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*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

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for He is good; for His mercy
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Editorials

The Cover

"Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever." Psalm 107:1.

This forceful verse from the Psalter is used as a table prayer in thousands of homes across the country. It was a clear command to give thanks because of the goodness and enduring mercy of the Lord. As a prayer the passage acknowledges that goodness and mercy with a pious repetition of the will of God.

The psalmist who wrote these lines had a deep concern that men should be grateful. Four times he speaks out this concern with the same words, exactly: verses 8, 15, 21, and 31, "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men!"

In each case the verse seems to round out a paragraph in the psalm. Four pictures of a cause for gratitude are presented, each one ending with the fervent plea that men give thanks.

Verses 4—9. People wandering in a desert, hungry, thirsty, their souls fainting — they cry to the Lord, and He leads them out of the desert to a "city of habitation" where the longing soul is satisfied and the hungry soul is filled with goodness.

Verses 10—16. People confined to a dark prison, in the shadow of death, bound with iron fetters, pun-

ished justly for their rebellion — they cry to the Lord, and He leads them out of the darkness, He saves them from their distress, He breaks the fetters that bind them.

Verses 17—22. People suffering the affliction of some disease, a disease which afflicts them because of their transgressions and their iniquities, unable even to look at food, drawing near to the gates of death — they cry to the Lord, and He saves them, He sends His Word and heals them, He delivers them from their destruction.

Verses 23—32. People manning ocean vessels, witnessing the wonders of God's mighty works in the sea, confronting a terrible storm, waves rising up to the heavens, then plunging down to the depths, their souls melt from fear, they reel and stagger, unable to control themselves or their ship — they cry to the Lord, and He brings them out. He calms the storm and leads them to a safe harbor.

"Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever." "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!"

Surely men today are not so blind that they cannot see how God protects them and saves them from destruction. At home, at work, on the streets and highways, regardless

where people may be, God is there protecting them from danger. The very fact that you are alive now and can read these lines is sufficient reason to give thanks to God.

The fact is, unless you are aware how God saves you from distress every day of your life, you will have a very difficult time understanding the true meaning of God's salvation from sin and hell. The Children of Israel always remembered how God had saved them from slavery in Egypt. This deliverance was the key to their understanding of God as Savior. Similarly, people today do well to acknowledge God's goodness and deliverance in the crises of life.

From this they can more easily progress to gratitude for God's deliverance from sin and death.

The person who never learns to say "Thank you" for little things is not likely to be grateful for important things. He has never learned how.

Practice your thanksgiving daily. Make an exercise of trying to see for how many different things you can be thankful each day. It should make you a happier person to realize for how much you have to be thankful. And when you give thanks to God, the bond of faith which attaches you to your Savior grows ever stronger.

Does God Really Answer Prayer?

Joanna was a good Christian lady who went to church regularly for as long as she could remember. But things have changed now. Joanna is in a hospital. The doctors say she will never leave the hospital alive. Joanna has prayed to God to make her well, but she is no better now than she was last week. If anything, she is a little worse. Has God answered her prayer?

Randy is twelve years old. More than anything else in the world Randy wants a new red bicycle. He has asked his father for the bicycle, but his father said, "Not yet, son. We can't afford it now. You will have to wait a while." Randy prayed hard to God for the new bicycle, but he still doesn't have one. Has God answered his prayer?

Yes, God has answered both prayers. He said "No." Randy and especially Joanna may never understand why God said "No." Randy may not see why it would not be all right

for him to have a new red bicycle. And Joanna may find it very hard to accept God's decision to permit her illness to last and last until she dies. But Joanna and Randy are people, and God is God. And people must always accept the will of God whether they understand it or not.

If we were so wise that we always asked God for exactly the right thing, then I suppose God would always give us exactly what we ask for. But we are not that wise. We do know from the Bible and from the lessons we learn in church what the will of God is, at least in a general way. But there are many times when what we want and what God wants are two different things. And there are many more times when what we want and what God knows is best for us are two different things. This is why it sometimes *seems* that God does not always answer our prayers. He answers them. But sometimes He says "No."

