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*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

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Ordination and Commissioning of Rev. W. H. Lange

The impressive rite of the ordination and commissioning of the Rev. William H. Lange was performed in Trinity Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, Calif., at 3:30 P. M., Sunday, September 19, 1954.



Rev. W. H. Lange

A large number of about 200 deaf people and about 150 hearing were inspired by the sermon, based on "The Healing of the Deaf Man," Mark 7:31-37. This very fitting and interesting message to the hearing people, to the new missionary, and to the Deaf, was preached by the Dr. Geo. W. Gaertner, Pastor of Memorial Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Oakland, Calif., and also the West Coast Regional Representative of Synod's Board of Missions to the Deaf. Dr. Gaertner was also the officiant in the ceremony of ordination and commissioning of the new missionary, with the help of the Rev.

Im. F. Hodde, who served as liturgist in the service, and is pastor of Trinity Church as well as the Visitor of the local circuit. The Rev. Arnold T. Jonas, pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf, interpreted the sermon and the liturgy.

A reception in the new and modern fellowship hall of Trinity Church followed the service. The ladies of Pilgrim Church served at the beautifully decorated table the cakes and cookies which they had baked, with coffee and punch. Pilgrim Congregation of the Deaf presented Rev. Lange with two beautiful gifts as a remembrance of his ordination and commissioning. The first gift was a pocket-size Communion service to be used in communing the sick and shut-ins. The second gift was a beautiful clergy cross to be worn with the pastor's robe.

It was a memorable day in the history of our Deaf — memorable because it was just forty years ago in August of 1914 that the first service in signs for the Deaf was held in this same Trinity Church in Los Angeles. At that first service the Rev. T. M. Wangerin preached, having come out from Milwaukee, Wis., for the service and for a survey to explore the needs of services for the Deaf in California. Now, forty years later, the Deaf returned to Trinity to accommodate both the Deaf and the hearing in this combined service of signs and speech and to ordain and commission another pastor to take care of the growing needs of the Southern California area.

A choir of seven ladies interpreted the singing of the hymns for the

Deaf. These ladies were Mesdames F. V. Farmer, Esther Kingsley, M. Nilson, F. Degner, H. Thuve, F. Miller and Perry Stephenson, members of Pilgrim Church for the Deaf. Mr. Harold Thuve served as leader for the Deaf in the signing of the liturgical responses by the congregation. There were many wonderful words of praise both from the Deaf and the hearing people for the beauty and impressiveness of this service.

The Rev. Wm. H. Lange was born in Minot, N. Dak. His father, the Rev. A. H. Lange, served a Lutheran congregation near Minot. Later the family moved to Concordia, Mo. Pastor Wm. Lange attended Lutheran parish schools in his youth. To begin his theological training, he entered St. Paul's College at Concordia, Mo., being graduated in February, 1947. He received his final training for the ministry at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, being graduated last June. His studies there were interrupted by a vicarage of three years, as he taught school one year at Knoxville, Tenn., and spent two years as vicar of Martin Luther Church, Tokyo, Japan. He now will assist the Rev. A. T. Jonas in the Southern California area, at Long Beach, San Diego, and Santa Ana, and will take charge of the Deaf children in the school at Long Beach and the State School for the Deaf at Riverside, Calif.

Former pastors who have served the Deaf in Los Angeles and Southern California include the following: Rev. N. F. Jensen, full time from November, 1914, to September, 1917; and part time from 1917 to April, 1926; Rev. Gerhardt F. Ferber served from April, 1927, to July, 1942; the Rev. Walter D. Uhlig

served the Deaf from September, 1942, until the summer of 1948; Vicar William Reinking served during the three months of summer in 1948; and the present pastor, Arnold T. Jonas, since October 12, 1948. The Los Angeles congregation numbers some 125 baptized members. Nine more members were added by the rites of Baptism and confirmation on the 15th Sunday after Trinity, September 26, 1954. Pilgrim Congregation has its own chapel and fellowship hall for the Deaf, located at 3425 W. 15th Street in Los Angeles. The Deaf also own the parsonage at 927 S. Gramercy Place. The Lord has so blessed the preaching and teaching of His Word that now two missionaries are necessary to take care of the work in this large and growing area. May He continue to bless the preaching, the teaching, and the labors of the new missionary to the glory of His holy name.

