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*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

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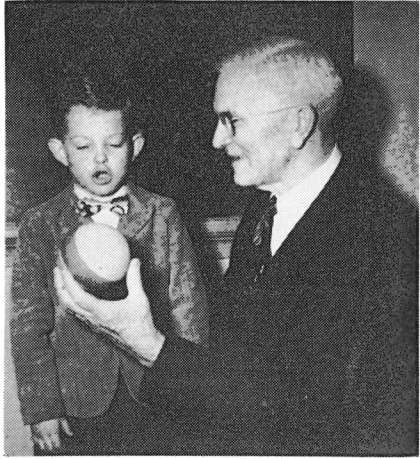
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Mill Neck Manor—Lutheran School for the Deaf

About twenty-five miles from downtown New York on the northern side of Long Island in Nassau County, and not far from Oyster Bay, where the noted American President, Theodore Roosevelt of "Rough Rider" fame, lived, lies the beautiful Mill Neck Manor, an 86-acre estate. Beautifully landscaped with its stately trees, many imported from distant lands, and its long reaches of rolling lawn, it is a joy to behold at any season of the year. It takes hours to explore the place; there are the extensive and productive fruit orchard, the greenhouses, the formal garden with its ingenious sundial and clipped rows of hedges and other interesting things; the long rows of shrubs, bushes, and plants that bloom in their season and give plenty to do to the drivers of the three buses that daily make over 100 miles each, bringing and returning the deaf children to their homes.

The chief building, the Manor, now used as the dormitory, has 35 rooms. Its reception room, the Great Hall, the chapel, the dining hall,



Dr. J. W. Behnken "Playing Ball" with a Youngster

where the 75 children with the teachers eat the noonday meal, the kitchen facilities and apartments for the employees, all substantially constructed and artistically conceived, impress the visitor. Nothing was spared in the construction and erection of all the buildings, and beauty was never sacrificed to ordinary utility, and thoughtfulness and ingenuity are evident everywhere.



The "farm group" has been converted into modern classrooms



A Halloween Party in the Beautiful Dining Hall of Mill Neck Manor

Some distance from the Manor lies a connected group of buildings, the "Farm Group." These buildings lent themselves very well to the conversion into modern classrooms. Here also is a large room that can serve as playroom and gymnasium and for meetings, and there are rooms equipped with modern machinery and equipment for manual training for the boys and the teaching of home skills for the girls.

This showplace was completed at a cost commonly thought to have been between six and eight million dollars by Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Dodge. After the death of Mr. Dodge, Mrs. Dodge, famous for the brand of cosmetics that bear her maiden name of Harriet Hubbard Ayer, sold the estate to the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf for \$216,000 in 1948. Rev. Floyd Possehl, at that time pastor of St. Matthew's for the Deaf in New York, and men with vision banded together and set themselves to the task of acquiring this beautiful estate and

converting it into a school for the Deaf. It was indeed a "venture of faith." But finally success crowned the effort, and the deal was made. Contributions from many quarters and sources furnished the money, and the school was remembered in



**Headmaster Melvin W. Luebke, M. Ed.,
Working with a Child**

the "Building for Christ" collection of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod with a grant of \$150,000. Naturally, the maintenance and running of such an institution requires much outlay, and our Christian friends everywhere can help the cause as their hearts are touched by thoughts of thankfulness to God and concern for the Deaf children.

The state of New York has no state school for the Deaf. There are a number of privately owned schools that are accredited in the state. In order to gain this standing the Commissioner of Public Education of the state must be a member of the educational board of the school. Then there is the Board of Directors of members of Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, which looks after the maintenance of the establishment. So there are legally two corporations controlling the school. While this may seem to be an awkward and conflicting situation, it is not at all so.

The control and running of the school is in the hands of the Board of Directors, of which the Commissioner of Public Education is also a member. The members of the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf control the Board of Directors.

Unlike the Ev. Luth. Institute for the Deaf at Detroit, which is a residential school with the pupils living there, Mill Neck Manor has only a few residential pupils at the present time; most of the children are from the area around New York and are daily brought and returned home after classes.