It was not wrong for Joanna to want God to help. It was not wrong for Randy to want a bicycle. And it was certainly proper for them to pray about it.

They might have said, "I don't have to pray. If God wants me to get well, or if God wants me to have a bicycle, it will happen anyway. If he doesn't want it to happen, it won't happen. It doesn't make any difference whether I pray or not." Either Randy or Joanna might have said something like that. But they didn't. And it is good that they didn't. It would have been the wrong thing to say.

Joanna and Randy both prayed

in the right way. They knew they were asking for something which God might want to keep from them. They both always added the words, "if it is Your will," to their prayer. This is what Jesus did too in the Garden of Gethsemane. "Not My will, but Thine be done." This is the proper spirit in which to ask for various blessings. Ask for them, certainly. But add, "if it is Your will." Then you know that if God says "No," it is because that is His will.

When God does say "No," He always has a good reason. We do not have to know what that reason is. All we should do is accept it.

Edify

Romans 14:19: *Let us follow after the things which make for peace, and things with which one may edify another.*

"Edify" is a word we see often in the Bible, but many people do not know what it means. When the Bible uses the word "edify," it means "to build up."

Now we see that the verse above tells us to follow and do the things which make for peace, and the things with which one person may build up another person.

St. Paul is telling us to follow after and be eager to do the things that will build up another person in faith in Jesus Christ. It is not enough that we take care of ourselves. We must also look out for other people. You are to look after me, and I am to look after you. I can't decide to let you take care of yourself. God will not accept that. He tells me that everything that I do to you I do also to Him. Everything that you do

to me you do also to God. If we fail to show love to someone, we fail to show love to God. This makes everything we do become very important.

"Edify" is a word we should know. It is a word we should remember. A man once said, "Christ has no hands except our hands, and Christ has no feet except our feet." He meant that Jesus uses you and me, our hands and our feet, to carry His Word to other people. Just as Christ used someone else to lead you to faith and tell you about your Savior, Christ would also use you to tell another person about Him. You will "build up" many other people in faith as you show them the wonders of God's love.

Don't be part-time Christians. Be eager, full-time servants of Christ. Follow after the things which make for peace and the things with which we can edify other people for whom Christ died.

L. JASPER

Notes from the Executive

Deaf Mission Budget Increased for 1960

Representatives from every District of Synod met at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., Aug. 11—13, to discuss and decide upon a budget for 1960. The budget adopted was the greatest ever in the history of the Missouri Synod, totaling \$19,700,000. Of this amount \$355,000 was voted for the support of our Mission to the Deaf. This is an approximate increase of 10% over the \$323,000 budget for the year of 1959. This increase will make possible the addition of at least two more missionaries to our present staff of 35 full-time ministers to the Deaf. This does not include the present vacancy in the Des Moines, Iowa, field. At the present time the Board is planning on a second full-time missionary in the Chicago area and the opening of a new field in the southeastern part of the country.

Chapel Planned for Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Included in the Budget for 1960 is \$15,000 for the construction of a chapel to be built across the street from the campus of the Provincial School for the Deaf in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Earlier this year three lots were purchased by our Board as a site for this new chapel. Pastor Robert A. Bauer and his local committee are working with the architect in planning this chapel. This chapel will be used to serve the religious needs of the Protestant children at this school as well as a worship center for the adult Deaf of the area. Included in the chapel will

be educational and social facilities. More information on this project will be given as it develops.

Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Missions

Two more of our congregations are participating in the Preaching-Teaching-Reaching mission that is being held among the Lutheran churches in their area. The congregations are Alpha Lutheran Church of Rochester, N. Y., and Our Savior Lutheran Church, Detroit, Mich. This is the third such mission for Alpha Church. These mission weeks are actually training weeks for the congregation to do personal witnessing; that is, for congregation members to go out and tell their friends and neighbors what Christ means to them. Many of our other congregations have also participated in such missions. Whenever a mission is being conducted in your area, be sure that your congregation is included. You will never regret it. Your executive secretary will have the honor of being the guest missionary at Rochester Oct. 12—15 and in Detroit Nov. 1—5. I will be looking forward to meeting our fine Christian friends in these areas.

Visits of Your Executive Secretary

It was my privilege to be a guest at the Midwest Regional Conference held in Omaha, Nebr., Sept. 19—21. It is always a thrilling experience to be with our fellow Christians and hear them discuss together the work of our church, encouraging each other to greater work for the Lord. In October it will be my privilege

to visit the Sioux Falls, S. Dak., field of our Mission, where on Oct. 25 Trinity Church in Sioux Falls will celebrate the tenth anniversary of its church dedication. In November I'm looking forward to my first visit with our fellow Christians in Canada. Present plans call for me to spend Nov. 17—24 visiting our various stations in Canada.

Deaf Lutheran Hymnal

The office of the Executive Secretary is prepared to handle all orders for the *Deaf Hymnal*, now available. Send \$1.10 per copy to *Rev. William F. Reinking, 210 N. Broadway, Saint Louis 2, Mo.* The ten cents is for mailing and handling.

Until next month, then, God be with you all. W. F. REINKING

Regional Realignment

The Board of Missions to the Deaf in consultation with the Regional Counselors has suggested a realignment of the various Regions of the Deaf Mission Field. After the wishes of individual fields were taken into account, the following is a listing of the Regions with the areas they represent:

Eastern

Washington, D. C.
New England
Metropolitan New York
Newark and New Jersey
Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania
Rochester and Western New York

Great Lakes

Chicago, Ill.
Cleveland, Ohio
Columbus, Ohio
Detroit, Mich.
Indianapolis, Ind.
Jacksonville, Ill.

Midwest

Denver, Colo.
Des Moines, Iowa
Kansas City, Mo.
Great Bend, Kans.
Omaha, Nebr.
Oklahoma

Southeast

Miami, Fla.
Gulf States
Texas
Memphis, Tenn.
St. Louis, Mo.
(The Carolinas)

Pacific

Los Angeles, Calif.
Oakland, Calif.
San Francisco, Calif.
Portland, Oreg.
Seattle, Wash.
Spokane, Wash.

North Central

Delavan, Wis.
North Dakota
South Dakota
Milwaukee, Wis.
Madison, Wis.
Edmonton and Canada
Minneapolis—St. Paul, Minn.

Laymen's Regional Conferences will probably not be affected by this realignment until July 1, 1960. But the changes as they affect the administrative responsibilities of the Regional Counselors became effective Aug. 1, 1959.

"Every congregation should be a mission station." Dr. J. W. Behnken

Meditation

Our Father who art in heaven

Explain the words, "Our Father who art in heaven."

With these words God wants to ask us to believe that He is truly our Father and that we are truly His children. Then we will talk to Him in prayer boldly and confidently, just as children talk to their dear father.

Why does God want us to call Him "Father"?

God wants us to call Him "Father" because He wants us to pray without fear and without doubt.

Why do we say "our" Father?

We say "our" Father instead of "my" Father because all true believers are children of God, the Father, and should pray with and for one another.

Why do we add the words, "who art in heaven"?

When we say, "who art in heaven," we remember that our Father rules over all things and has the power to do anything and everything that He wants to do. He is our *heavenly* Father who hears and answers our prayers.



