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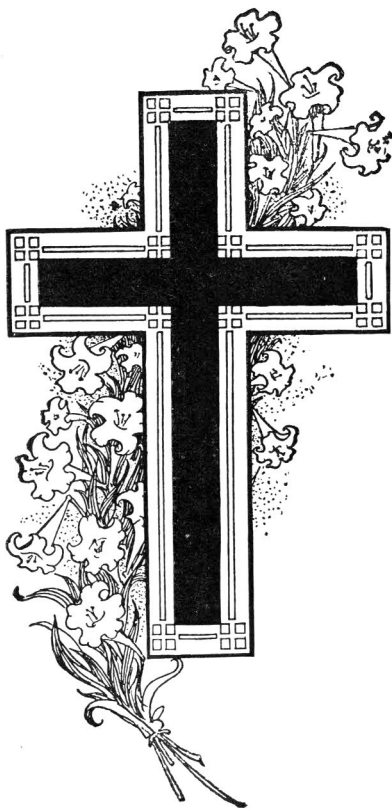
*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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Easter Lilies

See, the little children
On this glad Easter Day
Lilies white are bringing
For Jesus here today.
Let us bring our lilies sweet,
Lay them at our Savior's feet,
Lilies bringing
On this Easter Day.

Come, hear the little children
With voices sweet and gay
Sing praises to our Savior
On this glad Easter Day.
"Come, join our songs and praises,"
The little children say,
"For Christ, our Lord and Savior,
Arose on Easter Day."
Lilies bringing,
Children singing,
On this glad Easter Day.

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Easter

The first days of April this year find us in Holy Week; Palm Sunday was the Day of Triumph, of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem; Monday, the Day of Authority with the cursing of the fig tree and the cleansing of the temple; Tuesday, the Day of Controversy, on which the Lord spoke many parables and had arguments with the leaders and spoke of the final Judgment; Wednesday, the Day of Retirement, when He rested and prepared Himself for the bitter sorrows that were now coming; Thursday, the Day of Fellowship, when He was with His disciples in the Upper Room, where He held the last valid Passover, instituted the Lord's Supper, spoke His farewell address, and prayed His High-priestly Prayer; Friday, the Day of Suffering with the bringing of that sacrifice with which He once and for all time paid man's debt; Saturday, the Day of Silence and Sorrow.

Now came Easter, when He who had given up His life took it again and when the Father's clear pronouncement was given that His Servant and Son had finished the work He had come to do to the full satisfaction of divine Justice.

The meaning of Easter can be simply stated. The resurrection of Christ proves that He was indeed what He had claimed to be, namely, the Son of God. His claims and doctrine are true. It furthermore proves that the Father has accepted the sacrifice of the Son, and therefore the sin of the world has been paid for and forgiveness earned for all mankind. For had Jesus not paid and fully satisfied the demands of the Father, the Father would not

have raised Him from the dead. Finally it proves that we, too, shall rise again; for He had said, "Because I live, ye shall live also," and, "Where I am, there shall also My servant be."

Satan has been defeated, sin has been paid for and done away with; eternal death has been destroyed, and temporal death transformed into a sweet slumber from which we awake to the perfect joys of eternal life.

These blessings, prepared and obtained for all, are accepted by those who believe in Christ; for "whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

If we, then, believe, let us live unto Him and for Him who died and rose again. Let us not serve Satan, who has been defeated, neither sin, the wages of which are death and hell.

And let us not overlook the Easter angel's message: "Go quickly and tell!" Spread the message of peace and hope through the preaching of the Gospel. Let us be missionaries.

A Christian is

a **mind** through which Christ thinks;

a **heart** through which Christ loves;

a **hand** through which Christ lifts.

"Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."

William Carey

"If you want to follow Jesus Christ, you must follow Him to the ends of the earth; for that is where He is going." Robert E. Speer.

