

# The Deaf Lutheran



*Ephphatha, that is,  
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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## An Old English Christmas Carol

The Babe, in Bethlehem's manger  
laid  
In humble form so low,  
By wondering angels is sur-  
veyed  
Through all His scenes of woe.

A Savior! Sinners all around,  
Sing, shout the wondrous  
word;  
Let every bosom hail the  
sound:  
A Savior! Christ, our Lord!

Not for to sit on David's  
throne  
With worldly pomp and joy,  
He came on earth for sin to  
atone  
And Satan to destroy.

To preach the Word of Life  
divine  
And feed with living bread,  
To heal the sick with hands  
benign  
And raise to life the dead.

He preached, He suffered, bled,  
and died,  
Uplift 'twixt earth and skies,  
In sinners' stead was  
crucified,  
For sin a Sacrifice!

Well may we sing our Savior's  
birth,  
Who need the grace so given,  
And hail His coming down to  
earth  
Who raises us to heaven!

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# A Blessed Christmas Be Yours

Again the season of the year has come when the songs of Advent and Christmas are heard in Christian homes and churches all over the world. And while the Deaf cannot now enjoy the wonderful beauty of song, they can get the spirit of joy from the words and feel the uplifting atmosphere of Christmas from the traditional pictures and decorations and the lighted tree that tells us of the Tree of life. As it is said of the blind that they "see by the light of the spirit," so we might say of the Deaf that they can "hear by the voice of the soul."

The song of the angels, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," can and should fill our souls with joy and satisfaction, because the message, "Unto you is born a Savior" is meant for us all. Thank God that He came to take from us the load of sin and guilt and to open again unto man the doors of Paradise!

To get this joy and peace and thus to "hear" the song in our souls, we must fill our mind with the story of Christ's coming. Let us give attention to the words of the Bible that tell us of the promises given the fathers in the Old Testament and their exact fulfillment in the New Testament. The opening chapters of the Gospels are properly studied and the Old Testament references looked up and read. And we can well read in the hymnbooks the songs of Advent and Christmas and thus get much spiritual joy.

And let us not forget that the Babe of Bethlehem is the Restorer, that means, He who removes the

marks of sin and its troubles and sicknesses; and let us look forward to Him who here on earth takes sin's curse and punishment from us and yonder will fully restore us; and there the Deaf will hear and will join in the songs of alleluia that the saints shall forever sing with the hosts of angels. Believe in Jesus! And one day you will not only see but hear the glories of heaven.

## One Christmas Eve

This is the story of a song sung one Christmas Eve. The song was really not a Christmas song, but the story shows that where faith in the Babe of Bethlehem is, there is peace in the heart and good will toward men, and God is glorified.

The singer was Ira D. Sankey, the famous companion of the great evangelist Dwight L. Moody, whose voice and songs did much to help Moody in his Gospel ministry. Moody was a person who, like Billy Graham in recent years, preached Christ to thousands, and Sankey stood by him and used his gifts for the Lord.

It happened in 1875. In that year both had been in England and had in Liverpool conducted a great campaign. Toward the end of the year they returned to America. And on Christmas Eve Mr. Sankey was traveling by steamboat up the Delaware River. It was a calm, starlit night, and many passengers were gathered on the deck. Mr. Sankey was asked to sing and was perfectly willing, as always, to do so. He stood there, leaning against one of the great smoke funnels of the boat, his eyes turned heavenward in quiet prayer. It had been his intention to sing a Christmas song; but some-

how he was inwardly driven to sing the "Shepherd Song":

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need Thy tenderest care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,  
Be the Guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray;

Blessed Jesus,  
Hear, oh, hear us, when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse and power to free;  
Blessed Jesus,  
We will early turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor,  
Early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
With Thy love our bosoms fill;  
Blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

There was deep silence, words and melody welling forth from the singer's soul, floating out over deck and the quiet river. Every heart was touched. After the song was ended, a man with a rough weather-beaten face came up to Mr. Sankey and said:

"Did you serve in the Union Army?" — "Yes," answered Mr. Sankey, "in the spring of 1862." — "Can you remember if you were doing picket duty on a bright, moonlight night?" — "Yes, I did," answered Mr. Sankey, very much surprised. "So did I," said the stranger, "but I was serving in the Confederate Army. When I saw you standing at your post, I thought to myself, 'That fellow will never get away

from here alive.' I raised my musket and took aim. I was standing in the shadow, completely concealed, while the full light of the moon was falling upon you. At that instant, just as a moment ago, you raised your eyes to heaven and began to sing. Music, especially song, has always had a wonderful power over me, and I took my finger off the trigger.