A. T. J.

"Building for Christ"

The Board of Directors of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has given the green light to an effort to be made early in 1955 to collect five million dollars in a "Building for Christ" program. The troublesome problem was this: Very necessary building operations confront several of our important educational and welfare agencies. Instead of having five separate campaigns, there is to be one concerted effort. A very good idea. This procedure lifts the entire program into prominent view through its great size, for five million is a very large sum of money; and it saves endless duplication of effort. Among the beneficiaries of this effort is our Mill Neck, N. Y., Lutheran School for the Deaf.



Editorials

"The Women that Followed Him"

A badge of honor "more enduring than brass" was given by our Savior to the faithful women of Galilee and Judea, who did not forsake Him when all others had left Him, following Him even to the cross. They are called "the women that followed Him."

In our day, too, we can give this badge of honor to the faithful women of our churches, who are serving the Savior by ministering to His messengers and to His brethren throughout the world. To the everlasting glory of these faithful women it can be said that they are doing these things not for the sake of having something to do, but for His sake, because they love Him. Therefore their services are indeed acceptable and precious in His sight.

We think of the women of the many congregations who, week after week, take time to serve Him despite their household duties. They go to local meetings and conventions and work for Jesus, and it is inspiring to sit in these meetings and see the spirit of these faithful "women that follow Him."

Orchids go to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, which has done so much in the way of supplying the needs of the church at large and of its missionaries, by providing chapels, parsonages, retreats, and hospitals all over the world. We of the Mission to Deaf gratefully think

of the aid given our congregations at Cleveland, Seattle, Sioux Falls, Jacksonville, and other cities. The True Light Mission in Chinatown in New York, which is doing such outstanding work, has been benefited by the grants of the L. W. M. L.

But not only these efforts that receive publicity are worthy of note, but the unnumbered small "cups of cold water" given by the faithful women of Jesus are written in His Book to be remembered. We remember a housewife, who in the course of one year gave 668 meals to beggars; we have never left a parsonage on our missionary journeys to the Deaf without invoking a blessing upon the "woman of Shunem" who had fed and lodged the missionary as did her sister in the days of Elijah the Prophet.

These deeds of love done unto Him by serving the least of His brethren certainly will receive the "Well Done!"

U.

"The Most Blessed Work on This Earth"

What is it? The work of the President of the United States? or the work of a doctor? or the work of a welfare worker? Indeed, each one of these is a blessed work. But which is "the most blessed work on this earth"? Two sisters of a Deaf man in North Dakota who died in Christ recently and whom two of our missionaries taught the word of Jesus, sent us ten dollars as a

memorial wreath for Deaf work. The one sister writes: "I am thankful to God for everyone who helped Nicholas, and others, to know salvation through Jesus Christ. It is the most blessed work on this earth." Yes, it is a most blessed work, as

all missionary work truly is. Our Church is bringing Jesus, the one and only Savior, to our Deaf fellow men. Without Him there is no salvation. She closes her letter with these words: "May God continue to bless this great mission." J. L. S.



The Book of Numbers

The Book of Numbers is the fourth of the five books of Moses. It is called **Numbers** because the first chapter **tells us of the numbering** of the people. God commanded Moses to take a census. This counting was repeated in chapter 26. There were counted 603,550 males over twenty years of age in the first census, and 38 years later, at the second census, they counted 601,730 males over twenty years of age. Thus one can figure that about three million Hebrews wandered from Egypt to the Promised Land.

The book tells the story of **the wandering in the desert**. Moses had planned to lead them directly north to the land which was to be their home. So they wandered in 11 days to Kadesh, 150 miles from Mount Sinai, which was only 50 miles from Beersheba. From Kadesh the spies were sent out to look over the situation. This was really the decisive point. The people listened to the evil report of ten of the twelve spies and became afraid to go further. Two of the spies urged the people to go ahead with Moses, but the people refused. It must have been very hard for Moses. Then God said

that they would **wander forty years** in the desert and all the men over twenty would be dead at the end of these 40 years and not enter the land, except Joshua and Caleb, the two who trusted God. And so the people wandered about. They would stay at one place for awhile and then go on to another place and stay awhile again.

This book we can divide into four sections. Chapters 1 to 4 we have the **census of the state and of the church** during the last days at Mount Sinai. Chapters 5 to 10 we have many **laws about persons and things** that the people in their wanderings should observe. Chapters 11 to 19 tell many **stories of how the wicked were punished** for not obeying God, and more laws are listed. Chapters 20 to 36 tell how the people came back to Kadesh and the desert of Zin and Aaron's and Miriam's deaths and more disobedience of the people and more laws.

