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Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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# Emmanuel Ev. Luth. Congregation of the Deaf

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## Part I

"Emmanuel." A name well chosen fifty-seven years ago by the few charter members of this congregation. Emmanuel, the Hebrew for "God with us," is a name applied to Jesus, the Son of God, the Omnipresent who once lay in the manger, walked to the cross, died, was buried, but gloriously rose again from the dead and now lives forever. He is our invisible Companion who reveals Himself and His great love to us in His Word, wherever it is read or preached in purity. It is He who since the beginning of this congregation has been with it, as herein we aim to point out to the glory of God, and bear witness of His blessings.

### The Mission's Origin

The beginning of Emmanuel Congregation really dates back two years before its organization to the time when the Missouri Synod enthusiastically resolved to send missionaries into this vast field of labor—men to preach to the Deaf in

*(This history, prepared for the fiftieth anniversary of Emmanuel Lutheran Church of the Deaf, was written in 1948 by the late Rev. T. M. Wangerin, who died Sept. 9, 1951. He was the organizer and first pastor of the church, one of the two first missionaries to the Deaf of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and the first editor of THE DEAF LUTHERAN. The passing of the first chapel, the progress made by the congregation, and now its relocation and impending building program bring Emmanuel of Milwaukee into the limelight. The article from the pen of the sainted pastor, we feel, best befits the occasion. Incorporated later data are from the present pastor, the Rev. M. E. A. Mueller, and the Editor.)*

their conventional sign language. This was in 1896 at Fort Wayne, Ind., where Pastor Augustus Reinke of Chicago moved the delegates in convention with an earnest appeal from some Deaf within his own large congregation, which appeal said in part: "Jesus commands 'Preach the Gospel to every creature.' But who preaches to the Deaf? The Missouri Synod does not do it." Having learned also that some of the Deaf within his own congregation were attending sign-services in other denominations, he had himself set out, in spite of the great amount of work within his own charge, to meet this challenge and had acquired sufficient knowledge to preach his first sermon in signs, which was attended by 16 Deaf. He also stated that thereafter he had preached to Deaf in other cities, including Milwaukee. After hearing these facts, Synod at once resolved to elect a Board of Missions to the Deaf, which in turn called two St. Louis Seminary candidates into this field, T. M. Wangerin for Milwaukee and H. A. Bentrup for Louisville, Ky.

### Our Milwaukee Field

It was on August 16, 1896, when Pastor T. Wangerin was ordained and installed as missionary to the Deaf as well as assistant to Rev. J. Strasen in his hearing congregation. This was in the old Cross Lutheran Church building, then located at N. 16th St. and W. Fond du Lac Ave. That same evening

Pastor Reinke came up from Chicago, first to preach to an audience of some 30 Deaf, witnessed also by many hearing friends, and principally to induct the new missionary into his office. It was inspiring to see the Deaf joyfully expressing their thanks and also their wish that the missionary soon visit them individually. In the same service a former Deaf teacher gladly consented to instruct the missionary further in the use of the sign language. Hence it was not long before regular bimonthly services were held with the Deaf. Visiting Deaf came also from other cities, and soon these Deaf invited the missionary to serve also them. A year later Pastor Wangerin was given his requested release from Cross Congregation to work exclusively among the Deaf.

We cannot in this sketch linger long at the many stations founded from Milwaukee headquarters, nor say much about the Mission Board later on sending Pastor Wangerin to the Pacific Coast to explore the principal Western cities from Spokane and Seattle down to San Diego and back to ascertain the number of Deaf and the opportunities for missions there. We do intend, however, to say a bit more about our visits since 1903 to the Wisconsin State School for the Deaf, where we marvel at the instruction in Luther's Catechism of three blind-deaf girls, who in 1911 were confirmed in Emmanuel Chapel and later became members of the congregation. Suffice it to say that year after year our Board called new missionaries into new fields, so that today we count 38 full-time workers in this work who proclaim the Gospel message from coast to coast and

from Canada down to the Gulf of Mexico, harvesting souls for Christ's kingdom also in the very fertile fields of State Schools throughout our nation and Canada. And the end is not yet.

