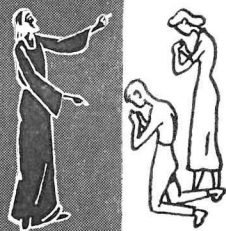


# The Deaf Lutheran



*Ephphatha, that is,  
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

Volume 46

JULY

Number 6

## Let Us Meet the Challenge

From Greenland's icy mountains,  
From India's coral strand,  
Where Afric's sunny fountains  
Roll down their golden sand;  
From many an ancient river,  
From many a palmy plain,  
They call us to deliver  
Their land from error's chain.

What though the spicy breezes  
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle;  
Though ev'ry prospect pleases  
And only man is vile;  
In vain with lavish kindness  
The gifts of God are strown;  
The heathen in his blindness  
Bows down to wood and stone.

Can we whose souls are lighted  
With wisdom from on high,  
Can we to men benighted  
The lamp of life deny?  
Salvation, oh, salvation!  
The joyful sound proclaim  
Till each remotest nation  
Has learned Messiah's name.

Waft, waft, ye winds, His story,  
And you, ye waters, roll,  
Till like a sea of glory  
It spreads from pole to pole;  
Till o'er our ransomed nature  
The Lamb for sinners slain,  
Redeemer, King, Creator,  
In bliss returns to reign. Amen.

## A Thought for Today

When the atomic bomb fell on Nagasaki, it was noted that people that were dressed in white were not hurt as much as people wearing dark colors. Similarly, in the final

Judgment, those that "made their clothes white in the blood of the Lamb" will not be hurt by the Judgment of God when it falls.

---

### Board of Missions to the Deaf of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Rev. Wm. A. Buege, Chairman; Rev. Ernest R. Drews, Secretary; Rev. Erwin E. Schroeder; Mr. G. F. Kruse, Treasurer; Mr. J. P. Miller; Rev. J. L. Salvner, D. D., Executive Secretary.

#### Lutheran Ministers of the Deaf

Rev. Clark R. Bailey,  
3521 Fillmore St., Denver 5, Colo.

Rev. J. A. Beyer,  
1101 15th Ave., Seattle 22, Wash.

Rev. Donald E. Boerner,  
193 Newtonville Ave., Newton 58, Mass.

Rev. N. E. Borchardt,  
11719 Evanston Ave., Detroit 13, Mich.

Rev. C. Bremer,  
1221 22d Ave., N., Minneapolis 11, Minn.

Rev. Robt. F. Cordes,  
116 E. Grace Ave., Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Rev. Theo. DeLaney,  
2033 32d Ave., San Francisco 16, Calif.

Vicar H. Drachenberg,  
1249 N. Mason Ave., Chicago 51, Ill.

Rev. A. E. Ferber,  
3807 Gillham Rd., Kansas City 2, Mo.

Rev. W. Ferber,  
617 14th St., S., Fargo, N. Dak.

Rev. Theo. Frederking,  
1221 Virginia Ave., Cleveland 7, Ohio

Rev. G. W. Gaertner, Ph. D.,  
3233 62d Ave., Oakland 3, Calif.

Rev. C. Roland Gerhold,  
510 Parker St., Newark 4, N. J.

Rev. Francis G. Gyle,  
930 N. E. 138th St., North Miami, Fla.

Rev. A. L. Hauptmann,  
W. 3614 Wellesley, Spokane 15, Wash.

Rev. A. T. Jonas, 927 Gramercy Place,  
Los Angeles 19, Calif.

Rev. Martin Kosche,  
2346 College Ave., Indianapolis 5, Ind.

Rev. George Kraus,  
53-13 244th St., Douglaston, L. I., N. Y.

Rev. Robt. W. Mackensen,  
2226 Rusk St., Madison 4, Wis.

Rev. E. Mappes,  
5070 Lake St., Omaha 4, Nebr.

Rev. Victor Mesenbring,  
535 28th St., Des Moines, Iowa

Rev. Martin E. A. Mueller,  
1717 a W. Meinecke Ave.,  
Milwaukee 6, Wis.

Vicar W. Neisch,  
1320 W. La Fayette St., Jacksonville, Ill.

Rev. Ervin Oermann,  
1006 Milam Place, Austin 4, Tex.

Rev. Floyd Possehl,  
1162 Marshall Ave., St. Paul 4, Minn.

Rev. W. F. Reinking,  
7209 Nashville, St. Louis 17, Mo.

Rev. Geo. C. Ring,  
4807 N. E. Rodney Ave.,  
Portland 11, Oreg.

Rev. Herbert W. Rohe,  
1369 East Ave., Rochester 10, N. Y.

Rev. J. L. Salvner, D. D.,  
3320 Chowen Ave., N.,  
Robbinsdale 22, Minn.

Rev. Marlin Sampson,  
267 Mount Vernon, Jackson, Miss.

Rev. E. Scheibert,  
1400 N. Ridgway Ave., Chicago 51, Ill.

Rev. Donald E. Simon,  
153 East Lane Ave., Columbus 1, Ohio

Rev. Laurence M. Stacy,  
333 Lucille St., Pittsburgh 18, Pa.