Everywhere in this book we see **the patience of God** and His love for His people, and many statements and happenings spoke of and foreshadowed **the coming of the Savior**. An interesting book indeed is Numbers. Let us read it often for warning and encouragement. U.

Field Gleanings

Vancouver, B. C. — "God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

September 17, 1952, **Mr. and Mrs. Chester Orr** were confirmed in Bethlehem Church, Vancouver. Six weeks later Mr. Orr was stricken



Mr. and Mrs. George Atkinson and Mr. Chester Orr with daughter Mary Louise

with bulbar polio and rushed into an oxygen tent. His doctor said he could not live more than one week.

But Jesus, the Great Physician, knew differently. After several months Mr. Orr was able to breathe without the iron lung. But then the gracious and almighty God, who had helped and strengthened him thus far, laid upon him another very heavy cross: Mrs. Orr died entirely

unexpectedly a few minutes after giving birth to her third child, a truly beautiful daughter. At her baptism she was given her sainted mother's name: Mary Louise.

Shortly before the birth, a school friend of Mr. Orr, **George Atkinson**, arrived from Edmonton with his hearing wife, a registered nurse, for a visit. The childless Atkinsons had arrived to care for the Orr household in expectation of the Orr's new baby.

Instead of merely visiting, the Atkinsons remained indefinitely. God had provided them with a family of three children in a very unexpected way. And God had supplied the Orr children with devoted and loving substitute parents.

To the amazement of countless people, Mr. Orr has left the hospital and is now in a rehabilitation center, where he is undergoing further treatment intended to prepare him for a different type of work, by which to support his family.

May each of us praise God for His great love and power and grace in this case. And may our God continue to remain with Mr. Orr, his family and the Atkinsons, to bless and to heal!

J. A. B.

Memphis, Tenn. — **Russell Bowen** was received as a communicant of Grace Lutheran Church for the Deaf on Sunday, August 1. Twenty-seven people witnessed his confession of faith that day.

D. T.

Meeting with Friends, Old and New

During the past eleven years all the fields of our mission have been officially visited by us, some several times. But never the Twin City Fields, which were under our care for many years. And why not? It is not that we had forgotten them. Off and on we preached to some of the groups during these eleven years. Finally we got around to visit some of the Minneapolis stations, and in August we shall, God willing, visit the St. Paul Field.

The first stations we visited were Duluth-Superior. Work was begun here in August, 1913, with an attendance of 21 in the first service.



This happy pair is Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hagen of Neenah, Wis. He is the reporter whose name you have frequently noticed under news items from up there. He presented a fine paper on the doctrine of the church at the last Regional Conference, August 28, at Minneapolis

For some time we had intended to start the work there, but we always failed. Then God took things into His hands. He took three of our Lutheran men of the Minneapolis Congregation and placed them into Duluth-Superior. There they found themselves without Gospel preaching. There were services for the Deaf, but there was not a "word about salvation." They therefore wrote us, saying: "We come to you as the man of Macedonia came to Paul, saying, Come over and help us." We thanked God for this letter and were glad to accept this call. And God was with us. More and more Deaf were instructed and confirmed, and a congregation was organized with about 30 members. Some of these have moved away, and some are now with Christ in glory. For ten years we held monthly services. In 1923 P. Ferber was installed as pastor for the Northern Minnesota and North Dakota Deaf. For 17 years he lived in Duluth and faithfully served this group with services and a weekly Bible class. Then P. Lutz, now missionary in India, ministered to them for two years. Since then P. Bremer has been serving them every month. Thus the word of Christ and His love has been preached to the Duluth-Superior Deaf for more than 40 years. What a blessing!

May 22 we accompanied P. Bremer to these cities and preached the sermon, basing it upon 1 John 2: 28 and urging them to "abide in Jesus." We were happy to see some of the old-timers whom we had served for many years, and also glad to see many new faces. At the present time there are 19 communicants in Duluth and 8 in Superior. After the service the ladies served dinner.



