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*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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Do You Drive a Car?

*Grant me a steady hand and watch-
ful eye*

*That no man shall be hurt when
I pass by.*

*Thou gavest life, and pray, no act
of mine*

*May take away or mar that gift of
Thine.*

*Shelter, Lord, those who bear me
company*

From ills of fire and all calamity.

*Teach me to use my car for others'
need,*

*Nor miss through love of fascinating
speed*

*The beauty of Thy world; that thus
I may*

*With joy and courtesy pursue my
way.*

This little "Motorist's Prayer" was distributed a while back by the New Hampshire Motor Vehicle Department, Frederick N. Clarke, Commissioner.

It is well to drive with prayer; for sometimes the highways are not "happy ways" as the song goes, but bringers of sadness through death and losses; and the Deaf need the protection of God's angels perhaps in greater measure than the hearing.

One frequently sees statues of the Virgin Mary on the instrument panels of automobiles, and medals with the picture of some "saint" around the neck of bleeding or lifeless bodies that are pulled from the wreckage in collisions. To hope for protection from harm through such "charms" is both sinful and foolish; such "protectors" have eyes and see not, and they that trust in them are like unto them (Psalm 115:4-8). "Let Israel trust in the Lord; He is their Help and their Shield."

Now it is true through careful observation — as in Pennsylvania some years back — the record of Deaf driving cars was better than that of hearing drivers on the average. Not hearing, the Deaf see and watch much more sharply with their eyes than the hearing who depend more upon their ears. But when sirens blow, a deaf driver may not immediately notice that the traffic stops or pulls aside, which is the usual mode by which the Deaf quickly sense the situation and stop; so they must always ask for divine protection when driving, as all people should. Then the driving population will be conscious of the dangers and will be more careful. "Speed kills," and there is no substitute for "slow motion" whether one drives on ice or in traffic. One unguarded moment may bring sorrow to you and others for life.

1957 Meeting of the D. D. L. C.

The 1957 meeting of the Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference was held May 11 and 12 at Zion Lutheran Church, Oklahoma City. In the opening Communion service Rev. W. O. Neisch preached on Luke 24:46-48, giving the keynote of the conference, "Witnessing for Christ," and 39 partook of the Lord's table. Rev. E. Schmiesing, pastor of Zion Congregation, welcomed the delegates and visitors, and Mr. Wm. Maack of St. Louis, chairman of the conference, responded. Each session was attended by 60 to 75 persons, of whom 25 were official delegates, pastors and laymen. The areas were represented as follows: St. Louis by Rev. W. F. Reinking and delegates

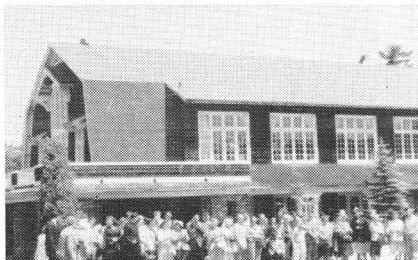
McQuire, Nuhr, Maack, Mr. and Mrs. Trice, Mr. and Mrs. Viets, Mr. and Mrs. Rossell; Central Illinois by Rev. D. I. Thies, Parke Moses, Mrs. Rob. Bowman, Mrs. Audrie Avery, Student LeRoy Mason; Memphis by Vicar Herman Graef, Delegates Vincent, Myers, Fields, Presley; Texas by Rev. E. R. Oermann and Delegate Moldenhoff; Far-off Florida by Rev. W. O. Neisch; Oklahoma by Rev. M. Sampson and Delegate Seal, many local Deaf also attending the sessions. In the Sunday morning service Vicar Graef was the preacher. Many contributed papers and talks on "Witnessing," which simply means to tell about Jesus and His work of salvation. Angles that were presented were: Explaining the word "witnessing," who is to witness, who is to be told, importance of witnessing, Paul's example as a witness for Christ, techniques that can be used in witnessing. It was a very helpful and stimulating conference topic. The lay people and the pastors each had one sectional meeting. A social meeting on Saturday evening was enjoyed, slides and experiences furnishing much entertainment. The meals were served by ladies from Zion and Christ Deaf churches. Many of the local people opened their homes and lodged the visitors, and sight-seeing trips to the nearby oil fields, the Capitol, and several new and modern churches were much appreciated. The oldest mother present (May 12 was Mother's Day) was Mrs. Myers of Memphis; she was awarded a potted flower. A special event was the surprise shower on Saturday evening in honor of **Miss Bernice Shedeck** and **Rev. Wayne C. Bottlinger**, who sub-

