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*Ephphatha, that is,  
Be opened.*

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# Meeting of the Mission Council in St. Louis

by Dr. J. L. Salvner

December 1, 1954, Pastor Buege, chairman of our Board, and the undersigned attended the Mission Council, which met in St. Louis. Representatives of each Mission Department attended. Everyone gave a brief report on his respective mission. Also we gave such a report, and one suggested that something like it should appear in the DEAF LUTHERAN. Among other things, we reported that we now have 38 full-time men, 35 ordained and 3 vicars, and 3 part-time workers. And we learned of the third, Pastor Hildebrand of Las Vegas, N. Mex. There are 37 organized congregations and 235 preaching stations. Our communicants number a little over 4,000. Our men work in 36 residential and 14 city schools and in two schools for mentally retarded children. In religious classes at these schools we have an enrollment of 1,572. Furthermore, we have 83 deaf-blind under our spiritual care.

Among the problems discussed was what to do concerning work among the Deaf and blind in foreign countries. It was interesting to all present that our Lutheran Deaf have organized a Deaf Lutheran Missionary Society for the purpose of promoting work among the Deaf of foreign countries. We mentioned that Pastor Lutz, who worked with the Deaf in the States for several years and now has returned to India after his furlough, intends to open a school for the Deaf in India. For this purpose the Missionary Society gave him \$280 worth of equipment to take with him. Furthermore, we told

them that we are keeping in touch with some of our missionaries in Japan and New Guinea regarding work among the Deaf there. In Japan there are 90,000 Deaf, 80 schools with an enrollment of about 10,000 and only eight churches for Deaf. God grant that in the near future we may be able to bring Christ, the Savior of the world, also to Deaf in these countries. The Council encouraged our Board to take initial steps toward establishing work in these countries.

Other topics discussed were: "The Work of Social Welfare," "Training of Future Missionaries," and others. It was a profitable meeting. Thus one gets an insight into the far-flung missions of our church.

The following day we visited the Seminary sign classes, beginners and advanced, conducted by Pastor Reinking. We were pleased to see that quite a number of young men are taking up the study of the language of the Deaf. May our dear Lord bless these classes and move the heart of one or the other to enter this our so richly blessed Mission.

The next day we went to Springfield in order to spend some time with Mr. Wm. Ludwig, our first deaf student in our Seminary, and also with Mr. Ronald Aspnes, a G. I. who was confirmed by Pastor Bremer last August and intends to become a pastor for the Deaf. Mr. Ludwig is making fine progress in every class, for which we thank God. Mr. E. Thaler, an intimate friend of Mr. Ludwig, also is very much interested in our Mission, and declared himself

willing to go out as vicar in our work. Sunday, December 5, we went with them to Jacksonville, Ill., where they help Pastor Uhlig in Sunday school work. Pastor Uhlig at present is vacancy pastor in Salem Church. We assisted him there in the distribution of the Holy Supper. During that time Vicar Neisch conducted services for the Deaf in their church. Thereupon we conducted a Communion service for the Deaf, while Pastor Uhlig held another service in Salem Church.

December 6 we returned to our loved ones with a thankful heart to our God and Savior!

## Thank You!

Mrs. Helen E. Arista of San Antonio, Tex., writes: "I have been reading the DEAF LUTHERAN for a long time, but I never cared to keep the leaflets. But since you have changed them to booklets, I have been keeping them and like to read them, especially the articles 'Know Your Bible,' 'Catechism,' 'Devotions,' and 'Bible Quiz.' They are very helpful to me to read and to learn the Bible, and it is very interesting to me to find the subjects in the Bible that I did not know or overlooked."



**Kansas City Mission.**—In our youth work, it is a privilege to study the Bible together each week with 126 boys and girls at the Kansas School for the Deaf and with 31 boys and girls from the Greater Kansas City public school classes for oral children. The photograph on the front page shows 36 seniors attending the Olathe, Kansas, Bible Classes. A number of boys and girls from these classes residing in the Greater Kansas City territory are some of the 26 boys and girls who regularly attended all church services during the summer vacation.

We look forward to even greater developments in the future.