Headmaster Melvin W. Luebke, M. Ed., is the superintendent. He is a graduate of River Forest, class of 1945, and taught in Trinity Lutheran School of Louisville one year, then was with the Detroit Institute for the Deaf five years and since 1951 is at Mill Neck. A staff of twelve teachers instruct the 75 children, enrolled at this time, and a Lutheran



Three busses bring and return the children daily



Pastor Donald Simon in a Worship Service

deaconess serves the school. The children are orally instructed.

The founding of a school for the Deaf was suggested at the 1944 convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod at Saginaw, Mich. The fact that in 1946 the fiftieth anniversary of the Missions to the Deaf would be remembered resulted in a resolution which mentioned as a fitting commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary the establishment of another school for the Deaf. This resolution was instrumental in crystallizing the sentiment which resulted in the purchase and establishment of Mill Neck Manor.

The peculiar circumstances of the New York area with its special requirements and conditions have made the establishing and conducting of this school a slow pioneering process. The controlling boards had

to study carefully all factors and determine wisely all steps so that a Lutheran school for the Deaf could be established in which deaf children can be trained according to proved Lutheran standards and become good Christian men and women. May God continue to bless Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf. U.

THE Sunday school teacher asked a boy whether he prayed every night, and the lad answered: "No, not every night; some nights I don't want anything." Let us not only *ask* in prayer but also *praise* and *give thanks*.

"O God, Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our hearts find no rest until they rest in Thee."

ST. AUGUSTINE



Field gleanings

Jackson, Miss. — After Rev. M. Sampson had moved to Oklahoma City in November, Missionary at large N. P. Uhlig was transferred from Indianapolis to the Southern Dixie Field and served the stations of this area in December. Good attendances greeted him at all stations. On the January journey to these stations he was accompanied by Pastor E. R. Oermann of Houston, Tex., who will for the present serve the Southern Dixie Field with his Texas stations, since Pastor Uhlig, in February, has been transferred to Boston, Mass., where he is to serve the New England stations left vacant when Rev. D. Boerner was forced to resign on account of a breakdown. Pastors C. R. Gerhold, D. Simon, and Wm. Hausmann of the New York and Newark areas took turns at supplying the stations of the Boston Field, and Pastor H. J. Lincks of Boston with devoted women of his church taught the classes in three schools for the Deaf.

Chicago. — **Mrs. Ellen Butters** and **Mrs. Th. Hartung**, two faithful Christians, the latter a former resident of the Illinois Home for the Deaf, passed away in December and were given Christian burial. We were pleased to see the matron of the Home and Mrs. Meagher of the board for the Home as well as the residents present at the service. The deceased attended our services and received Holy Communion regularly, and we believe that they are now in glory with the Savior in the heav-

enly Canaan, the golden Jerusalem, where there are fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore. May we follow their example. O. C. S.

Denver, Colo. — **Miss Reba Morning** of Baltimore and our member **Mr. Guy Lamm** were married on December 22 by Rev. W. Westermann of Washington at St. Martini Lutheran Church in Baltimore. May the Lord bless this union. The Lamms are making their home at Colorado Springs. — Mr. Charles Gibson's 85th birthday on January 8 was remembered. He still believes that he is not too old to go fishing again next spring in the mountain streams. C. B.

Detroit. — Our congregation was saddened by the death of Otto Buby. He was an active and faithful member of our church for many years. He held various offices in the voters' assembly, at different times. He was well known outside of our circles as a capable leader. Mr. Buby lived and died as a humble Christian. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." N. E. B.

Omaha, Nebr. — **Mrs. John Skeen**, who has been studying the chief teachings of the Bible for some time, was confirmed January 6 and thus became a member of our Lutheran Congregation. We are happy to have her with us; may God bless and keep her in the faith of her Savior. E. M.



Stewardship

The Risen Christ and His Stewards

We are again passing through the weeks of Lent and into the joyful Easter season. If we have attended to God's Word as we should have, our hearts are filled with love and wonder at the great sacrifice of God for the salvation of sinful men.

During Lent and Easter we are reminded most forcefully of the *giving* of God. The Father *gave* His Son; the Son *gave* Himself; the Holy Ghost *gives* the blessings of Christ's sacrifice.