Speaking Up for Missions to Deaf in the Northwest

The Northwest District LUTHERAN WITNESS Edition in the supplement of February 25 devoted more than the two center pages to the story of the work of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod among the Deaf in the Northwest District of Synod. The article was well illustrated by six pictures, showing Rev. John A. Beyer of Seattle signing "Jesus," members of Faith Deaf Congregation of Spokane in church, three teams of the recent Evangelism Mission at Spokane — the Elmer Franciscos, the John E. Skoglunds, and the Walter Wagemans — Rev. George Ring of Portland, Oreg., ministering to Mrs. Emily Eaton, who is sightless and deaf and was one of the first three members confirmed when the work began on the West Coast; a picture of the large group at Northwest Lutheran Deaf Conference at Lutherland Camp at Tacoma in 1957; and one of the pupils of the Washington State School for Deaf of Vancouver, Wash., boarding a bus to attend services at Hope Deaf Church in Portland.

In the article the beginning of Synod's work among the Deaf is briefly told, and then the development of the Washington-Oregon area is sketched. Rev. O. Fedder, pastor of Trinity, Seattle, began work in 1913 after the area had previously been explored by Pastors Arthur Reinke in 1912 and T. M. Wangerin. In 1917 Rev. Geo. Gaertner appeared on the scene, who served the Washington, Oregon, and Idaho area for three years, after which he was relieved of some of the territory, serving Washington

primarily. When he went to central California in 1931, Rev. W. A. Westermann served the Seattle parish until 1941, extending the work into Montana. Rev. A. J. Jonas served the parish from 1941 to 1949. Since that time Rev. John A. Beyer ministers to the Deaf in the area. There are organized congregations in Seattle, Tacoma, and Everett, preaching stations at Yakima and Vancouver, B. C.

Spokane's first pastor was Rev. Carl Frice. The year was 1924. Faith Deaf Congregation was organized in 1927. Its second pastor was Rev. Frank H. Hischke. After his departure to St. Louis the congregation was served by Rev. E. Eichmann from Portland. Between 1938 and 1945 it was served by Candidate Walter D. Uhlig and Pastors N. W. Zellmer and Donald E. Simon. Since 1945 Rev. August L. Hauptman has ministered to the Deaf in Spokane and in the Montana cities Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Great Falls, Havre, Lewistown, and Missoula. The great distances between these points made air travel advisable for Pastor Hauptman, which saves time and energy. He flies four times a month between Spokane and the Montana stations during the school year.

Faith Deaf Church had its chapel; but when Pilgrim Lutheran, a church of hearing people, built a new church, the Deaf were given a chapel in the new building and have given up the old chapel, which was in bad repair. The move enables the hearing children of the Deaf to attend Pilgrim's Sunday school.

Whenever the Northwest District

has its conventions, one of the pastors of the Deaf interprets the proceedings; for several deaf delegates from congregations of Deaf attend. This is a good arrangement, for it brings the Deaf and hearing into closer contact, and that benefits all, particularly the Deaf.

Rev. George Ring is pastor of the Hope Deaf Congregation at Portland; he also serves Toledo and Salem, Oreg., and Vancouver, Wash. He takes care of the state schools for the Deaf at Salem, and Vancouver. In his Portland Sunday school he has 73 children, and a bus brings about thirty deaf children from the Vancouver school every Sunday.

The work at Portland was begun in 1920 by Rev. John A. Beyer; he was followed in 1924 by Rev. E. Eichmann, who served the field until 1942, when he accepted a call to serve Trinity Lutheran, a hearing church in Portland. Having taken care of the Spokane station for many years, he recently preached at Spokane when Faith Deaf Church celebrated its thirtieth anniversary. Other pastors who served the Portland field were Pastors N. W. Zellmer and E. Wudtke.

Mrs. Emily Eaton of Toledo, Oreg., who, as mentioned in the fore part of this article, was one of the first Deaf to be confirmed in the Northwest, has been totally blind also for over thirty-five years. Pastor Ring visits Toledo five times a year to spell the message of the Gospel into her hands. This is a 270-mile round trip.

The Deaf of the area of the Northwest District every summer have a conference over a weekend. This has been held for several years at Camp Lutherland near Tacoma.

Last summer 160 guests enjoyed the conference very much in the pine forest near beautiful Lake Killarney. Bible study, lectures, games and good fellowship with comfortable cabins and dormitories give the Deaf of the area a wonderful advantage over the Deaf of many other areas, and the opportunity is avidly grasped by them.