sequently became husband and wife on June 16. They received many fine gifts for their home in Memphis, where Rev. Bottlinger now is pastor of both Lutheran churches of the Deaf. The 1958 D. D. L. C. meeting is to be held in Jacksonville, Ill.

W. O. N.

The Eastern Seaboard Conference

June 7—9 a very enjoyable meeting took place at Pocono Crest, Pa., when the Eastern Seaboard Lutheran Deaf Conference met there. About 100 delegates and visitors gathered from Buffalo, Pittsburgh,



Eastern Seaboard Conference at
Pocono Crest, Pa.

New York, Baltimore, Washington, Boston, Newark, Worcester, and five persons had come from Columbus and Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Pastors H. W. Rohe, W. A. Westermann, D. E. Simon, W. J. Hausmann, C. R. Gerhold, H. W. Hoemann, N. P. Uhlig, and Vicar Jasper were the clergymen attending. Each session was opened with a devotion by Pastor Uhlig. The motto of the conference, "Be Strong in the Lord," was treated; "Our Strength Is from God" was a paper presented by members of the Rochester area setting forth the power of Christ's redemption; and the members of the Washington

area showed that the power of the Holy Ghost alone makes us strong; the New York members urged that Christians must remember to "strengthen thy brother," and the Newark members showed that we must strengthen the weak and reclaim the lost. — Mrs. Brooks read the minutes of the 1956 meeting at Camp Pioneer. Mr. Wm. Martini of Baltimore was elected president and Mr. James Michaels of Pittsburgh, vice-president, and Miss Norma Bushey was chosen secretary. She

is a teacher of the South Carolina School for the Deaf at Morganton, S. C. The next meeting of the conference is to be held June 6—8 next year, again at Pocono Crest. In the Sunday morning service Pastor Hoemann of Pittsburgh delivered the sermon. Rev. Hausmann led in the Bible class, showing a film and speaking on "What Does the Bible Say?" While much work was done, the social side was not neglected, and comical stories and a funny skit provided much merriment.



Omaha, Nebr. — On May 5 a class of 39 pupils from the Omaha and Council Bluffs Schools for the Deaf was confirmed at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Omaha. Twenty-one of these children were from the Omaha school and 18 from the Council Bluffs school.

We had the privilege of using Bethany Lutheran Church, which was large enough to accommodate the large crowd that attended the service. About 250 people were present including many parents and relatives and friends of the children.

May God in His mercy continue the good work which He has begun in the hearts of these children and keep them in the true faith in their Savior Jesus Christ until death. [Frontispiece Picture.] E. M.

On May 31 Pastor E. C. Mappes suffered a very serious heart attack. He was in the hospital for four weeks and under an oxygen tent for a long while, but has been recover-

ing slowly. Vicar Rodney Rynearson, designated to serve the Chicago South Side Deaf group next year, has been sent to Omaha to help there until Rev. Mappes recovers sufficiently, Rev. E. J. Scheibert in Chicago serving that entire territory in the emergency as he has since Rev. R. W. Borchers entered hearing work. Let us not forget Rev. Mappes in our prayers; he needs our supplication. He has carried a heavy load in his large field for many years, and he has done very outstanding work, also for the children of the Omaha and Iowa state schools.

