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*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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Our Signs We Bring to Thee, Dear Lord

Our signs we bring to Thee, dear
Lord,
And in our hearts rejoice;
For deafened ears now hear Thy
Word
And listen to Thy voice.

In signs we hear the story told
Of Jesus' humble birth;
In signs we see His glory: He
Is risen from the earth!

In signs we sing our praise to Thee
And of our Savior's love,
And through our hearts there runs
a thrill
Like music from above.

In signs we have confessed our sins;
In signs to Thee we pray:
O Lord, be with us always here
Until Thy Judgment Day!

In signs we pledge our faith in God,
In Jesus Christ, His Son,
And Spirit of the Holy Ghost,
The Triune God in One.

We do not ask for wealth, dear Lord,
For life of ease and fame;
Oh, bless the ones who sign to
Thee,
We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Northwest Lutheran Deaf Laymen's Conference

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July 21 and 22 will always be pleasantly remembered by those who were fortunate enough to attend the seventh meeting of the Northwest Lutheran Deaf Laymen's Conference. It was held at Camp Lutherland, situated about six miles from Tacoma on beautiful Lake Kil-larney in a grove of tall pines. Cal-vary congregation of Tacoma was host this year, and J. M. Lowell of Tacoma was the chairman. He had surrounded himself with efficient helpers and managed the camp well. Fine weather, good accommo-dations and meals, a well-balanced program, and a congenial assembly

made the meeting a great success and thoroughly enjoyable. Pastor N. P. Uhlig, late of Jacksonville, Ill., and now at Indianapolis, was the lecturer and the preacher in the Sunday morning service. The theme of the meeting was "Children of God Are Partners with God." If present plans can be carried out, the meet-ing next year will again be held at Camp Lutherland, the date to be chosen by the officers, Messrs. Low-ell and Redfern and Mrs. Fern. Rife.

CONFERENCE NOTICE

The Midwest Lutheran Lay-men's and Pastors' Conference will meet at Worthington, Minn., September 22 and 23, in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

Our New Workers

Rev. Harry W. Hoemann, B. D.

Harry W. Hoemann, B. D., a June graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, was installed as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Pittsburgh in an evening service on July 15 by Rev. Roland Gerhold of Newark, N. J. Rev. H. Rohe of Rochester, N. Y., delivered the address. Rev. F. Schumann, pastor of First Trinity Lutheran Church, the church home of the Deaf in Pittsburgh, participated in the service. After the installation the members of Trinity Church of the Deaf extended their welcome to Pastor and Mrs. Hoemann with a reception in the auditorium. The ladies served refreshments. Services for the Deaf in Pittsburgh will be held at First Trinity Lutheran Church, 535 North Neville St. in Pittsburgh, every Sunday at 11:00 A. M.

Pastor Hoemann, who is 24 years of age, was born at Washington, Mo. His sainted father was a veteran of World War I. He studied at Saint Paul's College, Concordia, Mo., and at the Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, receiving the Bachelor of Divinity degree at the time of graduation. He vicared one year at St. Matthew's for the Deaf, New York.

He was ordained June 17 at Washington, Mo., by Pastor D. H. Oberdieck. On June 23 he was united in marriage at Hope Lutheran Church, St. Louis, with Miss Shirley Ann Zeller, a graduate of Washington University and a commercial artist. They live at 1814 LeClair St., Pittsburgh.

(The Editor is sorry that he is not able to present the pictures of the new workers and their pretty wives in this issue. They will appear later.)

Rev. Herbert R. Drachenberg

The new worker at Columbus, Ohio, and in the adjacent territory is Rev. Herbert R. Drachenberg, whose name for over two years has appeared as a worker among the Deaf. While a student, he vicared for two years, serving one year in the Southern Dixie Field, with headquarters at Jackson, Miss., and on the Chicago South Side at Saint Philip's Lutheran Church of Deaf. In addition, he supplied at Kansas City one summer.

