

# *The Deaf Lutheran*



*Ephphatha, that is,  
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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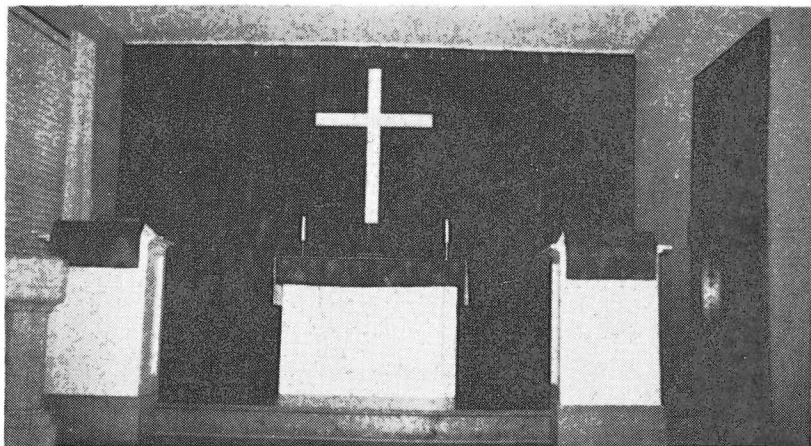
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## Church Dedication at Columbus, Ohio

Sunday, October 3, 1954, was the day which was chosen by the members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Columbus, Ohio, to formally dedicate their chapel to the glory of Almighty God and the salvation of precious souls.

On that Sunday, in spite of very bad weather, more than 100 Deaf and a few hearing gathered for two services of dedication and thanksgiving. After the opening ceremony, Pastor Donald E. Simon, pastor to the Deaf in Columbus, preached the dedication sermon, based on the Scripture text Romans 14:17-19: "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God and approved of men. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another." Responses to the liturgy were led by Mr. John

Riddlebaugh, with hymns rendered in signs by Mrs. George Baker, Mrs. John Riddlebaugh, Mrs. Marie Donaldson, and Mr. John Schwartz.

In the service of praise held on Sunday afternoon, the Rev. Martin Kosche, pastor to the Deaf, Indianapolis, Ind., delivered an inspiring sermon. It was based on the very familiar words of Psalm 136:1. "Oh, give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever." Responses to the liturgy for the afternoon service were led by Mr. Harry Case. The hymns were rendered in signs by Mrs. S. Fankhouser, Mrs. Fred Case, and Miss Emma Lou Henshaw. After the service, light refreshments were served by the ladies' guild.

Although Holy Cross Lutheran Congregation has only been organized since 1946, Lutheran services for the Deaf have been held since the early 1920's in the Columbus area. One of the earliest, and prob-



**Choir and Clergy, Columbus, Ohio, Dedication Service**

L. to r.: Mrs. S. Fankhouser, Miss Emma Henshaw, Mrs. Fred Case; Harry Case, Rev. D. Simon, Rev. M. Kosche

ably the first, of the Lutheran pastors to the Deaf who served Columbus was the Rev. O. C. Schroeder, who is now pastor to the Deaf and the Blind in Chicago, Ill. He was succeeded by the Rev. N. E. Borchardt, who served the Columbus field from his home station in Cleveland, Ohio. When Pastor Borchardt accepted the call to serve the Deaf in Detroit, Mich., the Rev. T. F.



**Holy Cross Luth. Church, Columbus, Ohio**

Frederking took over the work in Ohio, western New York, and western Pennsylvania. Columbus was then numbered among the many stations which he served.

In 1946 a meeting was held with Pastor Frederking at Columbus. At this time the members of the Columbus group decided to form an organized congregation, officially adopting the name "Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf." The following year the first resident pastor was called for Columbus and the southern Ohio area. The Rev. J. A. Beyer accepted this call and served as pastor to the Deaf in Columbus until 1949. At this time Pastor Beyer accepted a call to serve the Deaf in the Seattle, Wash., area. In January, 1950, the Board of Missions to the

Deaf supplied a student vicar to assist Rev. Frederking, who again was serving Columbus. He was Mr. Luther Russert, now pastor in St. Helens, Oreg. Vicar Russert served until June, 1950.