The total communicant membership of the congregations of Deaf in the Northwest District is 279. In 1957, 341 services were conducted by the three pastors, and the attendance at these was 6,712. There were 221 hours spent in formal instruction; 26 children and six adults were baptized and nine adults confirmed. The offerings of the Deaf totaled \$7,793. 1,870 calls were made; and while this may seem a small number of calls made in 365 days by three pastors, one must never forget that the hearing pastors mostly have their people closer together, while the Deaf are thinly scattered over large areas, and very much time is often consumed in making one call, especially in a large city.

Congratulations to the Northwest District *Lutheran Witness* for having brought our Mission to its readers. May the Lord bless His workers among the Deaf and the hearing everywhere.

An Interesting Visit in Our Eastern Fields

The apostle Paul made a number of journeys visiting and strengthening the congregations, we read in the Acts of the Apostles. Even so our untiring Executive Secretary, the Rev. J. L. Salvner, D.D., likewise travels. He tells us of his latest journey, which took him to the East.

Washington, D.C., was his first goal. Here he was met by Rev. Westermann, who took him that first afternoon to Gallaudet College, the world's only school for higher learning for Deaf. There he saw the extensive building operations going on now, modernizing and expanding the facilities of the school and costing several million dollars. Pastor Westermann informed him that a branch of Gamma Delta, the organization of Lutheran students, has been organized with Lutheran Gallaudet students. After the first meeting of 22 students a large number of Gallaudet students attended the church service the following Sunday. God grant that this move will create greater interest among the 67 Lutheran students at Gallaudet and will through God's Word fill everyone with love for Christ and His kingdom.

The Executive Secretary went to Philadelphia from Washington and had an interesting conference with Pastors Gerhold of Newark and Hoemann of Pittsburgh, as well as Pastors Shearer and Goos — the latter two of the United Lutheran Church of America — regarding work among the Deaf in Philadelphia, and a satisfactory agreement was reached regarding the work in eastern Pennsylvania. With Pastor Gerhold he then went to Newark, attending his Sunday services at Newark, Paterson, and Camden and addressing the Deaf after each service. Tuesday at New York he had a meeting with Headmaster Melvin A. Luebke of the Mill Neck Lutheran School for the Deaf and discussed the need of establishing further schools for Deaf. With Pastor Simon he visited the Mill Neck School, where from 85 to 90 deaf

boys and girls daily study God's Word and Luther's doctrine pure, for which we should be very thankful to God.

On Thursday, with Rev. Simon, Dr. Salvner visited the Lexington School for Girls, where Pastor Simon has a class of seven, and the school at White Plains, N. Y., where four boys are in Rev. Simon's class. It is truly gratifying that so many boys and girls in the schools for the Deaf are in our Lutheran classes and learn the way to salvation by faith in Christ Jesus; we have over 2,000 deaf boys and girls enrolled in our religious classes in the United States.

Rev. Simon told of a Negro member of our group in New York City who is anxious to bring others to Christ. This man asked for addresses of Negroes in order to visit them and interest them in services and church work. What a wonderful example for all of us! We should be concerned about the spiritual welfare of others and seek to bring them to Christ as Andrew brought his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. (John 1:42)

On Friday morning Dr. Salvner once more went to Mill Neck School, again with Rev. Simon, who every Friday conducts a service with the children of the school, the teachers also attending. That evening he left the East for Detroit, where he had a conference with Dr. J. A. Klein at the Lutheran School for the Deaf, concerning the matter of establishing schools for the Deaf. Very much he enjoyed and appreciated the hospitality of the Lutheran School for the Deaf, he writes.

Sunday morning he attended the service conducted by Rev. N. E. Borchardt at the chapel of the

School. The service was attended by 110 deaf adults and 65 boys and girls, 72 coming to the Lord's Table. Our Savior's Deaf Congregation worships regularly in the chapel of the School. The congregation numbers 250 communicant members. For an evening service he and Rev. Borchardt went to Lansing, where 18 Deaf attended the service.