Rev. Delbert Thies,  
3765 Tutwiler Ave., Memphis 12, Tenn.

Rev. N. P. Uhlig,  
104 Finley St., Jacksonville, Ill.

Rev. W. Westermann,  
1728 Varnum St., N. W.,  
Washington 11, D. C.

#### Minister of the Deaf and the Blind

Rev. O. C. Schroeder, B. D., 1648 E. 85th St., Chicago 17, Ill.

These ministers preach in more than 275 cities in our land; they conduct classes in religion at over 50 city and State schools for the Deaf. You will find them ready to serve you; call upon them or write to them. The Deaf need God's Word.

### THE DEAF LUTHERAN

#### Official Paper of Lutheran Churches of the Deaf

Published monthly by Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Mo. Subscription price, 50 cents per annum anywhere in the world, payable strictly in advance. Entered as second-class matter at the Post Office at St. Louis, Mo., under the Act of March 3, 1879. Acceptance for mailing at special rate of postage provided for in Section 1103, Act of October 3, 1917, authorized on January 14, 1935. Send all subscriptions, changes of address, and cancellations to Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo.

The DEAF LUTHERAN goes to press on the 3d Friday, two weeks before issue. Send all news, pictures, stories, articles to Rev. N. P. Uhlig, Editor, 104 Finley St., Jacksonville, Ill.



## Editorials

### "The Deaf Have No Soul"

That is what a Greek philosopher said. For many centuries the Deaf were considered soulless or just passed by. The trouble was not that the Deaf did not have a soul but that the hearing had no understanding. Things are different now. Christianity brought help also to the Deaf.

If proofs were needed, we think we have a fine contribution to the argument that a Deaf boy made by giving expression to his feelings in a few verses that are very expressive. They give us an insight into the heart of a boy who uses his eyes and really sees with them, and in his heart well up sentiments of joy.

Ben Kotchin is a Deaf boy of the White Plains, N. Y., school. This is what he wrote, calling his lines "Poetry."

The day is beautiful:  
Blue, blue, blue sky,  
And the shining rays —  
A tiny steamer in the river  
Floats slowly down  
The current's tide.

Blossoms, blue and yellow,  
Purple, orange and red —  
Flowers that bloom  
On the grass  
Beside the mountains  
In the time of June.

Lying in the green pasture  
Beside the maple tree,  
I gaze and gaze  
On the beautiful scene  
Of my wonderful dream.  
A perfect picture!

It reminds one of Longfellow's  
"My Lost Youth":

And my youth comes back to me.  
And a verse of a Lapland song  
Is haunting my memory still:  
"A boy's will is the wind's will,  
And the thoughts of youth are long,  
long thoughts."

And the Greek said, "The Deaf have no soul." They have a soul, a soul that was bought by the blood of the Son of God, and we must thank God that we are privileged to bring to these souls the knowledge of sin and salvation. Yes, Ben, look up at the beautiful blue, blue, blue sky, and enjoy it; and see not only the sky but also Him who created the sky and who made for us a more beautiful heaven and who invites us into that heaven freely because He loves us in Christ, our Savior.

U.

### Helping the Pastor

He was a young pastor. Graduated just a few years ago, he was called to a field in which Lutheran services for the Deaf had only recently been instituted. The attendance was very small. Sometimes only one or two persons came to the meetings. He still had to work hard to sign his sermons, and he had to travel far to go to the stations in the field. Small wonder, then, that he often sighed and felt that he was a failure.

He forgot that God had said that His word will not be preached in vain. He forgot that even the tallest Sequoia trees in California at one

time had been just tiny little sapplings. He sometimes thought of resigning. But he did not know nor realize that he had helpers.

In his little group some understood how he felt. They sent up prayers to God for him. They spoke to some people that had not been coming to the services for the Deaf. They wrote letters to the editor of the DEAF LUTHERAN with little notes of news and asked that these be published so that "their hard-working pastor should see these" and be encouraged. They never missed a service thereafter and brought others, making it a point to remind such of every service and even calling for them to take them along.

These helpers are valuable. They give real service. They are "strengthening that which is weak." They are like Aaron and Hur that held up the arms of Moses so that Israel would win. God bless such helpers. God blesses such helpers.

U.

## Ten Plus Sixty

How good are you in arithmetic? For instance, who can tell which of these amounts is the greater: *ten plus sixty* or *sixty plus ten*? "Seventy for both," did you say? Well, you are right, and you are also wrong. This is what we want to say and impress upon you: If a boy or girl aged ten becomes a Christian and serves Christ sixty years, it is far better than when a person aged sixty years becomes a Christian and has only about ten years to serve. You see, the question is a little tricky, but a great truth is brought to our attention.

God is made happy, indeed, when an old person becomes a Christian, but we may say, He is happier when

a young person starts to live for Him, for the simple reason that *ten plus sixty* is more than *sixty plus ten*.

Someone has compiled this interesting chart which we may well call the "Ladder of Life" — Charming Childhood, Tender Teens, Teachable Twenties, Tireless Thirties, Fiery Forties, Forceful Fifties, Serious Sixties, Sober Seventies, Aching Eighties, Death, the Sod, God." The main point is that when we are young in years is the best time to give our hearts to God.