Jacksonville, Ill. — Sherry Wertz, the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Noah Wertz**, was christened at Bloomington, Ill., April 14, and **Robert**, the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Francis Thurman**, received the same sacrament at Peoria that day by Pastor D. I. Thies. On April 21 Rev. Thies united in marriage **Miss Mary Bunch** and

Mr. Bradley Coble at Decatur. May God's blessing rest on all these. — On Easter Sunday Christ Deaf Church worshiped with Salem Lutheran (hearing) Church at a sunrise service at a drive-in theater,



Christ Church Sunday School Staff
Jacksonville, Ill.

seven cars with Deaf being counted. Pastor Thies interpreted the service and received oral and written comment from a number of Deaf that the service was much appreciated. — On May 19 the 106 children of our Sunday school classes from the Illinois School for the Deaf had the "award day," getting gifts and certificates. Fifteen with perfect attendance received from the Gideon Society New Testaments. — An accompanying picture shows the sizable Sunday school staff, composed of students of Concordia Seminary and advanced pupils and a teacher of the School for the Deaf. Their work is greatly appreciated. — Picnics and outings at almost every station in our field this summer usually include a worship hour.

D. I. T.

Indianapolis, Ind. — During the week of February 24 to 28 Peace Church joined the hearing of the area in the Preaching-Teaching-Reaching mission. Many visits were made before the actual mission week. The visitation committee consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Clemons, Donald Stanley, Diane

Foster, Harold Wood, William Bearhope, and Vicar E. J. Thaler.

During the mission week church services were held each evening. Rev. Delbert Thies from Jacksonville, Ill., was our guest preacher. We were all inspired deeply by his messages.

Donald Lee Stanley of Greenfield, Ind., became a member of the Lutheran Church through the rite of confirmation on April 28. He has made many trips to Indianapolis to complete his study of the fundamental doctrines of the Bible. **Mr. Albert Reeves** and **Mr. Carl Schneck** were received May 26 by the rite of confirmation. God bless and keep them.

Shown in an accompanying picture is the group of children who meet at the church every Saturday morning from 9:00 till 11:30. They



Lutheran Class of Children of Indiana
School for Deaf

L. to r.: Henry and Billy Pennell, Janet Snyder, John Mauntel, Everett Kay, Nancy Lawrence, Paul Pennell (front), Absent: Jacqueline Thixton

are all from the Indiana State School for the Deaf. This is the first year our church has been able to do any work with the children from the institution. We thank God for His guidance with this class, which we pray is only a beginning. The pop-

ularity of our church is spreading among the children, and it is hoped that we will have a much larger class next term.

We are all very pleased with our new Communion ware and baptismal bowl. We have purchased a set of polished aluminum ware, which now displaces the old wooden tray formerly used.

Since our building here is in need of very extensive and expensive repairs and its location no longer is desirable, the congregation with the board's approval offered it for sale, and a deal was closed. We are now worshipping at Redeemer Lutheran Church, at Park and Fairfield Avenues. It will be our aim to obtain a building near the Indiana School for the Deaf; that would enable us to instruct the children at a location within walking distance; at our old place, now sold, they had to be transported by car, as it was 18 blocks from the school. E. J. T.

Evansville, Ind. — A fine social with a potluck supper was held here on March 16. The ladies did a fine job, and all enjoyed the good food. After supper a series of slides was shown by the pastor.

We might add how very pleased we were that the social kept no one from church and Bible class the following morning. In fact there were more in church than at the social.

Our group is proud of its new walnut cross and candleholder set. We meet in the library of the hearing church and thought this addition to our services would be a great aid in worship.

The Lord's blessings to **Mrs. William Pennell**, who had a serious operation the third week of April. This was also the time her three

boys, Billy, Henry, and Paul, were home for the Easter holidays. They attend the Deaf school in Indianapolis. E. J. T.

Columbus, Ind. — Shown in picture is our fast-growing group of this area. We are especially proud of the group of young men who are very faithful in their church at-



The Columbus, Ind., Group

tendance. Several drive 30 and 40 miles to church. Services are held in this city twice a month, and it was recently decided to change the place of meeting. We have previously been meeting in St. Peter's Church and surely thank the members for the use of their building and facilities. We now meet in Grace Lutheran Church at Central and Laurel Streets. Services will be held in that chapel twice a month. We are presently making a study of the Ten Commandments.

Shown in picture to the extreme right is **Rev. Aug. Brauer**, retired pastor of St. Peter's. He is very interested in the Deaf and has been a great help with our work there. He knows some signs and is presently studying more, and also visits Deaf in the Columbus area. We are usually honored by his presence at our services. Pastor and Mrs. Brauer have befriended our work over twenty-five years, and despite the fact that he served a very large church at Columbus, he always min-

istered to the spiritual needs of the Deaf when the regular worker was at some other place in the field.