Pilgrim Lutheran members in Kansas City are very busy in the Lord's work, helping the Pastor call on new friends, bringing comfort to our sick and confined friends, and

teaching Sunday school and Bible Classes. It is a great encouragement for the pastor to have so many faithful workers assisting him.

**Mr. Louis Martin** made a fine confession of his faith in Jesus recently and was accepted as a church member.

A. E. F.

**Madison, Wis.**—In one of his monthly letters to his members, **Pastor Mackensen** summed up very neatly five duties that a faithful minister has to his members. These duties are:

1. Wake up and arouse the secure sinners from their sleep of sin (secure sinners are such as think they are saved but are not sorry about their sins);

2. Lead those who are awakened and sorry about their sins to Jesus and faith in His death on the cross as full payment for their sin;

3. Help those who believe in Jesus to become certain that they are God's children;

4. Urge those who are sure of being God's children to do good works and live like children of God;

5. Keep those who are living like God's children on this right and holy way. — From *Wisconsin Field News*.

**New York.** — The first Clergy-Laymen's Deaf Conference on the East Coast was held September 4 and 5. The conference was to have been held at Newark, and the dedication of the new chapel was to take place at that time also, but as the chapel was not completed by September 5, its dedication took place September 19.

**Vicar Harry Hoemann** was consecrated at St. Matthew's, New York, in the September 5 service. He helps Pastor Kraus.

**Miss Ruth Smith and Mr. John Sewell** were married August 28 at St. Mark's, Harlem.

At St. Matthew's Church of the Deaf, Jackson Heights, there are two services held every Sunday, one at 11 A. M. and one at 3 P. M., in order to give more people a chance to attend. Pastor Kraus and Vicar Hoemann have their hands full, for not only are two services held at St. Matthew's, Jackson Heights, but one each Sunday at the Westchester Mission in the Village Church, Bronxville, and in the Nassau Mission in Epiphany Church, Hempstead, and at St. Mark's, Harlem, five services at four places each Sunday in that great metropolis, besides Bible class and Sunday school at St. Matthew's. They are working in New York.

**Mill Neck, N. Y.** — The Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, which organ-

ization conducts the school for the Deaf at Mill Neck Manor, in fall announced that with the addition of three more teachers there now are nine teachers on its faculty. The school will get a share of the funds which will come through the "Building for Christ" collection, which The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod is taking next March.

**St. Paul, Minn.** — On November 8 **Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Kruse** observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mr. Kruse has for twenty-three years been treasurer of the Board of Missions to Deaf of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. Both have been members of Redeemer Lutheran Church of St. Paul for 41 years. The "Redeemer Record" of that church, in reporting the joyous event, added the words of Psalm 92:12-14: "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree. . . . Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age." The words fitly apply. May God bless that estimable couple and grant them many more years of happiness.

**Decatur, Ill.** — On August 22 the Decatur television station presented a service in which Pastor Geo. Albers of St. John's Lutheran Church officiated. His choir furnished the music, and Pastor N. P. Uhlig presented the entire service in the sign language. The eye of the camera, as is customary, was directed in turn upon the various participating people. The service had been publicized as a service especially for the Deaf. It did not take long before the telephone kept ringing in the station. The Deaf were speaking up and pleaded that the camera might keep Pastor Uhlig always in the scene,

because the Deaf lost all connection the moment the signer was not visible. It soon dawned upon the station director that the Deaf cannot hear if they cannot see, a point that hearing people sometimes forget. But it showed the station that there is an audience of Deaf and that the TV has a distinct service to render the Deaf. The management will not make that mistake again and cut off the signer at any time.

**Detroit, Mich.** — Our Savior's Church of the Deaf was saddened by the sudden death on October 18 of **Mr. Leon Moreland**. He died at the age of 55 years. He was a member of the church council and served the congregation in many ways — through signing of hymns, leading in the responses, supporting the church with liberal gifts, constantly working for the church, and thus by example and word urging all on to serve the Lord. He was buried in Toronto. May the Lord comfort the survivors.

**Larry Steven Klein** and **Sigrid Ruan Weingold** were laid into the arms of Jesus in holy baptism October 24. God keep these lambs!