'Let him sing his song to the end,' I said to myself, 'I can shoot him afterwards. He's my victim at all events, and my bullet cannot miss.'

"But the song you sang then was the song you sang just now. I heard the words perfectly:

"We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,  
Be the Guardian of our Way.

"Those words stirred up many memories in my heart. I began to think of my childhood and my God-fearing mother. She had many, many times sung that song to me. But she died all too soon, otherwise much in my life would have been different.

"When you had finished your song, it was impossible for me to take aim at you again. I thought: 'The Lord who is able to save that man from certain death must surely be great and mighty,' and my arm of its own dropped limp at my side.

"Since that time I have wandered about far and wide; but when I just now saw you standing there, praying just as on that other occasion, I recognized you. Then my heart was wounded by your song; now I wish that you would help me to find a cure for my sick soul."

Deeply moved, Mr. Sankey threw his arms about the man who in the days of the war had been his enemy. And this Christmas night the two went together to the manger in Bethlehem. There the stranger



found Him who is the common Savior, the Good Shepherd who seeks for the lost sheep until He finds it. And when He has found it, He lays it upon His shoulders rejoicing.

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. . . . He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust. . . . Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night nor for the arrow that flieth by day."

Adapted from  
*Worldwide Evangelist*

## And Forgive Us Our Christmases

A mother was putting her little girl to bed, and it was time for her to say her evening prayers. Like a little child she said the Lord's Prayer, stumbling over a few of the words. But she could not remember the words of the fifth petition exactly. Finally she prayed, "and forgive us our Christmases."

Millions of Americans will need to pray that prayer on December 26. In this season of the year, when the Christian Church remembers the birth of Jesus Christ, God's Gift to the world, many people think only of the worldly pleasures.

Will yours be a Christmas with Christ in it? Throughout our country the invitation is being sounded, "Come hither, ye faithful, triumphantly sing! . . . Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"

Will this Christmas find you kneeling in humble faith at the manger of Jesus? Or will you be one of those who will have to pray, "and forgive us our Christmases"?

C. R. B.

## A Mother's Prayer

Our good reporter in New York, Mrs. L. Brook, sent an item which we are glad to pass on. She saw a notice in a paper in which a mother assured her absent child, who had left home for reasons unknown, that she was praying for her safe return home. This little verse ran through her mind:

You may be far from home;  
God be with you!  
No matter where you roam,  
God be with you!  
Whether you're on land or sea,  
Until you come home to me,  
My prayer will always be:  
God be with you!

At Christmas time especially will parents think of absent and perhaps wayward children. And praying is one thing that we can always do and should always do for the children whether they be a source of joy or give us a pang of sorrow when we think of them. That service can continue even when we are old and helpless; then perhaps we have the chance to do this act of kindness.

The mother of St. Augustine, Monica, was such a mother who prayed for her son who in youth was not a credit to her. But he admitted in later life that his mother's prayers undoubtedly were a reason that he found himself and became the great and respected church leader. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16)

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All,  
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Take  
Him  
F-A-I-T-H

## Board Changes

When Rev. Wm. A. Buege of Christ Church, Minneapolis, was elected a Vice-President of the Minnesota District last June, he resigned as chairman and member of the Board of Missions to Deaf, since no one can hold two elective offices at the same time in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

The vacancy thus created has been filled by the appointment of Rev. Elmer W. Koberg, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Saint Paul, to the Board of Missions to Deaf.

Rev. Ernest R. Drews of Jehovah Lutheran Church, St. Paul, who has been the Board's secretary, was now appointed its chairman, and Rev. Erwin E. Schroeder, institutional missionary in the Twin Cities, now is the secretary.

Thus the vacancy has been filled, and new officers have been designated. May the Lord reward these and the other members of the Board for the services faithfully rendered and continue to bless their efforts in behalf of the Deaf and our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, performed in the name and to the glory of Him who has commanded us to bring the Gospel to all people.