The *Father* greatly loved the world and *gave* His only Son that we might not perish in hell, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

The *Son* agreed with the Father's giving wish and came not to be served, but to serve, and to *give* His life a ransom for many (all). (Mark 10:45.) And what did He give as a ransom? Not money, but something much more precious, "His life," His precious blood on Calvary's cross. And to prove that God was pleased with this gift, His great sacrifice, He rose triumphantly on Easter morning. The angel at the open tomb said to the women: "I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said." (Matthew 28: 5, 6)

And after He had arisen and ascended into heaven, the Son sent

the *Holy Ghost*, who, by the Gospel preaching, tells me and many more of this great sacrifice of God. He makes me a member of the Holy Christian Church and in this Christian Church He daily and generously forgives all sins to me and all believers. And on the Last Day the Holy Ghost will raise up my dead body and *give* unto me and all believers everlasting life in Christ. And so God has given us a great example of giving.

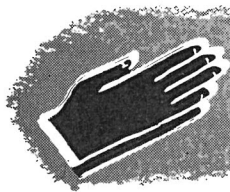
We are not surprised, therefore, that in His Word He commands us to give ourselves in thankful service, our soul's deepest loyalty, the worship of our mind, will, and affections, the dedication of our earthly wealth, the first and best of our love.

And so also we are not surprised, nor displeased, that the Bible contains 1,565 references to stewardship, and that among these references we find this one: "Honor the Lord with thy substance [wealth], and with the first fruits of all thine increase."

AUGUST L. HAUPTMAN

A Sunday well spent brings a week of content.

My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:19.*



Devotions

The devotions, Hebrews 9:11—13:25, and the prayer are by Pastor N. P. Uhlig

SUGGESTED USE

1. As you open your Bible, say: "Speak, Lord, Thy servant heareth."
2. Find the place in your Bible, and read the verse or verses. Read slowly, and think what each verse says.
3. Read the explanation under the date. Look up the Bible verses in the devotions as you come to them.
4. Close your devotion with the following prayer, add what is on your heart, and repeat the Lord's prayer.

PRAYER

Every day will I praise and thank You, heavenly Father, because Your mercies and kindnesses are great to me every day. In mercy forgive me the sins and shortcomings of today, and do not withdraw Your grace from me. Let me remember that I am Your child through Jesus, my Savior, who died for me and rose again. So let me walk in a new life and praise You daily by a conduct that is worthy of one that is redeemed by Jesus, the Savior. Give me grace to confess Your name before men by telling others of Your love. Bless me and my loved ones today, and keep us from harm and danger. Bless my labor and help me to be honest and faithful in my duties. Protect our country from disasters and trouble, and let our President and all that are in authority rule well. Should sorrow and trouble come to me today, let me still trust and love You, for no evil can come to me if You are my God and Lord. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Monday, April 1
Hebrews 9:11-15

The Blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, Really Cleanses. In the Old Testament the priest entered into the Holy Place with the blood of the slain animal. That in itself had no value or power to take away sins, except that it foreshadowed the death of the real Lamb of God, Jesus, who is also the Priest. His sacrifice, through which He entered the holy place, heaven, made valid and good all the old sacrifices. He really brought that sacrifice that is valid once and for all. Lord, we thank You for bringing that sacrifice. Amen.

Tuesday, April 2
Hebrews 9:16-22

The Sacrificed One Had to Die. Because the penalty of sin is death, therefore nothing but the shedding of blood could be a sufficient penalty and price. Therefore there always was blood in the old sacrifices; the animal had to die. And so it was necessary that the real Lamb of God had to die. We sometimes wonder why it was so necessary that Jesus should die. Here is the answer. This makes us realize how bad sins really are and how great the love of Jesus is that He suffered death for us. Lord, make us appreciate the love of Jesus. Amen.

Wednesday, April 3

Hebrews 9:23-28

Christ's Better Sacrifice. The temple laws and sacrifices were only patterns or types that represented greater, heavenly things. Therefore these sacrifices were often repeated. But the real offering that Jesus brought was better; it was effective and good once and for all. As all men must die after sin had come, so Jesus died once; but those that look to Him in faith will see Him without fear when He comes, not as Sin-bearer but as Judge. They need not fear Him. Lord, make us to see You now as our Savior. Amen.