On July 9, 1950, the present pastor, the Rev. Donald E. Simon, was installed as pastor of Holy Cross Church.

During these many years services were held in one of our hearing Lutheran churches.

In August, 1951, the present building was acquired at the cost of \$15,500. Services were begun in this building in October of that year. This building is a three-story brick house. It serves as chapel and parsonage.

Although the building has been used for services during these past three years, the congregation decided to postpone the formal dedication services until necessary repairs and the remodeling could be completed. This remodeling took much longer than was originally planned, but the members of Holy Cross Church are proud that they were able to do all of the work themselves, even though there were less than twenty active members. The chapel as now completed can seat approximately fifty people.

On June 13, 1954, the first confirmation service in the new building was held with a class of six adults. They were: Mr. and Mrs. George Baker, Mrs. Sherwin Fankhouser, Miss Emma Lou Henshaw, Mrs. Marie Donaldson, and Mrs. Fred Blackford.

The ladies' guild, which was begun under the pastorate of the Rev. J. A. Beyer, has monthly meetings at the church and has been

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## Editorials

### Worship in the Family Circle

A short while ago the mailman brought us a new book published by the Moody Press in Chicago. Its title is *Bible Readings for the Family Hour*, by Martin P. Simon. It was sent us that we might give a review of it in the DEAF LUTHERAN. Publishers do this in order to make people acquainted with a new publication.

The book immediately interested us greatly, first, because it gives help to parents in establishing and carrying on in the circle of the family, with small children present, a profitable family devotion. It is hard to keep small children interested unless you have materials written in the language of children; and Dr. Simon's book uses the language that little children can understand. We were interested also because the Rev. Martin Simon is a very successful Christian educator of children. He not only gives the facts that the Bible gives us but also, through them, creates the right attitude in the children. They are led to want to do the right thing and to believe the truth, for the author seeks "to make them glad to accept God's will for their lives."

The book brings 365 daily devotions, each one on a page; and there are some simple but thought-provoking questions. There is also a short prayer for each day. The price of the book is three dollars; but by

getting it one gets material for a whole year, and one can use the book repeatedly. It is substantially bound to withstand usage; the page is 6×9 inches; the print is clear. It can be obtained from Moody Press, 810 N. La Salle, Chicago, from Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, or from Rev. Simon at Highland, Ill.

Inasmuch as deaf parents who have hearing children have a problem, this book may be of help to them. The simple language makes it very acceptable to the Deaf. Many of the present-day devotional materials are not especially suited to the needs of the Deaf because the language is too difficult. And many are not suited to the worship in the family circle, but rather are intended to be used by people individually. But the family worship is one of the greatest opportunities that parents have to train their children in the fear of God.

But let us never think that anything can or should displace the Bible in private devotions. That still is and must remain the one great source of information, and it must be used daily; the other helps are to be just that—helps that make difficult words and sentences clearer to us.

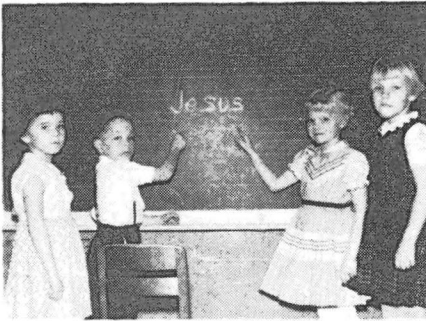
#### SOME NEEDS OF THE CHURCH

More action, less faction;  
More workers, fewer shirkers;  
More backers, fewer slackers;  
More praying, less straying.



## Field gleanings

**Fargo, N. Dak.** — In the North Dakota School for the Deaf at Devils Lake we are able to get the children into our Sunday school from the time they enter the school. The pastor prepares lessons especially for these small children. Then these



**N. Dak School Lutheran Kindergarten Class**  
L. to r.: Sharon Sundberg, Steven Camp,  
Barbara Hong, Janice Nedelsky

lessons are given to the teacher, an older confirmed boy or girl, to teach to the kindergarten class. This year we have twenty-two children in our Primary department. Four of these children have entered the school and the Sunday school last fall. They are shown in the accompanying picture and are (left to right): **Sharon Sundberg** of Nekoma, N. Dak.; **Steven Camp** of Bismarck, N. Dak.; **Barbara Hong** of Fargo, N. Dak.; and **Janice Nedelesky** of Minot, N. Dak.