## We Beg Your Pardon

In the October issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN it was stated that Rev. Wm. A. Buege served seven years on the Board of Missions to Deaf. This is incorrect; he served ten years as chairman of the Board, having been re-elected by Synod in 1956 but having resigned upon being elected Vice-President of the Minnesota District last June.

In the article "An Evening Prayer," Mrs. Marlin Sampson, the wife of Rev. Sampson of Oklahoma City, was given as the author of the prayer in question which uses the first line of the well-known prayer "Now I lay me down to sleep." She begs us to say that she is not the author but had obtained that adaptation from some source and taught it to her children. At the Ephphatha Conference at River Forest she made mention of it to some, and Rev. H. R. Rohe obtained it there and published it in his Rochester bulletin. She deserves our thanks nevertheless for having brought it to the attention of others.

## The Rochester, N.Y., Evangelism Mission

In spite of the fact that the "flu" bug plagued the city of Rochester in October and over half of the members of Alpha Church were its victims, the PTR Evangelism Mission held October 20 to 24 proved to be a success.

Guest Missioner Rev. W. Hausmann of Fort Lee, N. J., in a series of midweek services from Monday through Thursday spoke on the theme: "What Jesus Means to Me." He emphasized the four ways in which the grace of God is relayed to His people; in the Bible, in Baptism, in Holy Communion, and in His church. The 150 members and guests who attended the services were very favorably impressed with Pastor Hausmann's fine presentation of the wonderful grace, love, and mercy of God.

Prior to the Mission Week the members of Alpha Church met in cottage meetings held in four areas of the city. In these they discussed

"What Shall I Say?" when making calls, and planned to canvass the homes of the Deaf in each area. In this canvass 80 to 90 persons were contacted and invited to the services.

The efforts of the members and the pastor were not in vain. By God's grace four persons were enrolled in the membership class; three confirmed Lutherans were brought into the fold of Christ; and three baptized Lutherans were discovered who have not yet been confirmed and whom we hope to enroll in the membership class. Another thirteen persons were discovered who are unchurched, and ten church persons were found who are interested in attending the services at Alpha. We were able to list ten to fifteen prospects for a youth

group which we plan to organize within the near future.

We are humbly grateful for the blessings of Almighty God upon our efforts and would like to encourage other of our sister congregations of Deaf to consider seriously a program of evangelism for their local areas. This is Alpha's second PTR Evangelism Mission endeavor. Both have resulted by God's grace in rich blessings, not only for those who have been won for Christ but also for the members of our church in the strengthening of their convictions that we have been called "to the Kingdom for such a time as this." There is always much joy and satisfaction in knowing that we are at work for the Lord Jesus Christ.

H. ROHE



## Devotions

### "Light for Your Way"

#### Readings for December 1957

December 1 — Isaiah 53  
 December 2 — Romans 1  
 December 3 — Romans 2  
 December 4 — Matthew 24  
 December 5 — Matthew 25  
 December 6 — Luke 21  
 December 7 — 1 Peter 4  
 December 8 — Isaiah 58  
 December 9 — 1 Peter 5  
 December 10 — 1 Thessalonians 5  
 December 11 — 2 Peter 1  
 December 12 — 2 Peter 2  
 December 13 — 2 Peter 3  
 December 14 — Jude  
 December 15 — Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

December 16 — Revelation 18  
 December 17 — Revelation 19  
 December 18 — Revelation 20  
 December 19 — Ephesians 1  
 December 20 — Micah 5  
 December 21 — Matthew 1  
 December 22 — John 9  
 December 23 — Matthew 2:1-12  
 December 24 — Luke 1  
 December 25 — Luke 2:1-20  
 December 26 — John 1:1-14  
 December 27 — Revelation 4  
 December 28 — John 11:1-45  
 December 29 — 1 Corinthians 9:16  
 to 23  
 December 30 — Revelation 20  
 December 31 — Revelation 21



# Our Synod

## Early History of The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod

The DEAF LUTHERAN is the official paper of Lutheran churches of the Deaf. It is authorized and supported by the Board for Missions to the Deaf of the Missouri Synod. When we speak of our Synod in these columns, we mean the synod whose official name is *The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*.

