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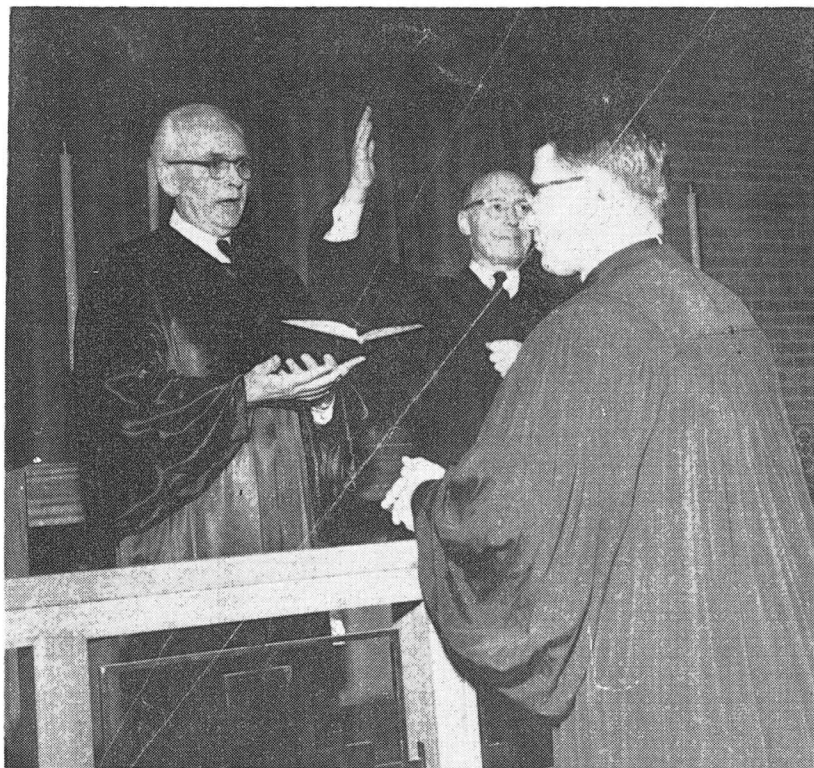
*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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Another Worker Sent Out

Commissioning of Rev. Clark R. Bailey of Denver by Rev. E. Mappes,
Rev. A. E. Ferber interpreting

A Thought for Today

The keys of death are in His
hands,
Those royal hands, once rent
By cruel nails upon the cross
Till all their strength was spent.
Ah, no! their strength was laid away
To rest within the tomb;

Then, rousing all their erstwhile
power,
They locked the doors of gloom.
The keys of life are in His hands,
And Christ has set before
The pilgrim coming to his home
An ever-open door.

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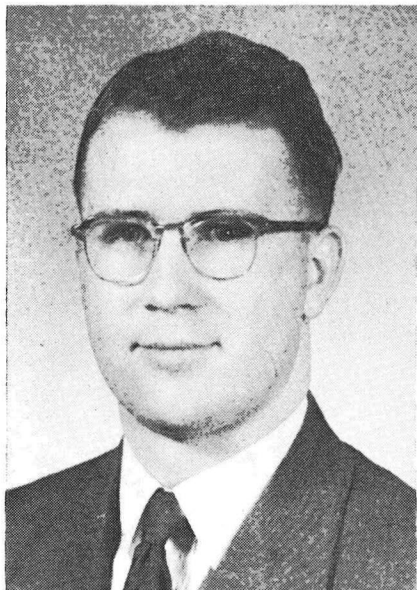
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Speaking Personally About

Pastor Clark R. Bailey

The Rocky Mountain area received its first resident pastor of the Deaf when the Rev. Clark R. Bailey was commissioned at Colorado Springs and at Denver on December 13. A picture of the installation at Denver appears on the front cover of this issue. Rev. Ernest



The Rev. Clark R. Bailey

Mappes of Omaha, regional representative of the Board of Missions to Deaf, read the installation rite. Rev. A. E. Ferber of Kansas City interpreted both services completely. The pastors, respectively, of the two host churches, Rev. Walter Enge and Rev. Henry Hartner, who is the President of the Colorado District, conducted the services in their church, and Rev. Arnold F. Meyer, Executive Secretary of the Col-

orado District, preached the sermon. A fellowship hour after the service at Denver closed the day's activities, the ladies of Emmaus Church being the Marthas.

Rev. Clark Bailey graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in June, 1953. In that month he also was married to Miss Louise Janssen, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Emil C. Janssen of that city.