Emmanuel Congregation became organized on August 14, 1898, when 14 deaf men banded together to adopt a name and a constitution. They, together with their confirmed wives, formed the nucleus of the congregation, They were:

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Paul Krueger   | A. Wenzel     |
| R. Nordwig     | J. Tyson      |
| O. Langner     | F. Schewe     |
| S. Sutter      | W. Tischeafer |
| J. Nimmer      | O. Angelroth  |
| Ph. Engelhardt | L. Dorn       |
| W. Schoknecht  | A. Fechtner   |

All these charter members have departed this life. Still with us are Mrs. Emilie Langner and Mrs. Fred Gierloff (Beloit, Wis.), who were members at the time of organization.

In the beginning our services were held in various centrally located Lutheran churches to which the respective hearing congregation was invited for the purpose of acquainting it with our work. Thus our first confirmation of eight adult Deaf was held in Trinity Church on April 10, 1898. The number of Deaf attending our services grew from time to time and it was not long until their foremost wish was to have a chapel of their own. To attain this end a very plausible plan had been suggested by one of the elder clergymen of this city, to the effect that we get endorsement of the officials of Synod for the privilege of soliciting aid (a dime was asked) from the children of all Lutheran schools in Synod. Within a short time every child of school age, in the spring of 1900, had received an envelope



asking for a contribution toward the erection of the first Lutheran church for the Deaf. In less than a year the erection of this chapel was made possible, resulting in a beautiful building, a monument of love, a possession the Deaf are gratefully proud of to this day. There was surplus money with which to build a suitable parsonage, and even then there was \$1,000 over, which was placed into a fund for the erection of a chapel for the Deaf in Chicago. On a beautiful spring day, the Sunday after Easter, April 14, 1901, Emmanuel Chapel was dedicated with appropriate morning services. With hearing friends all sang praises to the Lord for blessings bestowed. The church itself makes a very neat appearance from the exterior. Its interior was very attractive, with leaded glass windows, high altar niche, inclining floor, properly adjusted lighting facilities, all adapted especially for those dependent on good visibility of the speaker." Our prestige among the Deaf grew as time went on, and the outlook for growth became better from year to year.

### Reminiscences

Let us recall a few pleasant events. Outstanding in those first years was the welcome extended to us by the Superintendent of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf in Delavan. Not only were we privileged to preach to the entire body of pupils in chapel on Sunday mornings and evenings (teachers and local resident Deaf also attending), but we were allowed the use of a classroom on afternoons to instruct

those of Lutheran parentage who wished to prepare for the rite of confirmation. And when that time came, these pupils were allowed to make the trip to the chapel in Milwaukee. This practice was followed



Rev. T. M. Wangerin

for many years. The superintendent also drew our attention to three blind-deaf girls in the school, one of them also a cripple and on the sickbed. Said she: "I am so happy, pastor! You are the first one ever to speak to me about Jesus since I was a little girl when I could yet hear and see." Having been visited individually and conversed with by manual alphabet through the sense of touch, they soon became diligent students of Luther's Catechism "written" out for them in Braille. In an overflow service in Milwaukee on September 3, 1911, also they were confirmed, and after moving to Mil-

waukee they attended our services, where the New Testament in Braille was furnished them for edification with added information on the content of the sermon. In the inspiring confirmation service, the three girls,



Three Deaf-Blind Girls Confirmed by  
Rev. T. M. Wangerin

Anna Johnson, Minnie Dunck, and Eva Halliday, sat before the altar, arms extending and touching the next one's hand; one touched Pastor Wangerin's right hand; his left hand was held over his head; he spelled the message with both hands and one girl transmitted it to the next one and relayed back answers when questions were asked. He spoke the message for the benefit of the hearing people present; the Deaf in the service got it from his extended left hand held over his head, and the three girls got it from his right hand.