"Those that seek Me early shall find Me," Proverbs 8:17. E. M.

## A Part-Time Worker

The Rev. William E. Nehrenz of Bethlehem Church of Toledo, Ohio, affiliated with the American Lutheran Church, is doing part-time work among the Deaf of Toledo. Bethlehem Congregation is an English-German congregation. The Rev. Nehrenz, who studied for his doctorate at St. Louis, formerly was professor of Old Testament at the Lutheran Seminary, Saskatoon, Sask., Can.

---

IN CHRISTIANS should be seen the greatness of love, not the love of greatness.

A CHRISTIAN is a *mind* through which Christ thinks, a *heart* through which Christ loves, a *voice* through which Christ speaks, a *hand* through which Christ helps.

THE LORD has perfect eyesight; He sees what's in your heart. The Lord has perfect hearing; He hears what you think.





## *Field gleanings*

### A Richly Blessed Trip to Springfield, Jacksonville, Ill., and St. Louis

After a brief stopover in Springfield we journeyed on to Jacksonville, Ill., where Pastor Uhlig, the editor of our DEAF LUTHERAN, holds forth. For three days, April 26—28, he and his congregation had open house for the good ladies of the L. W. M. L. of the Central Illinois District. From the very beginning these ladies were interested in the erection of a chapel-parsonage just outside the campus of the Illinois State School for Deaf. They resolved to give \$10,000 toward it. Since then they again gave several thousand dollars for this purpose. Quite a large number of these ladies came for the open house: 170 on Monday, 130 on Tuesday, and 75 on Wednesday. Under the able leadership of Mrs. Hallerberg, the wife of a son of one of our first missionaries, from whom we learned our first signs, these meetings were quite a success. We addressed them on Tuesday and Wednesday. An interesting feature was a demonstration given by Pastor Uhlig with a class of Deaf children from the State School. God bless these ladies for their interest and help.

It is a great blessing that this chapel has been placed right near the State School. Every noon from

12:30 to one o'clock the confirmation class meets. Thursday afternoon the smaller children meet, and in the evening the older boys and girls. Ninety-two attend the religious classes. On Sunday morning they meet again from 8:30 to 9:30 for Sunday school. Services are held every Sunday at ten o'clock. Wednesday evening the adult Bible class meets for the study of God's Holy Word. With the chapel is connected a home for Pastor Uhlig and his invalid wife. Thanks be to God for this building, which, indeed, is a great blessing for our work in Jacksonville! Aside from all his work as editor and as pastor of the large group of children and the Deaf congregation, Pastor Uhlig also has eight preaching stations. While there, we saw the great need of a vicar in this field. And our dear Lord has granted us one.

May 3 we departed for St. Louis to attend the meetings of the College of Presidents and the Assignment Committee. These assign places to the graduates of all our seminaries. Again there were not enough candidates to fill all requests. We had requested two candidates, one for Chicago and the other for Los Angeles, besides a vicar for New York. We were given one candidate for Los Angeles and a vicar for New York. Our eleventh-hour request for Jacksonville also was granted. Vicar Drachenberg, who has been serving the Chicago-Fort Wayne Field since December, is permitted

to stay out for another year. Thus God again has given us four new workers for the preaching of the Gospel among the Deaf. Thank God, we today have 38 full-time workers! He has heard our prayers.

J. L. S.

## Welcome New Workers

The Lord has been good to us. We have three more workers now.

**Mr. Wm. Lange**, a St. Louis '54 graduate, has been assigned to Los Angeles. Thus that large area and Rev. Jonas are receiving much-needed and very welcome aid.

**Mr. Harry Hoemann** has been assigned to Rev. Kraus and the New York area. He is not yet a graduate but goes there as a vicar. Our Church has the good practice to give the coming preachers one year of practical experience in the field after three years of study at the seminary. Then they return for the final year of study. After one year of parochial experience, they find their last year of instruction much more fruitful, because they then relate their instruction to a background of personal experience in the field, and that background makes a big difference. Mr. Hoemann helped Rev. Mappes of Omaha last summer for two months when the latter was seriously ill. Rev. Kraus is happy to have him.

**Mr. Waldemar Neisch**, also a student of the St. Louis Seminary, will help the editor in the Jacksonville territory. We are very thankful for this help. The work with the Deaf children at I. S. D. and the development and more intensive cultivation of our several Illinois

stations will be greatly benefited. The Jacksonville Deaf have had one visit from Mr. Neisch and immediately took him into their heart.

We welcome our new workers into the work and the circle and wish them God's blessing.

But we must not forget another worker, **Vicar H. Drachenberg**, who has been doing such splendid work with our Negro friends of Chicago's South Side. He is not new, having been there a year; but instead of going back now to complete his study at the Seminary he graciously has decided to stay with the Chicago work one more year, giving joy to Chicago and to us all. Good news, indeed! Thank you, Brother Drachenberg!

U.

## Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference

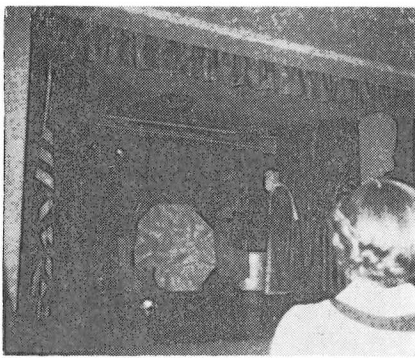
May 1 and 2 the Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference met at Jacksonville with a good attendance, considering the fact that the area of the conference extends to the southern tip of Florida. Even Texas was represented. Particularly Memphis and St. Louis sent a strong delegation.

We had four good papers. Mr. Archie Marshall of St. Louis presented "The Race Relationship in Our Church." Mr. Chester Correll of Memphis spoke on "The Laymen and Laywomen of the Church," showing the opportunities for service by the members. Pastor Gyle read an essay on Psalm 23, and Pastor Uhlig spoke on "1954, the 60th Anniversary of Lutheran preaching in the Sign Language." Rev. A. J. Lutz of India, who was scheduled to give us a talk on "The Deaf in India," was detained, since Mr. Stork

brought a bundle that Sunday to them, in the form of a fine boy, the sixth child and fifth boy of that happy family. (Congratulations!) Dr. J. L. Salvner preached the sermon on John 21:15-18.

The new officers are **Bert Keim**, president, **Norman Hollrah**, vice-president, **Archie Marshall**, secretary-treasurer, all of St. Louis, where next year's meeting is to be held.

U.

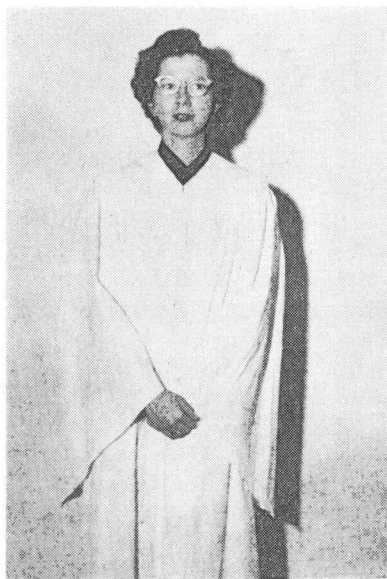


A scene from the Easter play produced by the Lutheran Deaf of New Jersey and New York. This scene is the sealing of the tomb. The play was acted out in sign language by a cast of 40 and 14 members in the choir. There were ten scenes in the play. Pastors Gerhold and Kraus spoke the parts as they were signed for those hearing who were present.

The play was shown in Newark, N. J., and New York. Approximately 300 saw the play in Newark and 200 in New York. The zeal and enjoyment of all the actors was wonderful. They presented the resurrection of our Lord in a simple and beautiful manner. We hope it will inspire more of our Deaf churches to try the religious drama as an excellent way of presenting Biblical stories with a maximum of enjoyment by all concerned.

**Devils Lake, N. Dak.** — Miss **Norma Burgess** (Gallaudet class of '53), housemother for the smaller children at the North Dakota School for the Deaf, Devils Lake, decided last fall to take up lessons preparatory to membership in the Lutheran Church. Her pastor, the Rev. W. Ferber, prepared a special course of instruction for her. These lessons

were often studied and discussed in the presence of the children under her care; so they could see that "mother also is learning about Jesus." On Palm Sunday, April 11, Miss Burgess was baptized in a service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church,



Miss Norma Burgess

Devils Lake. Her own group of small girls, other children from the Lutheran classes at the school, some members of the staff, and quite a number of other friends were present to share in Miss Burgess' joy of joining the company of baptized Christians.

W. F.

Pray for missions *daily*.

Make remittances *regularly*.

Give to the Lord *proportionately*.

Distribute to missions *generously*.

*Colorado District Bulletin  
for Stewardship and Missions*

**Los Angeles.** — More than 65 members have been added to Pilgrim Church for the Deaf in Los Angeles in the last five years. Some joined the church by confirmation and baptism; others transferred from other churches, and some were regained who had fallen away from the church. There are 14 more of our Deaf waiting to be instructed for confirmation. These 14 will be added in small groups because they live so far apart the pastor cannot have them all in one class.

The Los Angeles congregation is growing so large that the church is too small for the 70—90 Deaf who come to the Sunday services. The congregation has chosen a building committee to make plans for a new church building. Members of the building committee are: **Mr. Frank Webb**, chairman; **Mr. Ervin Smith**, treasurer; **Mr. Howell Stottler**, **Mr. John Heitsheusen**, and **Mr. John Stine**. The regular officers of the church are also *ex officio* members of this committee. They are **Mr. Abel Sylliasen**, president; **Mr. Perry Stephenson**, secretary; **Mr. Fred Degner**, treasurer; **Mr. Harold Thuve**, vice-president.

Pastor Jonas is visiting the new School for the Deaf in Riverside, Calif., every Wednesday afternoon. 17 of the older boys and girls are in the class there to study the Catechism. Every Tuesday afternoon classes are held in Long Beach with 14 children.