Pastor Drachenberg is a native of New Britain, Conn. He studied at Concordia College, Bronxville, N. Y., and at the St. Louis Seminary, graduating last June. He was ordained and installed at Columbus, Ohio, by Rev. Theo. Frederking of Cleveland, on June 17. Besides Columbus he serves Cincinnati, Dayton, Strycker, Lima, Findlay, Springfield, and Westerville, Ohio.

He was married on June 9 at Kansas City, Mo., to Miss Patricia Y. Daniels of Kansas City, and their home is at 153 East Lane Ave., Columbus, Ohio. May their union be a long and happy one, and his service in the Deaf Mission continue to be blessed.

Rev. Robert A. Bauer

Canada greets a new resident pastor in the person of Rev. Robert A. Bauer, who was graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, last June. He has been assigned to serve Edmonton with its new Deaf school and the area adjacent to Edmonton. He is being introduced by Rev. W. Ferber of Fargo, N. Dak., who has done yeoman work in the northern area of the States and Canada.

Pastor Bauer is a native of Edmonton, as is his wife, the former

Miss Eleanor M. Klann, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Klann. They were married August 25, 1955. He is the son of Mrs. I. Bauer and the late M. I. Bauer. Rev. and Mrs. Bauer both studied at Concordia College, Edmonton.

May God bless the work among the Deaf in Canada and give to this new worker success, and a long, happy married life to him and his wife.

Rev. Waldemar O. Neisch

North Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina are to be congratulated because God gave to this area in Rev. W. O. Neisch a fine gentleman and good worker among the Deaf. He hails from a farm that is located near Tenney, Minn., where North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota meet. His father's farm is in Minnesota, but the mail carries a North Dakota address. He received his schooling at Concordia College, St. Paul, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, being graduated last June.

His vicarage he spent at Jacksonville, Ill., with Pastor Uhlig. July 2, 1955, he was united in marriage with Miss Elaine Arkebauer of St. Louis, and Jonathan Carl came to them April 29. He was ordained at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, St. Louis, June 8, and commissioned July 29 by Pastor Gyle at Jacksonville, Fla. They make their home now at 1049 Underhill Drive, Jacksonville, Fla.

He will serve Jacksonville, Saint Augustine, Tallahassee, Gainesville, Fla.; Atlanta and Savannah, Ga., and Charleston, S. C., and several other places.

Rev. Wm. J. Hausmann, B. D.

While Pastor Hausmann is not exactly a new worker, for he has been in service for one year as pastor of

the Deaf in New York, we are happy to present him and his wife to our readers.

Pastor Hausmann is the son of deaf parents. His mother is Mrs. Frieda Hausmann; his father is deceased. He is the first child of deaf parents to enter the service of our Mission to the Deaf. He is pastor of St. Mark's, Harlem, and has a number of stations in the metropolitan area and in Connecticut.

He attended the Bronxville Concordia and St. Louis, being graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in June 1955. He was ordained and commissioned by Pastor Geo. Kraus June 26, 1955, in New York. On June 19, 1955, he and Miss Gertrude Horlbeck of Ridgewood, N. J., were married. They live at 2195 Central Road, Fort Lee, N. J.

Thank You, Dr. Milligan

At the recent meeting of the Ephphatha Conference at St. Paul, Dr. Wm. M. Milligan, Superintendent of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf at Delevan, Wis., spoke on "The Language of Signs as a Means of Education; Its Goals, Advantages, and Handicaps." He began his remarks by stating, "I am happy to see so many of you sign." He stated that in the battle over methods the child as an individual suffers, and stated that one should adapt the method to the child and not the child to the method. He mentioned the difficulty of translating abstract ideas into sign language, stating that the Deaf think in terms of pictures in relation to experiences. He spoke at length on the universal use of various kinds of signs. The problems of interpreting and the methods

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Field gleanings

Vancouver, B. C. — We are presenting the picture of the group of Deaf of Vancouver, B. C., herewith. The flock is very attentive to the



Deaf Group of Vancouver, B. C.