An outstanding event of importance which greatly helped to publicize our mission was the 11th Triennial Reunion of the Wisconsin Association of the Deaf in Milwaukee in the summer of 1908, an organization guarding the educational, social, and political interests of the

Deaf. This was held in one of the major downtown hotels and was attended by some 300 Deaf from all Wisconsin, and also by a number of the teachers of the State School. Arrangements for this were chiefly presided over by the missionary and one of the members of his congregation. It received daily mention in all the local papers as well as *The Wisconsin Times*. Socially the convention was given a treat with an excursion on Labor Day to Waukesha Beach in three special, large electric inter-urban cars. It is needless to say the missionary was considered an honorary member, who attended following reunions.

Never were our members busier than when came Christmas time. And on the afternoon of the holidays came their turn to sing praises to the newborn Savior before large audiences of hearing and Deaf beneath a well-illuminated tree. The hymns and sermons were all interpreted for the mixed audience of hearing and Deaf. And when after the service old Saint Nicholas stepped in to distribute presents among the little folks, reminding them of the great Gift of God to us sinners, great joy prevailed. Nor did Santa ever forget the missionary either!

Credit is also due to the well-organized Ladies' Aid Society which in all these years has been of great help to the congregation. It has always been very liberal in aiding necessary projects and contributing funds for synodical purposes. Their "Coffee and Bazaar" dedication week was an annual event.



Officers of L. A. S., Emmanuel, Milwaukee. L. to r.: Mesdames V. Armao, President; R. Schneider, Vice-President; S. Hendricks; W. Hoewisch, Treasurer; L. Clemens, Secretary; M. Osborn. Absent: Mrs. A. Arneson, Mrs. J. Goetsch

It was in the fall of 1908 when six grown-up pupils of Lutheran parentage, who attended the local Paul Binner Oral School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, applied for religious instruction. They were, as a matter of fact, turned over to the local missionary, who for a year and over taught them in the Catechism by oral speech, which was later combined with the sign language. Associating with older Deaf, they soon became proficient in the use of their natural mode of communication with other Deaf, and were all confirmed publicly in chapel on April 4, 1910, thus becoming communicant members of the congregation. At that time also, a Sunday school with oralists was conducted for about two years.

To acquaint the congregation with what "the other half of the world" was doing, a series of lectures was inaugurated by the pastor in which the various activities of our Synod were outlined. Likewise, lectures were delivered by well-known educators, such as Warren Robinson, Thomas Hagerty, and Fred Neesam of the Wisconsin State School for the Deaf. On other occasions, judges from the Circuit, Municipal, and Probate Courts were "heard" by interpretation. In 1908 with thanks to God, THE DEAF LUTHERAN,

now in its 47th year, made its appearance, filling a greatly felt want. It is a monthly publication, well edited, and should be found in every deaf Lutheran family as well as in the editorial rooms of every State School paper for the Deaf as an "exchange."

#### 25th Anniversary

In 1921, on the 25th anniversary of Pastor Wangerin's ordination, the congregation celebrated the event with appropriate services of thanks, in which the entire body of missionaries of Ephphatha Conference, which for the occasion convened in Milwaukee for its annual session, took part, showering the missionary with gifts of thanks and love. Not long thereafter the congregation had another special gift for their pastor in the form of a Ford sedan for use in his travels and visits to the Deaf.

*(To be continued)*

"SOME people say they are troubled by parts of the Bible which they do not understand. What troubles me is the part that I understand only too well." So, it is said, spoke Mark Twain. Was he speaking only for himself?

CHILDREN brought up in Sunday school are seldom brought up in court.



# *Catechism*

## **Table of Duties**

### **TO SERVANTS, HIRED MEN, AND EMPLOYEES**

There are stations in life; there are employers and employees. In America we speak of capital and labor, and we mean thereby the people who give work to others and the people who work for others. Very frequently there is a lack of harmony between employer and worker; and one daily reads of trouble and strikes. Some people think that these things belong into the business world and that religion has nothing to say in these matters. But God's Word is to be a light unto our feet and a lamp unto our path and instructs us.