E. J. T.

Columbus, Ohio. — "The Lord added to the church," we are told of the first church at Jerusalem; and we are happy to report that the Lord has made us glad here in Columbus by adding ten people to the list of members on May 19 when **Mr. Fred Blackford** and **Mrs. Ralph Carr** were confirmed with eight young people from the Ohio State School, namely, **Rebecca Butler, Paul Hetrick, William Morrison, Charles Hykes, James Feters, Carl Snyder, Rolland Doudt, Gary Larsen.** And on May 14 **Diane Eileen Drachenberg**, weighing almost seven pounds, came to Rev. and Mrs. H. R.



Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Drachenberg with Diane Eileen

Drachenberg. She was baptized June 9 by her father. May God keep all these in faith and health of body and soul. And congratulations to all.

Denver, Colo. — The officers of our Bethel Deaf Congregation which were installed in office April 7 to serve the remainder of this first year of our congregational existence are **Mr. Geo. Dietz**, president; **Mr. Walter Schmidt**, secretary; **Mr. Ray Dietz**, treasurer. — At Arapahoe, Nebr., **Mrs. Doral (Della) Owens**

became a member of our church by Holy Baptism. May God bless and keep her in the true faith and love of the Savior. — A well-known figure on the campus of the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind at Colorado Springs, was called by death May 31, **Mr. A. Wright.** He had been in poor health in recent months. May God comfort the survivors. — The hearts of **Mr. and Mrs. Roland Greb** were gladdened on May 23 by the birth of a baby daughter, their third child; but God in His wisdom turned their joy to sorrow when He called the child home the next day by death. "What I do thou knowest not now," He says, "but thou shalt know hereafter."

C. R. B.

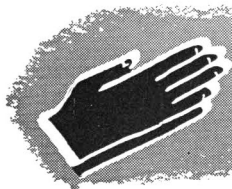
Seattle, Wash. — A very fine service was held at Vancouver, B. C.,



Rev. J. A. Beyer and Confirmation Class, Vancouver, B. C.

June 2, in which five persons pledged faithfulness to the Lord and were added to our list of members. It was a remarkable class. A picture of the class with Pastor J. A. Beyer accompanies this article. On the left of this picture sit **Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Phillips**; in the center sits **Mr. Gordon Hare**, whom Pastor Beyer met some years back and comforted and baptized when he was in low spirits; **Mrs. R. F. Brooke**

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Devotions

The devotions on the Epistle to the Colossians are by Pastor N. P. Uhlig.

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.

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 my sins and shortcomings 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. Let me walk in a new life and praise You 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 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 let me still trust and love You, for no evil can come to me because You are my God and Lord. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Thursday, August 1
Colossians 1:1-4

Gratitude and Good Will. Paul and Timothy, chosen by God to be servants of the Gospel, in the opening words of this Epistle show how Christians feel towards God and other Christians. Towards others they have good will and wish them the best thing, which is peace of the heart through the grace of God; towards God they are filled with thankful thoughts that faith and love have come to Christians through God's Word which proved to be fruitful. Lord, fill us with thoughts of thankfulness and good will

always, rejoicing in Your Word. Amen.

Friday, August 2
Colossians 1:5-8

The Gospel Gives Us Hope. Our hope of heaven and salvation comes only through the Gospel. It is the Word of truth as it is the Word of God, who does not lie. It is a message to all the world for all are sinners and all have a Savior, and therefore must be proclaimed in all the world. It is effective and brings fruit, as it is good seed. Let us value God's Word highly. Lord, speak to me, and let me be attentive to Your Word. Amen.

Saturday, August 3

Colossians 1:9-11

"God Bless You!" With Paul in Rome was Epaphras, who came from Colossae and who told Paul about the church there; he seems to have been their first teacher. We see here how a Christian feels about his fellow members; he wants them to be filled with understanding of the spiritual knowledge of God's will and to walk worthy of the Lord, always growing in understanding and wisdom and patience. This can come only through constant attention to God's Word. Are we concerned about our fellow members in our congregation? Do we pray for them that they become better Christians? Lord, let us be more concerned about the members of our churches; bless us with greater love for You and Your Word. Amen.