Word of God. In the picture **Chester Orr** is seen in his wheel chair, and directly behind and to right are **Mr. and Mrs. Stanley A. Walker**, who now live in Montreal, Que. The Walkers brought the Orrs to Christ, Pastor Beyer confirming Mr. Orr in September 1952. That October Mr.

Orr was stricken with polio, and in April 1953 Mrs. Orr gave her life while giving birth to her second child; Mr. Orr, the two children, and one from a previous marriage were then cared for by the Walkers, who had come for a visit and then had a family to take care of for a while until other arrangements could be made when they traveled on to Montreal. The story illustrates how God leads us and places us into situations and circumstances where He has work for us to do; and it shows also how He cares for His own by sending angels in human form to carry out His will. As He took care of these people, so will He take care of all His children. May God bless these Vancouver people and the Good Samaritans in Quebec.

J. A. B.

Mattoon, Ill. — July 8—15 Saint John's Lutheran Church of Mattoon, Rev. E. J. T. Birner, pastor, dedicated its beautiful new edifice. The evening service of July 15 was set aside for the Deaf, since for thirteen years St. John's has granted the use of its church for the services of the Deaf. Rev. N. P. Uhlig, who began the work there twelve years ago, conducted the service. Since he will for the time being serve the Indiana Field, to which area Mattoon belongs, he will conduct the monthly services in the fine new church.

Memphis, Tenn. — Vicar **Herman Graef**, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Graef of Eden, N. Y., and student of Concordia Seminary,

Thank You, Dr. Milligan

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of teaching through the sign language were set forth by him. "Since I've been here, I have seen more pure signs than I've ever seen among the Conference of Executives. . . . You pastors for the Deaf can be of great benefit to our schools for the Deaf in showing good signing." He also said: "Lutheran children are the best-adjusted and best-principled children in our school. We have less trouble with them."

St. Louis, has been assigned to this area to serve it for one year until a permanent worker can be secured. He came July 8 with his bride, the former **Miss Irene Agle** of Eden, N. Y., where they were united in marriage June 9. They reside at 3765 Tutwiler Ave., Memphis. Best wishes to this fine couple!

Indianapolis. — **Vicar John Nickerson** completed his year's vicarage in the Indiana Field on June 15. The congregation at Indianapolis called **Rev. E. Scheibert** of Chicago, but he declined the call. In July **Vicar Wayne C. Bottlinger** came to help out. He has put in a year at Oklahoma City and will in September resume his studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. On August 1 **Missionary at large N. P. Uhlig** was assigned to this field and will serve here until a permanent worker can be secured.

Madison, Wis. — In an impressive service attended by almost one hundred people Silent Lutheran Deaf Congregation received six members on Palm Sunday, four by the rite of confirmation, namely, **Richard Barth, Victor and Ruth Hazelton** and **Joan Schultz, Violet Stamper** by Holy Baptism, and **Shirley Tupper** by transfer from a hearing church of Madison, Trinity Lutheran. May God keep these new members in faith.

Baptisms: At Oshkosh, Wis., April 7. **Paul and Peter Leichtnam**, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leichtnam (nee Zick), born February 23, 1956.

At Madison, Wis., May 13. **Alan Brian Rasmus**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rasmus (nee Davis) born April 13, 1956. And **Dorcas Lorraine**

Kosche, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Martin Kosche, born May 1, 1956.

Sheboygan. — **Mrs. Olga Johst** is recovering nicely from a fractured left leg and multiple bruises and lacerations sustained when she was struck by an auto in front of her home on December 5, 1955. Bystanders said she was hurtled into the air and landed on the roof of the car before falling to the pavement. In April she was able to attend church again for the first time in several months and to come to the altar for the Lord's Supper with the help of crutches. It was an occasion of great joy for her. M. K.