St. Paul in Ephesians 6:5-8 speaks to the people who work for others.

#### **The Employer Can Expect Obedience**

"Servants," says Paul, and he meant slaves, "be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh." When a person hires out to do work, he is not a completely free man in the sense that he hires out his body, his muscle, his brain, to somebody for money and this employer then does and can give orders to him which he, the employee, must do with his body. That does not mean that the employer can put the hired man's body into danger, as a commander sends the soldiers into enemy fire and they are liable to be killed, but still he can give orders, and obedience and respect can be demanded of workers.

#### **Honest Work Is Demanded**

"As unto Christ," so should employees serve those for whom they work; that is, as they would serve Christ, "in singleness of your heart," not with hidden hatred, but honestly and loyally should they perform their work. So doing, they really serve God and Christ and glorify God with their good work. "Not with eye service" should they work, doing work only when they are watched so as to please the boss, but honestly giving their strength and time to the employer.

#### **"Doing Service as to the Lord"**

Work should be done conscientiously, honestly, knowing that the Lord watches and rewards everyone according to his work, and whether a man is "bond," that is, a slave, or free makes no difference, because God is supreme, and He will bless or withhold His blessing, because "the blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich." Proverbs 10:22.

Because many employers in time past have not been fair with their employees, there has come trouble, labor trouble, to the employers. But no man has a right in strikes to harm the employer's property and to hurt people who have a right to work and need work to eat. God's blessing surely is not with such strikers. The law of love must guide employers and employees, then there will be joy and blessing in work. U.



## Field Gleanings

### Some Figures of 1954

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| Pastors and Vicars .....                               | 38        |
| Services .....   | 4,373     |
| Attended by .....                                      | 125,107   |
| Of these were children in<br>Schools for Deaf .....    | 44,068    |
| Adults attended .....                                  | 81,029    |
| Calls made .....                                       | 19,149    |
| Periods of instruction .....                           | 4,360     |
| Communicants .....                                     | 4,081     |
| Communed .....   | 16,026    |
| Envelope and plate offer-<br>ings .....                | \$ 75,666 |
| 75% of \$75,666 for Home<br>Needs .....                | \$ 62,874 |
| 25% of \$75,666 for Missions .....                     | \$ 12,792 |
| 1954 Budget of Board of<br>Mission to Deaf .....       | \$164,000 |
| 1955 Budget calls for .....                            | \$198,000 |
| Deaf contributed to salaries<br>of their pastors ..... | \$ 13,230 |

**Omaha, Nebr.** — On Sunday, April 17, **Mr. Robert Dunnington** of our Sioux City congregation and **Miss Ileon Hahle** of our Omaha congregation were united at Bethlehem Church here. God grant them happiness and blessings.

**Omaha, Nebr.** — On May 15 the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Trickey, Pamela Lou**, was laid into the arms of Jesus in Holy Baptism at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. God keep her!

Of the twelve graduates of the '55 class of the Nebraska School for the Deaf eleven were Lutherans; and eight of the ten graduating from the Iowa School for the Deaf are of our faith. A pastor who has seen these children grow up in the schools from

little tots to fine young people really gets to love them, and his prayer is that God would help them to be faithful to Jesus.

**Vincennes, Ind.** — Before the altar of the Lutheran church in Vincennes, Ind., stand **Mr. and Mrs.**



Confirmation at Vincennes, Ind. L. to r.: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Luck; Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Taylor

**Cecil Luck** of Olney and **Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Taylor** on the day of their confirmation and admission into membership of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Luck was baptized also. They were confirmed by Pastor Kosche sometime before he moved from Indianapolis to Madison, Wis. The Vincennes group gave Vicar John Nickerson, in charge of the Indiana Field now, a good reception on the occasion of his first visit in June. He came right into our hearts.