Pastor Bailey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bailey. He was born December 27, 1927, at Visalia, Calif. The family moved to Fresno where he attended school. He enrolled at the California Concordia College, Oakland, in 1942, completing the high school department in 1946 and the Junior college in 1948, when he transferred to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, graduating in 1953. He did summer field work at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Baltimore, in 1950 and vicared at First Lutheran, Van Nuys, Calif., from July, 1951, to July, 1952.

For several months he prepared himself for deaf work under Pastor A. E. Ferber of Kansas City, who served the Rocky Mountain Deaf for over twenty years. Pastor Bailey serves stations in Western Nebraska and in Denver, where the Baileys reside, and in Pueblo and Colorado Springs, where the Colorado School for the Deaf is located.

Pastor Martin J. Sampson

The far Southern Field was opened in 1939 by Pastor N. P. Uhlig, at that time serving the Dixie area from St. Louis. In late years it has been served from Memphis and from Jackson, Miss., by Vicars Lennon and Drachenberg. It obtained its first resident pastor on December 13, 1953, when Rev. Mar-

lin J. Sampson was commissioned at Jackson, Miss.

Rev. Sampson is a Southerner. He was born February 1, 1923, at Chickasha, Okla., and grew up in Texas, New Mexico, and California. After finishing high school at Azusa,



The Rev. Marlin J. Sampson

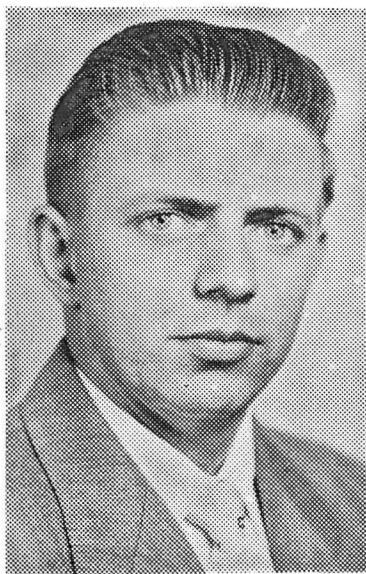
Calif., in 1940, he spent some years in the Army ('43-'46). Almost two years he wandered around in Europe, being stationed in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, and Germany. He became convinced that being a soldier in the Army is good; but the army he desired to be enrolled in was the army of the Lord Jesus. So he entered Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill., in the fall of 1946, graduating in June, 1951.

July 1, 1951, he was ordained and installed as pastor of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church at Watonga, Okla., where he served until the call came to him to enter the work among the Deaf.

Before entering the Seminary at Springfield he had been united in marriage with Miss Florence McBride of Tulsa, Okla., at Kansas City, Mo., September 9, 1946. The fact that Mrs. Sampson's hearing had become impaired helped him in the decision to devote himself to the service of the Deaf. They have four children: Michael, 6; James, 5; Catherine, 3; and Rebecca, about 5 months. May God bless them in the work down South!

Vicar H. Drachenberg

The third one of the trio presented to the readers of the **DEAF LUTHERAN** in this issue is Mr. H. Drachenberg. We are not able to give you his story



Vicar H. Drachenberg

except to tell you that he is a student of theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and has been serving as a vicar, or undergraduate supply pastor, at Jackson, Miss., and now at Chicago, Ill., where he has charge of the congregation of Negro

Deaf that worships at St. Philip's Lutheran Church on the South Side. He has applied himself very well to the work among the Deaf, and we hope that even though his paths should lead him to work among the hearing, he will never forget the Deaf with whom he comes in contact.

May God bless the labors of these young servants. U.

A Pleasant Visit with Pastor Mackensen

Nine days we recently spent in the Madison Field. It is a part of one of the oldest fields in our Mission. Some of these stations were served by Pastor T. Wangerin, one of the two first missionaries who were sent out in 1896. God has richly blessed the preaching of His Word in this field. Madison has 22 voting members and 43 communicants and is continuing to grow under God's blessing. We preached there on January 10, and 52 were in attendance. There also is an organized congregation in Delavan, numbering 12 voters and 27 communicants. We preached there January 3 and the same day also in Rockford, where we have 17 communicants. We delivered the sermon also in Oshkosh, where there are 20 communicants, and in Sheboygan, with 11 communicants.