Jacksonville, Ill. — July 15 **Rev. Delbert I. Thies**, late of Memphis, was installed as pastor of Christ Congregation and the Central Illinois Field by Rev. Howard Tepker,



Rev. and Mrs. Thies and family

Visitor of the Illinois Valley Circuit, assisted by Rev. Wm. F. Reinking of St. Louis, who preached the sermon, and Pastors Balash of Bath and Haack of Chatham. The ladies of the Auxiliary served refreshments after the service. The hitherto-unfinished attic has been converted into two

additional bedrooms and bath, and thus the home affords good quarters for Rev. and Mrs. Thies and their family of eight children.

Council Bluffs, Iowa. — On May 6 a class of ten pupils from the Iowa School for the Deaf was confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

A number of parents of these children from various parts of Iowa attended the service. Thirty-six deaf friends were present, among whom were some of the older pupils from the school. We were also happy to have Superintendent Lloyd E. Berg with us that day.

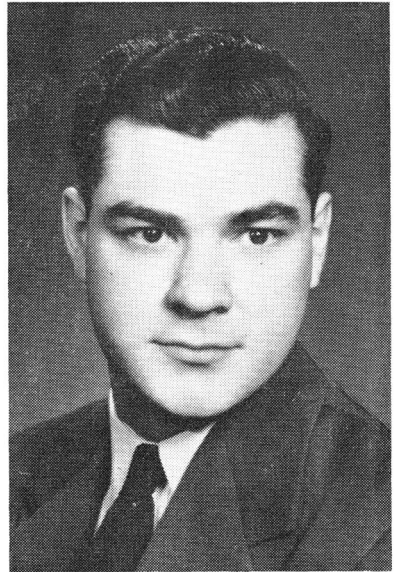
Members of the class are, l. to r.: **Connie Klarstrom**, Greenville; **Betty Latimer**, Muscatine; **Carol Schroeder**, Aspinwall; **Shirley Meyer**, Leland; **Mary Ueding**, Sioux City.

Second row, l. to r.: **Ray Hendricks**, Tipton; **Richard Survis**, Albia; **Larry Jones**, Onawa; **Pastor Mappes**; **Dennis Evans**, Walcott; **Stanley McHugh**, Boone.

God keep these new members of His church in the true faith and grant them help and guidance from above.

E. M.

Oklahoma City, Okla. — Vicars Earl J. Thaler and Wayne C. Bott-



Vicar Earl J. Thaler

linger began a sign-language class for hearing people at Zion Lutheran Church. The people of Zion have shown a great interest in the Deaf and wish to be able to converse with them.

The first class was held Wednesday, June 13, with 30 in attendance.



Rev. Mappes and Council Bluffs Confirmation Class

An equally large group attended the second class, at which time they were divided into two classes, Mr. Bottlinger taking those who wanted to spend more time on the alphabet before going into the actual signs, while Mr. Thaler taught the advanced group.

The classes will be conducted for ten weeks, in which time the basic fundamentals will be taught. Mr. Thaler announces that a new class will begin sometime this coming winter.

Earl J. Thaler, who will serve the Oklahoma Field this year as a vicar, is a native of Youngstown, N. Y. He studied at Concordia College, Fort Wayne, and is now a student of Concordia Theological Seminary of Springfield. While at Springfield, he showed great interest in the work among the Deaf and was of great aid to Pastor Uhlig of Jacksonville, serving the latter as superintendent of the Sunday school last year. This year his services are given to the Oklahoma Field, Oklahoma City and

Tulsa; Fort Worth and Dallas, Tex.; and Sulphur and Taft, Okla.

San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.—Circuit Visitor of the West Coast Lutheran Deaf congregations is Rev. Geo. C. Gaertner. During the spring and summer of this year he has visited the congregations of the Puget Sound area as well as stations in California and Arizona. He is the senior worker of our Lutheran pastors of the Deaf on the West Coast and has seen the corps of workers in that area grow from one to seven since the days of the First World War. — In many of our stations opportunity for fellowshiping is provided by staying for a social hour after the services, so combining serious worship with pleasant recreation and social activity. — On June 17 the Lutheran Deaf had a picnic on the grounds of Concordia College in Oakland. — A son came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt of Palo Alto on January 31, and Karen Edna on February 19 cheered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vasken Aghabalian of Menlo Park.