Mrs. Bertha Rodda, the oldest and one of the first members of the Lutheran group of Omaha, remembers well the pastors that served her: Pastors N. F. Jensen, Louis Jagels, A. C. Dahms, O. C. Schroeder and E. Mappes. Mr. Ed. Rodda, her husband, died five years ago. She has five children and five grandchildren

Then there was to be a short meeting, in which we were to speak informally on certain matters. We showed them that the love of Christ should constrain (urge) them to attend services faithfully, often to come to the Lord's Table, and liberally to support Christ's work of saving souls. However, this meeting lasted almost two hours. So many questions were asked, and many things had to be discussed. May God continue to bless this fine group and their pastor unto the glory of our Savior's name. In this service Pastor Bremer came to the Lord's Supper with his members.

Monday we made several calls and then drove to Grand Rapids, where we have five communicants. However, it proved to be a very inopportune evening for the service. Only one came, the others were detained.

Among these was a couple who never had missed a service. A Communion service was held with the one. There were three of us, and Jesus says: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them," Matt. 18:20. So there were four of us. Tuesday we called on Mr. and Mrs. Stokes, two very enthusiastic members. They expressed their deep regret that they were not able to attend the service. However, we brought a message from God's Word also to them. May God bless this little group!

June 13 we visited the Mankato group. Our first service there was held in February, 1927, with an attendance of seven. Rev. Lutz served them in 1944 and 1945. Since then Rev. Bremer has been their pastor. It was Trinity Sunday, and we reminded them of the Father's mercy to them that during all these years they had learned to know from John 3:16, then of the Savior's love in shedding His blood for their sins, and of the Holy Spirit's love in blessing the Word in their hearts. In the sermon we dwelt especially



Here we see Pastor V. Mesenbrink with his fine group of Deaf worshippers after a service at Mt. Calvary Church for the Deaf, Des Moines

on the work of the Holy Spirit, on the basis of John 7:37-39. After the service we urged them to thank Father, Son, and Holy Ghost for this love by attending church regularly, by coming to Holy Communion often for the strengthening of their faith, and also by giving gladly for the Lord's work, and that not only for their pastor's expenses and salary, but for all our mission work in all the world. They now number 16 communicants. All of these were members when we conducted services years ago. Thanks, dear Lord, for keeping them in Thy grace!

The following Monday we visited the seven patients under P. Bremer's care at the St. Peter State Hospital. To some of these we brought comfort from God's holy Word in times past. Each one had to be visited individually. Two of them are deaf-blind. Hjalmar Waage we found seriously ill. His face brightened up when his pastor spoke to him of JESUS, just as it did when we visited him years ago. On July 12 he died, trusting in Jesus who loved him! Now he is with his Savior. We still are in this world of sorrows. May God grant to every one of us such a blessed end! J L S.



This group of Deaf of Pueblo, Colo., meet regularly at the school of Trinity Lutheran Church, of which Rev. Victor Felten is pastor. They are served by Pastor Bailey of Denver, who calls them "a loyal group of Christians"



The Decatur, Ill., group meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. K. Frankenstein, pastor. The newly decorated church has served as the place of worship of the Deaf since November 26, 1939. They are served by Pastor N. P. Uhlig, and his vicar, W. O. Neisch

Our Work in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky

Missions to the Deaf were begun over 50 years ago in Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, and elsewhere by the sainted Rev. A. Boll. After him, the Revs. O. Schroeder, N. Borchardt, E. Baker, and Wm. Gielow established many missions to the Deaf in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. At the present time the Rev. Theo. Frederking of Cleveland and the Rev. Donald Simon of Columbus serve the Deaf in Ohio, while the Rev. Martin Kosche of Indianapolis and the Rev. Ernest Scheibert and Vicar H. Drachenberg serve cities in Indiana and Kentucky.

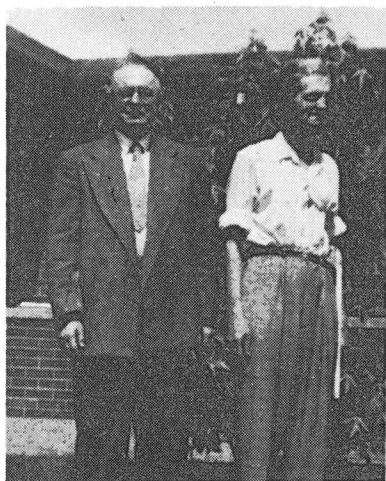
In these places our missionaries serve about 800 baptized Deaf, 300 communicants, and 100 Deaf children in Sunday schools. There are churches for the Deaf in Cleveland, Columbus and Indianapolis. But the work for the Deaf in these States is only a small part of our national work.