The DEAF LUTHERAN with this issue completes the 49th year of its existence, and the January number will begin the fiftieth volume. When we look at the earliest copies, we will find that the synod which sponsored the work among the Deaf and whose name appeared on the paper was *The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States*. This was a very long name and therefore not very practical in a busy world; so Synod was usually called the *Missouri Synod* by friends and foes. And because the word Lutheran was not in this, many people in other states considered this only a geographical name and thought, "What have we to do with Missouri? We live in another state!"

So ten years ago Synod changed the official name to *The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*. When we therefore speak of our Synod we generally use the five words; and when we write the name, we must

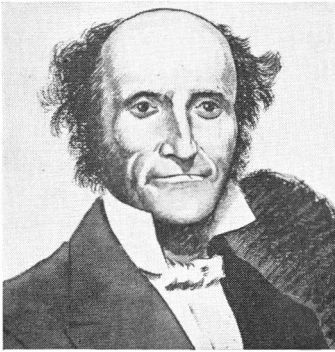
always place the dash [—] between the words Church and Missouri.

Dr. Martin Luther stood firm on the Bible; and so the mark of true Lutherans always was and, if it please God, always will be the motto: "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible." In the first half of the 19th century true Lutherans in Germany had much trouble because so many found that what was being taught and done did not agree with the Bible and the confessional writings of the Lutheran Church: the Augsburg Confession and its Apology [defense], the Smalcald Articles, Luther's Small and Large Catechisms, and the Formula of Concord. Things became so unbearable for several groups that they left Germany and came to America in order to be free to worship God according to their conscience as they understood and believed God's Word.

One such group was from Saxony. It came over in 1839 in five ships, one of which was lost on the voyage. About 700 people were in this group; among them were six pastors, ten candidates of theology ready to assume pastorates, four teachers, farmers, and men that had professions and trades. Among the pastors Rev. M. Stephan and Rev. C. F. W. Walther were the most outstanding leaders. The group came via New Orleans up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, Mo. Many of them remained in St. Louis, while the majority of them later settled in Perry

County, Missouri, about one hundred miles south of St. Louis.

Another and larger group came from other parts of Germany. These were influenced by Pastor W. Loehe in Neuendettelsau in Bavaria, Germany, and by Rev. F. C. D. Wyneken, who had come over in 1838 and had explored Ohio and Indiana.



Rev. C. F. W. Walther

Among the prominent men of this group must be mentioned Dr. W. Sihler and Rev. A. Craemer. The latter established the colony at Frankenmuth, Mich., and began mission work among the Indians there.

From these two groups came the movement to band together for mutual support and strength in proclaiming the Gospel. A number of other men had come who also felt the need of establishing connection with those that held to the true Lutheran teachings. There were established Lutheran synods in the East and Middle West; but men who had joined these synods did not feel at home in them because some of these synods were not soundly Lutheran in doctrine and practice. They severed their connections and remained alone and felt very much isolated and lonesome.

In 1844 Dr. C. F. W. Walther began publishing the *Lutheraner*, a paper in which he set forth the doctrines of the Lutheran Church and brought news of interest to the Lutherans. It still is published by our Synod under that name, the present volume being the 113th. The *Lutheraner* and the *Lutheran Witness* are the official organs of our church.

Through the *Lutheraner* the true Lutherans found themselves. Correspondence between these isolated men resulted in a meeting in 1845 in Cleveland; a second was held at St. Louis in 1846, and in Chicago, April 26, 1847, a meeting was held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in which the formal organization of the Missouri Synod was effected. There were present 17 pastors, one professor, one candidate for the ministry, one student of theology, four lay delegates from congregations joining the organization, and some guests who were just observing but taking no active part in the proceedings. Thus the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States was formed. Its first officers were Rev. C. F. W. Walther, President; Rev. W. Sihler, Ph. D., Vice-President; Rev. F. W. Husmann, Secretary; Mr. F. W. Barthel, Treasurer, all elected for terms of three years.

Twelve pastors and their congregations became voting members. Nine pastors, one professor, and two candidates became advisory members.

At this point it is well to speak about voting privileges in Synod. The congregations are the real bearers of the rights and privileges; pastors or individuals not representing congregations but belonging to Synod are advisory members only.