Catechism

Christian Questions with Their Answers

Question 20

Christ's command and promise and our sins should urge us to go to the Holy Supper often. But often we do not feel our sins and are not hungry and thirsty for the Lord's Supper. Therefore Question 20 and

the Answer tells us what to do if we feel no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament.

Our Sinful Heart Should Make Us Go Often

Our Catechism says: "In the first place, he should put his hand into his bosom and feel whether he still have flesh and blood, and that he by all means believe what the Scrip-

tures say of it." And what does the Bible say? "The flesh [sin in us] lusteth [has desires] against the Spirit," (Galatians 5:17). Therefore every Christian must say with Paul: "The good that I would [wish] I do not: but the evil which I would [wish] not, that I do" (Romans 7:20).

Go Often, for You Still Are in This Wicked World

Therefore our Catechism answers: "That he look around to see whether he is still in the world, and keep in mind that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say." The world hates us, as it hates Jesus (John 15:18), and therefore the Christian has great trouble and sorrow. The world seeks to tempt him with "the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" (1 John 2:16). We need strength to fight all this wickedness. And that we get in the Holy Supper. Therefore go often!

The Devil and His Temptations Should Make Us Go Often

Our Catechism finally says: "He [the Christian] will certainly have the devil also about him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace within or without." Our Bible says: "The devil was a murderer from the beginning; he is a liar and the father of it" (John 8:44). He "as a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." When a Christian thinks of this, he will hurry to the Lord's Supper, and that often.

Again and Again Read These Questions with Their Answers

They are "no child's play: take heed and likewise consider it a serious matter." Especially read them before you come to the Lord's Table, and the Holy Supper will bring rich blessings to you. J. L. S.



Devotions

Selections and devotions are by Pastor Geo. C. Ring

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 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.

Saturday, September 1
Matthew 14:22-33

Our Savior often explained about FAITH. When the disciples were

afraid, Jesus asked them: "Where is your faith?" He always taught them to trust in their heavenly Father. Let us also hear our Savior's in-

struction about the glory of the Christian faith.

Prayer: O Jesus, help us to trust your Word. Through faith let us overcome our fears. Lead us to do greater things for You. Amen.

Sunday, September 2

14th Sunday After Trinity

Hebrews 11:1-16

Faith is the hand that takes the things which God offers. God has many blessings for us. He holds these blessings out to us. He wants us to accept them by faith. By faith Moses received power from God to separate the waters of the Red Sea. By faith Daniel received courage to face lions unafraid. You and I can also receive great and wonderful blessings by faith.

Prayer: Lord, let us receive more of Your blessings. Give us a stronger faith. Help us to walk in the way of peace. Amen.

Monday, September 3

Hebrews 11:17-40

God's Word is the foundation of our faith. Our faith must be built upon God's Word. For this reason we must gladly hear and learn God's Word. Every Christian should read the Bible daily. Every Christian should attend services regularly. This is the pathway to a stronger faith.

Prayer: Lord, keep us faithful in using your holy Word. Bless us in our daily devotions. Help us to be more faithful in attending divine services. Amen.

Tuesday, September 4

Mark 9:14-29

Where Jesus found no faith, there were no mighty deeds. Where there

was no faith, nothing great and thrilling ever happened. Whenever Jesus found faith, He did great things for the people. If you and I trust in Jesus and pray daily to Him, then He will do great things for us, in us, and through us.

Prayer: Lord, we believe, help our unbelief. Give us a simple faith that accepts Your Word and looks to You for every need. Amen.