Our venerable Executive Secre-

tary left Detroit on Tuesday, going to the home of his childhood, Saginaw, where he visited old friends and relatives. Tired out but very much gratified by what he had heard and seen, he came back to his home and office in Minneapolis. He says that he wishes to thank all for the wonderful hospitality he received on this trip and prays God that He would bless and reward them.



Seattle, Wash. — Pastor A. T. Jonas, who united the Walter Stenmans in marriage years ago and had baptized their first children, on July 22 baptized also **Susan Elizabeth Stenmans. Michael William Harmons**, son of Mr. David and Mrs. Adele (Powell) Harmons, was baptized by Pastor John A. Beyer at Seattle on August 11. He baptized and received into communicant membership at Everett, Wash., **Miss Katherine Randall** on September 15, and on December 22 he laid into the arms of Jesus in Holy Baptism **Cynthia Lorelei Acreys**, the infant daughter of the Edmond Acreys at Seattle. May the Good Shepherd keep all these safely in His arms. — **Phillip O. Carlington**, who was a graduate of the Lutheran School for Deaf of Detroit, fell asleep in Jesus at the age of 67 on August 12 at Puyallup, Wash., and was given Christian burial on August 16 by Rev. Beyer. **Miss Lizzie J. Hendricks**, aged 78, died in Tacoma September 19 and was laid to rest September 26. And **Mr. Arthur R. Cox**,

who was confirmed many years ago in Omaha by Pastor O. C. Schroeder, went home to his Savior on December 27 and was buried in Seattle December 31. "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4). — Our church recently received considerable wide-range publicity. The *Vancouver Sun* on November 30 gave the newly organized Trinity Lutheran Deaf Church and Pastor Beyer almost a quarter-page write-up, and the *Canadian Weekend Magazine* in December gave him a two-page spread. This magazine goes over all of Canada from Halifax to Vancouver. The February 25 *Lutheran Witness* Northwestern District Edition was a special number devoted to the Lutheran Deaf Missions. — We are happy to be able to bring to our readers pictures of groups in Vancouver taken in connection with baptism services in the recently organized Trinity Lutheran Deaf congregation there. On November 3, 1957, five sons of deaf parents and one adult, Mr. Paul



Five Children of Deaf Parents and One Adult Baptized (l. to r.): The Donald Days, Rev. Beyer, the John Sobies, the Paul Partingtons (he also was baptized), the Raine Dewars, the John Fletchers

Partington, were baptized, and a month later, on December 1, six more children of deaf parents in



Six Children Baptized at Vancouver (l. to r.): The Wm. Zenovitchs and Their Three Children, the Fred Nelsons with Son, the James Braems and Sons, and Rev. Beyer

Vancouver were given Holy Baptism. May God bless these newly baptized and bless Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf of Vancouver, whose first set of officers was installed in the service of February 2. — From Bremerton, Wash., also comes very good news. Services there for the Deaf had been conducted some years ago, but shrinking attendance and interest had caused interruption of services. However, the request was made to renew efforts, and Pastor Beyer has been conducting services again, and these have been well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Rea Davis (Miss Emily Jensen) were united in marriage by Rev. Beyer in Bremerton July 27, at which time he met folks again



The Bremerton, Wash., Deaf Group

that he had united in marriage in Minnesota 20 years ago, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schoenberg and two other Minnesotans, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bates. Other Bremerton Deaf are the Thomas Barlows, the Milton D. Favrows and Mrs. Robert T. Walker. The Bremerton Deaf would like Sunday afternoon services, but many stations must be served and therefore it is not always easy to gratify all wishes. Sometimes the good folks at Bremerton will be served on Sunday evenings after Rev. Beyer has had the Seattle and Everett services in the morning

and afternoon of the day. May God bless the work at Bremerton! — The Editor of the DEAF LUTHERAN was glad to hear that three of the four organized congregations of the Seattle field have put the DEAF LUTHERAN into their 1958 budget. Fine work!