By the oral and manual methods the blessed Gospel of Jesus and the

truths of the Bible are brought to thousands of Deaf people, to the salvation and blessings of many immortal souls purchased by the precious blood of our Savior. May we often remember this difficult but blessed work in our prayers.

Central District News

Chicago. — **Mr. Norman Ginn** is a deaf-blind friend living in a suburb of Chicago. He is a faithful, cheerful Christian in spite of his double handicap. Mr. Ginn contributes to our work and receives Holy Communion regularly.



**Pastor O. C. Schroeder and
Mr. Norman Ginn**

In the Chicago area we render personal service to 41 deaf-blind. Our magazines in raised type have among their readers about 300 deaf-blind, who reside in many cities all over the world. They write to us in Braille from Bombay and Calicut, India; Shanghai, China; Tokyo, Japan; Jerusalem, Israel; Damascus, Syria; Cairo, Egypt; Capetown, South Africa; Sydney, Australia; Kingston, Jamaica; Auckland, New Zealand; Mexico City, Mexico; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Lisbon,

Portugal; Rome, Italy; Paris, France; San Juan, Porto Rico; Berlin, Germany; Edinburgh, Scotland; London, England, and nearly all the principal cities of the U. S. A. and Canada.

We thank God that these sightless fellow men are able to learn the Gospel of God's redeeming grace in Christ Jesus. Pray for us and pray for them. O. C. S.

IT'S THE LAYMEN

Leave it only to the ministers, and soon the church will die;
Leave it to the womenfolk — the young will pass it by.

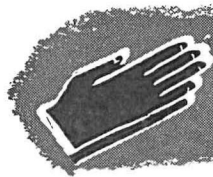
For the church is all that lifts us from the coarse and selfish mob,
And the church that is to prosper needs the layman on the job.

Now a layman has his business, and a layman has his joys,
But he also has the training of his little girls and boys;
And I wonder how he'd like it if there were no churches here
And he had to raise his children in a godless atmosphere?

It's the church's special function to uphold the finer things,
To teach that way of living from which all that's noble springs;
But the minister can't do it single-handed and alone,
For the laymen of the country are the church's cornerstone.

When you see a church that's empty, though it's doors are open wide,
It's not the church that's dying — it's the laymen who have died;
It's not just by song or sermon that the church's work is done,
It's the laymen of the country who for God must carry on.

EDGAR A. GUEST



Devotions

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.

Monday, November 1

Revelation 14:6, 7

The angel (messenger) says: "Give glory to God and fear (honor) and worship Him." This messenger is Luther, and all people, also those before him, that proclaim the pure Gospel about Jesus.

Prayer: O God, bless the preaching of the Gospel throughout all the world in churches and on radio and television. Amen.

Tuesday, November 2

2 Chronicles 29:12-19

As the priests and Levites (priests' helpers) cleansed the house of the Lord (Temple), so Luther at the time of the Reformation cleansed the church of false teachings and wrongdoings. Let us carefully do and believe what God tells us.

Prayer: Help us, O heavenly Father, to keep Your church clean, free from false doctrine. Amen.

Wednesday, November 3

Galatians 2:16-21

We are not justified (made right before God) by obeying the Law. We are righteous in God's sight only when we believe that Jesus Christ is our true and only Savior.

Prayer: O Christ, You have set me right before God. Help me to believe it, and live in my heart. Amen.

Thursday, November 4

John 2:13-17

We do not honor God's house when we think of it as a place to sell things or have church suppers. Jesus says it is a house of prayer — a place to worship God.

Prayer: Lord, give us eagerness like Christ's to keep Your church clean and use it right. Amen.

Friday, November 5

Psalms 119:153-160

God's Word is true from beginning to end—from Genesis to Revelation. It is also true for all time; His Word never changes and His promises never fail.

Prayer: Let us never forget You, O God, and help us learn more about You from the Bible. Amen.

Saturday, November 6

Numbers 13

Moses chose twelve men to go into Canaan to see what kind of a land it was and what kind of people lived in it. Only two of the spies,

Joshua and Caleb, trusted God to help conquer the land.

Prayer: Give us courage, O Lord, to overcome our enemies — sin and Satan. Amen.