C. L.

**Fargo, N. Dak.** — On June 2, four brothers and two sisters, all hearing children, were baptized at Winnipeg. They have a deaf brother,



The Williston Children, Winnipeg. Children l. to r.: Douglas, 1; Margaret, 12; Sarah, 3; Naomi, 8; Bessie, 6; standing, Wesley, 10

**Charles Williston**, who attended the '54 and '55 summer school and the monthly afternoon class of Pastor Ferber, conducted in a Lutheran church of Winnipeg. "Charles must be given credit for bringing his brothers and sisters to our attention," writes Pastor Ferber. The fruit of our Mission is not always shown in the number of Deaf brought to Christ, but the Deaf very often bring hearing people into the fold of Jesus.

On May 14, **Edward Jones**, age 18, a pupil of the Iowa School for the Deaf and a member of the Lutheran group, was fatally injured while walking on the railroad tracks at Council Bluffs. It is a mystery why he walked on the tracks and did so without permission to leave the grounds. Surely this is a lesson for the Deaf to shun danger spots, not being able to hear, and for pupils not to leave the school without permission.

**New York.** — **Vicar Harry Hoemann**, who assisted Pastor Geo. Kraus during the last year, now re-

turned to St. Louis to complete his studies at the Concordia Theological Seminary. He leaves many friends.

**Sioux City, Iowa.** — **Mr. Chas. Simmons** passed away June 11 after an illness of several months. He was buried June 15.

**Vancouver, B. C.** — On June 5, Pastor J. A. Beyer had the joy of confirming **John White, Grandpa Bain**, and the daughter-in-law, **Mrs. Wm. Bain**, and baptizing **Grandma Bain**, her daughter **Diana** (Mrs. R. Dewar), and her granddaughter **Pamela** (Dewar) in one service. All but Pamela are deaf. May God bless and keep them in His grace. The happy event took place in the local Lutheran church, its pastor, Rev. F. T. Gabert, preaching the sermon. The increase raises the number of Pastor Beyer's group in Vancouver, B. C., to nineteen members.

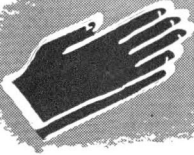
**Jacksonville, Ill.** — On June 5 **Doris Runge** of Chester, Ill., became the wife of **Harold Burris** of Springfield at Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield.

**Miss Marian Byers** of Macomb, Ill., was married to **Carl L. Briggs** of Aurora, Ill., at Macomb on June 25. Mrs. Briggs is a graduate of the Illinois School for the Deaf of the class of 1955.

Congratulations to these young people. May they never forget that "the blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich."

**Fairbury, Nebr.** — **Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Saathoff** were received as members on May 29. Having studied the chief doctrines of the Bible, they made a good confession. Sometimes Deaf think that studying the Bible is a hard chore that is for children only, but that is not true. It is a joy and a pleasant and a profitable work.





## 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.

Monday, August 1

Exodus 20:1-17

Here we have the will of Him who says: "I am the Lord your God." He is the same and remains the same; so His will today is the same as it was when He gave these Commandments through Moses. They show us our sin, for we have not obeyed them.

*Prayer:* Lord, give us a heart that loves You; then we will always gladly do Your will. Amen.

Tuesday, August 2

Psalms 119:1-16

These sections of the Psalm tell us that those who obey the will of God will be happy. The way to happiness is to study God's Word daily and to be guided by it. Make it a daily habit; we shall not be sorry.

*Prayer:* Holy Father, make us to remember Your Commandments so that they may guide us in a holy life. Amen.

Wednesday, August 3

James 2:8-13

This section very clearly shows that God wants perfect obedience. Who offends in only one point of the Law (v. 10) is guilty. Thus we find that no one can be saved by the Law; we all need Him who came and obeyed the Law for all mankind, Jesus.

*Prayer:* Lord, be merciful to us sinners. If we got what we deserve, none could be saved. Thank You for having given us Your Son to save us. Amen.