Other cities being served from Madison are Baraboo, Beloit, Manitowoc, Neenah, and Watertown. These cities number 57 communicants. An important part of the work in this field is the work at the Delavan State School. Pastor Mackensen goes there every Sunday, conducting services twice a month in Redeemer Church (O. C. Thusius, pastor), which are attended also by

students of the School. On these Sundays he also has classes with the smaller children at the School before the services. On the other Sundays of the month he has a confirmation class and then a Bible class for the 58 confirmed members. We attended these classes on January 10, and it was a joy to see how eager they all were to learn the precious truths of God's Word. Pastor Mackensen has 115 at the School under his care. The total number of communicants in the entire field is 233. The contributions at the stations cover more than all the traveling expenses of the pastor. Thanks be to God for making their hearts willing to give so generously for the Lord's work! Madison has pledged \$60 and Delavan \$20 toward the pastor's salary.

May the Lord of His Church continue to bless the preaching of His Word also in the future and grant that Pastor Mackensen be a blessing unto many. J. L. S.

Calling the Meeting

The **Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference** will meet at Jacksonville, Ill., Saturday and Sunday, May 1, 2, at Christ for the Deaf Chapel. Since the regional rearrangement at Des Moines last August has resulted in uncertainty in some quarters as to the future best course to be pursued, we invite also the adjoining regions, such as the Midwest and Northeastern, to come to Jacksonville, as that central location affords a good opportunity to discuss the situation and make plans for the future. With a good representation of pastors and lay people, we can have a fruitful meeting.

CHESTER CORRELL
President, DDL C



Editorials

It Is Lent and Easter Again

Near the heart of the city of Detroit stands a beautiful stone Lutheran church on one of the widest and busiest avenues. It was built by a grateful worshiper who loved His Savior and his Trinity Church. He wanted it erected on that site where had stood the old, humble sanctuary where he, coming from a foreign shore, had found a welcome and peace. High over the front entrance he placed an impressive stone carving of the suffering Savior, and Jeremiah's tearful lament cries to the tens of thousands that daily pass: "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?" And to most of them that hurry by it is nothing.

Mr. Gauss wanted even the stones to cry out that the suffering and death of Jesus should always be remembered and properly understood, even and especially in the hustle and bustle of our busy daily life.

Now it is Lent again. Christians in all lands at this season solemnly study the old but ever new and touching story of Christ's death and resurrection. When Jesus passed through Jericho on His way to Jerusalem and the blind beggar at the wayside heard the procession of people pass by and asked what it meant, he was told that "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." He begged Jesus for his sight and received it and glorified God. So as Jesus passes

by us again in this Lenten season, let us ask for spiritual sight to see clearly that our sins caused the suffering of Jesus, that His death was the payment for them, and that we thus are healed by His stripes and wounds.

And let us glorify God. Let us praise Him that He rose in glory the third day. For His resurrection proves that He had been speaking truthfully all the while when He had said that He is the Son of God, that He is the Savior of the world, that His death and resurrection would put away sin and death so that eternal life and heaven are assured and that we, too, shall live again. His holy name be praised forever, His hope-giving Gospel be preached in all the world and be believed by all!

We Are Losing Something

Americans are losing the sense of duty to go to church. There was a time when people in general felt a moral obligation to go to church. Now we are told that seven out of every ten persons do not attend services on Sundays. The percentage may be wrong; it is probably only a guess, based on taking a city's population and then counting the attendance of all the churches in the city on a Sunday.

But door-to-door canvasses and talks with people about this matter bring out the fact that people con-

sider churchgoing a matter of personal choice, even if they are enrolled church members. They think nothing about not going, feeling that it is not improper to "bum" church without a real reason, such as illness and emergencies. Yet they would violently object to being classed as weak or poor Christians.

We are not speaking of open unbelievers; such naturally say: "Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice?" But it is different with people who otherwise respect God.

Now much blame for this lies with churches and preachers. If churches are not used as places where God's words are respected and the preachers "speak their dreams," it is natural for people to think that there is no reason why they should be forced to sit and listen to somebody that brings ideas and subjects that are not from the Bible and are not in accordance with the Bible. "If any speak, let him speak as the oracle, [mouthpiece] of God," says the Lord. And sad to say, in many churches preachers forget that, and the members do not reprove them and so are also to blame.

But God wants us to go to church and to hear His Word. "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it." Jesus even as a boy knew that it was His duty to "be about My Father's business." On the Sabbath "He was wont" to go to the meeting house; it was His habit to do so. That must be our example to follow, and we must feel uncomfortable and uneasy to miss church without a good reason. And such a reason must satisfy our conscience and not be simply an excuse for not wanting to go.