Sunday, August 4

The 7th Sunday After Trinity

Romans 6:19-23

Death and Life. Who lives according to the sinful habits of the unbeliever is spiritually dead. He is a servant of sin and gets the wages of his work and life, which is eternal death. But who has been forgiven through Christ's work is free from death and has life. The proof of holiness is a life of holiness; we must be sincere followers of that which is right. Holy God, be merciful unto us, Your weak children, and let Your strength supply our weakness. Amen.

Monday, August 5

Colossians 1:12-14

Our Wonderful Father, God. God made us "meet" [able and acceptable] to share heaven with Him by

freeing us from the power of the devil and transferring us from the kingdom of hell to the kingdom of grace through Jesus Christ, in whom we have forgiveness because He kept the Law for us and paid for our debts of sin. Let us never forget that all this is a gift of the Father; we sometimes think first and only of Jesus, but here we are told that Jesus came because the Father gave Him and sent Him. O Father of love, thanks be to You, our dear Father. Amen.

Tuesday, August 6

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus, in All Things Supreme. Jesus is the image of the Father, who has all the qualifications and perfection of the Father. The Father we cannot see; but we can see Jesus and Jesus said: "Who seeth Me, seeth the Father." Jesus is the "First-born," being before all things and above all things. He is the Maker of all things, the Keeper of all things, the Head of the Church. Through His suffering and death He opened the way to peace for all things. How terribly blind are they who disregard Jesus and have no use for Him! Poor, lost people! Jesus, let me ever recognize in You my Lord and my God. Amen.

Wednesday, August 7

Colossians 1:21-25

Lifted to Glory Through Jesus. Us, as the Colossians, Jesus has reconciled to God by His Cross, cleansing us perfectly so that we can share that inheritance in heaven. Let us continue in that faith which is the hand that grasps all the gifts of God. This faith comes from the preaching of the Word which "*was preached in all the world.*" Paul

rejoices and is ready to endure unto the end all hardships for this Gospel. Lord, give us the spirit of Paul to suffer everything if necessary and to be lifted to glory also. Amen.

Thursday, August 8
Colossians 1:26-29

God Wants All to Be Saved. The "mystery" that became known is the knowledge that God wants not only the Jews but all men to be saved. The riches of His glory is that His mercy extends over all. Since only in Christ man can come to the Father and this information comes only in the Gospel, it is necessary that we must with Paul labor and struggle to bring the knowledge to all, "warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom." Let no one say that mission work is not necessary; it is the most necessary thing in all the world today still. Lord, stir us to action and make us work and pray more earnestly that Your Kingdom come. Amen.

Friday, August 9
Colossians 2:1-5

A Great Inward Conflict. Paul was not personally known to the Colossian Christians. Probably from nearby Ephesus his influence had resulted in the establishment of the church at Colossae through Epaphras. But they were to Paul objects that he loved and for whom he prayed that they be faithful to Jesus. Let us take into our own hearts all fellow Christians. The inward struggle is that uneasiness in us that they may not be faithful and not grow in faith. And since we often cannot do more than only pray for them, let us do just that. Lord, by Your power preserve and keep Your sheep in the fold. Amen.

Saturday, August 10
Colossians 2:6-9

"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus Only." Here is needed instruction given the Colossians and us: "You have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior; in Him, the Perfect One, you have all; live in Him, and stay with Him; let no one deceive you to follow public opinion or man-made additional laws for salvation or philosophical arguments to mislead you!" That danger is real; and many are the ways whereby the devil would mislead us by clever arguments; such as the system of Christian Science, which uses Bible words but connects completely false ideas with them. Lord, keep us through Your Word in the simple faith of Jesus. Amen.

Sunday, August 11
The 8th Sunday After Trinity
Romans 8:12-17

Sons of God. Christians will let God's Spirit lead them because they have become children of God by faith which the Spirit worked through the Word. Now they owe nothing to the old flesh and should not live the life that the wicked heart would live. Let us fight the evil desires within us and live with God now, even as we will live with Him in glory hereafter. O Holy Spirit, lead me by Your Word to live after God's will as a child of God. Amen.