In Winnipeg our Wednesday afternoon once-a-month attendance has continued at the fourteen mark. In Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, we have 21 children in our Lutheran classes.

W. F.

**Dallas.** — On Tuesday, November 23, an elaborate and very fine Thanksgiving turkey dinner was given for our group in Dallas, Tex., by Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Quiram. Mr. and Mrs. Quiram have a deaf son who is a member of our congregation there. (He is Helmut, Jr.) There were 10 Deaf in attendance. The tables were decorated with festive autumn colors and sprays of autumn leaves. After the dinner a special Thanksgiving service was held by Pastor Oermann.

**Austin.** — Our congregation here is now beginning regular Sunday afternoon socials, to be held each month. In November the social was held at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Oermann and in December at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Heintschel. As usual there was a variety of games for everyone, from checkers to badminton. Refreshments were prepared and served by Mrs. Heintschel. It is the hope of the congregation that these socials will continue each month during this year.

BETTY LOU OERMANN

**Home for Aged Deaf, Central College, Ohio.** — On April 5, 1954, the Lord called to His eternal home the soul of **Mrs. Martha Jane Huff**. She was the oldest resident of the home, having attained the age of 100 years. Pastor Simon officiated, and burial was in the Home cemetery.

On July 9, 1954, **Miss Mabel Sawyer** was called to her eternal home. The funeral service was held

at the Home for the Deaf, with Pastor Simon officiating. Burial was in Dayton, Ohio.

On December 1, 1954, the home was again saddened by the death of **Mrs. Rebecca Dreitzler**, who had been ill for a long period of time. Rev. Simon officiated at the service, and burial was in the Home cemetery.

Two of our former Sunday school pupils from opposite ends of the state of Ohio were united in holy marriage on July 10, 1954, at Pomeroy, Ohio. They are **Mr. Vernon Butts** of Conneaut, Ohio, and **Miss Betty Russell** of Pomeroy. The marriage was solemnized by Rev. D. Simon. The couple is making its home in Conneaut.

On April 6, 1954, **Mr. William Wingate** of Belmore, Ohio, was called out of this life to his eternal home. He had reached the age of 68 years. Mr. Wingate had been faithful in attendance at our monthly services in Findlay, Ohio.

Another of our faithful members at Findlay, Ohio, was called to her eternal rest on July 30, 1954. She was **Mrs. Emma Struble**.

On November 23, 1954, a son was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Gary Walter** of Carey, Ohio. Mr. Walter was a former pupil in our Sunday school in Columbus. Mr. and Mrs. Walter had been married by Rev. Geo. Kraus in New York on the TV program "Bride and Groom."

D. E. S.

**Madison, Wis.**—For more than a year Madison Silent Lutheran Church has been interested in the prospect of purchasing a church property, consisting of a church building, parsonage, and quarter-city-block lot. It has pledged

\$10,000 as its contribution toward the purchase. Refusing offers from two other churches, the hearing congregation preferred to sell the property to the deaf congregation, and it is hoped that the deal will be consummated sometime in 1955, God willing.

Organized in May, 1954, Silent Lutheran Laymen's League has affiliated with and received its charter from the International Lutheran Laymen's League. By virtue of this fact it is a member of the Rock River Zone in southern Wisconsin. As its first project the local club collected and shipped 60 pounds of clothing to World Relief. It also plans to take an active part in the "Building for Christ" campaign.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League, composed of 15 members at this writing, has carried on several projects since its organization in 1951, the latest being the making of stuffed dolls, which it divided between a Lutheran orphanage and the small children at Wisconsin School for the Deaf. The first joint meeting of L. W. M. L. and L. L. L. has been planned for January, with a debate as the main attraction. The topic, "Renting a Home Is Better than Owning One," has R. W. Horgen and Harold Schrank on the affirmative side, with Mmes. Ray Rasmus and William Binn on the negative.