The remedy is not to have the state pass laws to force people to go

to church and fine them if they do not. That is not the business of the state. Nor should churches make laws to force people to do a certain thing, such as going to church, and give them a penalty if they do it not. These are not the proper means for the church to use. The church must rather use education and convince and persuade people to do the right thing, and its arguments must be from the Bible. It must show how much God loves us and did for us and make people thankful for God's blessings and on that account do the right thing.

Let Christians not give a bad example to others by staying from church. The bad influence is very strong sometimes, and weak people are through that bad influence led away to do wrong. Go to church, go to church regularly, go to church reverently, to hear and to worship sincerely.

Preachers can help by preaching good sermons that are well prepared and clear. That takes study. But Luther was right when he said: "A good sermon is the best thing to keep people going to church."

But the members can do much. They can influence others by a good example and by telling them of the good sermons and the good services that they enjoy. Someone has said: "Let the preacher fill the pulpit, and let the people fill the pews." Teamwork, a good sermon and service, and a good many people asking others to come, that is a good remedy. And if many do that, perhaps we can make people realize again that the place for them on Sunday is in church.

ONLY one life — 't will soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference

The president of the Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference, Mr. Chester Correll of Memphis, having called the meeting for May 1 and 2 at Jacksonville elsewhere in this issue of the Deaf Lutheran, Christ for the Deaf Chapel to be the headquarters, we hasten to express our joy at the prospects of entertaining the delegates and guests.

Since Jacksonville lies at the extreme northern end of the Dixie Circuit and rather centrally in the large Mississippi Valley, residents of the adjoining districts and States to the west and north and east of us have a splendid opportunity to meet their Lutheran brethren from Dixie. So we would like to encourage and invite such to be with us.

Christ for the Deaf Chapel is situated across the street from the Illinois School for the Deaf, and the guests thus have a good opportunity

to inspect one of the outstanding schools for the Deaf in our country.

The Convention Committee will try to procure lodging for the delegates in homes and hotels. Motels are available also. The noon and evening meals on Saturday will be served at the chapel. The evening meal is followed by the Good-Fellowship Hour. These two meals are covered by the fee of two dollars that you should send with your registration. Please announce your intention to come soon.

Our location is just north of the Illinois School for the Deaf, off State St., due west from the downtown Square, at the western limits of the city, between Highways 36 and 104; and the school's tall smokestack, the westernmost of the city, is a good daytime marker. Our telephone number is Jacksonville 2621.

Please announce yourselves soon.

Address:

THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

104 Finley St., Jacksonville, Ill.



The 1954 meeting of Ephphatha Conference will be held at St. Paul, Minn., July 2—5.

Shreveport, La. — Miss Genevieve Thomason and Mr. Edward A. Truschel were united in holy wedlock on December 12, 1953, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rev. L. E. Kleinhans, pastor, by Vicar H. Drachenberg, who at that time came from Jackson, Miss., to serve the Deaf.

Chicago, Ill. — On February 21 Diane Lyon Walker, the infant

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Walker, was brought to Jesus in Holy Baptism. She was born November 5, 1953. She was baptized by Vicar H. Drachenberg, who ministers to the Colored Deaf at St. Philip's Lutheran Church. God keep the little lamb!
H. D.

Bozeman, Mont. — During the Advent season members of the Lutheran Deaf groups worshiped with the local hearing congregations at

midweek Advent services at Bozeman and at Great Falls. Pastor Hauptmann served the Deaf, and the pastors of the hearing churches led their hearing audiences in joint services.

Sioux City, Iowa. — Peace Lutheran Congregation lost a faithful member on February 11, when death came to **Mrs. Katherine Whitmer**, who was 85 years old. She was laid to rest February 13. Her husband passed away last July. These two faithful Christians were among the first Deaf to attend the Lutheran services begun 33 years ago for the Deaf at Sioux City. Now both have been given their transfer to the great Church above. E. M.

Oakland-San Francisco. — Here we have at last been able to answer a request to conduct church services in **Sacramento**, Calif. In 1933 our first work was done there, and 11 Deaf joined through Baptism and confirmation. Then the work in Oakland and San Francisco became so heavy that the time necessary to go up to Sacramento could not be sacrificed. Mrs. P. Carroll and Miss M. Rasmussen often attended the Oakland services and kept in touch with us and reminded us to come back when help arrived. Pastor Theo. Delaney made the first contact recently, and a fine eager group of 21 gathered for the service. It is too bad that such eager people cannot have a Sunday service. We can only reach them Wednesdays on account of our crowded schedule. **Vallejo**, Calif., has also been added to our list now. It is the hub of many smaller communities where our Deaf friends live. We have traffic problems here which cannot be described, and therefore we change off