Sunday, November 7

John 4:46-54

As Jesus' word healed this man's son, so His promise of forgiveness heals our souls. We must believe the word that our Lord Jesus Christ saved us from all our sins.

Prayer: O Lord Jesus, we pray that You will be with all sick people, lead them to believe in You, and heal them in Your own way. Amen.

Monday, November 8

Ephesians 6:10-17

We have a battle we must fight; our enemy is the devil. But we have a strong Helper — God; He helps us by supplying our weapons — His Word with all its blessings.

Prayer: Make us know, O Lord, that we can be strong in You through Your Holy Word. Amen.

Tuesday, November 9

Hosea 13:9-14

Many people of all ages and all countries have tried to find their own way to save their soul and to get to heaven; but all these plans fail because Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Prayer: Help us, O Savior, to remember Your promise "I will redeem you from death." Amen.

Wednesday, November 10

John 4:31-43

God's harvest field is the world full of souls to be won for Jesus. Are you one of His helpers in the harvest field by bringing others to believe in our Savior?

Prayer: Let us witness (tell) about You, O Master, that others become believers. Amen.

Thursday, November 11

Revelation 3:7-13

The all-knowing God sees all our works. He judges whether they are good or bad, right or wrong, helpful to His kingdom or hurting it. Do our works show we love Him? They should!

Prayer: Our God, help us to hold fast (keep) our faith, that we do not lose our crown of eternal life. Amen.

Friday, November 12

Psalms 119:161-168

A love for God's Law, an interest in learning from His Holy Word — that is the way we can find peace of mind and heart. The Bible tells us of Jesus, our Savior, the Prince of Peace.

Prayer: Help us, O Lord, to find much joy for our soul in Your Word as we study it each day. Amen.

Saturday, November 13

Joshua 6:1-21

This lesson from history shows what wonderful things God does for His children when they obey Him. By following His commands exactly, the Children of Israel captured the strong city of Jericho.

Prayer: Give us Your mighty help, O Lord, in our battle against sin and Satan. Amen.

Sunday, November 14

Matthew 18:23-35

Jesus' parable shows us that God forgives us no matter how large a debt of sin we have; therefore we should forgive others who do wrong

to us. Remember what we say in the Lord's prayer!

Prayer: O Savior, make us willing to forgive, so that we can pray: "Forgive us . . . as we forgive those who sin against us." Amen.

Monday, November 15

Philippians 1:3-11

Christ's great preacher Paul here prays for his congregation at Philippi. Can your pastor be as happy about the way you show your love to Jesus and give glory and praise to God in your life?

Prayer: Increase our love to You, Lord Jesus, and to all our fellow men. Amen.

Tuesday, November 16

Deuteronomy 7:6-11

God is good to us because He loves us very much and wants to keep His promise to save us. God loved us so much that He gave His only Son, Jesus, into death, that we might live eternally.

Prayer: May Your great love to us, O God, move us to keep Your commandments. Amen.

Wednesday, November 17

Matthew 18:1-14

Little children believe and trust their parents. We hear them say, "That's true because my daddy said so!" Jesus uses them as an example to show us how we should trust God.

Prayer: Let all little children come to You through baptism and faith, O Lord, according to Your will. Amen.

Thursday, November 18

Ephesians 4:22-32

Our sinful heart makes us think of serving Satan and sin; but the Christian's mind is made new so

that he thinks of serving God and being kind and forgiving to his brother. Are we renewed?

Prayer: Jesus, make us kind and forgiving. Keep us from thinking and doing evil to others. Amen.

Friday, November 19

Psalms 119:169-176

When we learn God's Word, we find many reasons to praise Him; we see how He promises many blessings and keeps all His promises. To forgive you for your Savior's sake is the greatest promise of God.

Prayer: Let us return to You, O Lord, through Jesus, who came to seek and save the lost. Amen.

Saturday, November 20

Judges 7

Gideon, the leader of the army of the Children of Israel, obeyed God in all things; he trusted Him to help in the battle, and God did. We, too, can trust God in our battle against Satan and sin.

Prayer: We give glory to You, O God, for helping believers with Your great power. Amen.

Sunday, November 21

Matthew 22:15-22

All we have belongs to God; we are only His managers. Therefore from love of Jesus we should use all our things and our entire life to give thanks and glory to Him.