Thursday, April 4

Hebrews 10:1-4

The Old Testament Sacrifices Were in Themselves Valueless. It was not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could actually take away sins and give the people that brought them complete peace of heart and conscience, for they only pointed to a future sacrifice that would really pay for the sins. So they could not cleanse the worshipers from a feeling of guilt. So they were brought year after year. It is sad that many people did not realize that weakness of their sacrifices, and when Jesus really came many did not want Him nor did they think that He was needed. So Jesus was rejected. Lord, let us not reject You! Amen.

Friday, April 5

Hebrews 10:5-10

Christ's Sacrifice Was Wanted by God and Needed by Man. In Psalm 40 we read words spoken by the Messiah, and these thoughts are repeated here, namely, that Christ

completely gave Himself over into God's hands to do His will. God wants obedience rather than sacrifice. Man failed in this requirement, but Jesus did not. He fully obeyed the Law and made good the shortcomings of man with His sacrifice which God demanded and which man needed so much. Thanks be to You, dear Savior, for Your perfect work of love for us. Amen.

Saturday, April 6

Hebrews 10:11-18

Our Sins Are Paid For, Forgiven, and Gone. This is a most glorious section of this chapter. It plainly shows the weakness of the Old Testament sacrifices and states that Christ's was really effective. It removed the sin. It brought man back into God's favor. It brought about man's new birth. It assured us of salvation. There is no more need of the old sacrifices now. The old order is gone; we live in the New Testament. Lord, we praise Your love, Your wisdom, Your power. Amen.

Sunday, April 7

Judica, the Sixth Sunday in Lent

John 8:46-59

"He Came unto His Own, and His Own Received Him Not." Here the Eternal One, the eternal "I Am," Jesus, was almost stoned by His people because He spoke the truth. They accused Him that He was a liar and had a devil and made Himself greater than Abraham. He did not measure up to their expectations and hopes of a Messiah; they wanted another one. They did not read right the Old Testament which speaks of Him. So today Jesus comes to man in His Bible, but to very many He is not the right one that they would have. How sad! O Lord, open our

eyes to see in You the only Savior of all mankind. Amen.

Monday, April 8
Hebrews 10:19-25

Let Us Come to Christ in Faith!
The writer of Hebrews has completed his arguments that Jesus is the Son of God, the promised Messiah, the Lamb whose blood takes away all sin, the High Priest who has gone into the Holy of Holies above. The writer, a Jew, now invites his fellow Hebrews, and us, to accept in humble faith the only Savior man has, whom God sent and who alone can bring us back into God's favor. Lord, let us cling to You and be faithful. Amen.

Tuesday, April 9
Hebrews 10:26-31

The Most Merciful God Is Also the Most Terrible Destroyer of His Enemies. Let us not forsake, leave, the Christian Church and the meetings, but let us encourage one another to faithfulness, the writer had said in the verse before this section, for God is a terrible Destroyer of those that disobey. If the evildoers against Moses' laws died without mercy, so those that despise Jesus' Sacrifice and the Holy Spirit's work are hopelessly doomed. This is a section that we need to hold before our own old flesh and blood constantly, for we forget so easily the terribleness of God. Lord, let us fall into Your pierced hands of mercy and not into Your hands of justice. Amen.

Wednesday, April 10
Hebrews 10:32-39

Don't Throw Away Your Crown!
The writer pleads with us to remember the happiness of those that are

safe in the arms of Jesus in faith. He tells us to be patient in sorrow and persecution and trust that the Lord will see us through. Almost with tearful eyes he bids us to be faithful. Lord, hold us safely in Your arms when storms and doubts would shake us. Amen.

Thursday, April 11
Hebrews 11:1-5

Faith. Chapter 11 is the chapter of Faith Victorious and Glorious. First we are told what faith really is. The first verse as translated in the Revised Standard Version reads: "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." In other words, faith makes us absolutely sure about things for which we hope; we are convinced even if we don't as yet see them. We are confident about those things, just as you take a signed check of ordinary paper and accept that as money, because you know and hope when you come to the bank it will give you the cash for the piece of signed paper. Lord, give us faith in Your promises. Amen.