Two hearing men, both of them were Catholics, are now studying with Rev. Jonas to join the Lutheran Church. One of them, **Roy Meloy**, is the son of Deaf parents from Yankton, S. Dak. Rev. Jonas met Roy many years ago when he preached for several years in Yank-

ton. The other man is Roy's friend, who is also greatly interested in the Deaf, and helps out at the church whenever he can. He is **Mr. "Rusty" Utt**. Both of these men thank God that they have found the truth of God's Word. May God bless their studies. J.

**New York.** — St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at Jackson Heights held three services on Easter Sunday. The dawn service was attended by 25. It was followed by a breakfast in the hall below. Thirty attended the 11 o'clock service. Sixty



First Confirmation Class coming from Saint Matthew's (New York) Sunday School. Four years ago there were no Sunday school children in the church. Then a Sunday school was opened with four children. These four are in the class admitted to full church membership by confirmation last Easter. With them is shown, in choir robe, Mrs. L. Brook, our reporter and an S. S. teacher. The five (l. to r.) are Richard Ammon, Leslie Rumage, John Woods, Robert Anderson, Mary McLaughlin

was the attendance at 3 P. M. In this service the first class growing out of the Sunday school was confirmed. The five new members are **Richard Ammon**, **Robert Anderson**, **Mary McLaughlin**, **Leslie Rumage**, and **John Woods**. May God keep

them strong in faith. The Sunday school was started four years ago, and it is hoped that annually some may obtain full membership through confirmation.

We had our first Ascension Day service May 26. We hope to have a service every year on this holy day, which some do not consider important; but it is a very important and holy day.

**Mrs. Amelia Scheiber** and **Mr. S. Brown** fell asleep in Jesus and were given Christian burial.

MRS. L. BROOK

**Omaha, Nebr.** — On May 2 a class of seven pupils of the Iowa School for the Deaf and two adult Deaf of Omaha were received into full membership in the Lutheran Church by confirmation. The adults are **Mrs. Charles Doering** and **Mrs. Arvid Trickey**. The seven children are **Gloria Darrah** of Newton, Iowa, **Dora Bourne** of Beaconsfield, Iowa, **Edward Daggett** of Des Moines, **La Wayne Beery** of Glenwood, Iowa, **Jack Congdon** of Council Bluffs, **Richard Noble** of Bettendorf, and **Nelson van Wyck** of Sully, Iowa.

The service, held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf at Omaha, was attended by many relatives of the members of the class. The members of the Omaha ladies' aid served a hot meal after the service.

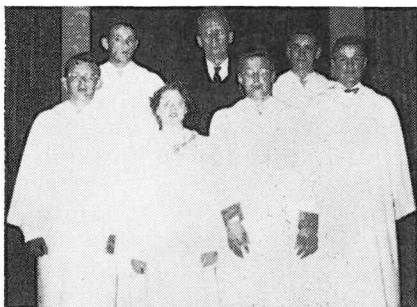
Of this year's nine graduates of the Nebraska School for the Deaf, six are Lutherans, as are five of the nine graduating from the Iowa School for the Deaf. Pastor Mappes conducted the baccalaureate service at Council Bluffs on May 16.

Because of the alumni reunion at the Omaha School for the Deaf over Memorial Day week end the service

in Omaha that Sunday had about 40 visitors from various towns in Nebraska and from California, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, and Ohio.

E. M.

**Jacksonville, Ill.** — Six young people renewed their baptismal vow before God's altar and became full members of the Lutheran Church on May 16. They are **Miss Marlene**



Confirmation Class, Jacksonville, Ill.

L. to r.: Howard De Haven, Paul Mehring, Marlene Cronauer, Pastor Uhlig, Gordon McMillin, Glenn O'Brien, Theron Robert

**Cronauer** of Bensenville, Ill., **Howard De Haven** of Macomb, **Gordon McMillin** of Minooka, Ill., **Paul Mehring, Jr.**, of Red Bud, Ill., **Glenn O'Brien** of Xenia, Ill., and **Theron Robert** of Sterling, Ill. The handy location of the chapel right across from the Illinois School for the Deaf enabled us to meet them daily at noon for a half hour, and it was a joy to hear them testify to the faith in them. May God bless and keep them.

U.

**Portland, Oreg.** — Hope Lutheran Church for the Deaf conducted an evangelistic campaign during Lent. Services were conducted on four successive nights and on Sunday. Opening at Portland Tuesday evening the evangelistic group moved to Salem, Oreg., Wednesday, to Vancouver, Wash., Thursday, then Friday and Sunday again to Portland. Rev. Theo. DeLaney was evangelist.

More than 230 people attended these five services, and many souls were uplifted. The members contemplate similar meetings at a later date.

In line with Synod's program of "more and better Bible classes" the Bible class of Hope Church, which has been meeting every Friday evening for more than four years, has decided to meet every Sunday morning for additional study, a very commendable resolution.

The altar and pulpit of Hope Chapel were raised March 20 by increasing the height of the supporting platform, thus enabling the congregation to see better. Six men did it in a day: A. Huber, E. Hughes, J. Drake, Chas. Lawrence, H. Rife, and Herb. Foss. Fine work! Such jobs are a pleasure to do and a great service to all.