Wednesday, September 5

Mark 8:1-9

Jesus was good to the multitude of people who followed Him. He did not send them away hungry. He fed them. Our Savior has also blessed us with many good things. He also gives us our daily bread. In faith we should cling to Jesus and trust Him as the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, we trust You for the forgiveness of all our sins. We know that You are very good to us. Help us to share our blessings with others. Amen.

Thursday, September 6

Romans 8:1-14

Our Christian faith requires daily attention. Each day new problems arise, which call for the response of Christian faith. Each day new doors of opportunity are opened to our faith by the hand of God.

Prayer: Dearest Savior, let me try each day to exercise my faith and become more like You. Amen.

Friday, September 7

Psalms 121

When we sit in church, we face the altar. The altar is there to help us lift our eyes and hearts upward to God. It is also there to help us re-

member that God is there to help us. In the world we see the altars which God Himself has arranged. The hills and mountains help us to look upward to God.

Prayer: Lord, may our faith look upward to You who created the mountains. Let us continue to trust in Your help, which never fails. Amen.

Saturday, September 8

John 10:11-16

A road is sometimes cut through the trunk of a giant redwood tree in California. The road that leads to the heavenly mansions is cut through the center of the cross. When we see this road, we know that God's love opened this way for us. Then we know that the Almighty God is for us and not against us.

Prayer: My Savior, You are the only Door that leads to eternal happiness and peace. Let me behold the smiling face of my Father in heaven through You. Amen.

Sunday, September 9

15th Sunday After Trinity

Romans 3:20-28

The Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon searched through the glades of Florida for the fountain of youth. He never found it, because such a fountain never existed. If you are searching for salvation by means of your own good works, you will never find salvation. Salvation is found only by faith in the bleeding wounds of Jesus.

Prayer: "My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary." In You I have found full and free salvation. Amen.

Monday, September 10

Psalms 23

We need the comfort and help of God's Word always. We need it especially in times of sickness and sorrow, pain and poverty, disappointment and death. Our faith must continue to look up to Him who holds all things in His hand. In the face of every danger we can say: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."

Prayer: Dear Shepherd, I thank You for the comfort which I have found in Your Word. Bless me and lead me to tell others of this wonderful comfort. Amen.

Tuesday, September 11

Matthew 5:38-48

In every life there are hurt feelings. In this world we cannot expect perfect treatment from others. But to forgive from the heart and to love sincerely those who have wronged us is our Christian duty. Christian faith will lead us to accept this responsibility. By faith we will show kindness to those who have not deserved it.

Prayer: Lord, help us to forgive from the heart all those who sin against us, even as You forgive us who sin against You. Amen.

Wednesday, September 12

1 Peter 1:23—2:5

We must think of our faith as an imported plant that needs special care and food. Christian faith does not thrive on the native soil of the heart. It can exist and grow only by means of the Word of God. Faith apart from the Word is as unthinkable as life in a branch separated from the tree.

Prayer: Lord, let me never be

careless about learning Your Word in church and reading Your Word in daily devotions. Amen.

Thursday, September 13

Acts 2:41-47

The Chinese have a proverb: "A journey of 1,000 miles begins with one step." The first step we make by faith should be one of many steps on the way to heaven. We don't know how many miles heaven is away. But we must keep walking by faith.

Prayer: "Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure; Flee the world that would deceive us And to sin our souls allure." Amen.

Friday, September 14

Ephesians 6:10-17

There is an old saying: "If Christ builds His church, the devil builds his chapel next door." Every Christian has a battle to fight with the devil. There is only one weapon that will frighten the devil away. It is the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

Prayer: Lord, be our sure Defense in every danger, and guard us with the sharp sword of Your truth against the devil's tricks. Amen.

Saturday, September 15

Matthew 6:1-24

Patrick Henry wrote in his last will: "I have now disposed of all my worldly property to my family. There is one more thing I wish I could give them, and that is the Christian religion." If we have everything but God, we have nothing.

Prayer: O Lord, our trust is not in the uncertain riches of this life. We trust in You, who givest us richly all things to enjoy. Amen.