A congregation that has joined Synod by having been accepted and through its lay delegate having signed Synod's constitution has voting privileges, having two votes, one being cast by its lay delegate, the other by its pastor; advisory individuals may speak but not vote in the meetings of Synod and its Districts.

When the next meeting of Synod was held in 1848, there were 25 congregations and their pastors as voting members, among them Rev. F. C. D. Wyneken, Baltimore, 25 advisory pastors, and five teachers.

Just by way of comparison, let us here state that on January 1, 1957, there were 4,835 voting congregations, 971 not yet joined as voting congregations, 488 preaching stations, and 5,505 pastors, 4,960 being in active service and 545 retired or inactive, 1,849 male and 2,340 women teachers. The little sapling has grown to be a very large tree. The Lord has blessed; His name be praised and glorified!

## Synod's 1958 Budget

Missions	\$ 5,866,103
Armed Services	375,000
Higher Education	
Operations	4,353,388
Capital Investments	2,025,000
Parish Education	156,950
Young People's Work	85,200
Support, Pensions	1,475,983
Social Welfare	48,571
World Relief	100,000
Debt Reduction	150,000
Contingent Reserve	392,650
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The Mission to the Deaf asked for and was granted \$252,687 for the work and \$50,000 for capital investments (for chapels, etc.). The money for the general work, of course, is included in the total needs for Missions and is the largest item of the budget, amounting to almost six million dollars. The figures are so large, one almost staggers. Let us **say** more about these things to each other, **pray** more, and **pay** more.



## A Thanksgiving Prayer we gladly offer to You ourselves,

O great Giver, who gives us life and breath and all things, You send fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with gladness. You give us power to get wealth. With Your only and dear Son, Jesus Christ, You do freely give us all things richly to enjoy. To show our faith and thanks,

our devoted service, and the first part of all our wealth. Kindly accept the loving sacrifices of our thanksgiving, the thankofferings of our hands and labor. Accept them for the sake of our adorable Savior, who kept the Law for us and lovingly sacrificed Himself for us and for all. Amen.

# A Parable on Tipping and Tithing

Now it came to pass on a day at noon that the editor was a guest of a certain rich man. And the lunch was enjoyed at a popular restaurant. And the waiters were very efficient. And the food was good.

Now when the end of the meal was at hand, the waiter brought unto the host the check. And the host examined it, frowned a bit, but made no comment.

But as we arose to depart, I observed that he laid some coins under the edge of his plate. Howbeit, I know not what denomination the coins were.

But the waiter, who stood nearby smiled happily, which, being interpreted, means that the tip was satisfactory.

Now with such customs we are all familiar. And this parable entereth not into the merits or demerits of tipping.

But as I meditated on the coins that became tips throughout our nation, I began to think of tips and tithing. For the proverbial tip should be at least ten per cent — a tithe, lest the waiter or the waitress turn against you.

And as I continued to think on these things, it came to me that few people who go to church treat their God as well as they honor their waiter. For they give unto the waiter a tithe, but unto God they give whatsoever they think will get them by.

Verily, doth man fear the waiter more than he feareth God? And doth he love God less than he loveth the waiter?

Truly, truly, a man and his money are beyond understanding! — Quoted from "*News at the Crossroads*"

## Shouting for What?

A Russian was taken to some sporting events in New York City. He was much impressed by the shouting and enthusiasm of the spectators. When asked what he thought, he said, "Nowhere in all the world have I seen so much first-class loyalty dedicated to second-rate causes." And we read in the newspapers that some baseball fans stood up all night in line to buy tickets for the world series games in Milwaukee. But we wonder how many church members would stay up all night in prayer or for the Lord's sake.

Just how enthusiastic are we about working, praying, spending for the kingdom of God? Or are we also giving "first-class loyalty" to "second-rate causes"?

AUGUST L. HAUPTMAN

**Sioux City, Iowa.** — Peace Congregation celebrated its annual Mission Festival October 13, Rev. J. L. Salvner conducting the service. In this service **David James Mount**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mount, born June 28, was brought to Jesus by Holy Baptism. May God keep this child in faith until death. — A ham dinner was served in the parish hall by the ladies of Peace Congregation after the service.