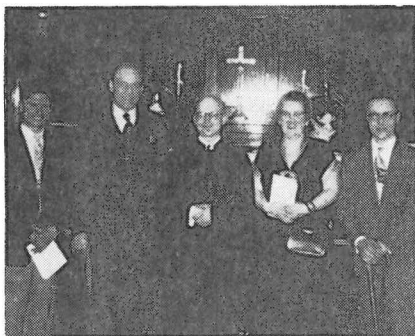
In the Easter sunrise service thirteen members marched to the platform with letters formed on their hands, each one making one letter. Raising their hands in concert, they spelled: "Christ is risen," and each signed a verse of the Easter story according to St. Mark. The Ladies' Aid served a breakfast after that service, enabling the members to stay for the regular service later in the morning.

R.

**Everett, Wash.** — Bethany Lutheran Church for the Deaf was organized March 21. Nine members signed the constitution. This is a fine step forward toward greater and better service to Christ and His kingdom. — **Debra Kay**, the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kosheiniks**, was laid into the arms of Jesus in Holy Baptism. J. A. B.

To TOUCH another's heart you must use your own.

**Rochester, N. Y.** — As faithful Christians once confessed their joyous faith in their Lord and Savior on that first Palm Sunday, so four new members pledged their faithful devotion to Jesus in a service of confirmation at Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf. They are:



**Rochester, N. Y., Confirmation Class**  
L. to r.: Francis van Aken, Laurence Hedberg, Pastor Rohe, Mrs. L. Hedberg, Geo. A. Spurling, Jr.

**Mr. Francis van Aken, Mr. Laurence Hedberg, Mrs. L. Hedberg, and Mr. George Spurling, Jr.** **Mr. Hedberg**, who was confirmed previously at Jamestown, N. Y., was received by transfer from his home church.

On the following Sunday, Easter, two nephews of George Spurling were brought to the Lord Jesus in Holy Baptism. The two "little ones" were **Larry Davey White** and **Jefrey Loren White**, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy White of Bath, N. Y. George and the grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Spurling, acted as sponsors by proxy for Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Lewis of Bath, N. Y. H. R.

**Memphis, Tenn.** — Proud parents of recent arrivals in this area include: **Mr. and Mrs. James Peach, Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Green, and Mr. and Mrs. Meeks.**



**Tacoma, Wash.** — Calvary Church for the Deaf is now worshipping in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, S. 5th and East B Sts., and the change seemingly has helped the attendance. — 'Recent baptisms were: **Mr. Don Redford, Jr., Mr. Albert Earnest, Mrs. Harry Huffman** and her Deaf daughter **Judy**. — **Mr. Noah Dixon** recently passed away after an operation. Being informed of the impending surgery, the pastor could visit him and comforted him through God's Word and the Lord's Supper. How thoughtful and proper to inform the pastor! Thus he could minister to the needs of the patient and give him comfort. **Mr. William Rowland** departed this life some weeks before **Mr. Nixon**. Both were given Christian burial by the pastor.

J. A. B.

**Lincoln, Nebr.** — On Easter Sunday evening at Grace Lutheran Congregation for the Deaf, Lincoln, Nebr., **Ronnie Lynn**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Don Collamore**, was baptized in the name of the Triune God. His sponsors were his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Collamore, and an aunt, Mrs. Eugenia Collamore. Having completed her course of study of the chief teachings of the Bible, **Ronnie's** mother was received as a member in the same service. Also on Easter Sunday **Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cook** of Lincoln brought with them to church their new son, born April 4.

E. M.

**Little Rock, Ark.** — One hundred years of service is the combined total of three sisters at the School for the Deaf. **Mildred** and **Louise De Arman** and their hearing sister **Doris** have each worked there more than thirty years.

**Sheboygan, Wis.** — **Miss Patricia Kathleen Koehler** and **Mr. Louis Dumovich** were married in a double-ring ceremony at St. Mark's



Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dumovich

Lutheran Church in Sheboygan, Wis., Saturday afternoon, June 5. The Rev. Robert Mackensen of Madison, pastor to the Deaf, officiated.

L. B. GLEICH

**Grand Forks, N. Dak.** — **Lars Larson**, a member of the first graduating class of Devils Lake, 1900, and one of the original communicant members of the North Dakota field, passed away in the Deaconess Hospital in Grand Forks, N. Dak., the early part of June. **Mr. Larson** had reached the age of 74 years. W. F.

**Manly, Iowa.** — The 25th wedding anniversary of **Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Lee** was celebrated by the Deaf and friends of the Mason City area with services at Manly on April 2. After the service there was a reception in the church basement. V. M.

FAMILY worship keeps us close to God and to each other.

**Rockford, Ill.** — Miss Esther Haberkorn became a member of our Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Rockford, Ill., through the rite of



Miss Esther Haberkorn with her parents and fiancé, Darwin Kirchner, and Rev. Mackensen

confirmation on the first Sunday in May. The group gave a reception in the church basement after the service to welcome this new member.  
R. M.

