They believed that He was going to Jerusalem to set up a great and glorious kingdom in this world. He showed them that they were wrong. First He must go away, and they must work.

A certain nobleman, or prince, went into a far country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then to return. This prince is our Lord Jesus Christ. He went away into heaven to sit at the right hand of God and to be King over all things, and then to return. While He is away and receives the kingdom, they should work for Him. The prince called his ten servants, or slaves, and to each of them he gave a pound, saying: "Occupy (do business with it) until I come." So the Prince Jesus gives to every servant, or believer, in His Church one pound, that is, the Word of God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. All receive the same. Also you and I have received the story of Jesus and His love. I have not received more than you, nor have you received more than I. Jesus wants us to work with this pound, saying: "Preach the Gospel to every creature." We believers should go out and bring this word of forgiveness by faith in Christ's blood to other poor sinners. "Go, and work," He says. This is your work and mine for the new year. Let us gladly do it

until He comes again to judge the world.

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, help that I do business with Thy Gospel and bring it to other poor sinners for their salvation and Thy glory. Amen.

Sunday, January 10

Read Luke 19:15-19

Win Souls for Jesus with His Word

Jesus will come again as King with His servants, the holy angels. These shall call His servants, or slaves, for to see what they have done with His pound, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He expects that they can give a good report. What will your report be to Him on the Last Day?

The first servant came and said to the king: "Lord, your pound has gained ten pounds." He says "*your* pound." He gives all glory to the pound, not to himself. So we must say: "I have done nothing. The Word has done it all." We have the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the power of God unto salvation. With it we can win souls for Christ. The second servant said: "Lord, your pound has gained five pounds." He worked, but did not make as much with it as the first servant. So when we report to Jesus on Judgment Day, we perhaps have not won as many souls as did Paul and Peter. However, we all work and win some for Christ. Are you winning souls for Jesus?

And He gives a reward. The king gave the first servant ten cities over which he should rule. The second servant received five cities. He was a good and kind king. They were his slaves and worked with the pound for their dear lord. And the king gave them a reward. They had not earned it. They had done only their duty. So is Jesus, our Lord and King. When we come before Him on the Last Day with the souls we have won for Him, He will say: "Well done!" And then we shall reign with Him. That will be great honor which we have not deserved. It is all pure grace.

Prayer: Dear Savior, help that I eagerly work with Thy Word and win souls for Thee, and then reign with Thee forever. Amen.

Sunday, January 17

Read Luke 19:20-23

Work for Jesus, and You Need Not Be Ashamed

Another servant came with the pound in his hand, saying: "Here is your pound. I had it laid away in a cloth." Why did he do this? He was afraid because his lord was very strict, taking up things that he had not put down and reaping things which he had not sown. He had done nothing with the pound. So it is in Christ's kingdom. Many have received the Word of Jesus, but do nothing with it. They know Jesus wants them to work with the Word, but they let it lie, saying: "Jesus expects too much from us."

And what did the lord say? He said: "You wicked servant! Out of your own mouth I will judge you. You knew that I am strict. Why did you not put the pound into the bank? Then I could have taken it with interest." The servant had no

excuse. So it is in Christ's kingdom. Many work not with the Word. They know Jesus expects them to work diligently with it for to win souls for His kingdom. But they do it not. They have no excuse. They did not even pray and support the work of missions.

Are we working with the Gospel and bringing others to Christ? If not, then we also are wicked servants. Oh, come, let us gladly work with the Gospel of Christ unto the glory of His name and the salvation of many souls!

Prayer: Dear Savior, forgive me because so often I have not worked with Thy Word as I should have done. Forgive me, and fill me with love for Thy work. Amen.

Sunday, July 24

Read Luke 19:24-27

Woe to Them Who Do Not Want Jesus

The last servant did not work with the king's pound, but brought it back. Therefore the king said to his servants: "Take the pound from him and give it to him who has ten pounds." They who work not with the Word will lose it with all its blessings. And they who have worked with it will receive still greater blessings. It is all by grace. In great mercy God brings salvation to us in His Word. And now if we thank Him and eagerly work for Him and win others for Christ, He will give us more blessings although we have not deserved them. Surely, we have a good and kind Lord!

The servants then said: "Lord, he already has ten pounds." Jesus then shows that in His kingdom all is love and mercy and grace. The one who has will receive more, but the one

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Bible Quiz

1. Whom did Jesus call the greatest among men? Matthew 11:11.
2. Who was emperor in Rome when Jesus was born? Luke 2:1.
3. Who was the first murderer? Genesis 4:8.
4. How many people were saved in the Ark? Genesis 7:13.
5. Who thought Jesus should not be bothered with children? Matthew 19:13.
6. What was every fiftieth year called? Leviticus 25:10-13.
7. What were the names of the two sons of the priest Eli? 1 Samuel 1:3.

who has not, from him shall be taken even that which he has, the good Word of salvation. He will lose everything. Oh, come, work with the Gospel!

When the king went away, some of the people hated him and did not want him to rule over them. So many people do not want this Jesus. They hate Him. And what will happen? The king told his servants to bring these people and to kill them. So Jesus will send His angels on the Last Day, and they shall gather all these wicked people and cast them into everlasting fire. Come, let us during the new year work with this Word of Jesus. If not, we shall lose everything, also our soul.

Prayer: Dear Savior, let me always remember Thy great love for me, a sinner. Let me work for Thee with a thankful heart.

Sunday, January 31

Read Luke 19:28-35

The Lord Needs You for His Work

Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem. It is Sunday. He sent two of His disciples into the village before them, saying: "In that village you will find a colt, a young ass, tied. Untie him and bring him to Me."

And they went and found it as Jesus had said. How did He know it? He knows all things. He is the Son of God, true God. He came to save, and He is a mighty Savior. He was on His way to the Holy City to suffer and die for us. Let us rejoice in Him, and thank Him!

Jesus also knew that the owner of the ass would try to stop them, asking: "Why do you take away my colt?" Jesus told them simply to answer: "The Lord has need of him." And so it happened. When the owner came and asked, they answered: "The Lord has need of him." It seems that the owner was a good friend of Jesus. He was happy to give his colt to Him. So Jesus wants to use us and all we have for His work. Jesus only need say: "I need your help. I need your prayers. I need your time. I need your money," and we shall gladly give ourselves and all we have for Him.

Prayer: Thanks, dear Savior, for Thy great love to me. Let me gladly give myself and all I have to Thee for Thy work. Amen.

J. L. S.