Thursday, August 4

Romans 2:12-18

The Jews that had the written Law and the non-Jews that had not the written Law are without excuse. For God had created man with the knowledge of the Law, and man's conscience clearly speaks to every one that he has duties to God and to other people.

*Prayer:* Lord, help us to bring the knowledge of Jesus to those who have not yet heard that He is their only Savior. Amen.

**Friday, August 5**

**Romans 2:17-24**

We know about God and His will. We have great duties toward them that know not God's will. We must tell them. If we tell them God's will but do not do right ourselves we dishonor God and make others to reject Him also.

*Prayer:* Lord, make us to be very strict with ourselves so that we do not let our life make a lie of our Christianity. Amen.

**Saturday, August 6**

**Romans 6:12-23**

God's mercy through Christ made us free. Now we must fight the evil desires that always rise in our hearts and not be slaves of sin. The wages of sin is death and hell; life and heaven is a free gift of God through Jesus Christ.

*Prayer:* O strong Helper, give us the will and power to fight and defeat the temptations of the devil. Amen.

**Sunday, August 7**

**Romans 7:1-12**

Like a widow is free from her dead husband, so we were made free from the judgment of the Law by Christ, who obeyed the Law for us and died for the sins against the Law. As He arose to life again, so we should now live a new life, serving God as He wants us to do.

*Prayer:* Jesus, thanks to You for saving us; now we want to do God's

will because we love You and want to show our love by a holy life. Amen.

**Monday, August 8**

**1 Timothy 1:3-11**

The purpose of the Law now is not to make a man righteous before God (v. 9a), but to show man his sins (vv. 9b and 10). Its end (v. 5), meaning its fulfillment and goal, is by love. False teachers told the people to go back to the wrong idea of trying to save themselves by keeping the Law; Paul tells Timothy to hold fast the good news that Jesus is man's only Savior.

*Prayer:* Lord Jesus, You saved us by Your life and death; let Your strict Law now always hold our wicked heart in check. Amen.

**Tuesday, August 9**

**Romans 9:30—10:4**

Paul was sorry for his countrymen, the Hebrews, because they hoped to become right before God by obeying the Law, which no man can keep perfectly, and rejected Christ. But the Gentiles, the non-Jews, more gladly accepted Christ and were saved (vv. 30 and 4).

*Prayer:* Lord, in mercy open the eyes of the Hebrews to see that Jesus is not their enemy but Friend and Savior; bless our Jewish missions. Amen.

**Wednesday, August 10**

**Galatians 6:1-10**

By love we can begin to keep the Law. Love pities the person who has sinned (v. 1), helps him with his burdens (v. 2), is humble (v. 3), financially supports well the church

(v. 6) and the different charities (vv. 9 and 10), and is careful to live holy himself (vv. 7 and 8). A Christian has plenty to do.

*Prayer:* Holy God, You resist the proud but love the humble people. Make us very humble and loving. Amen.

**Thursday, August 11**

**James 1:22-27**

Be doers of the Word. Hear it, but then do not forget to do it. Study Law and Gospel (v. 25), keep your tongue from speaking evil (v. 26), help the poor and friendless (v. 27), and do not copy the wicked habits of an evil world.

*Prayer:* Jesus, Your love brought You from heaven and us to heaven. Let us show love to others that they may be cheered and hopeful. Amen.

**Friday, August 12**

**Matthew 22:34-40**

Jesus here shows that God in the Law does not so much demand certain acts but rather a certain frame of mind, a heart of love. He pointed the man to Himself, the God-Man, who kept the Law for man, paid man's debt of sin, and must be accepted as the Savior.

*Prayer:* Lord, our hearts are so cold; let the thought of Your love kindle warm love in us for You and for our fellow men. Amen.

**Tuesday, August 16**

**Matthew 10:34-39**

Family ties are strong; but we must love God more than members of our family if it is a question of faithfulness to God's truth. Losing our life on earth for His sake is gain and not loss.

*Prayer:* Teach us, O Lord, that to know You and to live for You brings us a life that is far better than a life of comfort here that can cost us our soul. Amen.