in serving these stations. We serve three every Sunday. One of the very first Deaf who desired Baptism — and became one of the most ardent church workers — was **Mrs. Conrad Lehman**. She was deaf-blind. She was the descendant of the Spanish General Don Luis Peralta, who through the King of Spain was given a land grant of 45,000 acres, almost our entire Alameda County. Naturally she was Catholic. But Tonita Marie Lehman had been forgotten and could read neither Moon nor Braille. We first met her husband and learned of her shut-in condition. After we had taught her Moon and Braille, she read the entire Scriptures. For years she was an attendant at church, but in later years bus transportation was disagreeable to her, and she could no longer attend. We visited her for years every Thursday. She never forgot that she must work with the church, and she worked hard. Tonita said she prayed for the Lord's work, and we know she did. She also saved and gave to the Lord's work. January 12 the Lord called her to the heavenly mansions at the age of 73.

G. W. G.

Decatur, Ill. — January 17 at the service for the Deaf at Trinity Lutheran Church **Russell E. Edwards** received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with his infant daughter **Mary Ann**, who was born May 27, 1953. The wife and mother, respectively, of these two is Betty May Russell, nee Patterson. Carver and Vivian Lowe were witnesses for Mary Ann. — **Mrs. Ella Blanche Brockmeyer**, nee Bradley, the wife of Mr. Wm. Brockmeyer, was baptized in the service on February 21. May God bless these newly baptized

and strengthen and keep them in the true faith!

Spokane, Wash. — Faith Lutheran Church of the Deaf received as new members by confirmation on January 31 **Mrs. Loyd Henry** and **Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Berestoff**. **Mae Henry** and **Adele Berestoff** were baptized in that service. "The Lord added daily to the Church such as were saved." May He bless and keep these people, bought by the blood of Christ!

A baby girl came to the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lyon**, Lynda La Pearle by name. Congratulations! Mr. Victor Lyon is the secretary of the Northwest Lutheran Laymen's Conference of Deaf.

A. L. H.

Sturgis, Mich. — The Deaf of Coldwater, Mich., some time ago posed for a picture with their pastor. So we are making our bow to the



The Rev. N. E. Borchardt of Detroit with the Deaf of Coldwater, Mich.

large circle of Deaf Lutheran friends. Of course, Pastor Borchardt does not know that I am sending this to the editor, and it will be a surprise to him to see this. But he is faithful

and serves us well, and we are glad to be on the picture with our good-looking and friendly pastor.

MRS. BERTHA MORDAN

Jacksonville, Ill. — The Walther League of the Central Illinois District is working on a project this year that is to furnish visual aids to Christ Church of the Deaf for use in instructing the children of the Lutheran classes. They aim to collect over \$1,000 for this purpose. The first item has been delivered to us, a new Bell and Howell movie sound projector. It was used for the first time at the Valentine Party which on February 14 our Auxiliary gave to the children of the Lutheran classes. The Ladies' Guild of (hearing) Salem Lutheran Church assisted with cookies for the group. The next item that the Walther Leaguers are planning to get for us is an opaque projector that reflects on the screen anything printed; this is a tremendously valuable piece of equipment in the instruction of large classes. It has an electric pointer to make demonstrations easy. The young people hope to provide us not only with such projectors but also with a good library of Bible story filmstrips and other helps.

Rodney Otis Hurford and his wife **Marjorie Maxine**, nee Cameron, were received into full membership by Baptism on January 31. May the Lord bless and keep them! U.

Spokane, Wash. — Faith Congregation of Spokane resolved to have **Luther Sandberg** lead the congregation in Bible study on the Sundays when Pastor Hauptmann must be absent to serve other Deaf groups in his extended field. Thus they will not miss services on any Sunday. A very fine idea; in that way Pastor

Hauptmann gains a good helper and the group can have a profitable meeting even if their pastor cannot be with them on a Sunday.

The **Northwest Lutheran Laymen's Conference** will meet August 13—15 at the Zephyr Christian Conference grounds on the east shore of Liberty Lake.

New York. — **Georgette Elizabeth**, born November 29, 1953, to **Pastor and Mrs. George Kraus**, was baptized by her father in St. Matthew's. Congratulations to the parents, and may God keep and bless little Georgette!