With full membership in attendance, Christmas services were held on December 12, followed by a party at which the congregation presented Pastor and Mrs. R. W. Mackensen with a gift and cash purse and bade them and their three children Godspeed in their vacation trip to California. Next on the agenda was an annual election for 1955. Elected

were: H. Schrank, president; G. Heser, vice-president; M. Voss, secretary; W. Binn, treasurer; J. Vertz, financial secretary. The first three are elders; the latter two, trustees, along with T. Hansen. The entire afternoon was brought to a close with a buffet supper.

**William Binn** rejoined the congregation at the Christmas program, after his illness. He had polio. Just before his release from the hospital, his wife and three small children had moved into their new home, which was completed during his confinement.

R. W. Horgen

**Kansas City, Mo.** — Funeral services for **Mrs. Elizabeth Barthel**, 84 years old, Topeka, who died November 27, in a Topeka Hospital, were held November 30 at Nortonville, Kans. The services were conducted by the Rev. Alvin E. Ferber, pastor of the Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf here. Mrs. Barthel was confirmed by the Rev. Ferber on April 7, 1929. She had been deaf from childhood. She and her husband, Edward Barthel of the Home, had celebrated their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary last February.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Barthel leaves three daughters: Mrs. R. Bruce Mather, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Adolph Jackson, Los Angeles; and Mrs. Fred Burdick, Topeka; two sons: Fay E. Barthel, Denver, and William Barthel, Evergreen, Colo.; six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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**Beloit, Wis.** — **Johnny William Matthews**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews, was baptized in St. John's Church on November 21. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gierloff are sponsors.

**Atlantic, Iowa.** — In the November service at Atlantic, five children



**Baptism Service, Atlantic, Iowa**  
L. to r.: Pastor V. Mesenbring, Mrs. Grant Becker and three children, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hjortskoj and Cynthia, Mr. and Mrs. D. Stanley and Baby Alma

were baptized by Pastor Mesenbring. May the Lord keep them in His grace.

**Madison, Wis.** — **Daniel William Eklof**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs.



**Rev. and Mrs. Rob. Mackensen — 10th Wedding Anniversary**

Royal Eklof, was baptized in Immanuel Lutheran Church on November 28. Sponsors and witnesses are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Horgen

and, by proxy, Miss Ruth Johnson and Miss Ethyl Koob.

On November 12, 63 members and friends of Silent Lutheran, Madison, gave a surprise party for **Rev. and Mrs. Robert Mackensen** on their 10th wedding anniversary. Special prayers and songs were signed by various members; there was jovial entertainment, an excellent lunch, a gift of \$25, and a tiered wedding cake. A pastor and his wife feel grateful when church members do such things of their own accord.

**Des Moines, Iowa.** — Since December 1 Pastor and Mrs. V. Mesenbring and family live in the recently acquired parsonage at 3821 Forest Ave., Des Moines. The Iowa West Lutheran Women's Missionary League is contributing \$4,000 toward the purchase. The eight-room house, with its spacious yard, gives the Mesenbrings ample room.

**Burlington, Iowa.** — Services have been conducted for several months at Burlington. Fifteen to twenty Deaf have been coming to these meetings, conducted by Pastor Mesenbring.

**Columbus, Ohio.** — **Jo Ann Case**, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Case, was received into God's kingdom through the rite of Holy Baptism on Easter Sunday, April 18, 1954, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. May God keep her in her baptismal grace!

**Miss Eva May Wall** of Hillsboro, Ohio, and **Mr. Charles Picking** of Mansfield, Ohio, were united in holy marriage at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Columbus on May 22, 1954.

**Miss Marie Lascola** and **Mr. Arthur Diehl**, both of Columbus, were

united in holy marriage on June 27, 1954, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

## Dixie Conference Notice

The dates of the Dixie Conference are Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, Memorial Day, May 28—30. The place of meeting is St. Louis. The host congregation, Holy Cross for the Deaf, commemorates the 25th anniversary of its organization at the time of the conference and hopes for a large attendance to rejoice with them. A good program is being arranged. Particulars regarding lodging will be obtainable through the secretary, Mr. Archie Marshall, 4345 St. Ferdinand Ave., St. Louis 13, Mo., or from your pastor.