**Memphis, Tenn.** — Grace Church for the Deaf had a Mission Sunday on May 30. The Rev. Wm. Rein-king, pastor of Holy Cross and St. Philip's congregations for the Deaf in St. Louis, was the speaker. He had previously served the Memphis area during his vicarage a few years ago. Services were conducted in the morning and in the afternoon, and a picnic was held in the back yard of the parsonage that evening. Croquet, horseshoe, ping-pong, softball, and other games were enjoyed by about forty people attending.

D. T.

**Des Moines, Iowa.** — A baby girl, Juanita Doris, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rogers on April 12.

V. M.

**Indianapolis, Ind.** — A third child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pep-

perdine. Son Tony Michael arrived April 28.

**St. Paul, Minn.** — Mr. Orville Mielke of Hartley, Iowa, and Mrs. Doris Vogt of St. Paul were united in marriage by the Rev. Floyd Possehl at Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Paul on March 27.

**Council Bluffs, Iowa.** — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hiltabidel are the parents of Barbara Jean, born May 29 at Iowa City.  
E. M.

**Devils Lake, N. Dak.** — The North Dakota School for the Deaf has provided our missionary there with three rooms for Sunday school. Conducting Sunday school here is more convenient than transporting the children from the school to our chapel, which is adjacent to the new church building of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Visual aids, so necessary for our Sunday school work, can be used in these rooms, for they have "blackout" curtains for showing slides, and there are big wall-boards for written work. W. F.



Adults of Colorado Springs and students from the Colorado State School. Services are held biweekly in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rev. Walter Enge, pastor, situated across the street from the School

**Atlantic, Iowa.** — On May 1 Mr. Arnold Olson and Miss Maxine Gould were married at Zion Lutheran Church.  
V. M.



# Catechism

## Table of Duties

### Of Subjects

(Matthew 22:21; Romans 13:5-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-3; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13, 14)

The Pharisees sent to Christ and asked: "Is it lawful to give tribute [taxes] unto Caesar [the Emperor] or not?" Jesus gave a wonderful answer, saying: "Render [pay] therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21). This is the first Bible verse in our Catechism when it speaks of our duty to our Government.

### Church and State

Jesus speaks of two kingdoms: one of the world, that is, Caesar's; the other not of this world, that is, God's. We usually call them Church and State. They are not against each other. Our duty toward God does not normally interfere with our duty toward our government, and our duty toward the government does not interfere with our duty toward God. Church and State are separated according to Christ's words and can stand side by side. The Church has no business to make

laws for the government or to meddle in politics, and the State has no business to make laws for the Church and to meddle in religion.

### Thank God for the Constitution of the United States

The Constitution of our country guarantees to us the separation of Church and State. Our President cannot tell us to which church we should go, or whom we should worship, or what we should preach or should not preach in our churches. And the Church cannot tell the State to make laws regarding church worship or any other church matter. Thanks to God, we have freedom of worship. We may worship God as the Bible wants us to. Nobody in the government can stop us when we preach Jesus Christ, and His cross, and His blood, which washes away all our sins.

### Watch and Pray

Every day we read of people at work, especially the Communists, who seek to take this blessing from us. Watch and pray, Christian friend, in order that we may keep this our freedom of worship!

J. L. S.

---

**Everett, Wash.** — A congregation was organized here as **Bethany Lutheran Church for the Deaf**. Nine men, on March 21, signed the constitution. Organized congregations can do better work. J. A. B.

**Cave Springs, Ga.** — Sunday, May 23, **Pastor Delbert Thies** of Memphis delivered the baccalaureate sermon at the Georgia School for the Deaf. There are fourteen in this year's graduating class.



## Devotions

Selections are from "Feeding on His Word," a daily Bible reading guide for 1954 by the Board for Parish Education of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, 210 N. Broadway, St. Louis 2, Mo. Obtainable there, 5 cents.

### SUGGESTED USE

1. As you open your Bible, say: "Speak, Lord, Thy servant hears."
2. After finding the place in the Bible, read the short explanation given under the date.
3. Now read the words of the Bible. *Read slowly, and think what each verse says.*
4. Read again the short explanation and the prayer, adding what is on your heart and perhaps the Lord's Prayer.

Thursday, July 15 — Romans 14:7-17

Whether I live or die, I belong to God; therefore I should always live as a child of God.

*Prayer:* Let my tongue confess Thee, the true God, and let me worship Thee by holy living. Amen.

Friday, July 16 — Psalm 92

Morning and night God's loving-kindness continues without change; therefore I give thanks and sing praises to Him.

*Prayer:* Accept my praise for Thy great works. Thou art the Lord everlasting. Amen.

Saturday, July 17 — Genesis 3:1-15

Because Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command not to eat fruit from that one tree, all men are sinners; I, too.

*Prayer:* I thank Thee, Lord God, for promising Eve a Savior, who saved us all from sin and punishment. Amen.

Sunday, July 18 — Luke 5:1-11

I should be as eager to hear God's Word as the people who crowded

around Jesus on the shore of Lake Gennesaret.

*Prayer:* Let me follow Thee, my Savior, as Simon and the other disciples did. Amen.