Sunday, September 16

16th Sunday After Trinity

Luke 11:1-13

Someone has said: "Prayer is the fragrance of faith." Faith is like a beautiful flower. God sees its beauty in our works. He smells its fragrance in our prayers. We should be eager to talk with our heavenly Father; to praise Him for giving us His grace; to tell Him how much we need Him and love Him; and to ask Him to bless others.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, who hast taught us to pray, keep us faithful in prayer. Morning, at noon, and at night let the sweet fragrance of my prayers come up before You. Amen.

Monday, September 17

Matthew 24:36-51

The day of the Lord's return has not been revealed to us. But we must be prepared every day. At our Savior's return we shall be judged as we are found. Surely it must be the fervent prayer of every Christian to be found in faith.

Prayer: "Let me be Thine forever; Thou faithful God and Lord. Let me forsake Thee never, Nor wander from Thy Word." Amen.

Tuesday, September 18

Luke 16:1-13

By making us His stewards to manage certain things for Him, God has made us His partners. The question for us is: "How can all that I am and have be woven into the partnership with God?" This question can be answered only by faith. Our faith will lead us to support the mission program and work of our church.

Prayer: Dear Savior, help us to

use all the gifts which we have for doing the work for which we are joined in partnership with You. Amen.

Wednesday, September 19

1 Chronicles 16:7-36

Christians never meet for the last time. When they meet each other in church, they are reminded of the eternal union in heaven. By faith they join in prayer and praise and look forward to the glories of heaven.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, as I enter the portals of Your church on earth, let me think of my entrance into the everlasting gates of glory. Amen.

Thursday, September 20

1 Corinthians 13

Some people are always complaining. Nothing satisfies them. They don't like their minister. They don't like their neighbors. In fact, they like almost no one but themselves. God puts us among such people so that we can exercise our Christian faith.

Prayer: O Lord, give us a faith that will be patient and show kindness to those who do not exercise their faith or have none. Amen.

Friday, September 21

St. Matthew

1 Peter 1:3-25

The Holy Spirit wants us to go His way because it is the right way. His way leads to an ever larger and richer faith. The way without the Holy Spirit leads to a blackout and total spiritual darkness. We are warned not to grieve the Holy Spirit, whereby we are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Prayer: "Come, ever-blessed

Spirit, come, And make in us Thy gentle home." Amen.

Saturday, September 22

Ephesians 2:1-13

A rich man can sign his name to a piece of paper and make it worth a thousand dollars. An artist can paint a picture on a cheap canvas and make it worth hundreds of dollars. But only God can take a soiled and worthless life, put His Spirit in it, cleanse it through the blood of Christ, and make it a new creation.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, cleanse and sanctify us wholly by Your almighty power. Amen.

Sunday, September 23

17th Sunday After Trinity

1 John 1:5—2:6

Through the light of Christian faith we can see as God sees. We now take our sins, spread them out before us, and kneel over them in a penitent prayer for forgiveness. The blinded person will cover and hide his sins, only to have them uncovered in the Day of Judgment.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help us see our great loss in sin, our great gain in You, and our solemn duty to follow You as Your children. Amen.

Monday, September 24

1 John 2:15-29

Our Savior knew that the Christian's path through this world would not always be strewn with roses. He plainly told His disciples, "In the world ye will have tribulation." But He added the wonderfully strengthening promise, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Prayer: Lord, may my faith and love for You show me the right way to use the things of this world. Amen.

Tuesday, September 25

Psalms 46

Many dangers surround us each day. Life is full of dangers for everyone. There are eighteen hundred known disease germs. Every highway is a danger hazard. There are so many dangers all about us that we walk through life, as it were, under a naked sword suspended over us on a single hair. But in all this danger our faith knows that God is a very present help in trouble.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, help us to know that we are safe from the storms of life so long as we are hid in Thee.