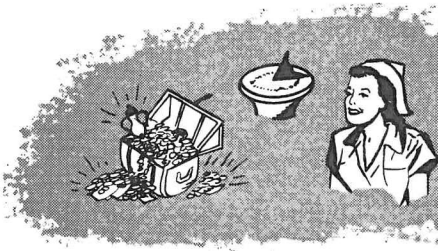
## Church Dedication

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very active in the work of furnishing the chapel. Through its efforts a kitchen has been equipped, and new draperies and lighting have been supplied for the chapel. During 1954 the following ladies served as officers: Mrs. Fred Case, president; Mrs. Charles Case, Jr., vice-president; Mrs. Paul Walker, secretary; and Mrs. Francis Foster, treasurer.

The church council for 1954 consisted of Mr. Francis Foster, chairman; Mr. John Riddlebaugh, vice-chairman; Mr. John Schwartz, treasurer; Rev. D. E. Simon, Secretary; John Schwartz and Fred Case, board of elders; John Schwartz, Steve Benedict, and Charles Case, Jr., board of trustees; and Paul Walker and Harry Case, auditors.

Services are now held each Sunday 10:45 A. M. and on most festival days.



## Stewardship

### "Bought with a Price"

God is the Owner of everything, because He made everything and everything is upheld by His power; but He can claim us as His own not only because He created us but also because He bought us back, or redeemed us.

In the days of the past world wars the windows showed service stars, a star for every member of the family that had answered the call of the country. A little boy, walking with his father, noticed a gold star. "What does that gold star mean?" he asked. "It means that someone who lived in that house has died for his country." As the bright evening star flashed in the sky, the young lad said: "God has a gold star in His window, too, because Jesus, God's Son, died for His country."

This is a great and overwhelming truth. Every one of us is a lost sinner. But God sent His Son, who took human form through being born a man of the Virgin Mary in order to become one of us so that He might take our place in the judgment of God and be charged with our sins and pay the price for all mankind, suffering and dying for us.

The truth of our salvation was beautifully brought out by a man who had been a heathen. He made a circle of dry leaves and twigs and put a worm into that circle. Then he lit these twigs. The poor worm

wiggled but could find no escape from that encircling fire and bundled together to die. The man took the worm out of the circle and said: "So God has made me free when I could not escape the fire of hell." He truthfully stated the case; so you and I were freed because Jesus died for us and God removed us from the flaming fire of hell. And He did so because He loved us.

The lesson is clear. Because He redeemed me, therefore I belong to Him and owe Him everlasting thanks.

In the third chapter of the book *That I May Be His Own*, which we review in this article, Rev. Rein brings out this truth very beautifully and strikingly. He cites a number of touching stories in which freed people realized the debt of gratitude that they owed those who had made them free. One of these stories tells of a Brooklyn preacher in the days of slavery who one Sunday brought some slaves into the service and urged his members to buy them and set them free. He tells of one slave who told his benefactor: "Master, I belong to you. Let me serve you as long as I live, not because I have to, but because I love you, for you bought me free."

Can we feel otherwise toward Jesus? "Lord of Glory, Thou hast bought me with Thy lifeblood for a price; never grudging, to redeem me, that tremendous sacrifice."





# *Catechism*

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### OF SUBJECTS

All government is of God. "The powers that be are ordained [given] of God" (Romans 13:1). Therefore God expects that we obey our government in all things except when they command us to disobey God. This we learned in our last study. However, we have also other duties toward our government.

#### Support Your Government by Paying Taxes

Jesus says: "Render [give or pay] unto Caesar [the government] the things that are Caesar's" (Matthew 22:21). And by His Apostle Paul He tells us: "Render [give] therefore to all their dues: tribute [taxes] to whom tribute is due; custom [revenue, or toll], to whom custom" (Romans 13:7). This is a plain command of God. Christians who believe that Jesus died for their sins will not try to cheat the government nor rejoice when they have deceived the assessor. Many people do this, but not true Christians. That is breaking God's commandments. Christians serve the Lord Jesus, who says: "If ye love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15). And when taxes become high and burdensome, a true Christian will not complain against his government, but to His God because of his own sin and, above all, because of the one great sin in our country: the love of money.