Jacksonville, Ill. — On January 30 Mrs. Luella W. Stephens Davis departed this life after a brief illness. She was laid to rest at Jacksonville February 1. She was a faithful attendant at Christ for the Deaf Chapel and a devout Christian. May she rest in peace with Him whom

she loved. Pastor Thies reports the addition of four names to his list of members in the area: **Julia Meiseman**, Springfield; **Vivian Miller**, Decatur; **Marvin Pierce**, Hannibal; and **Homer Nunes, Jr.**, Jacksonville. May God bless them all. — **Mr. Eldon Gedney**, 66 years of age, died February 8 and was given Christian burial by Pastor Thies February 11.

Boston, Mass. — **Miss Lottie Brockway** of East Burke, Vt., who has been at the Home for the Aged Deaf at Danvers, suffered a stroke and passed away on December 30. Vicar Louis R. Jasper, who ministers to the Deaf at the Home, conducted the funeral services January 2. — In connection with his monthly services at Bangor, Me., Vicar Jasper has a devotion on the Bangor TV station. Thus he has a chance to reach some of the Deaf living in the vicinity of Bangor, but he is not able to come into the city, especially in winter.

Omaha, Nebr. — On February 16 Bethlehem Lutheran Deaf Church celebrated the 20th anniversary of the dedication of its house of worship. Rev. Wm. Reinking of Saint Louis was the guest speaker. Pastor Mappes, now gradually recovering from the severe illness which had incapacitated him for half of last year, can look back upon the many years of blessing which God has laid upon his faithful labors. He can do so with much satisfaction, though he humbly says he feels weak and small and hopes that the seed of God's Word which he has sown now for over 30 years will bear its fruit according to God's pleasure. During the past 20 years Bethlehem Congregation and the entire field which

Pastor Mappes serves has experienced a healthy growth in numbers. The figures of these 20 years for Omaha only were as follows: 69 children and 168 adults were baptized; 514 were blessed in confirmation; 39 marriages were solemnized in Bethlehem church, and 30 burials are listed during this time. — After the anniversary service on February 16 the ladies served a potluck dinner in the hall. — The names of the officers of Bethlehem Church for 1958 follow: Lee Myers president; Harold Schultz, vice-president; Keith Stinger, secretary; Earl Petersen, treasurer; Emil Schultz and Elvin Miller, elders; Keith Stinger, Harold Schultz, and Ray Burgess, trustees.

Kansas City, Mo. — Pastor A. E. Ferber was called to Milwaukee Feb. 2 to 6 to serve as guest missionary in the evangelism mission there at Emmanuel Deaf church and reported that the PTR was a success. He was represented at Kansas City, Olathe, Kans., and Topeka by Rev. N. P. Uhlig of St. Louis, who conducted services at these cities on Sunday and taught the classes at the schools in Kansas City and Olathe on Monday and Tuesday. It was Pastor Uhlig's first visit to the School for the Deaf of Kansas, and he was very favorably impressed by the work done by Pastor Ferber at these schools.

A note from **Sioux Falls, S. Dak.**, informs us that **Patricia Ann** came on February 10 to stay at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ruedebusch**. Congratulations! Mrs. Ruedebusch was formerly Shirley Binney of Wood River, Ill.

When St. Matthew's, **New York**, on January 26 observed the tenth anniversary of the dedication of its edifice, two members, still very faithful and active, could celebrate with the congregation. These two were there when St. Matthew's was organized thirty-five years ago: **Miss Katherine Christgau** and **Mr. John Breden**, who at present is president of the congregation. Two other charter members, **Mrs. J. Heil** and **Mr. Erich Berg**, had gotten transfers from St. Matthew's, New York, to the Church Triumphant in heaven within the last months.

When Rev. Wm. Reinking of Saint Louis on February 16 preached at **Omaha** at the twentieth anniversary of the dedication of Bethlehem Deaf Church, he was really thrilled to see that 120 members of Bethlehem had braved fifteen-below-zero weather to come to the church they love. They lived and practiced what the poet wrote:

My church! My church! I love my church,
For she doth lead me on
To Zion's palace beautiful,
Where Christ, my Lord, hath gone.
From all below she bids me go
To Him, the Life, the Way,
The Truth to guide my erring feet
From darkness into day.