For many years the work in the North Dakota School for the Deaf has been conducted by the Rev. Waldemar Ferber with the help of the older pupils of the school. These older pupils, all confirmed Lutherans, not only help Pastor Ferber by gathering the younger children around themselves on Sunday morning to have them memorize the catechism, but they also act as Sunday school teachers. This picture shows one of these teachers, Miss Phyllis Frelich, of Devils Lake, N. Dak., with her class. Her pupils are, left to right: Sharon Sundberg of Nekoma, Peggy Frelich of Devils Lake, Steven Camp of Bismarck, and Diane Hackman of Tappen

Afraid of the Dark?

Rebecca was crying. A few minutes before her mother had left the bedroom and turned out the light. Now Rebecca was afraid.

You know how adults can sometimes be impatient with children's fears, especially when they have interrupted something they were doing. Rebecca's father was impatient as he went into the bedroom to quiet her.

Then he remembered his oldest son, how that son had fears as a little boy, and how he lost those fears through trust in Jesus. He suddenly realized that he had spent more time with the three older children than with the two younger ones. He had taught the older children about the love of God in Jesus and how His angels watch over little children to keep them safe. But his time was limited, and the younger children did not get as much attention as the older children had received.

One thing he had done, however. When Rebecca was old enough to go to Sunday school, her father and mother took her to a Lutheran church near their home. They stayed with her until she was no longer afraid of the other children or the teacher. And every Sunday after that they saw to it that she went to Sunday school. Sometimes they brought her; sometimes she went with the neighbor children. And once in a while the parents, even though they were deaf, took Rebecca to church and sat with her during the worship service.

Now, when Rebecca was afraid of the dark, it took only a few words of comfort from her father to quiet her fears. Her Sunday school

teacher and her pastor had taught her about Jesus and His love and about the holy angels.

How thankful Rebecca's father was for the things that her Sunday school teacher had so faithfully taught her. This did not excuse the father from spending enough time with all his children to teach them about God's love. But a good Sunday school can be a wonderful help to parents. It is a terrible mistake when parents neglect to enroll their children in Sunday school or take them to church.

Do your children know and trust in Jesus? Or are your children afraid at night? "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4.

M. SAMPSON

The Christian Alphabet

Do you know the Christian Alphabet? Adopted by God — Baptized — Confirmed — Dedicated to God — Elected to serve — Forgiven — Generous — Holy — Immortal — Justified — Kind — Loving — Merciful — New Person — Obedient — Prayerful — Quickened — Redeemed — Saved — Transformed — Unspotted — Victorious — Worshiper — Yielding to God — Zealous. Let these be the ABC's of your life, Christian. (From the Central Illinois Messenger, Delbert Thies, editor and publisher)

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Psalm 32:5.

Collect for a Day of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose mercies are new unto us every morning and who, though we have in no wise deserved Thy goodness, dost abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul, give us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Thy merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Thy benefits, and serve Thee in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

A "collect" (pronounced col'-lect) is a prayer written according to a strict outline. (The other word, spelled the same but pronounced col'-lect', is a verb and means "to gather into one place, to assemble." This is not the same word. The word is a noun and refers to a short prayer like the one above.) The parts of a collect are:

- I. The address.
- II. The basis.
- III. The petition.
- IV. The purpose.
- V. The conclusion.

To show how this outline works out in practice, this is the outline of the Collect for a Day of Thanksgiving:

I. The address: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

II. The basis: (1) whose mercies are new unto us every morning (2) and who, though we have in no wise deserved Thy goodness, dost abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul,

III. The petition: give us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit

IV. The purpose: (1) that we may heartily acknowledge Thy merciful goodness toward us, (2) give thanks for all Thy benefits, (3) and serve Thee in willing obedience;

V. The conclusion: through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Pay particular attention to what the collect prays for. This is the petition. In every case, the petition is introduced by an address and usually one or more bases, and in most instances it is followed by one or more purposes. And a collect always ends with the words of praise to "Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord," etc. Somewhere between the beginning and the end is the petition. In this case it is only eight words out of eighty-eight: "Give us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit." This does not mean that the other eighty words are not important. They are, most certainly. But the key to the whole prayer is in the petition. The basis for the petition is directly before it, and the purpose stands immediately after it. In this collect there are two bases and three purposes. But the petition is right in the middle between them.