#### Support Your Government by Daily Prayer

Also this is a command of our Savior Jesus Christ. In 1 Timothy 2:1, 2 He says by His Apostle Paul: "I exhort therefore that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings, and for all that are in authority." Yes, pray for our President and for all rulers. Pray that God may hold His protecting hand over them, give them wisdom and understanding, hinder the work of those who seek to overthrow all government, as the Communists do today. And let us thank God for the many blessings which He has given us through our government. "This is good and acceptable in the sight of God, our Savior" (v.3). Then we shall "lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (v.2).

#### All This Is Our Christian Duty

Do it for Him who loved you and gave Himself into death for you. Do your God-given duty toward your government and so glorify your Savior's name!

J. L. S.

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"WHEN you lose an hour, you lose gold set with diamonds. But it is useless to offer a reward to the finder because it is gone forever."

HORACE MANN

THE test of greatness is not the strength one has, but in the cause to which one gives his strength.



# 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.

Thursday, March 3

Revelation 1:12-16

Jesus, the glorious Son of Man (vv. 13-16), rules in His church (candlesticks and stars, vv. 12-16) with His Word (sword, v. 16), and to all eternity (First and Last, v. 17) over hell and death.

*Prayer:* Jesus, we do not fear but love You, our Savior. Amen.

Friday, March 4

1 John 5:13-19

Who truly believes in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has forgiveness and gets what he prays for. The only unforgiven sin is to keep calling the Holy Spirit a devil (Mark 3:28-30, Matt. 12:28, 29).

*Prayer:* Jesus, keep us and our friends from sin, and give us eternal life. Amen.

Saturday, March 5

Galatians 4:1-7

Before Christ came, God's people were like little children and servants, ruled by many laws (elements,

v. 3). When Jesus came and fulfilled these laws, we, like grown-up children, became free.

*Prayer:* Lord, give us Christ's spirit; then we will without fear gladly pray to our heavenly Father. Amen.

Sunday, March 6

Matthew 26:36-46

Be watchful and not sleepy, says Jesus. The devil can easily lead "sleepy," careless people to sin. Studying and obeying God's Word, we stay watchful.

*Prayer:* Jesus, give us the power to say No when the devil tempts us. Amen.

Monday, March 7

Luke 24:36-43

After Jesus rose from the dead, His disciples touched and felt His body, and He ate food. Also after His resurrection He had His human nature.

*Prayer:* Lord, when in fear and trouble, let us know You are near us. Amen.

**Tuesday, March 8**

**John 19:1-18**

Jesus was a Man with human feelings, and He felt pain when beaten and despised. The leaders of the people had more blame than Pilate and wanted Him killed. Have we any use for Jesus?

*Prayer:* Lord, give us church leaders that bring us to You. Amen.

**Wednesday, March 9**

**Hebrews 4:14-16**

The high priest prayed for the people. So Jesus, who feels all our sorrow, knows our feelings and gives us mercy.

*Prayer:* O Jesus, You know our weakness; have mercy upon us! Amen.

**Thursday, March 10**

**John 6:41-51**

The people thought Jesus to be only a man; so they did not understand that only He, God's Son, can give us eternal life; that only His Gospel, like bread for the body, feeds our soul.

*Prayer:* Jesus, bless the missionaries that bring the Bread of Life to many now starving spiritually. Amen.

**Friday, March 11**

**Matthew 5:17-20**

Every word of the Bible is true and will stand. Jesus did not destroy the laws of the Old Testament, but fulfilled them; and when the terms of a contract are fulfilled, it is ended. God's Moral Law will always remain.

*Prayer:* Lord, bless our teachers, and let them teach Your Word faithfully. Amen.

**Saturday, March 12**

**Isaiah 42:1-4**

Jesus is that "Servant" who, in a quiet, loving way, brings salvation to the world. He makes well the sorrowful, "bruised" soul and makes the flame of faith ("smoking flax") burn brightly.