**Wednesday, August 17**

**1 John 2:18-25**

John warns that in the last days false teachers will deny that Jesus is God's Son and the Savior. But such people God will not have who insult His Son. The Holy Spirit through the Bible is a safe Leader to keep us in the true faith.

*Prayer:* O Holy Spirit, keep us in faith to the end, so no one can take from us the crown of life. Amen.

**Thursday, August 18**

**Psalms 73:21-28**

The ungodly seem to get along well for a while; then God suddenly destroys them. Seeing this, let us hold fast to Him and trust Him; we have no one and nothing better than God as our Trust.

*Prayer:* Great Jehovah, guide us pilgrims through the desert of this earth and lead us safely to our heavenly fatherland. Amen.

**Friday, August 19**

**Leviticus 24:10-16**

God's name is holy. It is a sin to curse by His name or to speak disrespectfully and terribly about God and holy things. In the Old Testament such sinners were stoned to death.

*Prayer:* Heavenly Father, keep us from dishonoring Your name by false doctrine or a wicked life, but rather let us praise and thank You for Your goodness. Amen.

**Saturday, August 20**

**Psalms 24:1-6**

To swear means to call upon God to be a witness that we will speak the truth. To swear falsely is terrible; people thereby call God's punishment upon themselves. God is mighty; let us walk carefully before Him and fear His name.

*Prayer:* Lord, make us truthful that we may be able to lift up holy hands in prayer without fear and doubting. Amen.

**Sunday, August 21**

**Matthew 5:33-37**

Jesus teaches here that people are mistaken if they think that swearing by things that God made is not as bad as swearing by God's name. He wants us to use simple speech; let yes be yes and no be no; to say more is not necessary among honorable people.

*Prayer:* Preserve our tongue, O Lord, and let us remember that man must give account for every idle word that he speaks. Amen.

**Monday, August 22**

**Jeremiah 23:23-29**

God wants pastors to speak His Word faithfully (v. 28). To preach human ideas as God's Word or to explain the Bible wrongly is to dishonor God. He sees all, and His anger is great against false prophets.

*Prayer:* Jesus, You great Prophet, let Your pastors bring God's messages faithfully and bless Your Word in our hearts. Amen.

**Tuesday, August 23**

**Psalms 8**

Greater than the universe is man, who has a soul, and among men

God values the praise of children who in simple faith love Him (v. 2). But God's name was glorified above all by Jesus, the Son of man (v. 4). Let us give glory to God always.

*Prayer:* Jesus, Lover of children, may our little ones in Sunday school praise Your glorious name by song and the study of Your Word. Amen.

**Wednesday, August 24**

**Psalms 95**

This Psalm urges us to praise God's greatness, as seen from nature, and His goodness in choosing us and dealing with us as sheep of His flock. Israel rebelled and could not enter the Promised Land quickly. Let us be warned lest we lose the heavenly rest.

*Prayer:* O Lord, great and mighty but merciful and good, we praise You with all our power. Let us be ever Your sheep. Amen.

**Thursday, August 25**

**Psalms 103:1-14**

The greatness of our heavenly Father is seen particularly in that He forgives sin for Jesus' sake, thus healing our soul and body. Every verse of this Psalm makes us marvel at His kindness, and we must love Him since He so much loved us.

*Prayer:* Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for the blessing of health of soul and body which we enjoy. Amen.

**Friday, August 26**

**Psalms 42**

The Christian soul is homesick for God and His house. There man gets new hope and comfort. Daily he has sorrow but also help. So he

praises the Lord in good and evil days and never loses hope.

*Prayer:* Jesus, when the storms of life blow and the waves go high, say to them and to our souls: "Peace, be still!" Amen.

**Saturday, August 27**

**Psalm 84**

God lives not in temples made with hands; still, in our churches we have sweet communion with Him, hear of His wonders, and come out of them strengthened for the battles of life. Let us not fail to attend services regularly.