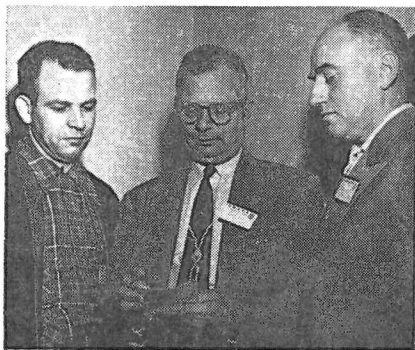
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**Omaha, Nebr.** — On October 3 **Mrs. Hans Neujahr** was received into membership with Bethlehem Lutheran Church of the Deaf by being baptized and pledging allegiance to Jesus. **Barbara Jean Hiltabidel**, born May 29, 1954, was baptized September 5. May God bless and keep these persons in His grace.

E. M.

### **Bay Area Notes from California.**

San Francisco has now begun a ladies' aid. As its first bit of service to the church, the group served as hostesses for the November meeting



**Officers of Midwest Regional Conference**  
L. to r.: George Dietz, vice-president; Nick. Petersen, president; Marvin Neuschwanger, secretary-treasurer

of a pastoral conference. 20 hearing pastors, in addition to Pastor De Laney, enjoyed the fine luncheon. The second success was also in November, when the ladies sponsored a fellowship dinner before service on the 21st. With both of these the idea has not been to make money, but to be of *service* to the church — and so the charge was just about the same as the cost to the ladies.

San Francisco's new choir made its initial appearance during the Christmas holidays. Members of Deaf congregations in Oakland and Redwood City came to a special choir service in S. F. on the night of the 26th.

On November 14 the son of **Mr. and Mrs. John Hibbard** was baptized in Redwood City. Sponsors for little **Russell Mathias** are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Krueger of Livermore (who come some 40 miles — each way — to attend church).

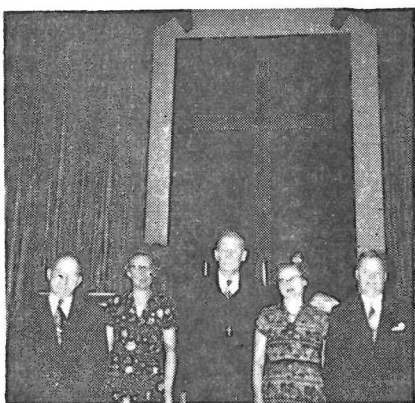
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**Sacramento, Calif.** — New members of the Sacramento Lutheran group that joined recently are: **Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Adams**, **Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Carroll**, **Miss Alliene Ferguson**, **Mrs. Robert Gage**, **Mr.**

**Bert McKee, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Nixon, Miss Marjorie Rasmussen.** A splendid number! May the Lord bless and keep them in that spirit of interest which promises to make the Sacramento Deaf a real outstanding group in the Great Central Valley.

**Jacksonville, Ill.**—The angel of death on November 7 touched **Fredrick Ernst Mather**. He had been ailing for some time. His age was 73 years. He was given Christian burial on November 10.

On November 7 **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowman** of Jacksonville, and **Mr. and Mrs. William Willis** of Bloomington, Ill., were received in-



**Jacksonville, Ill., Confirmation Class**  
L. to r.: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Willis, Pastor Uhlig, Mr. and Mrs. Rob. Bowman

to full membership of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Bowman is afflicted with nearly total blindness; but he is mentally very keen. His good wife telegraphs the messages into his hands, and he sees by the light of the spirit. May God bless and keep these new members!

**Springfield, Ill.**—There are a number of students at present at Concordia Seminary who are very active in the interest of the Deaf. **Mr. Earl Thaler** and **Mr. Bernh. Salewski** go to Jacksonville every

of Deaf children of the Illinois Thursday afternoon to help in the instruction of the Lutheran classes



**Sunday School Staff, Jacksonville, Ill.**  
L. to r.: Wm. Ludwig, Earl Thaler, Mrs. F. P. Lupien, Pastor Uhlig, Clarence Broecker, Ronald Aspnas, Vicar W. O. Neisch

School for the Deaf. On Sundays **Mr. Wm. Ludwig** also goes there to help teach. **Mr. John Nickerson** meets with a group of Springfield Deaf regularly for Bible study. He hopes someday to be a full-time pastor of the Deaf. Several other students give promise of becoming good signers.