**Columbus, Ohio.** — Miss Margaret Martin and Mr. Paul Webster, both of Dayton, Ohio, were united in marriage by Pastor H. Drachenberg on October 19. "Whom Thou blest, Lord, will be blest forever."





**Minneapolis, Minn.** — The month of October brought around again the birthday of the Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions to Deaf, **Rev. J. L. Salvner, D. D.**, who is now 81 years old. But that does not stop him from going on as busy as ever. During the illness of Rev. E. Mappes of Omaha he has been going there frequently to conduct services and teach the children of the Nebraska and Iowa schools for the Deaf at Omaha and Council Bluffs. November 3 he again went there, preaching at the Iowa School at 10 A. M., at 11 A. M. at the Omaha Deaf church, and at 7:30 P. M. at Council Bluffs. On the following Tuesday he instructed the Lutheran classes at the Iowa school and on Wednesday the classes at the Nebraska school. His capacity for endurance is almost miraculous. But he keeps fit. Daily he has his devotions, whether on the road or at home, and daily in the morning and evening he goes through physical exercises for fifteen minutes that many a younger man could not do. Thus he serves God and his fellow men. He wrote the Editor on his 81st birthday, saying: "God's great and unmerited grace has kept me." May the Lord hold and keep this faithful servant, who as Executive Secretary has much to do and besides these tasks helps out in the field wherever he can.

**St. Louis, Mo.** — Congratulations to **Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Reinking** are in order because **Deborah Ann**

came to them October 11, bringing much joy into the parsonage. — **Mr. Bert Keim** and **Mrs. Lynn Friedeck** are at home again, recovering from serious illness. — The Ladies' Aid had its annual Fall Festival October 5, and it was a success. About 150 attended. Good fellowship, a good meal, and then the picture "We Beheld His Glory" were enjoyed. — The church property received a coat of paint this fall, the work being done by the members. — Four students from Concordia Seminary are field workers at Holy Cross, assisting Pastor Reinking, serving as liturgists in the services, helping in the Sunday school and with the oral classes, conducting meetings with the young people, sitting in in the voters' meetings, and making calls. Thus they gain good experience for future work with the Deaf. These young men are **Mr. Gerald Goebel** of Canada, **Mr. William Marten** of Effingham, Ill., **Mr. Daniel Pokorny** of New York City, and **Mr. Don Murray** of Wichita, Kans. — Rev. Wayne Bottlinger of Memphis was our preacher on Mission Sunday November 24. — On November 10 Pastor N. P. Uhlig conducted services and Bible class, while Pastor Reinking was guest missionary at the PTR evangelism week at Tampa, Fla., and visited the preaching stations in Florida as regional representative of the Board.

**Spokane, Wash.** — **Mr. Dale Campbell** passed away on September 23 and was given a Christian

burial September 27, Pastor A. L. Hauptman officiating. Our sympathy goes to the wife and family mourning his departure. May the Lord be their comfort. — Pastor Geo. Ring of Portland, Oreg., was the guest evangelist at the Spokane Evangelism Week conducted five days, October 27 through October 31. Our group did much preliminary work in order to make the effort successful. It takes earnest prayer and faithful visiting and kind inviting to make such Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Missions a success. And it is not always possible to measure the success, as the sowing of God's Word is done through such efforts and the seed does not immediately sprout visibly. But we have the promise that God will bless such sowing according to His good pleasure.

**Boston, Mass.** — With the coming of September, work at the schools was again taken up. Miss Helene Seils and Vicar Jasper conduct weekly classes at Horace Mann School in Boston, and the latter goes weekly to the schools for the Deaf at Randolph and Beverly, suburbs of Boston. At Portland, Maine, **Miss Elsie Lindbloom**, a teacher in the Maine School for the Deaf, ably leads the work with local people, Vicar Jasper assisting her. The Maine School for the Deaf, is now located on Baxter Island, having been moved from the old location in Portland to the new institution, which was completed this summer. Fine modern buildings have been constructed on this island, which was given to the State of Maine by Ex-Governor Baxter. This island is a game and wildlife sanctuary and is historically famous as the site where the Indian tribes met for

their ceremonial rites. The distance from the center of Portland to Baxter Island is about three miles, and the island is connected with the mainland by a causeway which is about a quarter mile long. Few state schools for the Deaf have as fine a location or buildings as Maine now has. — On August 17 **Patricia Ann Pratt** was born to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Pratt of Carmel, near Bangor, Maine. Congratulations!