Winnipeg, Canada. — **Mrs. Elizabeth Wharton** passed away in Winnipeg on Thursday, February 27, and was given a Christian burial on Monday, March 3, by her pastor, the Rev. W. Ferber. Mrs. Wharton was a member of the first Lutheran confirmation class in the suburb of St. James in the thirties. Her husband, also a member of this first confirmation class, died in 1939,

leaving her in Canada without any relatives but with many friends. Mrs. Wharton came to church services whenever she was able, and her pastor also had the opportunity to visit her in her home and speak to her about her Savior. W. F.

On February 2 at Holy Cross Deaf Church in **St. Louis** **Kenneth Earl Graef** was laid into Jesus' arms through Holy Baptism. Kenneth's grandfather, Rev. Frederick Graef of Eden, N. Y., baptized him, and Kenneth's father interpreted the ceremony in signs to the Deaf; he is Student Herman Graef, who served the Memphis field as a vicar last year and who will in June be graduated from our St. Louis Concordia Seminary.

Ephphatha Conference will, according to present plans, be held in St. Paul, Minn., August 29 through September 2.

Great Lakes Conference will meet May 24 and 25 in Fort Wayne, Ind. Topic: "The Holy Bible, the Inspired Word of God."

Eastern Seaboard Deaf Conference will meet at Pocono Crest, Pa., June 6—8.

Northwest Lutheran Laymen's Conference will meet July 18—20 at Camp Lutherland, near Tacoma, Wash.

Montana Lutheran Lay Conference will meet August 9 and 10 in Rockhaven Chapel camp in Gallatin Canyon about 20 miles north of Yellowstone Park, near Bozeman, Mont.

Midwest Deaf Conference has not announced dates.



Our Synod

The District Officials

Many people in a neighborhood form a congregation; many congregations in a larger area form a district; many districts form synod. Our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is formed of 34 districts; most of these are in the United States, three are in Canada and two in South America. The number of congregations in a district varies. If a district becomes so large that it becomes too difficult for all the delegates at the conventions to meet conveniently, districts have been divided; for example, Illinois has been divided into three districts.

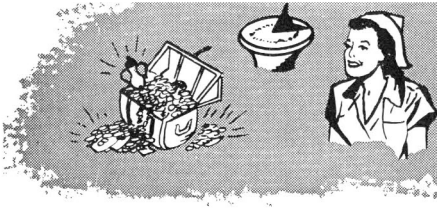
As Synod has its officers, as we saw in the article of last month, so each district has its president, one or more vice-presidents, secretary, and treasurer, and perhaps its own board of directors.

Since a district is usually very extensive and has many congregations, the districts are divided into circuits, five to ten or more congregations within a certain area usually forming one circuit. In each circuit one of the pastors is elected to be the "visitor." He is the chairman of that particular group of congregations. He is the official adviser. He should try to visit each congregation of his circuit once in the term of three years, which is a term of office for synodical and district officials. He counsels with the congregations and their pastors, gives advice on problems, smoothes out and arbitrates

difficulties, reminds the pastors of their duties and the congregation members of their duties, and reports on the progress of the work of the Lord.

The visitors are the helpers of the district president. All the district presidents form the College of Presidents, which group meets from time to time with the officials of the general body of Synod. Policies and problems are discussed, and suggestions for improvement are made. The presidents inform their circuit visitors, and these inform the congregations. In that way helpful mutual co-operation is achieved; the matters of the necessary finances, the establishment of new congregations and stations and other matters of importance and interest are thus profitably discussed, reports are made and become known, and one can strengthen another and encourage to better performance and greater zeal for the Lord.

But let us note here that in our Synod each congregation is supreme; the synodical officials do not and cannot order any district or congregation to do this or that. In matters of faith and doctrine God's Word is the final authority; in other matters Christian charity and wisdom suggests a course of action; but Synod and district and visitor can only advise and not command or order things; the congregation is supreme.