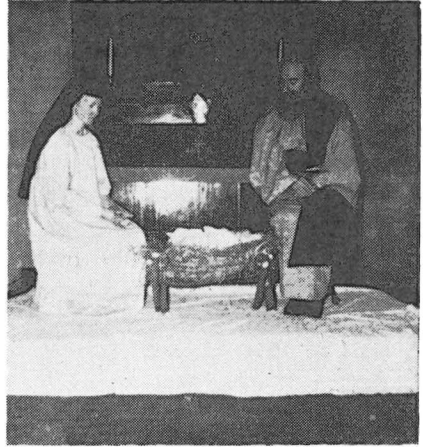
On January 24 St. Matthew's celebrated the **seventh anniversary** of the dedication of its house of worship in a special service. Rev. R. Gerhold and Mr. W. Houseman, student of theology, were the speakers. The service was followed by a banquet in the hall below.

God has blessed us with a beautiful church, built seven years ago. For many years services were held at Immanuel's, Brooklyn, where the sainted Pastor A. Boll served us a long time. Then Pastor F. Possehl became our pastor. He helped us to get the church we have today. Two years later he accepted a call to New Jersey, and Pastor G. Kraus now is our minister. He has worked hard, gathering in the sheep. The Sunday school which he started four years ago with four pupils now numbers twenty. We have a Bible class also. It meets every Sunday before services, and the older members take a great interest in it.

We of St. Matthew's of the Deaf have a lot to be thankful for, for we have not only a beautiful church in which to worship, but also the pure Gospel, which shows us the road to

everlasting happiness through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **MRS. L. BROOK**

Des Moines, Iowa. — Members of Calvary Lutheran Church this year for the first time presented a **Christmas pageant**. The beautiful Christmas story was presented in eight scenes by a cast of ten Deaf. Although the space in the chancel of our church was somewhat limited,



Christmas Pageant at Des Moines
"Mary" (Mrs. Glenn Brower) and "Joseph" (Mr. Marvin Neuschwanger)

everyone agreed that the cast did a fine job of portraying the Bible characters. The picture enclosed shows **Mrs. Glen Brower** as Mary and **Mr. Marvin Neuschwanger** as Joseph.

On January 3, after our monthly church supper, **Pastor and Mrs. Victor Mesenbring** were very pleasantly surprised when the Deaf presented them with a number of gifts in honor of their birthdays. The pastor and his wife were given a robe, a white shirt, and an alarm clock.

On Sunday, January 31, **Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johns** and **Mrs. Leroy Rickabaugh** were received as members of our church by confirmation after being instructed in the chief teachings of the Bible. **V. M.**



Devotions

Sunday, April 4

Read Luke 20:19, 20

Rejoice in the Crucified Savior

Jesus had told a parable of a vineyard and the renters who did not pay rent. The leaders of the Jews saw that He had spoken these words against them. For that they wanted to take hold of Him. But they did it not. They were afraid of the people. These gladly heard Him. Therefore they sent spies. These should act as good men and so deceive Jesus. They should try to catch Him in His words. And then they wanted to give Him into the hands of the Roman governor. Surely, a wicked people!

So today we find people who hate Jesus, who died for them on the cross. The preaching of the Cross they call foolishness. The teaching of Christ's death on the cross for sinners they call "blood religion." They make fun of it. Always they try to find some excuse for not believing in the crucified Lord Jesus. Oh, woe to them!

Let us thank our dear Lord Jesus for this precious word of salvation. Never forget that He went into this bitter suffering and death for you. Then you will rejoice in it and thank God. And always you will say: "Thou, O Christ, art all I want; More than all in Thee I find." Then this Lenten season will be a great blessing to you. God grant it!

PRAYER: Dear suffering Lord and Savior, help that I always rejoice in Thy suffering and death, and not

be lost, but have everlasting life. Amen.

Palm Sunday, April 11

Read Luke 20:21-26

Praise God for His Love to Us in Jesus

The Pharisees came to our Lord Jesus with a question about taxes. Should they pay taxes or not? If He would say: "Yes, pay taxes," then they could say to the people: "You see, He is with the Romans against the Jews." And if He would say: "No, do not pay taxes," then they could go to the Roman governor and tell him that this Jesus is a rebel. But Jesus asked them for a Roman coin, and pointing to the picture and name of the Roman emperor on the coin, He said: "Render [give] unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's," and then added, "and unto God the things that are God's." A wonderful answer! He intended to say: "Support your government, but forget not your duty to God."