*Prayer:* Jesus, with Your power lift up and strengthen us. Amen.

**Sunday, March 13**

**Romans 5:15-21**

Adam's sin brought death to all; the "free gift" is God's Son and salvation (John 3:16); He "obeyed," kept the Law, for all. Believing, we have salvation.

*Prayer:* God, thank You for giving us salvation through Jesus. Amen.

**Monday, March 14**

**John 12:44-50**

What Jesus said was what the Father told Him to say; He shows us God's heart and will. Who despises Him despises God.

*Prayer:* Lord, let us study, understand, and do Your Word and will. Amen.

**Tuesday, March 15**

**John 4:31-38**

Doing the Father's will was to Jesus more important than food. He saw the unsaved people like ripe grain to be harvested for heaven. What a lesson and honor for us! He wants us to help win souls for God.

*Prayer:* Jesus, make us worthy and willing soul winners. Amen.

**Wednesday, March 16**

**John 8:21-30**

Christ's enemies did not believe they would be lost for not believing that Jesus was the promised Mes-

siah. He said that they would see it after He would be "lifted up," that is, crucified and brought to life again. Then they saw that He was right.

*Prayer:* Jesus, You brought us back into God's family. Thank You. Amen.

Thursday, March 17  
Galatians 3:10-14

Those who think that they can save themselves by keeping the Law are condemned ("cursed") because they cannot do so perfectly. People are saved by faith in Jesus, who was "cursed" for us by being hanged on the "tree" (cross).

*Prayer:* Jesus, we thank You forever for making us free. Amen.

Friday, March 18  
Revelation 5:10-14

We are blessed by the Lamb, Jesus on His throne, surrounded by the "beasts," the living ones, God's messengers; and the leaders join all in praising Jesus, who "opened the book," showing God's salvation.

*Prayer:* Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto You, O Jesus, forever! Amen.

Saturday, March 19  
Hebrews 9:23-28

Jesus shed His blood only once for all people and for all time; once we live and have our chance — only once. When He comes again, He will judge whether we believed or not.

*Prayer:* Lord, give us faith, and keep us in faith; then we can await Your coming with joy. Amen.

Sunday, March 20  
John 1:29-36

God told John the Baptizer that Jesus, though younger than John,

existed from eternity, being God's Son and the Lamb that would save the world from sin, bleeding to death on the cross for us.

*Prayer:* Lamb of God, have mercy on us, and take from us our sin. Amen.

Monday, March 21  
Colossians 1:9-22

Let us be "filled with wisdom" and live holy, thanking God for saving us through Jesus, the Creator and Redeemer of the world.

*Prayer:* Lord, make us joyful about our salvation, and help us to be ready, waiting patiently for the time when we shall see You. Amen.

Tuesday, March 22  
Hebrews 2:9-18

Jesus became lower than the angels by becoming human that He might be able to suffer as one of us in our stead; He knows our feelings and temptations and can and will help us in every situation.

*Prayer:* O Lord, give us Your help when the devil tempts us to sin. Amen.

Wednesday, March 23  
Matthew 20:20-28

Jesus teaches that in His kingdom we must expect suffering and give humble service, as He humbly served and gave His life as a ransom (payment for freedom) for the world.

*Prayer:* Jesus, make us willing and eager to serve You humbly in Your church. Amen.

Thursday, March 24  
Colossians 2:8-15

We are warned not to let anybody lead us from Christ by accepting the "rudiments of the world," the hu-

man ideas about salvation, because Jesus has done completely everything needed to save us.

*Prayer:* "I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, trusting only Thee." Amen.

**Friday, March 25**

**John 11:45-53**

Many thought Jesus' religion would make the Jews lose their national liberty. Caiaphas said that if one, Jesus, would die, all would be saved. That is true. His death has removed sin and hell for all.

*Prayer:* Lord Jesus, by Your death You made it possible that now all believers are united in one holy Christian Church. Amen.

**Saturday, March 26**

**Romans 5:1-11**

Through faith we have great blessings: peace, hope, comfort. If God loved us so much while we were His enemies, we surely now are safe in His love, since He is our Friend through Jesus' work.