**Pittsburgh, Pa.**—Joined in holy matrimony were **Mr. Robert Russ** and **Mrs. C. Difilippo** at Meadville, Pa., June 12. Congratulations!

**Daisy Mae**, infant daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Slagle**, was brought into the church by baptism on July 21.

**Martin Lee**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mowl** of Washington, Pa., was baptized on August 8.

**David Arthur**, the son of **Rev. and Mrs. Laurence Stacy**, born June 22, was laid into the arms of Jesus in

baptism on August 15. "And He laid His hands upon them and blessed them."

**Jacksonville, Ill.** — November 18 the 40th wedding anniversary of **Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Zimmer** was observed. After a service in the chapel a social hour was enjoyed by all.

**Miss Edna Dirks** donated \$100 toward a bulletin board on the lawn of our grounds in memory of her sainted mother, Mrs. Bertha Dirks.

A workroom and supply room was installed in the basement of our chapel, and radiators were installed in the fellowship hall below the chapel. Thus that part of the building is still more useful and pleasant.

**Mr. Clarence Broecker**, teacher at the Illinois School for the Deaf, is taking a leading part in our services by signing the hymns and leading children of our Lutheran Deaf classes in the signing of hymns. Besides the Broeckers we welcome **Mr. and Mrs. Albert Buettner**, who came to us from Des Moines, Iowa.

The Walther League of Central Illinois during the last year donated \$1,500 to us for visual aids for the instruction of the Deaf children in our Bible classes. Through this generosity we could get a Bell and Howell movie projector, the Taylor Opaque Projector, a complete set of the flipcharts of the Auviac Visualaettes, a library of almost fifty filmstrips on Bible stories, and other materials. It was a most wonderful gift. Pastor Uhlig took the entire equipment to Moline at the time of the convention of that Walther League district, showing the things to the young people and thanking them.

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**Newark, N. J.** — The new chapel and baptistry of St. Matthew's Lu-

theran Church of the Deaf at Parker Street and Ballantine Parkway was dedicated September 19. Pastor C. Gerhold designed both chapel and baptistry, which were created in the former living room of the Scudder home. The late Wallace M. Scudder, founder of the *Newark News*, built the home in 1912. The pastor's residence is on the upper floor, and the chapel, an office, and an arts and crafts shop are on the ground floor.

On the afternoon of September 19 the chapel was dedicated. It is called the Keyl Chapel in memory of the late Rev. Theodore S. Keyl, who, as pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, in 1936 was instrumental in bringing about the establishment of a mission for the Deaf at Newark. This work was carried on at St. Matthew's. Rev. Rud. Keyl, son of the sainted Rev. Keyl, Sr., assisted in the dedication.

The baptistry was dedicated in the evening service. It is called the Boll Memorial Baptistry, in memory of the late Arthur Boll, founder of the mission. The Rev. Herman J. Rippe, President of the Atlantic District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, officiated. In both services the sermons were preached by Pastor Erwin E. Schroeder of St. Paul, Minn., member of the Board of Missions to the Deaf of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. Pastors C. Gerhold and Geo. Kraus interpreted the words of the speakers.

The altar, like the altar of Christ for the Deaf Chapel at Jacksonville, Ill., is not placed against the rear wall, but at the fore part of the chancel enabling the officiant to face it and the congregation at all times.

Miss Gloria Teramoto, member of the congregation, has painted a memorial plaque for the chapel.



## *Know Your Bible*

### Joshua

The book of Joshua tells us how the Children of Israel came into possession of the Promised Land of Canaan and how the tribes received their portions by allotment under Joshua, the son of Nun.

It is called the book of Joshua, because Joshua was the leader under whom the work was done; but he is not mentioned as the writer of this book. The writer evidently was an eyewitness because in chapter 5, verse 1, he says "until we were passed over," and in verse 6 he speaks of the land that the Lord "would give us." The book has always been accepted without any reservations.