If you make a careful study of the various collects in the Lutheran church service, you will see many variations to this outline. Sometimes there may be two or more petitions in the same collect (Transfiguration). Sometimes the address is very short and follows the petition

(First, Second, and Fourth Sundays in Advent). Sometimes the basis is omitted entirely (First Sunday in Advent). Sometimes the purpose is omitted (Second Sunday after the Epiphany). But the basic outline is still the rule, and a prayer is not a collect unless it follows the outline in at least a general way.

Another collect appropriate for the month of November is the collect for the Festival of Harvest. See if you can find the five parts of this collect: the address, the basis, the petition (be careful; there are two of them this time, and both are long), the purpose, and the conclusion.

Almighty God, most merciful Father, who openest Thine hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks that Thou hast crowned the fields with Thy blessing and hast permitted us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth; and we beseech Thee to bless and protect the living seed of Thy Word sown in our hearts that in the plentiful fruits of righteousness we may always present to Thee an acceptable thankoffering; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



The Chapel of John of Beverly at Mill Neck Lutheran School for the Deaf, Mill Neck, Long Island, N. Y. A prominent feature of the Chapel is the Christus Rex (Christ the King) above the altar. Designed by Gardner Wood of Albert Wood and Five Sons, Inc., the Christus Rex was carved and finished by Mr. Wood and an assistant. The twelve shields to the right and left of Jesus represent the twelve apostles. The chapel seats 100 worshipers with the pews ranging in height from twelve inches in front for the nursery pupils to full-size for adults in the rear. The chapel was dedicated at the beginning of the fall term in 1958. Dr. Herman A. Mayer, Director of Missions, of St. Louis, Mo., officiated at the dedication ceremonies. Rev. Louis Jasper, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Jackson Heights, N. Y., conducts worship services for the pupils of Mill Neck School.

Northwest Lutheran Lay Camp

The Northwest Lutheran Lay Camp was held at Newman Lake near Spokane, Wash., July 17 to 19. The theme was "Love One Another."

Unlike former conferences in which guest speakers presented the program, the Deaf prepared and presented the entire program this year by themselves.

On Friday evening, July 17, the Spokane Deaf presented the New Testament background for the theme. They presented the story of the Prodigal Son, a skit, and a hymn. The following morning the Seattle Deaf presented wonderful testimonies of faith by speeches, letters, and a one-man skit by Mr. Lowell,

of Everett, Wash., based on the Prodigal Son.

On Saturday afternoon everyone enjoyed a free period of recreation and fellowship. Spokane won first place in the volleyball tournament held the same afternoon.

On Saturday evening the Portland Deaf presented a series of short skits giving modern examples of how we can show love to one another.

Rev. John A. Beyer of Seattle delivered the sermon in the Sunday morning worship service. The text was 1 Corinthians 13, and the theme, "The Greatest of These Is Love."

Approximately 80 Deaf and 30 children attended the conference.

Fortieth Anniversary

On Saturday evening, July 18, at the Northwest Lutheran Lay Camp, the Deaf surprised Pastor John Beyer with a short party in honor of his fortieth anniversary as a minis-

ter to the Deaf. The program consisted of a speech by Pastor George Ring, some remarks by Pastor Beyer, and the presentation of an anniversary cake.

Montana State Lutheran Lay Camp

The Montana Lutheran Lay Camp held its fifth annual meeting Aug. 8 and 9 at Camp Lewtana near Lewistown, Mont., observing the theme, "The Christian Faces the Space Age."

The program Saturday evening, Aug. 8, consisted of a paper on the main theme by the pastor, several skits by the Deaf from Lewistown and Great Falls, Mont., and the presentation of a filmstrip on the

Lutheran School for the Deaf at Mill Neck, Long Island, N. Y.