The Pharisees had come with flattering words so that He would not be so careful, in answering them. They said that He teaches the way of God truly, but they did not believe it. However, He came to bear witness unto the truth. He did teach the way of God truly. This Holy Week we go to the cross and learn of the true way to God. We hear Him crying out on the cross on Good Friday: "It is finished!" Salvation is finished for all sinners. And for that we should give unto God the things that are His. We should thank

Him for His great wisdom in preparing such a wonderful way to salvation for sinners; and again, for His great love, for giving us His only Son into death for us; and for His great mercy and forgiveness to us in the crucified Lord Jesus. In Him we have forgiveness, life, and salvation. He is the only way to God. Thank Him!

PRAYER: Thanks, dear Lord Jesus, for preparing the way to God for us by Thy suffering and death. Praise to Thee now and forever. Amen.

Easter, April 18

Read Luke 20:27-38

The Dead Shall Rise Again

Today we rejoice in the Easter message: "He is risen; He is not here." And the risen Lord says: "Because I live, ye shall live also." Therefore we confess in the Apostles' Creed: "I believe in the resurrection of the body."

The Sadducees in our lesson did not believe that the dead shall rise again. Therefore they came to Jesus to show how foolish it is to believe that. They told Him of seven brothers. The first brother married a woman but died without children. According to Moses' Law, the second brother married her, and he also died having no children. And so it happened to the seven brothers. At last, also the woman died. Now they asked Jesus: "In the resurrection whose wife of them is she? for seven had her to wife."

Jesus answered that in heaven people do not marry nor are given in marriage. They shall be like the angels. Not one of these brothers can say to the others on that Day: "She is my wife." Then He showed from the words of Moses that the dead will rise again. Moses called

God the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Therefore Jesus says that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob live unto God. They are sleeping in their graves. God is not a God of the dead, but of the living. As we every morning arise from sleep, so we shall awaken and rise from our graves on the resurrection morn. Yes, we shall rise again, because Jesus died for us and rose again. A happy Easter to you in our risen Lord!

PRAYER: Living Lord Jesus, by Thy coming out of the grave we have the blessed hope of rising again from the dead unto life everlasting. Thank You. Amen.

Sunday, April 25

Read Luke 20:39-44

Our Savior, True God and True Man

Jesus always answered His enemies well. Now He asked them about the Christ, the Promised King, the One who should come, saying: "How say they that Christ is David's son?" In the Psalms David calls the Christ "my Lord." Jesus asks the Jewish teachers: "David calls Him Lord, how is He, then, his Son?" He intended to say: "How can He be both David's son and David's Lord?"

From God's Word we know that the promised King is David's Son, descended from David, according to God's promise. But He also is David's Lord. He is the Son of God, true God, who came down from heaven and became man. We rejoice in this. He became man to be our Savior. He is true man. He must be true man so that He can shed blood and die on the cross on Good Friday. And He also is true God. Yes, He must be true God, so that He can defeat sin, death, and devil. Last Sunday we sang: "Christ is

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Catechism

STUDIES IN LUTHER'S CATECHISM

What the Hearers Owe to Their Pastors

(1 Tim. 5:17, 18; 1 Thess. 5:12, 13; Heb. 13:17)

Children should honor father and mother. God commands: "Honor thy father and thy mother." Likewise Christians should honor their spiritual fathers, their pastors and teachers. This we learn from the Bible passages mentioned above. Let us study them. But first take your Bible, and read them prayerfully.

Pastors Are Doing a Blessed Work

Elders (pastors) "rule" over their flocks. They rule not as kings and lords of this world. No, they "labor in the Word and doctrine (teaching)." They teach the Gospel of forgiveness by faith in Christ's blood. Furthermore, they "admonish." They warn against sin and

against enemies of souls. They "watch for your souls" and warn their people so that their evil heart, the wicked world, and the devil may not lead the sheep away from Jesus and His soul-saving Word. Not one should be lost. Surely, a blessed work.

Hearers Should Honor Their Pastors For Their Work's Sake

God says that "elders that rule well" are "worthy of double honor." Christians should honor and love their pastors, who come to them in the name of Jesus with the Word of salvation by faith in His blood. Furthermore, when a pastor comes with the Word, Christians should "obey and submit" themselves, that is, they should bow under the Word. And so that Christ's work will not suffer, God says: "Be at peace among yourselves." Christians should work together in peace with their pastor for the salvation of souls.

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risen." And Paul writes: "He is declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead." We have a perfect Savior, true God and true man, the God-Man. Praise God for this mighty Savior!

PRAYER: Thanks, Thou perfect Savior, for Thy finished salvation. Thou art true man, and didst die for my sin; Thou art true God, and hast defeated all my enemies and saved me. Thanks, dear Jesus. Amen.