Friday, April 12
Hebrews 11:6-10

God Wants Faith. "Without faith it is impossible to please God." He who doubts that God exists and that Jesus is God and that Jesus died for our sins, and thinks that we can make ourselves fit for heaven, simply is not acceptable to God. All the heroes that are mentioned in this chapter had such faith. As all business transactions and family relationships stand on mutual trust and faith, so our relation to God and hope of heaven stands on faith. Lord, increase our faith. Amen.

Saturday, April 13

Hebrews 11:11-16

The Eyes of Faith See Heaven. The heroes of faith were pilgrims. So are we; we stay not on earth. They were wanderers, but their eyes were turned to a city and country that is better than this earth. That is the heavenly Canaan. The father of the faithful was Abraham; and Sarah, his wife, and the child of promise, Isaac, were people who had faith. True, we read of their mistakes, for they were sinners too, even as we are; but that gives us comfort that He who led and saved them can also lead and save us. Heavenly Leader, make us see Canaan above, and lead us safely there. Amen.

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-9

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!" Today let us go in spirit to the Jerusalem of old and mingle with the crowds that came to the great Passover at which Jesus with His disciples will eat the last valid passover lamb of the Old Testament; for in this week He would bring that sacrifice that made us all free. Hosanna, You Son of David! Blessed are You who comes in the name of the Lord most high! Amen.

Monday, April 15

Hebrews 11:17-22

More Heroes of Faith. Four wonderful patriarchs are here mentioned: Abraham in his most fiery trial when God told him to sacrifice Isaac, the son of promise; Isaac, blessing Jacob and Esau and speaking of the Promised One, Jesus; Jacob, blessing the sons of Joseph,

showing that also people other than pure Jews would share the blessings of God, for their mother was not a Hebrew; Joseph, though a powerful lord of Egypt, still keeping in mind the hope of Israel and asking that his bones be eventually taken to the Promised Land. All these were heroes of faith. How small we do appear before such men! Lord, let the example of heroes of faith strengthen and encourage us. Amen.

Tuesday, April 16

Hebrews 11:23-29

Faith Upheld Moses. Moses, the great leader of the Jews, the wise lawgiver, the patient sufferer in many trials, surely is a great hero of faith. When his mother hid the little infant in the bulrushes, she had faith that God would save him. His faith in Jehovah kept him strong, led him to renounce Egypt and stay with the despised men of his nation. Only the arm of faith upheld him in his trials. Lord, uphold us in trials with Your arm of power. Amen.

Wednesday, April 17

Hebrews 11:30-40

Faith Works Wonders. In these verses are contained some of the greatest victories of faith ever recorded anywhere. These heroes all passed through crosses to their crown. But we live, says the writer of this book, in a time when Jesus has come and when we can see what they had only been promised as coming to bless them also. So the whole number of people of all times and nations shares the blessing given us through Jesus, whom we in the next days will see hanging on the cross to bring us to God. Let us realize how important it is that we

in this Holy Week observe carefully the Savior's work of love. Lord, let the story of the men of faith move us to follow their faith. Amen.

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

The Holy Supper. The evening before Jesus was betrayed and captured He spent His last hours in the Upper Room with His disciples. There He took farewell from them with words that are immortal. Then He gave us the Holy Supper of the New Testament in which He in a wonderful manner that we cannot understand gives us together with the bread and wine His true body and blood for the strengthening of our faith. Let us eat this often and in faith. Lord, make us worthy guests always at Your table of love. Amen.

Friday, April 19

Good Friday

Matthew 27:33-37

Offered Up, as Foretold. In a few words St. Matthew here tells a story of sorrow and importance that has moved men to write volumes. Let us never forget, when we hear this story of Golgotha, that we, too, were there and that He who died was also our Representative, our Sin-bearer, our King. And while the enemies had mockingly cried: "Hail, King of the Jews" (v. 29), let us in faith say: "Hail, our Savior!" Lord Jesus, let us forever own You as our Lord and God! Amen.