Monday, August 12
Colossians 2:10-12

Connected with Christ. In the Old Testament, circumcision made the child God's child, and in the New Testament Holy Baptism does that. Paul calls that the spiritual circum-

cision made without hands; it is the cutting away of sin, the forgiveness of sin, and it connects us with Jesus. We are buried with Him in Baptism and risen with Him to a new, holy life. Therefore we are complete if we have Jesus, and we need no more for salvation than only to be found in Him. O God, let me always value my Baptism highly and keep the promise I made when I was baptized to be true to You. Amen.

Tuesday, August 13
Colossians 2:13-15

Christ Victorious. We have become free through Jesus. He "blotted out the handwriting of ordinances," the burdensome Old Testament laws which foreshadowed Him, and nailed it to the cross; He fulfilled those laws and put them away by His death on the cross. He overcame the powers of darkness by His death and resurrection. Now we are free. Savior, may we never forget Your work of love that brought us life and victory. Amen.

Wednesday, August 14
Colossians 2:16, 17

The Old Testament Ceremonial Law Is Abolished. The Colossians, like the Galatians, were troubled by those who would have them believe that they still were obliged to observe the laws of the Old Testament that foreshadowed Christ's coming, such as the sacrifices, circumcision, sabbaths, and food and drink regulations. But as the Lord came, these were gone just as the shadow of a coming person is gone when that person has passed us. Today still many want us to observe such laws, but we are free. We still worship God but we live in the free New Testament. We praise You, O Lord,

because You have made us free; therefore we are bound to You by cords of love. Amen.

Thursday, August 15
Colossians 2:18, 19

There Are No "Holier" Christians. Paul warns the Colossians not to be fooled by some that would add to God's rules by setting up additional rules and ideas which would make the person "more holy" by worshipping angels and teaching ideas about God and heaven which they imagined in their own mind. The many additional commandments of the Jewish Pharisees and the present-day saint worship and monasteries are similar wrong ideas. Lord, we praise You, because he whom You have washed clean is perfectly holy and can and need not make himself better. Amen.

Friday, August 16
Colossians 2:20-23

Commandments and Doctrines of Men. In this section are mentioned a number of ideas that people have invented and which they think make a person right with God or better than God Himself has ordered. Such ideas have to do with "not touching" alcoholic drinks, and other things that have a "show of wisdom" and great piety but were not commanded by God. He says people worship in vain that teach "for doctrines the commandments of men." Lord, let us neither add nor take away from Your Word; it, and all of it, and it only, is the truth. Amen.

Saturday, August 17
Colossians 3:1-4

Lifting Our Eyes Heavenward. A Christian is dead to a life of sin. His new life is hid in Christ and the

world does not see nor understand what a Christian has from his religion and thinks that a Christian is a fool. But all will be clear on the Last Day. So let us look up and make God's will and Word our joy and hope. The things of the earth are of far less value than the things that are above. Jesus, make heaven sweet to us, and let us always think of our everlasting home with the saints in light. Amen.

Sunday, August 18

The 9th Sunday After Trinity

1 Corinthians 10:6-13

Warning Examples. The story of the wanderings of Israel in the desert is written that we learn from it that it always pays to mind God's warnings. God still warns us; everywhere we see that it brings sorrow and misery to disregard His will. We have the same temptations and the same power to resist that He always has offered; happy are we if we humbly ask His help and obey His directions. Holy Spirit, guide us by Your Word, and lead us safely through the desert of life to Canaan above. Amen.

Monday, August 19

Colossians 3:5-7

A Battle to Death. "Mortify" [kill] "your members which are upon the earth" means to overcome the members of our body which serve as instruments to do the evil things, such as the sins against purity and evil lusts of the flesh and loving money more than God, and making it our highest desire and good. These evil things bring God's wrath. So we must ever fight against the evil temptations. We can win through Christ's power. Holy

God, lead us by Your Spirit of purity and love, and help us to beat down the temptations of the devil. Amen.