The first section of the book, chapters 1 to 12, tells of the conquest of the land. Chapter 1 speaks of Joshua's selection as leader, his instructions and encouragement. Chapter 2 we read of the arrangement the spies made with the woman Rahab about protecting her and her relatives, because she had given lodging to the spies. Chapters 3 and 4 relate the crossing of the River Jordan, the water miraculously standing as a wall. Chapter 5 tells of the sanctification of the people; chapter 6 of Jericho's walls coming tumbling down; chapter 7 of Israel's defeat because Achan had stolen, and of Achan's punishment; chapter 8, of how Ai is taken. Chapter 9 relates how the Gibeonites were spared. Chapters 10 to 12 describe how vari-

ous kings, or chiefs, were captured and the whole country taken.

Chapters 13 to 22 tell of the allotments made, or the inheritances given, to the various tribes. There are very interesting incidents related in these chapters. Particularly in chapter 20 it is interesting to learn of the six cities of refuge which were selected, three on each side of the Jordan. If anyone by accident killed anyone, a relative, or blood avenger, had a right to slay the one that killed his relative by accident. But the killer could flee into one of these cities of refuge and was safe if the trial showed that the killing was accidental. When the high priest of that time died, the killer could safely return to his home. This is a symbol of Jesus, the real city of refuge of mankind.

In the last two chapters are addresses by Joshua to the assembled tribes. In them he reminded them of the blessings they had received and showed how all promises had been fulfilled. He warned them not to mix freely by marriage with the heathen nations about them and admonished them to keep the commandments of the Lord. The people promised that they would serve the Lord, but soon forgot their promises. He said: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua was a good leader, and if the people had followed his advice, the troubles of which we shall hear in the next books of the Bible would not have come upon them.



## "That I May Be His Own"

That is the title of the booklet by Rev. R. C. Rein, the Executive Secretary of the Central Illinois District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, which presents a study of Stewardship. The title is taken from the explanation of the Second Article, in which Dr. Luther shows that the purpose of the life and death of Jesus Christ was to save me "that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him."

Last month we reviewed the first chapter of that book. It showed that God is the Owner of everything, because He made everything and upholds everything by the powerful word. The second chapter teaches me that I belong to God because He created me and gave me all that I have; I must keep in mind that He is the Owner of me also, and must praise and thank Him and serve Him according to His will and directions.

God created me. We know that many people are confused because there are many who do not believe that God really is and that He is the Creator. But we are not troubled about that. We believe the story of the Bible. We know that things do not begin by themselves. Never yet have the wise men of this world been able to create anything that

lived; life comes from some living parent. Originally life comes from Him who Himself is life, God; when He blew the breath of life into Adam, Adam became a living soul, and "He is not far from every one of us, for in Him we live and move and have our being." Acts 17: 27, 28.

All that I have is from God. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights," says St. James (1:17). My body with its members and marvelous senses is His creation. This my body is preserved by food which His wisdom has provided and His power lets grow. The rules of life, the laws of nature, with which people have learned to figure and on which they can depend, are from Him.

But I have more than bodily blessings from God. I have His forgiving mercy, which is far greater than the other blessings mentioned. He stooped down to save us when man went away from Him in sin. Through His grace we have a Savior, His own Son. As man in faith accepts Jesus as his Savior, man becomes God's dear child, and the heavenly Father cannot deny His child any good thing.

And this heavenly Father gives us things with which we should work and which we should handle. As we belong to Him, so these things belong to Him, and He may withdraw

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# Catechism

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When Eve had listened to the devil and had taken of the forbidden fruit and then had given it to Adam, God said to her, "Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee." Genesis 3:16. And, therefore, God in Ephesians 5:23 says "the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the Head of the church."

### The Woman Shall Be a Helpmeet Unto Her Husband

In Genesis 2:18 we read that God for Adam made "a help meet (fit) for him." A woman should be her husband's helper, love and honor him as the husband given unto her by God, cheer and comfort him in his work, and do her household duties out of love for him. She should be his helpmeet; therefore, according to God's Word the husband is the head of the wife, and God wants her to obey. In Ephesians

5:22 we read: "Wives, submit yourself unto your own husbands," and in Titus 2:5 God urges the women to be "obedient to their own husbands." It is evident that a husband should not rule over his wife as a tyrant, but "as Christ is the Head of the church."