The Sunday morning Communion service was conducted by the pastor. The sermon was based on 1 Corinthians 15:1-10 with the theme "The Gospel of Grace." After the service a business meeting was held, in which Mr. Ed. Lappin was elected president of the conference and Mrs. Bob Catron was elected secretary-treasurer.

The Signs You See in Church

“Thy will be done”

Often some groups are seen on television signing the Lord's Prayer. The sign version is often found in books on the sign language. This one verse “Thy will be done” causes some problems for the Deaf. The word “will” is always signed “law” by some groups. We have always signed it with “wish” or “want.” The question comes up frequently, then, which is correct, “law” or “wish”?

When we choose a sign for a word, we do not choose a sign just because it is similar to a word or because it fits our own idea of what the word should mean. We always ask, “What does the Bible mean with the word?” In this case, what does the Bible mean with the word “will”?

In 1 Timothy 2:4 we read: “God will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.” 1 Thessalonians 4:3 states: “This is the will of God, even your sanctification.” Now turn to John 6:40: “And this is the will of Him that sent Me [Jesus], that every one which seeth the Son and believeth on Him may have everlasting life.” In these verses and others we see that the will of God is what He wants, what He wishes, what He desires.

Before God laid the foundation of the world, He made a plan to bring salvation to us. To carry out the plan He sent His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus took upon Himself our unrighteousness to save us from the curse of the Law. To make this possible for all He gave the world the Bible, the Word of God. Through this Word the Holy Spirit works to create faith. This is God's gracious

and good will. God's will is gracious because He gives us what we have never deserved and could never find. Read Luther's excellent explanation on the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer in the Catechism.

The sign for “will,” then, must be “wish” or “want.” If you put that sign in the Bible verses above, then it will bring out the true meaning.

We sign “wish” or “want” as follows: both hands are held out with the palms up; then the fingers are turned up so as to indicate somewhat that the hands are taking hold of something; then the hands are drawn back toward the body.

This is an excellent sign for the “will” of God. By the preaching of the Word He is constantly extending His hands to all men, wanting to draw them to Himself.

But now look at the sign for “Law.” How can that sign fit into the Lord's Prayer? The Law was given to show us our sins, to show us our helplessness. “Thou shalt not kill.” “Thou shalt not steal.” “Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother.” As Romans 3:20 says: “By the Law is the knowledge of sin.” Now the Lord's Prayer says, “Thy will be done on earth *as it is in heaven.*” Do we pray that as God in heaven shows the angels their sins that He should do the same here? Certainly not! Scripture tells us the angels are spirits. The Law was made for us who have flesh and blood. Finally, in Galatians 3:13 we read, “We are redeemed (bought free again) from the curse of the Law.” If we ask God to carry out His Law, then we would be condemned and lost. But the good and

gracious will of God is that we be saved. This is why we sign "wish" or "want." G. W. GAERTNER

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The DEAF LUTHERAN would like to recognize publicly those companies and corporations which have established an employment policy favorable to the Deaf. Such public recognition, the DEAF LUTHERAN believes, will encourage even greater opportunities for employment of the Deaf in the nation's industries.

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Classmate of Rev. Earl Thaler Confirms Deaf Person into Hearing Congregation

Rev. Warren Paulson, a classmate of Rev. Thaler at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., and now pastor of Trinity English Lutheran Church, Newberry, Mich., confirmed Mr. Herman Swisher, deaf, into membership with his congregation June 7, 1959.

Rev. Paulson had studied sign language at Concordia Seminary in

classes conducted by Rev. Thaler and Rev. Delbert Thies. Surprised to find that the son of one of his members was deaf, Rev. Paulson wrote to Rev. Thaler for materials. He reports that Mr. Swisher has been taking an active part in the functions of the congregation since his confirmation.