J. L. S.

Blessed Are Such Hearers

Pastors "must give account" to God for every soul. Oh, honor your pastor who "labors among you" and leads you to heaven and keeps you on the right way, always watching over your soul. Think highly of him, obey and follow his teaching of the Word, that he "may give account with joy and not with grief." It is "unprofitable for you" if he must give account to God for your soul "with grief." Help that he may do it "with joy."

J. L. S.



Know Your Bible

When speaking of the books of the Bible, the word **canon** is often used. Canon means a straight rod, or rule, used for making a straight line. We call it a ruler. It is also used when speaking of the guide or principle according to which something is right and true in a test. In the Bible the word has been used as a rule of life. Since the fourth century after Christ the books of the Bible that always had divine authority because they were inspired by the Holy Spirit have been called the Canon. When we speak of the Canon of Scripture we mean the sixty-six books of the Bible, and these books are **the canonical books** of the Bible.

In some editions of our English Bible there is an appendix of fourteen books or smaller sections of books called the **Apocrypha**. The word really means "hidden" or "hard to understand." These books or book sections were written in Old Testament times; but while the canonical books were written in the Hebrew language, many of these apocryphal books were written in Greek. These were not regarded as divinely inspired books and not treated as part of the Canon, and there are statements in some that are not in agreement with clear Scriptural teaching. In the Catholic Bible these books are included as part of the Bible. Dr. Luther added them as an appendix to his translation of the Bible and put a heading over that section, saying: "These

books are not to be considered the equal of the books of Holy Scripture, but are useful to be read."

The Old Testament was written between the years 1500 and 400 before Christ; the New Testament was written during the first century after Christ. Hebrew is the language of the Old Testament, and Greek is used in the New Testament.

The books of the Bible were very carefully copied. When a mistake was made in the Old Testament by the men that copied, called scribes, the roll was destroyed. Many of the copies of the Bible have been discovered in the ruins of churches and cloisters when these were excavated during the centuries. And so we have good and reliable **manuscripts**, as these handwritten copies of the Bible are called, so that we are sure of the exact wording of books when they were written as the "holy men of God were moved by the Holy Ghost," as Peter writes.

Thus we have heard a bit about the story of our Bible. However, before we take up the various books, we shall in the next issue learn a bit about the various **translations** during the centuries until the version was completed which we use today.

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You make a living by what you get,
You make a life by what you give.

FEAR God and you need not fear anything else.



Bible Quiz

What did Mary call herself when she was told that God would make her the mother of His Son Jesus? Luke 1:37.

What should the strong do for those that are weak with troubles? Romans 15:1.

What name did Jacob give to the son at whose birth Rachel died and whom she had called Benoni, meaning "son of my sorrow"? Genesis 36:18.

How many young people were destroyed by two bears when they had made fun of God's prophet Elisha? 2 Kings 2:24.

What can ants teach us? Proverbs 6:6-8.

How did the young man get the borrowed ax back that had fallen into the river? 2 Kings 6:6.

How old was the oldest man at the time of his death? Genesis 5:27.

Who was the first one to die for Christ? Acts 7:59.

Who was "the beloved physician"? Colossians 4:14.

Who was not a good talker? Exodus 4:10.

What made Job's hair stand up? Job 4:15.

What did God want His Temple to be called? Isaiah 56:7.

Who did not want to take care of his brother but said: Am I my brother's keeper? Genesis 4:9.

What should young people remember if they have a hard life? Lamentations 3:27.

What was to be done with the book of Jeremiah that told Babylon that God would destroy it? Jeremiah 51:63.

In which city did Jesus perform His first miracle? John 2:11.

Who climbed a tree so he could see Jesus? Luke 19:4, 5.

What did Peter find in the mouth of the first fish that he caught one day? Matthew 17:27.

How did God's enemies kill many faithful people because these would not turn away from God? Hebrews 11:37.

What kind of eyes did Balaam, the prophet, have? Numbers 24:3.

For what did Solomon pray to God when he had become king after David had died? 1 Kings 3:9.

How could the people tell that Peter was from Galilee and not from Jerusalem? Mark 14:70.

When Paul was arrested for preaching about Jesus, forty men made plans to kill him, but the captain saved Paul by taking him to another city. Who was the bright young man who discovered the wicked plan and notified the captain? Acts 23:16.

What will those get who are faithful unto death? Revelation 2:10.

Where did Samson find honey? Judges 14:9.