Prayer: Make us good citizens, O God; help us work and pray for good government. Amen.

Monday, November 22

Philippians 3:17-21

We must honor God and work for Him and His kingdom rather than give our whole attention to our life

on earth. Let us think about our eternal life in heaven and work and pray for that.

Prayer: Everliving Savior, free us from our sins, that when we die, we may receive glorious bodies like Yours. Amen.

Tuesday, November 23

Isaiah 32:1-8

The wind, the tempest (storm), a dry place, and a weary land mean all our troubles; Christ is our Shelter (protection) and Comfort in all our troubles.

Prayer: Make us kind and generous, O Lord, in helping all who need our help. Amen.

Wednesday, November 24

Romans 13:1-7

God gives us our government to rule over us and protect us and to punish people that do wrong. Therefore God wants us to obey and honor our government.

Prayer: Give us a government, O God, that serves You and does Your will. Amen.

Thursday, November 25

Mark 12:41-44

Everything is God's; He created all things and gave them to us to use and take care of. The right way for us to use them is to show our thanks to Him and His glory to others.

Prayer: Help us, O Lord, to be thankful to You for all the good things You have given us. Amen.

Friday, November 26

Psalms 124

Without God to help us in our troubles, life would be too hard for

us; but God cares for us and helps us. Let us trust in Him.

Prayer: Almighty God, You who made heaven and earth, help us bear our burdens in life. Amen.

Saturday, November 27

Ruth 1

Ruth is a beautiful example of how loyal, kind, and helpful a believer is to others for love of Jesus. If we truly love Jesus, we will obey His command "Be kind to one another."

Prayer: Help us, Lord Jesus, truly to love and serve with kindness all other people. Amen.

Sunday, November 28

Matthew 21:1-9

Jesus is truly the King who rules our hearts and lives. As we again think about His coming at Christmas, we sing: "Hosanna in the highest" ("save we pray"), and we praise Him with all our heart.

Prayer: O Jesus, our King, make us willing to obey Your commands as the disciples did. Amen.

Monday, November 29

Romans 13:11-14

Paul here compares this life on earth with night; and he compares our everlasting life in heaven with day. He urges us to wake up and live for God and His kingdom through faith in our Lord Jesus.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, let us put on Christ's righteousness as a robe to cover our sinful lives. Amen.

Tuesday, November 30

Jeremiah 33:14-18

The Branch of Righteousness means Jesus, our Savior, who was

born from the family of David twenty-eight generations later. Praise and thank God for sending His Son to be our Savior.

Prayer: Just as the priests offered sacrifices to You continually, O Lord, help us show our thanks to You always. Amen. W. O. N.



Bible Quiz

What happened to Korah and the other people that complained against God and Moses? Numbers 16:32.

How many men carried one bunch of grapes that the spies brought home from the land of Canaan? Numbers 13:23.

How many days did the spies of Israel stay in the land of Canaan before they returned home to report? Numbers 13:25.

Which were the only two men of the twelve spies that were alive and entered the Promised Land after the years of wandering in the desert? Numbers 14:38.

Why did God make the people wander forty years in the desert and not some other number of years? Numbers 14:34.

Who will take care of all our needs? Philippians 4:19.

How many people have sinned? Romans 3:23.

Who was the only friend with Paul while he was in prison a short time before his death? 2 Timothy 4:11.

Did we choose Jesus for our Friend or did He choose us? John 15:16.

What were the Jews complaining about when God sent snakes to bite them for punishment? Numbers 21:5-6.

Whom did Joshua tell the people he and his family would serve? Joshua 24:15.

What did King Belshazzar see happen on the wall of his palace that made him so afraid his knees knocked? Daniel 5:5, 6.

With what is God's anger compared? Nahum 1:6.

Who told Joseph that Mary's Son should be called Jesus? Matthew 1:20, 21.

What will people who are peacemakers be called? Matthew 5:9.

What does Golgotha, the name of the place where Jesus was crucified, mean? Matthew 27:33.

What does the Spirit and the Church, the Bride, say? Revelation 22:17.

Did the Jews have corns and bunions during the 40 years in the desert? Deuteronomy 8:4.

Many people in the land of Israel had leprosy at the time Elisha lived. What was the name of the man from Syria he made well? Luke 4:27.

When the Jews rebuilt the wall of their city, they could only work with one hand. Why? Nehemiah 4:17.