Wednesday, September 26

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

The Christian pastor is an ambassador of God. The message he brings to us is not his own, but God's. Our faith leads us to pray that God will richly bless the words spoken by our pastor.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to receive the word of our pastor as Your Word. Bless it in our hearts and in the hearts of others. Amen.

Thursday, September 27

James 1:2-17

Our human reason will often lead us to doubt, but faith will look upward and trust in God. We may not always be able to see the way, but our faith always tells us that God is leading. God sometimes leads us over rough paths and through dark clouds in order to have us cling more firmly to Him.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help us under all circumstances only to believe that "weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." Amen.

Friday, September 28

Matthew 5:13-16

As the moon reflects the glory of the sun, so the believing Christian should reflect the glory of Christ. In the words we speak, in the things we do, in the life we live, there should be no shadows. By faith, the "Light of the World" is reflected to others. Can others see Christ in your life?

Prayer: Lord, I pray that my life may be like a city set on a hill which cannot be hid and that my life reflect Your glory. Amen.

Saturday, September 29

Michael and the Angels

John 20:19-31

True faith accepts without question whatever God has said in His Word. God's Word is our sure foundation. Storms may beat against this rock, but they can never move it. It is as strong and sure as God Himself.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to build all our hopes and all our life on the sure foundations of Your holy Word. Amen.

Sunday, September 30

18th Sunday After Trinity

Luke 18:9-14

True faith grows only in the soil of humility. "God resisteth the proud but giveth grace unto the humble." The poison of pride runs in our veins by nature. We all have a degree of the spirit of the Pharisee. We think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think.

Prayer: O Father, give us a humble faith. Let us behold our sins, and help us to say with a broken and contrite heart, "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner." Amen.



Bible Quiz

The weak priest Eli did not punish his wicked sons Hophni and Phinehas; what was the sad story of God's judgment upon him? 1 Samuel 4: 18, 18.

What does the name Ichabod mean? 1 Samuel 4: 21.

Where was the cup of the king Pharaoh found when the brothers of Joseph were on the way home? Genesis 44: 12.

Who, in the opinion of the people generally, was the father of Jesus? Luke 3: 23.

What did God let come over the land of Israel at the time of the prophet Amos to destroy all grass and vegetation? Amos 7: 1.

What did the enemies of David ask him to make him cry day and night in his great troubles? Psalm 42: 3.

What kind of a famine did Amos, the prophet, say would come in the land, and what would the people not find? Amos 8: 11, 12.

By what name is Isaiah called in Romans 9: 25?

We should not owe anything to anybody except one thing, which? Romans 13: 8.

Who cannot be Christ's disciple? Luke 14: 27.

Whom shall we invite when we make a feast? Luke 14: 13.

What does our "light affliction," when we are called upon to suffer because we believe in Jesus, gain for us? 2 Corinthians 4: 17.

What does the soul sometimes get

when God gives us what we ask for? Psalm 106: 15.

Though the people made Moses angry with their wickedness (Psalm 106: 33), he was not excused. What was his punishment? Deuteronomy 32: 52.

Where did Moses die? Deuteronomy 34: 5.

Where did the high priest Aaron die? Deuteronomy 32: 50.

Who was swallowed up by the earth? Psalm 106: 17.

Who was "the saint of the Lord"? Psalm 106: 16.

In the Old Testament Job asked a question which Philip answered in the New Testament. What was the question, and what was the answer? Job 23: 3 and John 1: 45.

Cain and Abel brought offerings to the Lord. What did each offer, and what made Abel's sacrifice better than Cain's? Genesis 1: 3-5 and Hebrews 11: 4.

Even if favors are shown unto the wicked, what will they not learn? Isaiah 26: 10.

What were the names of the three young men who would not bend their knees to an idol or budge an inch, but rather burn in a hot furnace? Daniel 3: 15 and 27.

When is a person not God's child? Romans 8: 9.

When must we never be afraid or ashamed to talk back to someone that speaks to us? 1 Peter 3: 15.