Saturday, April 20

Hebrews 12:1-4

Look unto Jesus! These words fittingly admonish us on this Holy Saturday to spend time thinking

about the story of the suffering and death of Jesus. Let us not too hurriedly think of tomorrow with its joyful message, but rather follow the advice of Isaiah, the prophet, who wrote (Isaiah 26:20): "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers and shut thy doors about thee; hide thyself, as it were, for a little moment until the indignation be overpast." Look at His patience, His shame, His cross, and learn to resist unto blood all sin and wrongdoing. Lord, hold Your cross before our eyes always. Amen.

Sunday, April 21

Easter Sunday

Luke 24:1-9

The Sacrifice Accepted by the Father. This is the day of victory when the Father, by raising the Son, officially declared to heaven, earth, and hell that Jesus has brought the redeeming sacrifice and that the penalty of sin has been paid. Paul said: "He [Jesus] is declared to be the Son of God with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead." When our sins torment us, let us think of the Easter declaration of God Almighty. "There is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus," but let us add the words of St. Paul, "who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit." Let us rise with Jesus to newness of life. Jesus, we welcome You, the Hero come from the grave. Amen.

Monday, April 22

Hebrews 12:5-11

Blessed by Suffering. We are reminded of the fact that, as Jesus had to pass to glory through suffering for our sins, so Christians must expect trials and sufferings. As good fathers correct their children, so the good

Father above corrects us. If we in this spirit receive the corrections of God when He crosses our will, then these sufferings will give us the "peaceable fruit of righteousness," the peace of God in our hearts. Lord, correct us, even if we need blows, that we may learn Your ways. Amen.

Tuesday, April 23
Hebrews 12:12-17

Living the New, Holy Life. In the words of this section we are told how to live the new, holy life. Take courage, look up to the Victor Jesus; make straight paths — go directly the right ways; do not stumble; live at peace with others; live holy; watch out for the others and help keep them on the right road; have no bitter hatred in your heart; live a clean life; do not curse; don't sell your soul for sinful pleasures. What a sermon in a few words! Lord, let Your Holy Spirit lead us in the way of righteousness. Amen.

Wednesday, April 24
Hebrews 12:18-24

"Jerusalem, Thou City Fair and High!" Not Mount Sinai with its thunders of the Law, but Mount Zion, the New Jerusalem, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, where God dwells among His saints here on earth. And our destination after this life is to be with our God and Savior in glory forever in heaven. Therefore let us even now live like citizens of that Jerusalem above. What a glorious outlook we have! Our names written in the Book of Life! What honor! Lord, make us worthy of the wonderful mansions in the Father's house. Amen.

Thursday, April 25
St. Mark's Day
Hebrews 12:25-29

Consider the Final Judgment. God spoke through men. Moses and the other prophets were His mouth-pieces. God still speaks through His messengers. Your pastor is one such. As God spoke through humans and was heard, so He speaks through the Son, Jesus, the "personal Word," and His voice shakes heaven and earth. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. With this note and reminder of the return of Jesus our chapter ends. Lord, give us grace to live for You and daily have our lamps of faith trimmed and ready for You. Amen.

Friday, April 26
Hebrews 13:1-6

Brotherly Love. The writer unnamed — perhaps it was Paul, perhaps some other inspired writer — in this chapter gives various good counsels. At that time there was much persecution of the Christians, and many had to flee. So he tells his readers to entertain the strangers. We think of the many displaced persons in Europe and Asia that had to flee from oppression, and we still have plenty chances to be hospitable. And we are told to be faithful to our marriage partners and content with what God gives us. These are all matters that in our day need to be stressed. Lord, let us live with brotherly love. Amen.

Saturday, April 27
Hebrews 13:7-10

Respect Christian Teachers. This is a plea to honor those that bring the Word of God to us as our pastors and teachers. They have responsi-

bilities to bring the eternal message that tells us about Jesus. He is the same Jesus today as He was yesterday and will be tomorrow, and His message will always be the same. So we should not be carried away by strange, new doctrines and ideas, but be established in the old truth of the Gospel. We have in Christ a spiritual altar, and whoever still depends on his own sacrifices has no share of that altar. God, give us consecrated preachers and teachers, and hold us steadfast in Your truth. Amen.

Sunday, April 28

Quasimodogeniti Sunday
John 20:19-31

"My Lord and My God!" If you want to see Jesus, do not stay away from the public services. Thomas made that mistake, and instead of peace and joy he had doubts and unrest. In truly Christian churches the Gospel is preached which offers forgiveness and peace to all. Hearing that, we see the Savior and can exclaim: "My Lord and my God!" Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your honor dwells. Amen.