**Jacksonville, Ill.** — Mr. Earl J. Thaler, Mrs. Audrie Avery, Mr. LeRoy Mason, and a goodly number of other students of the Springfield Seminary are again very active instructing, together with Pastor Thies, the Lutheran classes of children from the Illinois School for the Deaf, now numbering over one hundred. Each Sunday a number of experienced as well as some new learners of the sign-language classes come over from Springfield to teach or observe. Thus the chapel, situated opposite the campus of the Illinois School for the Deaf, is a good training school for future workers in our Mission. — The property is beautiful to behold. The well-kept lawn with its trees and evergreen bushes and its fine bulletin board before the chapel, from which a light at night illumines the front stone wall of the chapel with the large imbedded stone cross, makes the place very attractive day and night.

**Omaha, Nebr.** — Pastor E. Mappes has been recovering satisfactorily from his heart attack last March and has been granted permission by the doctor to begin working cautiously the latter part of November. For the first he is restricting himself to preaching and to instructing con-

firmation classes. In a recent bulletin Rev. Mappes thanked a number of people who have been helping during this emergency. He mentioned Dr. J. L. Salvner, who, besides conducting services for him at Sioux City October 13, held services October 6 at Bethlehem Deaf Church in Omaha and at the Nebraska and Iowa schools there and in Council Bluffs, and in Fremont October 10, and on November 3 again preached three times at Omaha and Council Bluffs. Student Herman Graef preached at Omaha and at Lincoln September 15. Student James Kluver had charge of the Hastings, Nebr., service on September 22. Rev. Lloyd Behnken on August 31 united **Mr. Petrimus Reed** and **Miss Audrey Bruner** in marriage at Bethlehem Deaf Church. Rev. L. M. Stacy of Des Moines and Rev. A. E. Ferber of Kansas City have also represented Rev. Mappes on several occasions. The following helped with the classes at the Omaha school: Mrs. Earl Petersen, Mrs. Nick Petersen, Mrs. E. Mappes, Mr. Lee Myers, and Mr. Chas. Doering. —Mr. Chas. Doering, Mr. Earl Petersen, Mr. Elvin Miller, Mr. Nick Petersen, and Mr. Oscar Treuke helped by transporting the out-of-town pastors to Council Bluffs and Fremont and to the schools in Omaha and Council Bluffs. These services rendered the Deaf and the sick pastor are certainly appreciated, and the Lord blesses such helpers.

**Newark, N. J.** — September 21 and the last days of September in general are significant days for the Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Newark and the pastor, Rev. C. R. Gerhold. That day is the day of Saint Matthew, the tax collector who left

his work to become a disciple and later an apostle of the Lord and who is the author of the Gospel according to St. Matthew and whose name the church bears. Twenty years ago Rev. Arthur Boll had come to preach to the Newark Deaf; fifteen years ago, September 20, 1942, its present pastor, Rev. Gerhold, was ordained a pastor at Pittsburgh; five years ago, September 28, 1952, the present house of worship at 510 Parker St. was dedicated and the first service there held for the Deaf. So September 21, 1957, was chosen as the date to celebrate the fifth anniversary of "510" as the church home of the Newark Deaf. A service was held and a supper served on that day, and there was a good attendance. — While Rev. Gerhold attended the meetings of Ephphatha Conference in River Forest in July, **Student Daniel Pokorny** of New York conducted the service at Newark on Sunday, July 7. He is a student at Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, and studies in the sign language class of Rev. W. F. Reinking. — Pastor Gerhold interpreted for the Deaf the service at Yankee Stadium when Evangelist Billy Graham spoke to nearly 100,000 people. — The marriages on June 2 of **Mr. and Mrs. (Lois Dunker) Care H. Smith** and on June 29 of **Mr. Frank Reiser** and **Miss Connie Vaughn** were blessed by Rev. Gerhold. — **Mrs. Edith Crowell**, the wife of Mr. Thomas Crowell, was laid to rest at Trenton June 6. — The work at the schools was taken up again with the coming of September. Every Tuesday at 6:30 and 7 P. M. classes are held at the Totowa school; every Wednesday at 3 P. M. at the Trenton school; every Thursday at 3 P. M. at the Bruce school.