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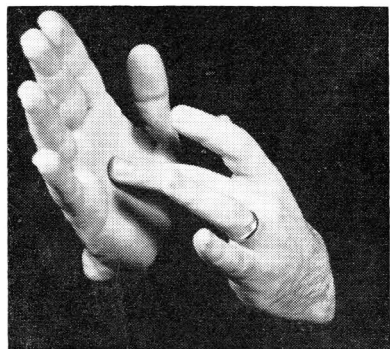
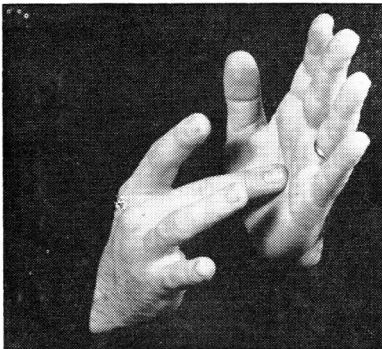
His Hands and Our Hands

"Behold my hands," the risen Savior said to His disciples as He showed them the holy hands which He lovingly allowed to be nailed to the cross for the world's salvation. It is meaningful that Jesus told His disciples to look at His hands **after** He was alive again. His hands are not those of a **dead** Crucified, but of a **living** Crucified. That Easter evening the nail-scarred hands of the Lord were proof to the disciples that He had paid in full for their sins. "He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everliving Head."

The Deaf plainly show these nail-scarred hands when they make the sign for "Jesus" on **their** hands. Can a deaf person sign the name of Jesus, pointing to these nail scars, but not appreciate the great suffering and death of his Lord? Sometimes it seems we do this without

thinking or thanking. To the Deaf Jesus ought clearly be the Man with nailprints in His hands, the One who was crucified and rose again, their dear Lord and Savior. And since this sign is made in such an expressive way, no deaf Christian ought ever to forget it.

So we love Him and sign His name most tenderly, and in so doing we also dedicate our hands to His service. Our sinful hands are cleansed and dedicated by signing the name of **Jesus** in true faith. When we point to the nail scars we confess that Jesus paid for our sins by His crucifixion, and that we cannot and need not pay ourselves. But this does not mean that we should do nothing now for Jesus. Nor does it mean that we are free to sin as much as we please since we are forgiven anyway. But it means that we should hate sin now because it



hurt our dear Lord so much. So when we sign the name of Jesus on our hands, we should think with St. Paul: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh (body) I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20), and "They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." (Galatians 5:24)

With such "crucified hands" we daily pray for ourselves and others. In the blessed name of Jesus we will ask the Holy Spirit's guidance and blessing for the building of His kingdom here on earth.

Also, prompted by the love of Him whose hands were pierced for us,

we will open our hands wide in thankful giving, giving to Him who gave Himself for us. Even as our heavenly Father opens His hands and first gives us all we have, so we will gladly give God His share of our income, as He has blessed us. The giving of our hands will show the measure of our love to our Savior — if we really mean it when we sign the name **Jesus**. This Easter as we again "behold" His hands may we give of our wealth as if His nail-pierced hands took our offering.

Dear Lord, whose hands were
pierced

With nails for love of me,
Oh, let Thy blessing be upon my
hands

That I may work for Thee. Amen.

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Know Your Bible

Obadiah

We do not know anything about the personal life of the prophet Obadiah nor of the date of his book. But he was a prophet and was recognized as such, otherwise his message would not have been taken up into the list of sacred writings. He speaks against the Edomites in his short book of one chapter, the shortest book of the Old Testament. While some believe that his words against Edom show that Judah had already been destroyed and therefore he must have written it not before 589 B. C., it is also true that the Edomites always had been bitter enemies of the Israelites and had

troubled them. So he probably could as well have referred to the earlier troubles of Judah, and his writing could be of earlier date, for Edom was destroyed by the same Babylon three years after Judah had fallen.

In his message he says that the Edomites will surely be destroyed because of their hostility against God's chosen Israel, and God's chosen people will eventually be delivered.

The Edomites were descendants of Esau, the brother of Jacob, and like Esau were bitter against Israel and never missed an opportunity to trouble and harm them. They lived in the rocky country south of the Dead Sea. They would raid the

communities and then retreat to their strong hiding places in that rocky area. Through the Herod family they at the time of Christ obtained control of Judea, but completely disappeared after the destruction of Jerusalem in A. D. 70.