*Prayer:* Thank You, O Lord, for our churches, where the water of life flows and heavenly manna satisfies the longing soul. Amen.

**Sunday, August 28**

**Luke 2:41-51**

Jesus was found in the Temple. He still is found in Bible churches. Parents do well to bring children to church. If a child drifts away and goes astray, his chance to find himself again is best if he has learned to go to church.

*Prayer:* O God, make us ready and willing through the study of Your Word to teach others the great truths of salvation. Amen.

**Monday, August 29**

**Ecclesiastes 5:1-3**

Our majestic God is in heaven. Realizing this, let us be careful when going to church and not do a foolish and wrong worship; let us be ready to hear, and not talk in church, but let our words be few when in His presence.

*Prayer:* Lord, forgive us the sins of the mouth on Sundays and open our hearts to hear and our lips to praise. Amen.

**Tuesday, August 30**

**Colossians 2:16-19**

With the coming of Christ the Old Testament church and Sabbath laws were fulfilled and ended. Any show of worship, no matter how artistic, if Christ is not in it and the center of it, is vain and worthless. None can bring us to the Father except Christ.

*Prayer:* Lord, make us humble and charitable, and do not let us harshly criticize the worship and church customs of others. Amen.

**Wednesday, August 31**

**1 John 4:1-6**

Christians must study the preacher's message and see if the teaching sets forth Christ. The study of God's Word makes them able to tell truth from error and strong to defend truth. Let us daily "search the Scriptures."

*Prayer:* Jesus, great is the need for faithful Bible preachers. Prepare and send out many and bless their testimony so that Your kingdom may come. Amen. U.

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OTHER books were given for our information; the Bible was given for our transformation.

A GOOD way to get behind the pastor is to be in front of him every Sunday.

"Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are and doing things as they ought to be done."

— Stowe.

## John A. Klein, LL.D.

A well-deserved recognition came to the Executive Director of the Ev. Lutheran Institute for the Deaf of Detroit when Concordia Teachers College of River Forest, Ill., conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon an alumnus of that college at a convocation last June. Dr. John A. Klein entered the service of the Ev. Lutheran Institute for the Deaf upon graduation in 1908, serving as instructor until 1925. He was made principal in that year and became the executive director in 1933. In these 47 years of service the Institute experienced a remarkable development and is today a respected school for the Deaf, housed in model buildings, and much credit for the professional standing and the physical equipment goes to Dr. Klein.

He studied also at Detroit Teachers College (now Wayne Univer-

sity), Wisconsin State Teachers College, and Central Institute for the Deaf, St. Louis. He has edited the *Deaf Child's Advocate* since 1933, is a member of the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf, Volta Speech Association, Michigan Better Hearing Association, Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of Co-operate School Studies, International Council for Exceptional Children, Michigan Association of Facilities for the Advancement of Exceptional Children, and the Lutheran Home for Girls Board of Directors.

Dr. Klein's first wife, Eleanor Strack, whom he married in 1909, died 1919, was the mother of two of his three children, Lt. Col. John J. Klein, U. S. Army, and Mrs. Ethel Fontenant. He is married now to Blandina Smukal, and she is the mother of Robert Klein.

The DEAF LUTHERAN extends its congratulations to Dr. Klein.



## Bible Quiz

How did Hazael kill his master Benhadad, the sick king, in order to become king himself? 2 Kings 8: 15.

The Jews were forbidden to do work on the seventh day; but could they in earing (plowing) time and in harvest time work on the Sabbath day? Exodus 34: 21.

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

Who was the treasurer of the group of Jesus and His disciples? John 13: 29.

What is better than being strong? Ecclesiastes 9: 16.

What did Esau sell to his brother Jacob for a pot of food? Genesis 25: 33.

Why did Paul willingly make himself a servant to all? 1 Corinthians 9: 19.

Two young cows that had calves pulled the cart sent by the priests to bring back the sacred Ark from the Philistines. How did the men make sure that the cows would return home quickly the shortest way? 1 Samuel 6: 10.