### The Woman Should Be Obedient for Christ's Sake

God tells us this. Ephesians 5:22 says that women should submit themselves "as unto the Lord," and Colossians 3:18, that they should obey "as it is fit (right) in the Lord." The Christian wife should remember that in obeying her husband and being a helpmeet unto him, she is serving her Lord and doing the things that please Him. "As the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything." Ephesians 5:24. This is loving obedience. A loving husband will make it very easy for his wife to be obedient.

### A Christian Home, a Blessed Home

What a blessed home if the husband loves his wife as Christ loves the church, and if the wife is subject to her husband as the church is subject to Christ! Read Ephesians 5:22-25. Sarah is a good example. Peter writes: "Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord." 1 Peter 3:6. Christian women are to be Sarah's daughters and not be frightened, for they are pleasing their Lord, who loved them and shed His blood for them. Read Titus 2:4, 5. J. L. S.

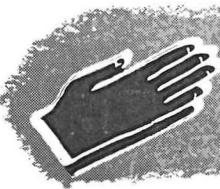
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### "That I May Be His Own"

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them from us any time and very rapidly if we forget that He is the Owner and do not properly use them. How fast can fortunes be wiped out!

Let us thank and praise Him for His mercies and blessings! Let us sincerely exclaim: "All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free, in joy, in grief, through life, dear Lord, for Thee!"



## Devotions

Selections are from "Feeding on His Word," a daily Bible-reading guide for 1955 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.

**Tuesday, February 1**

**Psalm 23**

As a shepherd takes care of his sheep so that no bad animals harm them and so they do not get lost, so Jesus takes care of us. He is our Good Shepherd; therefore we shall always have food, protection, and all we need.

*Prayer:* Dear Lord, let Your goodness and mercy (great love) bless our lives because Jesus is our Good Shepherd. Amen.

**Wednesday, February 2**

**Psalm 104**

Our great, loving God, who created the world and all that is in it, takes care of all living things. He makes grass and all plants grow for feed for cattle and food for us. Thank Him for His wonderful goodness!

*Prayer:* We ask You, O God, to give us the things we need from day to day. We thank You for Your blessings. Amen.

**Thursday, February 3**

**Psalm 145:8-21**

The Lord is good to all; He gives life and food and happiness to all people; but the greatest happiness only we believers can have, because that comes from forgiveness through Jesus.

*Prayer:* Lord, we praise You because of Your goodness and because of Your mercy in forgiving us our many sins. Amen.

**Friday, February 4**

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

The love of Christ is beyond our understanding, Paul says. The love Jesus showed for us by suffering and dying on the cross in our stead is the greatest possible love. "Greater love hath no man than this."

*Prayer:* Help us, O Lord, to understand Jesus' very great love for us; and help us show our thankfulness to Him. Amen.

**Saturday, February 5**  
**John 17:1-3**

From the Bible we learn about the true God—the Father, who made us, the Son, whom He sent to redeem us, and the Holy Spirit, who gives us faith. The right knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ as our only Savior gives eternal life to our soul.

*Prayer:* O Holy Spirit, increase our knowledge about the true God as we learn from His holy Word. Amen.

**Sunday, February 6**  
**Genesis 1:26-31**

God created man in His own image; that means, the first man, Adam, was created holy, wise, and righteous like God. People are the best thing God created because only people have souls; people are the crown of God's creation.

*Prayer:* Lord Jesus, forgive all our sins so we can be holy as God first made us. Amen.

**Monday, February 7**  
**Psalms 100**

We belong to God, because God made us and He still takes care of us. We are like sheep, and He is our Shepherd. We must always remember we belong to Him and therefore live according to His will.

*Prayer:* Continue to show Your loving kindness and mercy to us, O Lord, as Your Word promises us. Amen.

**Tuesday, February 8**  
**Isaiah 45:9-13**

God reminds us here that He made the earth and all people in it. Therefore He is the Ruler of all things—the heavens and the earth. He is the

rightful Ruler of men and angels, because He created both.