One thinks of hatreds and feuds between brothers and families when one considers the relation of Edom to Israel. Sometimes one sees on the TV stories of feuds in the hill-billy country. And the strife among the nations of Europe and the world comes to mind; instead of living peaceably together there is constant

envy and strife, hatred and warfare and a complete forgetting of God's Word, which tells people and nations to fear Him and be at peace among one another. And as Edom was destroyed and as Judah went under, so nation after nation in the history of the world suffered the same results from the same sins. But the world never learns.

But one thing is sure, even as Obadiah points out: The real Israel, the true believers, Christ's holy Christian Church Invisible, will not be destroyed and will finally obtain the rest of heaven.



Devotions

"Light for Your Way"

Readings for April 1958

April 1 — Psalm 6
 April 2 — Matthew 26:26-56
 April 3 — Matthew 27:27-54
 April 4 — Psalm 22
 April 5 — Psalm 130
April 6 — 1 Corinthians 15:1-23
 April 7 — 2 Kings 21:1-9
 April 8 — 2 Kings 22:1-13
 April 9 — 2 Chronicles 36
 April 10 — Ezra 3
 April 11 — Ezra 6:13-22
 April 12 — Nehemiah 2
April 13 — Nehemiah 4
 April 14 — Nehemiah 10:28-39

April 15 — Psalm 1
 April 16 — Psalm 16
 April 17 — Psalm 23
 April 18 — Psalm 42
 April 19 — Psalm 46
April 20 — Psalm 84
 April 21 — Psalm 90
 April 22 — Psalm 115
 April 23 — Psalm 139
 April 24 — Psalm 148
 April 25 — Proverbs 1:1-19
 April 26 — Proverbs 4:1-19
April 27 — Ecclesiastes 2
 April 28 — Ecclesiastes 3
 April 29 — Ecclesiastes 12
 April 30 — Song of Solomon 2

"To the Law and to the Testimony!" (Isaiah 8:20)



Bible Quiz

Like what will the wicked perish before God? Psalm 68:2.

Who were the high priests when John the Baptist began his ministry? Luke 3:2.

What is the right answer to give to people who say that man is saved by keeping the Commandments? Galatians 2:16.

Even for whom did Christ earn the gifts of salvation? Psalm 68:18.

Why was John the Baptist put into prison by King Herod? Luke 3:19, 20.

What were the names of the "brothers" of Jesus, the stepbrothers or cousins, as some understand the word "brother" here? Matthew 13:55.

When pride comes, what does it bring? Proverbs 11:2.

Who only has the right to eat? 2 Thessalonians 3:10

What does he reap who sows in righteousness? Hosea 10:12

What did the people shout when Joash was made king of Judah? 2 Chronicles 23:11

When Elisha the prophet lay upon his deathbed, Joash, king of Israel, visited him, and a remarkable scene took place in which Elisha asked Joash to do a certain thing; but Joash made one mistake which later cost him the complete victory over Syria. What was the mistake? 2 Kings 13:14-19

What was the work of those that had the honor of riding upon white asses? Judges 5:10.

The stork, turtle, crane, and swallow know when spring comes, but what did God's people not know? Jeremiah 8:7.

Some people do not like the idea of having a collection in every church service; but what was God's command to the Jews when they would go to the temple to keep a feast? Exodus 23:15 (end of verse).

In the Old Testament certain foods were forbidden as being unclean, but all those church laws were dead after Christ had come; but if in the time of the New Testament some people preferred not to eat such food and others felt free to eat it, about what should each person be very careful? Romans 14:3.

What did Pilate know very well when the elders accused Jesus? Matthew 27:18.

What is the best way to deal with evil? Romans 12:21.

Could a stranger who happened to be among the Jews and worshiped an idol make sacrifices unto his idol in the Jewish land? Leviticus 17:8, 9.

Did those who belonged to the group of the twelve apostles of Jesus ever work at their trade again? John 21:3.

When a pastor makes a call and talks to the person about salvation and God's Word, as Paul did, what does he thereby give to that person? Romans 1:11.