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*Ephphatha, that is,  
Be opened.*

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# Ascension

“And Jesus led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. And it came to pass while He blessed them, He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.” (Luke 24:50-53)

“When they therefore were come together, they asked of Jesus, saying ‘Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?’ And He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power. But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be wit-

nesses unto Me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.’ And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, which also said, ‘Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come again in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.’ Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day’s journey.” (Acts 1:6-12)

## Notes from the Executive

Greetings from the Land of the Rising Sun! At 1:00 P. M. on Tuesday, Feb. 23, I arrived safely at Tokyo Airport after a 19-hour flight from Seattle, Wash. Missionary Henry Schriever and his wife and son were there to greet me, along with Rev. Ishida, a Japanese pastor of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, who is working with the Deaf here in Tokyo.

The first thing to impress any visitor to Tokyo is the number of people. There are nine million people in this city, and most of them have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus, our Savior. For 10 years our church has been working with the hearing people of Japan, and yet only 1,500 have come to know the love of Jesus. It is much more difficult to be a Christian in this land

than in a country such as you live in. When the family, neighbors, and friends are non-Christian, it is hard to accept faith in Christ and confess that faith to others. The Japan Lutheran Hour brings the story of Jesus into the homes of many people each week, but yet the growth of number of Christians is small.

And what about the Deaf? It is hard to say just how many Deaf there are in this land, although most people who work with the Deaf will agree that there are at least 100,000 Deaf. Very often the hard-of-hearing are counted with the Deaf, and so larger figures are given. There are very few pastors to bring the story of Jesus to these many Deaf. Less than one per cent of the Deaf in this land are Christian.

The condition of the Deaf in Japan is improving in many ways. In 1948 the government passed a law that says all deaf children between the ages of 6 and 15 must be in school. To meet this need more schools have been opened. At the present time 68 per cent of all the deaf children are in school. These number about 22,000. There are 102 public schools here and one private school, which is Christian. The quality of education seems also to be improving.

It seems that most of the Deaf have jobs here, but the wages are very low. The Deaf need better vocational training, and some improvement in that is now starting. Two years ago the government opened a National Rehabilitation Center for the Deaf here in Tokyo. It is hoped that more of these will be opened in the future.

However, very little is being done to meet the greatest need of the Deaf, to know Christ as their Savior. Just what our church can do to meet this need; how, where, and when work with the Deaf can be begun are questions not yet answered. I have been here for just one week and hope to learn much

more in the three weeks left before I leave.

Thank God that some Deaf have learned to know their Savior. It was a thrill to visit a service for the Deaf conducted by Rev. Ishida last Sunday. Most of the Deaf depended on lip reading, although the pastor used some signs and explained some things on the blackboard. About 25 people were at the service, mostly younger persons, and all seemed eager to understand the message preached by the pastor. Even though we could not understand one another, yet we were worshipping the same Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior.

The sign language here is almost entirely different from the signs you know. One of the few signs that are the same is the sign for Jesus. The Deaf here in Japan also point to the nailprint in the hands of Jesus to sign His name. Pray that the blessed story of Jesus will be preached to many more deaf in Japan so that more will come to love the Savior, who died to save us all.

The Lord bless and keep you all. God willing, I shall write you again next month from Taiwan.

W. F. R.

## The Cover

### **"He ascended into heaven"**

The fact that Jesus has gone up into heaven does not mean that He is no longer with us on earth. Jesus Himself said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). Also He promised, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there

am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)

Jesus did not leave the earth in order to go to some different place. The Bible nowhere teaches that Jesus went into heaven in the same way that a person goes into a house. Once a person has gone into a house, he can no longer be outside of the

house. But heaven is not a house, and Jesus is not inside of something in such a way that He is unable to be anywhere else. The Bible teaches exactly the opposite of this in Ephesians 4:10, "He . . . ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things."

At first it might seem a problem to understand how Jesus could ascend into heaven and still be with His disciples on earth. But most of the problem disappears when we remember why Jesus ascended into heaven. It was not in order to get away from the earth. Rather He ascended into heaven in order to rule over heaven and earth and all things. This almighty power and rule is what is meant by the words which follow in the Apostles' Creed: "He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty." This same connection is also in 1 Peter 3:22, "Who is gone into heaven and is on the right hand of God." The right hand of God is the almighty power of God, which fills heaven and earth.

Just remember that "He ascended into heaven" does not say "He left the earth." It would be better to say "He disappeared from the earth." When we confess, "He ascended into heaven," we are confessing our trust in His constant and eternal rule over all things, especially the church. After the Ascension His disciples could no longer see Him, but He was still with them. And He is still with us, even unto the end of the world.

*I am the Vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing.*  
John 15:5.

## A Mother's Day Prayer

Thank You, dear God,  
For three little boys  
Who keep life full of suspense  
And full of joy,

For pockets full of rocks,  
An assortment of bugs,  
For scratches and bumps  
That are healed with hugs,

For jeans that need patching  
And buttons that are lost;  
The delight they give  
Is well worth the cost.

Thank You, dear God,  
For two little girls,  
And the joy I have  
Of pinning up curls,

For the little dresses  
With ruffles and lace,  
For hours spent ironing  
Each in its place.

For toy dishes to wash  
And dollies to dress,  
And even the joy  
Of cleaning up the mess.

Thank You, dear God,  
For evening time,  
When the greatest joy  
On earth is mine,

For bedtime stories  
And bedtime prayers,  
For the time to cuddle  
That comes so rare.