*Prayer:* O God, our Maker, help us always to remain humble before You so that we honor You. Amen.

**Wednesday, February 9**  
**Isaiah 51:12-16**

Why should we be afraid of any earthly enemy when we have the great God to protect us? These words were first asked by God of the Israelites, but now He asks us who believe in Him why we have worries and fears. Trust Him!

*Prayer:* We are Your people, O Lord, and we ask You to protect us always with Your power and love through Jesus. Amen.

**Thursday, February 10**  
**Ecclesiastes 12:1-8**

The holy writer here urges us to remember the God who created us. We must serve Him from youth on so that when we reach old age, or have times of trouble, we know He is with us always. He will help us if we pray to Him.

*Prayer:* Give us a strong faith, heavenly Father, in You and in Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, that we trust You always. Amen.

**Friday, February 11**  
**Job 42:1-10**

God can do all things; He has power to do anything He wants; therefore we say He is omnipotent (all-powerful). No one can keep anything from God; He knows even our thoughts; therefore we say He is omniscient (all-knowing).

*Prayer:* Hear us, heavenly Father; we pray for our friends. Bless them and give them a strong faith in Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

**Saturday, February 12**

**Psalm 51**

Every time we do wrong we sin against God, because we break His Law — the Ten Commandments. Because of these many sins against God, He is right and just to judge us guilty; but because Jesus died for us, He sets us free.

*Prayer:* O Savior, wash away all our sins in Your blood shed on the cross for us. Make our hearts clean again. Amen.

**Sunday, February 13**

**Acts 17:22-31**

God gives us our body, life and breath, and all we need to live. He created us and still gives us what we need, and looks after us, because we are His children. Therefore we think of Him as our heavenly Father.

*Prayer:* Make us sure, Lord, that because You raised Jesus from the dead You will raise us also to live in heaven. Amen.

**Monday, February 14**

**Genesis 9:1-7**

When God created man, He made him like Himself — a holy being with a mind and a will and a soul that will live forever. No one has the right to take away another's life; that authority belongs to God alone.

*Prayer:* We pray to You, O God, to make men see that war and killing are wrong and to give us peace on earth. Amen.

**Tuesday, February 15**

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

God gives us our choice — life and good things, or death and evil. If we follow Jesus, do God's will, and receive forgiveness for our sins and mistakes, we shall have good

things now and life in heaven. God says, "Choose!"

*Prayer:* Help us, Lord, our God, to choose life with You through faith in Jesus, our Savior from sin, death, and evil. Amen.

**Wednesday, February 16**

**Genesis 3:1-7**

"Did God really say you cannot eat from each tree in the garden?" the devil asked Eve. In similar ways he tries to raise doubt in our minds about the goodness and kindness of God. Study God's Word diligently so you can overcome Satan.

*Prayer:* As we read Your holy Word, the Bible, help us, Lord, to learn Your will and give us power to obey it always. Amen.

**Thursday, February 17**

**Genesis 3:8-15**

Adam knew he had sinned against God by his disobedience and was afraid. When we disobey God, we should be truly sorry about it, tell Him about it in prayer, and ask His forgiveness because our Savior, Jesus, died for us.

*Prayer:* Lord Jesus, help us believe that You crushed Satan's power as our heavenly Father promised that it should happen. Amen.

**Friday, February 18**

**Isaiah 64:4-9**

White is the symbol of purity, cleanness, and holiness. But our lives and hearts are filthy black with sin. Even our best deeds, our righteousnesses, are like dirty, filthy rags; the white is spotted by sin.

*Prayer:* We come to You, O Savior, with all our sins; make our hearts white with the clean robe of forgiveness. Amen.

**Saturday, February 19**

**Psalms 14**

All mankind has turned away from God; sinful man is not on the way that leads to God. It is like stepping off the clean sidewalk into a mud puddle; people are dirty with the mud of sin, and only Jesus can make us clean again.

*Prayer:* Help us learn about You and Your will, O God. We want to seek You as we read Your Word and think about it. Amen.