Tuesday, August 20

Colossians 3:8-11

More Evil Things to Be Avoided.

Not only must the sins of impurity and greed be put away, but the Apostle asks us to put away anger and hatred. Hate is murder; hatred wants to harm the other one, and that is murder. Malice is evil intention. Blasphemy means to speak or do horrible words and acts against God; filthy talk is also to be avoided. Be truthful. And put on the new man, the holy life that watches and observes God's will. Evil thoughts, evil words, evil acts are to be avoided. How miserably do we often fail in the things here demanded! Lord, have mercy upon us, and strengthen the new life in us through the study of Your Word. Amen.

Wednesday, August 21

Colossians 3:12-15

The Holy Mind. God wants us to have a holy mind. Mercy, humility, love, patience, friendliness, charity, the forgiving spirit—these are the virtues of the new man. The person in whom these virtues dwell has the peace of God; or rather, whoever has the peace of God through the forgiveness of his sins, will have these virtues. Lord, make us such people of peace and love, for only then will people see Christ in us. Amen.

Thursday, August 22

Colossians 3:16, 17

The Source of Holiness. The Word is that well from which we get the

water that gives us the life that God wants. The Word must be studied and pondered; and then in all situations its advice must and will be followed if we are filled with the Spirit. Let us talk among ourselves about it, and help one another by calling attention to what God wants. The psalms and hymns and fine church songs are beautiful. Let our mind be filled with thoughts of God's goodness and love, and we shall give out to others that same spirit of joy and peace. Then we shall speak and do all to God's glory, and we shall be thankful to Him through our Savior. Lord, let us keep Your Word daily before us. Amen.

Friday, August 23

Colossians 3:18-21

Christian Family Life. Where God's Word rules and is daily read, there you will find the Christian family life. The mother of the home honors God and her husband; the father loves the mother and brings up the children properly with her; the children obey the parents. Lord, let the family life that You wish be established, and thus let the juvenile delinquency problem be cured. Amen.

Saturday, August 24

Saint Bartholomew

Colossians 3:22-25

A Word to Servants. The servants — in those days they were slaves — are admonished to do their work in the proper spirit, as serving the Lord. In that way all of us, laboring at our regular jobs, must consider our work as being done to the Lord, that means to His honor and because He wants us to work. So the humblest servant can look

at his task as an important work. If people worked in that spirit, there would be fewer strikes and better services rendered. People nowadays think they work to get money; in a sense that is true, but the greater reason for honest work is God's command and understanding that we serve Him even by doing our jobs. Lord, let us always understand the right reason for working, and then we will work well. Amen.

Sunday, August 25

The 10th Sunday After Trinity

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

God's Spiritual Gifts. Before conversion people are heathen and do not know Christ. The Holy Spirit brings man to God and gives many spiritual gifts which should be used for God's glory and the upbuilding of His kingdom. Lord, let us use the gifts given us so that You be glorified thereby and the church be benefited. Amen.

Monday, August 26

Colossians 4:1

A Word to Employers. "Religion and business do not mix," say some. If business is man's god and money the great gain, then naturally such a motto seems right. But it is wrong; and it stamps a man as an idol-worshipper who fails in the very first commandment. God is the Master also of business, and His hand gives and withholds blessings. And employers must be fair to the employed. The failure on the part of capital, just as much as the failure on the part of labor, brings misery. God, let the employers realize that You are the great Judge, and let them be fair to their employees. Amen.

Tuesday, August 27

Colossians 4:2-4

Prayer Life. Paul reminds us that a Christian must be in constant touch with God in prayer, praying with a thankful heart. Christians pray for everything and anything that is on their hearts; but Paul pleads that he, the proclaimer of the Gospel to the people, be not forgotten. We should pray that a "door of utterance" be opened, pray for openings for missions, and for power to them that preach the Word. Lord, make us praying men and women who wrestle with You for the expansion of Your church. Amen.