*Prayer:* Jesus, thank You for giving me perfect peace of the heart by taking away my sins. Amen.

**Sunday, March 27**

**John 3:1-18**

Nicodemus had to learn that man must be made new by the Holy Spirit, who makes us believe that Jesus died for our sins and that He alone is the world's Savior.

*Prayer:* Create in us a clean heart, O God, and give us a new right spirit. Amen.

**Monday, March 28**

**Titus 2:11-14**

Because Jesus has won salvation for us, we must live for God and be done with the wicked things of sin.

Let us live for Him who saved us and will come one day as Judge.

*Prayer:* Father in heaven, make us eager to serve You with good works from a thankful heart. Amen.

**Tuesday, March 29**

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

"By grace" — not because we deserved or earned it with doing good works, but because God loved us and gave us a Savior — we are saved. We accept this Savior by faith.

*Prayer:* Lord Jesus, keep us from being proud and from boasting about our good works, and help us to trust You alone for salvation. Amen.

**Wednesday, March 30**

**1 Peter 1:13-21**

Jesus bought us back to God with His precious blood, not with silver or gold or other things that have only earthly value. Now we are freed from our old sins and useless way of life and behavior.

*Prayer:* Give us hope and strong faith, Lord Jesus, that at the end of the world we may be ready for Your coming. Amen.

**Thursday, March 31**

**1 Peter 2:21-25**

Jesus accepted our sins and suffered for them instead of us. We call Him our Substitute. He had no sins and needed not to suffer, but He suffered because He loved us and wanted to keep us from hell.

*Prayer:* Jesus, You gave us an example by suffering patiently and not speaking evil. Give us strength to follow that example. Amen.

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WHEREVER God's Word is in use,  
God Himself is at work.



## *Bible Quiz*

When the Children of Israel captured Jericho by marching around it seven times and blowing the trumpets, who did Joshua say gave them the victory? Joshua 6:16.

What does Solomon say that people are like that speak lies about their neighbors? Proverbs 25:18.

How tall was the tower to be that the people wanted to build in the plains of Shinar? Genesis 11:4.

Who ordered John the Baptist beheaded, and why? Matthew 14:3, 4, 10.

Why did one man, who wanted to see Jesus, climb into a tree when Jesus came by? Luke 19:1-4.

How did the doorkeeper know that Peter was from Galilee, and not a resident of Jerusalem, when she accused him of being a friend of Jesus? Mark 14:70.

What was the man's name that carried the cross of Jesus for Him? Luke 23:26.

What is the meaning of Golgotha, the hill on which Jesus was crucified? Mark 15:22.

How did life come into the dry bones in the big valley of bones? Ezekiel 37:7-10.

How is venereal disease described when people are caught like a bird in a trap and associate with filthy people? Proverbs 7:23 (read the whole chapter).

Did the troubles that the Apostle Paul suffered for the Gospel when he was in prison in Rome, hurt or really further and help the Gospel? Philippians 1:12-14.

Who was a wild olive tree? Romans 11:17 (see also verse 13).

Who warned the people against idol worship? Deuteronomy 4:14-18.

Who furnished a tomb (grave) for Jesus? Matthew 27:57-60.

What was the name of the first city ever built? Genesis 4:17.

Did the Israelites ever have a woman ruler? Judges 4:4.

How were foxes used in Samson's war against the Philistines? Judges 15:4, 5.

Although much of Bible history happened near the Dead Sea in Palestine, it is never called the Dead Sea; what name does the Bible use for it? Numbers 34:12. Joshua 3:16.

The first person in Europe to become a believer through Paul's preaching was a woman; what was her name? Acts 16:14. (Read the whole story, Acts 15:9-15.)

Did the Old Testament soldiers use passwords? Judges 12:5, 6.

Who was the first musician? Genesis 4:21

What three great patriarchs (old fathers and rulers) are buried in the cave of Machpelah? Genesis 49:28-30.

What happened to the thumbs and big toes of Adoni-Bezek, king of the Canaanites? Judges 1:6.

Does prayer sometimes lengthen life? 2 Kings 20:1-6.

Who helped bury Jesus? John 19: 38-42.