**Sunday, February 20**

**Romans 3:9-26**

The righteousness of God here means that righteousness which we get from God through our faith in Jesus; because God forgives us our sins through Jesus, He accepts us and treats us as though we were righteous ourselves.

*Prayer:* Give health, strength, and courage to all who teach Your holy Word, O Lord. Bless them always. Amen.

**Monday, February 21**

**Romans 7:13-25**

We fall into sin again and again because our bodies are sinful. Who will free us from our sinful, mortal bodies? Jesus will free us so that in heaven we can serve God eternally with glorious bodies like His.

*Prayer:* Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to become our Savior, and to free us from sin so we can serve You forever. Amen.

**Tuesday, February 22**

**Revelation 3:14-22**

Without Jesus we are wretched — hopeless; miserable — without comfort in our sorrows and troubles; poor — we lack the riches of His

blessings; blind — we cannot see the way to heaven; naked — we need the robe of His righteousness.

*Prayer:* Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus, and stay with us always through faith. Amen.

**Wednesday, February 23**

**Isaiah 53:1-6**

Jesus was tormented because we left God and chose sin; He suffered bruises because of our sins; He took our punishment so that we have peace with God. Because He suffered instead of us, our souls are saved.

*Prayer:* Lord, we thank You for Your great love, placing all our sins on Jesus so we need not suffer punishment for them. Amen.

**Thursday, February 24**

**John 10:11-18**

Just like sometimes a shepherd gets hurt or loses his life taking care of his sheep, so Jesus willingly gave His life for us — His sheep. He gave His life to save us from everlasting death and to assure us of life eternal.

*Prayer:* We pray for the “other sheep” as You call those who do not know You, Jesus. Make them believers too. Amen.

**Friday, February 25**

**Philippians 2:1-11**

God arranged for a Savior for us to take away our sins. Jesus obeyed perfectly and suffered and died on the cross for us, just as the heavenly Father had planned. We should thank Him for this perfect obedience for us.

*Prayer:* Heavenly Father, make us, who are Your children, willing and obedient to do Your will like Jesus. Amen.

Saturday, February 26  
2 Corinthians 5:6-21

Jesus, the holy, innocent Son of God, was made to suffer the punishment for all our sins through His death on the cross. He took the guilt of our sins upon Himself so that we shall not have to suffer eternal punishment.

*Prayer:* Christ Jesus, through our faith in You, give us a new mind, new hopes, new joys, new goals, new feelings. Amen.

Sunday, February 27  
Matthew 17:1-8

Three of Jesus' disciples heard the heavenly Father Himself tell them that Jesus is His Son. We know from the Word of God that Jesus is

God's Son and Mary's Son — Immanuel — God and man — our Savior.

*Prayer:* Let us hear the teachings of Your beloved Son, O Lord; help us to love Him as our Savior and do His commandments. Amen.

Monday, February 28  
Isaiah 9:2-7

Jesus is true God and true man. He is true God as we saw in yesterday's reading and as God again tells us through the prophet Isaiah today. He is true man, born of the virgin Mary. This wonderful Jesus is our Savior.

*Prayer:* Lord Jesus, give us unending peace — peace between us and God through the forgiveness of all our sins. Amen. W. O. N.



## *Bible Quiz*

How did Jesus get His wounds and bruises when He died? Isaiah 53:5.

What could people buy in the market for two farthings (cents)? Luke 12:6.

Who came to the meeting that Jesus held with John, Peter, and James on the mountaintop? Matthew 17:3.

To what does Jesus compare people that speak to unbelievers about Him? Luke 10:3.

Is a wide road always better than a strait (narrow) one? Matthew 7:13, 14.

Who gave King Artaxerxes the idea of making God's house (the Temple at Jerusalem) beautiful again? Ezra 7:27.

To what can one compare good news? Proverbs 25:25.

Was there a labor shortage when David wanted to build the Temple, or were there enough workmen? 1 Chronicles 22:15.

Who told the sun and the moon to stand still? Joshua 10:12.

What will happen if you eat too much sweet honey? Proverbs 25:16.

What is the significance of Baptism? Romans 6:4.

What kind of clothes did John the Baptist wear? Matthew 3:4.

Who claimed his right as a Roman citizen? Acts 22:27, 28.