Rev. Warren Paulson signs the Apostles' Creed with Mr. Herman Swisher during the rite of confirmation

Baptisms

Donna Mae Suska, Denver, Colo., Aug. 2. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Belmont.

Jennifer Lynn Fleer, Denver, Colo., Aug. 6. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Philip Dewing.

Ophelia Mae Bankston, Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 23.

Deborah Ann Holbrook, Mansfield, Ohio, July 18.

Funeral

Kenneth E. Kress, member of the Lutheran Church at Akron, Ohio, July 18. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Theodore Frederking.

Weddings

Loren Betts of Bowling Green, Mo., and Dorothy Roy of Pelham, Tenn., were married Aug. 8.

Nelson Finks and Nancy Schulz were married in a ceremony conducted by Rev. N. Borchardt June 27.

Richard Nicolai and Ella Henne-
man, both graduates of Gallaudet
College, were married Aug. 1 by
Pastor Borchardt.

Confirmation

James Albert Lunt, Christ Church
of Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 6.

What Luther Says

Rev. H. Rohe selects a passage
from *What Luther Says* by Ewald
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The Bible

"Let the man who would hear
God speak read Holy Scripture.

"Scripture is God's testimony con-
cerning Himself.

"The Holy Spirit Himself and God,
the Creator of all things, is the Au-
thor of this book.

"After all, no book, teaching, or
word is able to comfort in troubles,
fear, misery, death, yea, in the midst

of devils and in hell, except this
book, which teaches us God's Word
and in which God Himself speaks
with us as a man speaks with his
friend.

"The entire Bible does nothing
else than give a person to under-
stand what he was, what he is now,
what behooves him, and what his
works are. It informs him that he is
completely undone. Secondly, it
tells what God is, what pertains to
Him, and what His works are, and
especially the mercy in Christ. Him
it leads to understand, and through
His salvation it conducts us from
earth to heaven, to the Godhead."

The Greatest Living Man

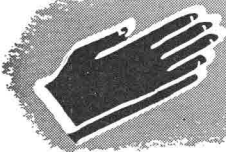
One day a teacher asked her class,
"Who is the greatest living man in
the world?" A little boy quickly an-
swered, "Jesus." "No," said the
teacher, "I asked for the greatest
living man." Then the little fellow
said, "But Jesus *is living*."

The little boy was right. Jesus is
alive and ever present with us. It is
He who invites us to church. He

says, "Come unto Me." And He is
there, for He says, "Where two or
three are gathered together in My
name, there am I in the midst of
them."

Heed His precious call! Confess
Jesus before men. Then He will call
you His own before His Father in
heaven.

H. ROHE



Devotions

"Light for Your Way"

Daily Bible Readings for November 1959

November 1 — Psalm 124
November 2 — Psalm 1
November 3 — John 5: 17-29
November 4 — 2 Corinthians 5: 1-10
November 5 — Isaiah 51: 9-16
November 6 — Colossians 1: 9-14
November 7 — Matthew 9: 18-26
November 8 — Psalm 49
November 9 — Psalm 116
November 10 — Luke 17: 20-33
November 11 — 2 Peter 1: 1-15
November 12 — Isaiah 49: 12-17
November 13 — 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

November 14 — Matthew 24: 15-28
November 15 — Psalm 119: 33-40
November 16 — Psalm 119: 41-48
November 17 — Matthew 11: 25-30
November 18 — Hebrews 4: 9-13
November 19 — Isaiah 40: 9-11
November 20 — 2 Peter 3: 3-14
November 21 — Matthew 25: 31-46
November 22 — Psalm 77
November 23 — Colossians 1: 12-23
November 24 — Luke 1: 1-25
November 25 — Jeremiah 33: 14-18
November 26 — Psalm 85
November 27 — Romans 13: 11-14
November 28 — Matthew 21: 1-9
November 29 — 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
November 30 — Psalm 42

"Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 124: 8.

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