Monday, July 19 — 1 Peter 3:8-15

I should always be ready to confess that Jesus is my only Hope of salvation.

*Prayer:* Help me to show Christian love to all people; let me never speak evil, but help me always to speak the truth. Amen.

Tuesday, July 20

Jeremiah 16:14-21

God sees all things. Nothing I do is hid from His eyes. He sees also our lawbreakings.

*Prayer:* Do not look upon my sins, but forgive them because of Jesus' death for me. Amen.

Wednesday, July 21

Matthew 16:13-26

Who do I think Jesus is? I know that He is the Son of the living God. I will follow Him.

*Prayer:* Thanks to Thee because Thou didst build Thy Church upon the Rock Jesus Christ! Amen.

Thursday, July 22 — 1 Peter 2:4-10

As a believer, I am one of God's chosen people; I should praise Him because He brought me to faith.

*Prayer:* My God, I thank Thee because Thou didst call me from the darkness of sin into the light of true faith. Amen.

Friday, July 23 — Psalm 113

From sunrise to sunset I should praise God, because there is no one else who can do such wonderful things.

*Prayer:* I give praise to Thee, O Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord now and forever. Amen.

Saturday, July 24

Genesis 7:11-24

God has power to destroy the wicked people and save His believers, and that is His will.

*Prayer:* Give me such a faith that like Noah I can believe and trust in Thee even when others do not. Amen.

Sunday, July 25

Matthew 5:20-26

Anger is just as wrong as murder before God. No sin is little in His eyes.

*Prayer:* Keep me from becoming angry with anyone, but rather help me to be a peacemaker. Amen.

Monday, July 26 — Romans 6:3-11

Through Christ's resurrection from the dead I also get a new life, a life with God.

*Prayer:* Christ, Thou hast died to save me from sin; help me to serve God rather than sin. Amen.

Tuesday, July 27 — Exodus 20:1-17

God punishes evildoers, but He shows mercy to those who keep His commandments.

*Prayer:* Help me, Lord, to worship no gods except the one true God. Him I love and His commandments I want to do. Amen.

Wednesday, July 28

Matthew 19:16-30

I cannot desire the riches of this world if I want to receive the riches of heaven.

*Prayer:* Help me to realize the true value of the riches of heaven, which are mine through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thursday, July 29

Ephesians 2:4-10

Through His great mercy, God gives me faith which saves me from sin. Only faith in Jesus can save me.

*Prayer:* From faith and love to Thee help me to do good works. Amen.

Friday, July 30 — Psalm 114

God used His great power over nature to deliver His people, the Israelites, from Egypt.

*Prayer:* May I and all believers honor and obey Thee as the sea, the mountains, and the hills did at that time. Amen.

Saturday, July 31

Genesis 12:1-9

God made promises unto Abraham; he believed God and obeyed Him.

*Prayer:* As Abraham builded an altar to worship Thee, I thank Thee for all Thy blessings to me. Amen.



## *Bible Quiz*

How did Moses catch the serpent? Exodus 4:4.

How did King Herod die because he was proud? Acts 12:23.

What happened at Troas when Paul's sermon lasted several hours? Acts 20:9.

What did Moses take with him when the Hebrews left Egypt for the promised land? Exodus 13:19.

How do people become just and get eternal life? Habakkuk 2:4.

Why was Paul not ashamed to preach the Gospel of Christ? Romans 1:16.

How did God guide the Hebrews in the desert and give them shade by day and light by night? Exodus 13:21.

What did King Nebuchadnezzar eat when he became insane for seven months on account of being proud about his fine city? Daniel 4:33.

Where is the Lord? Habakkuk 2:20.

What did the people want to do with Moses when they did not have water? Exodus 17:4.

What did Peter want to build on the top of a mountain? Matthew 17:4.

What did God create on the fourth day? Genesis 1:16-19.

Speaking of the tricky and wicked king Herod, what did Jesus call him? Luke 13:32.

What is the root of all evil? 1 Timothy 6:10.

Joshua brought the Children of Israel to rest in the Promised Land.

What is his name in Greek? Hebrews 4:8.

A tongue that speaks evil is like a fire, and where does that kind of fire come from? James 3:6.

Like what animals are people that rebel against God? Psalm 32:9.

Whom did Isaac marry? Genesis 24:67.

What will turn away wrath and quarreling in an argument? Proverbs 15:1.

What is better than precious ointment? Ecclesiastes 7:1.

Which is better, sorrow or laughter? Ecclesiastes 7:3.

Who is a babe? Hebrews 5:13.

What advice is given to those who are afflicted and suffer? James 5:13.

What happens when the blind lead the blind? Luke 6:39.

With what kind of "wallpaper" did King Solomon cover the walls of the Temple? 1 Kings 6:21.

Why must all people appear before the judgment seat of Christ? 2 Corinthians 5:10.

How long did it take to build Solomon's Temple? 1 Kings 6:38.

What happened to the traveler who was going to Jericho? Luke 10:30.

What do the heavens declare? Psalm 19:1.

What should not be done with the old landmark that the fathers have set? Proverbs 22:28.