## *Know Your Bible*

### The Book of Daniel

This is a very deep book. It was written by Daniel, who has been called "the sage [very wise man] of the Orient." He was as a young man led into captivity with the Jews to Babylon. He was a very pious young man, and soon rose to the position of honor that like Joseph in Egypt he was entrusted with the affairs of a heathen world empire, Babylon. He was a statesman; but he always in that heathen empire gave testimony of his faith in the true God and never became guilty of accepting any heathen habits and ideas.

He was not like any of the other great prophets called a prophet; in fact in the Hebrew Bible his book is not listed among the books of the prophets but with the so-called "holy writings," but it always was accepted as truly inspired. Its language is sublime; its contents deep; his visions and prophecies have always been given great respect and show clearly that he spoke not by his own but by a higher Spirit; he admitted that much of what he said was beyond his own mind and understanding. (Chapter 12:8-10)

Daniel lived to a very old age; evidently he was older than 90 years when he died, having obtained high positions of honor under Babylonian and later under Persian rulers when Persia defeated Babylon. Parts of his book are written not in the Hebrew language but in Aramaic,

which language was the diplomatic and commercial language of the empire and was readily understood by the Jews. This language is used in that section where the historical events are recorded, while Hebrew is used in those in which the visions are recorded that have to do with the eventual coming of the Messiah. Perhaps owing to his influence over the wise men, called Magi, the interest in, and information about, the sacred writings of the Jews was created and maintained so that at the birth of Christ the Magi from the East followed the star to Bethlehem.

In chapters 1 to 6 the historical events during Daniel's life are recorded. Outstanding in that section is the story of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the large image with the head of gold, breast and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, and legs of iron and feet of iron and clay, indicating four kingdoms, after which will come Christ's spiritual kingdom.

In the second section, chapters 7 to 12, we again see the worldly kingdoms rise and fall and Christ's eternal kingdom established. The great section there is the prophecy of the seventy weeks, that the Messiah will come and take away iniquity. Daniel also speaks of the coming of the Antichrist, the Roman papacy, and the resurrection from the dead. In the book we find the stories of the three men in the fiery

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## *Bible Quiz*

What will no mother easily forget? Isaiah 49:15

What should such people remember that have been blessed with riches in this world? 1 Timothy 6:17, 18

What source of deadly poison has everybody in his system? James 3:8

What makes a wise man stronger than ten mighty men? Ecclesiastes 7:19

What is the best thing to do when we are in great trouble, as the example of Jesus shows? Luke 22:44

Did menfolks at the time when Paul lived pray or preach with a cloth or hat covering their head? 1 Corinthians 11:4

What is the best breastplate to protect our heart against the attacks of the devil? 1 Thessalonians 5:8

How long did King Solomon rule over Israel? 2 Chronicles 9:30.

Did it rain on earth on any of the first five days after God created the world? Genesis 2:5

How gently did St. Paul deal with the members of his congregations? 1 Thessalonians 2:7

Should a minister or teacher of the Word of God be expected to do services which someone in the congregation can do, such as waiting on tables? Acts 6:2

Which voices were not heard in Israel's land after King Nebuchadnezzar's army had come and defeated Israel? Jeremiah 25:9, 10

Did Peter in prison wear his shoes when he was in irons? Acts 12:8

How did Felix make Paul stop speaking to him when Paul spoke to him about righteousness and God's judgment? Acts 24:25

What did Peter, James, and John not understand after they had seen the vision of Moses and Elijah with Jesus on the mountain and Jesus had told them not to mention this until He would have arisen again from the dead? Mark 9:10

How old was Moses when he visited the children of Israel and saw how they were suffering in slavery? Acts 7:23

What good advice did the old men of Israel give unto Rehoboam when he became king after his father Solomon's death? 1 Kings 12:7

Why were the disciples of the Lord ashamed and did not answer Him when He asked them what they had spoken about on the way? Mark 9:34

What happens to a person when he becomes a Christian? 2 Corinthians 5:17

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furnace and his own protection in the den of lions and other interesting things.

May we often read this remarkable book of a remarkable writer who received in his lifetime the special assurance that he would have eternal life. (Chapter 12:13)