Wednesday, August 28

Colossians 4:5-6

Conduct in Public. Here we have a very necessary admonition to be careful about our conduct in public. We must never give the impression that we are worldlings. That does not mean that we are to be "stuffed shirts" that are "above others" and not interested in what's going on. Be human and friendly, but act and speak respectably, and make full use of all opportunities to show you are Christians. Speak up for Christ, and in general speak "with salt," which means, speak not senselessly but in good taste. Lord, preserve us from giving offense by sinning with our tongue. Amen.

Thursday, August 29

Colossians 4:7-9

Paul's Messengers. Tychicus brought the Epistle to the Ephesians probably at the same time when he brought this Epistle. He was to report about Paul's affairs and inquire about their state. Onesimus was a runaway slave whom Paul gained

for Christ and sent back to Philemon in Colossae as the letter to Philemon shows. In all his own troubles Paul never forgot the others and prayer for them and guided them as a true friend. Lord, make us mindful of others to guide and comfort them by prayer and actions. Amen.

Friday, August 30

Colossians 4:10-14

The Greetings of the Friends. Paul mentions the names of six of his associates at Rome that sent greetings to the friends at Colossae and tells that they are not forgetting the Colossians in their prayers. Let us never forget our friends, especially when they are sick, and always pray for them. Lord, thank You for being our best Friend and for giving us friends. Amen.

Saturday, August 31

Colossians 4:15-18

Farewell. A few more remarks Paul made in which he sent greetings and special petitions to several groups and leaders. The letter to the Laodiceans we have not in our Bible; it evidently was lost, and God did not provide that it be included in the New Testament. Paul, with his poor eyesight, did not write most of his epistles, but dictated them and only signed them; the Epistle to the Galatians was written by himself (Galatians 6:11). Through his letters he still speaks to us. Lord, we thank You for the service You have given to the church through Paul; may this letter serve to strengthen the faith of many people until You come again. Amen.

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What can you not find on the face of the whole earth? Ecclesiastes 7:20



## Bible Quiz

What can one see in the house of wicked people? Proverbs 3:33.

Why did Hannah name her son Samuel which means "asked of God"? 1 Samuel 1:27.

What connection has a farmer's barn or granary with his church contributions? Proverbs 3:9, 10.

When David fled before King Saul and came to the priests at Nob and had no weapon for defense, whose sword did the priest give him? 1 Samuel 21:9.

What happened to the priests at Nob when Saul heard that they had been kind to David, whom he hated? 1 Samuel 22:18.

What trouble came to the land of Israel because its king, Saul, had killed the priests and destroyed the city of Nob? 2 Samuel 21:1.

What did David pretend to be before Achish, the king of Gath, when he was fleeing from King Saul? 1 Samuel 21:12, 13.

What did seven sons and grandsons of King Saul suffer because Saul had killed 85 priests and destroyed Nob, the city of the Gibeonites? 2 Samuel 21:6, 9.

Which army of four divisions, each soldier having teeth like a lion, captured the land of Israel? Joel 1:6, 4.

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### Field Gleanings

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of Victoria, who was baptized in this service; and at extreme right is **Mr. Alfred Schindell**, who came from Poland as a displaced person, attended the British Columbia School for the Deaf for several years and recently became a Canadian citizen through the assistance of Dr. C. E. MacDonald, the superintendent of that school. May God graciously keep these new members strong in faith.

J. A. B.

**Detroit, Mich.** — The second Sunday of each June usually is the annual School Festival Sunday, an institution dating back to the early years of the school's existence. So this year also, the 84th year of the school, the campus was the mecca for thousands from Detroit and vi-

cinity. The Rev. Edwin Pieplow of Christ Lutheran Church was the guest speaker. — This year's confirmation class, confirmed by Rev. N. E. Borchardt, were: **Reed Lee**, Omaha, Nebr.; **James Katzel**, Chicago, Ill.; **Rexalee Shafer**, Sawyer, Mich.; **Karen Mirs**, Sumner, Iowa; **Sandra Brasko**, Utica, Mich.; **Carolyne Weygandt**, Florissant, Mo.; **Karen Dienst**, North Hollywood, Calif.; **Caswell Hassell**, Dearborn, Mich.; **Gary Blumerick**, Utica, Mich.; **Hugh Blankenship**, Bowling Green, Ky. May these young people ever hold fast that which they have been taught and has made them wise unto salvation.