Monday, April 29

Hebrews 13:11-19

Bear His Reproach Patiently. Jesus was crucified outside of the city, the bodies of the slain animals of the sacrifices were burned outside of the camp. The meaning is that we must not be surprised that for our stand with Jesus we shall be declared undesirables, "people who are alone by themselves and are different." But let us think of the city above that is our home; let us always praise God for that hope and act with kindness even if misunder-

stood, respect our religious leaders and not make life miserable for them, and pray for those that are persecuted. Lord, give us that spirit of humility and good will. Amen.

Tuesday, April 30

Hebrews 13:20-25

"God Be with You!" The writer prays that the Great Shepherd of the sheep bless the readers and make them perfect in every good work, and ends with the wish that the grace of God be with them. Let us often read this beautiful and deep Epistle; then this blessing of the writer will just as much apply to us as to those to whom he wrote it first. And "the blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich." Lord, I thank You for having given me the Epistle to the Hebrews in the Bible. Let me read and heed its message. Amen.

Pittsburgh, Pa. — **Mr. M. O. Wilson** of Wilksburg departed this life January 1 and was given Christian burial by Pastor H. W. Hoemann January 3. — **Nancy Lou Mowl** of Washington, Pa., was received by Baptism December 30. — Pastor W. A. Westermann of Washington, D. C., regional Visitor of the Eastern Seaboard Circuit, made a visitation at Pittsburgh on January 13. — The 1957 officers are H. Mowl, president; Mr. Wilkerson, vice-president; J. Saraka, secretary; L. Kieffer, treasurer; Messrs. Wilkerson, Kramer, and Eber, trustees. After the meeting of the congregation on December 30 at the home of the pastor Mrs. Hoemann served refreshments, the cake, incidentally, having been prepared with the Silver Chef mixer that the Hoemanns had received as a "welcome" gift.



Bible Quiz

What makes the face shiny?
Psalm 104:15

How did King Herod's conscience bother him when he heard about the miracles that Jesus did? Mark 6:16

St. Mark tells us in his Gospel (Mark 6:4) that Jesus "could not" do mighty works in His home city Nazareth. We know that He could do anything; but why did He not do so? Matthew 13:58

What are mighty rulers and judges called among whom God is supreme, because they get their authority from God? Psalm 82:1.

How did Jesus call the teachers and rulers of the church in the Old Testament to whom God gave His Word? John 10:35.

Which verse of the Old Testament did Jesus think of when He said that God called the rulers gods? Psalm 82:6.

The Children of Israel were commanded to eat the passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the first month. But if anyone was unclean on that day because there was a death in his family or was away on a far journey, on which day of which month could such a one eat it instead? Numbers 9:9-11.

From which wells can we draw waters of joy? Isaiah 12:3.

What happens to all the members of the body when one member is hurt? 1 Corinthians 12:26.

Which king of Israel was known to be a furious "wild driver" of his chariot? 2 Kings 11:20.

Whose walk or life should Christians follow? 1 John 2:6.

Did Esau, who had sold his birth-right to Jacob for a meal of lentils, later regret his action? Hebrews 12:17.

What happens to people who humble themselves under God's mighty hand and patiently accept what God gives them? 1 Peter 5:6.

What are ears for? Matthew 13:9.

People dream nowadays of space ships that will visit Mars and the moon; but that is not new really, for which people had similar ideas first? Genesis 11:4.

What is the Hebrew name for the month, corresponding to our April, in which the Children of Israel came out of Egypt? Exodus 34:18.

What did the prophet Elisha tell the people to dig in the desert, and what happened the next morning? 2 Kings 3:16 and 20.

Of what kinds of suffering should nobody be proud? 1 Peter 4:15.

The Valley of Tophet, the son of Hinnom, bordering Jerusalem on the southwest and south would get a new name when Jerusalem would be destroyed for its sins, said Jeremiah; what would it be called? Jeremiah 19:6.

What names are given to Jesus who is described as the rider of a white horse? Revelation 19:11.