Thank You, dear God,  
For granting to me  
Such wondrous joy  
That comes from these.

MRS. MARLIN SAMPSON

## Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest.

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator<sup>1</sup> blest,<sup>2</sup>                   <sup>1</sup> Maker   <sup>2</sup> holy  
Vouchsafe<sup>3</sup> *within* our souls to-rest,<sup>4</sup>           <sup>3</sup> Continue   <sup>4</sup> remain  
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid<sup>5</sup>       <sup>5</sup> help  
And fill *the* hearts *which* Thou<sup>6</sup> *hast* made.   <sup>6</sup> Thyself

To Thee, the<sup>1</sup> Comforter, we cry,<sup>2</sup>                   <sup>1</sup> our   <sup>2</sup> pray  
To Thee, the<sup>3</sup> Gift of<sup>4</sup> God on-high,<sup>5</sup>           <sup>3</sup> true   <sup>4</sup> from   <sup>5</sup> above  
The-Fount<sup>6</sup> of<sup>7</sup> Life, *the* Fire of<sup>7</sup> love,       <sup>6</sup> True-Fountain   <sup>7</sup> full  
The-soul's-Anointing<sup>8</sup> from above.<sup>9</sup>           <sup>8</sup> Now-fill-our-souls   <sup>9</sup> heaven

Thy light to every thought impart,<sup>1</sup>           <sup>1</sup> give  
And show Thy love in every heart;  
The-weakness-of-our-mortal-state<sup>2</sup>           <sup>2</sup> Our-weak-lives-in-here-world  
With deathless<sup>3</sup> power invigorate.<sup>4</sup>       <sup>3</sup> Thy   <sup>4</sup>make strong

Help us by<sup>1</sup> Thee to<sup>2</sup> know the<sup>3</sup> Father,       <sup>1</sup> through   <sup>2</sup> for   <sup>3</sup> God  
Teach us to<sup>4</sup> love the<sup>5</sup> Son forever;       <sup>4</sup> how   <sup>5</sup>God  
And grant<sup>6</sup> to us, O Holy Spirit,           <sup>6</sup> give  
Life by<sup>7</sup> faith in Jesus' merit.<sup>8</sup>           <sup>7</sup> through   <sup>8</sup> blood

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## Tenth Anniversary of Salem Lutheran Church for the Deaf

On Sunday, Dec. 13, 1959, Salem Lutheran Church for the Deaf at Portland, Oreg., Rev. George Ring, pastor, celebrated the tenth anniversary of its organization.

Rev. Erich Eichmann, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Portland, delivered the anniversary sermon. Rev. Eichmann served as missionary to the Deaf in the Oregon field from

1924 to 1942. About 100 persons attended the service.

Hymns for the service were signed by Wanda Nellis, Allie LaFave, and Estella Lange.

### Gifts

The offering from the worship service, \$59.60, will be used to purchase Christian literature for the children in the school for the Deaf.

Members of the congregation presented Pastor Ring with an initialled leather briefcase.

### **Brief History**

Services for the Deaf in Salem, Oreg., have been conducted by The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod since the early part of the twentieth century.

The first missionary to hold services for the Deaf in Salem was Rev. N. F. Jensen, who lived in Los Angeles. He is reported to have made monthly trips to the Northwest.

In 1916 Rev. George W. Gaertner came to Seattle, Wash., as missionary to the Deaf in the Northwest.

In 1919 Rev. J. A. Beyer was called to Portland. He also led the services for the Deaf in Salem, serving the groups for a little more than a year. When he was called to another parish, Rev. Gaertner again conducted the services at Salem.

In 1924 Rev. Eichmann became the missionary to the Deaf in the Oregon field. He served until 1942, when he was called as pastor of Trinity Church in Portland.

His successor was Rev. N. F. Zellmer, who served the congregation until 1947, when he resigned because of ill health. A vicar, seminarian E. R. Wutke, served the field for one year.

The present pastor, Rev. Ring, arrived in Portland on Jan. 1, 1949.

During the fall of 1949 the deaf group discussed a constitution which it adopted on Dec. 11 of that year. The first officers of the congregation were elected in the same meeting. The first officers were George Hill, president; William Toll, vice-president; Henry Gunderson, secretary-treasurer.

Charter members of the church were Cleo Gunderson, Henry Gunderson, Lotus Hill, George Hill, T. A. Lindstrom, Wanda Nellis, Delos Nellis, Grace Toll, William Toll, Ethel Rebitzke, N. A. Rebitzke, Clara Lauby, and Pearl Hummel. The following members joined the congregation since the date of its organization: Susie Lindstrom, Allie LaFave, Chester LaFave, Donald Wyatt, Agnes Peterson, Mabel Peterson, Elmer Peterson, Carol Todd, Burga Zumkeller, James Jackson, Mollie Jackson, and Estella Lange.

At present, services are conducted for the Deaf in Salem on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. A weekly Bible class is held on Wednesdays at 7:30 P. M.

### **Personal Testimony**

During the evening celebration Estella Lange gave the following personal testimony:

"I am very glad that you are here tonight to help us celebrate the tenth anniversary of our church organization. My one regret is that I do not have the honor of being one of the charter members. True, I was living here in Salem at the time of the organization. As I look back, I recall the times when the members informed me about their church and said I was always welcome there. I always thought to myself, 'Church can wait . . . when I become 60 or 70 years old and have nothing to do or no place to go, I will probably start going to church.'

"Three years ago I started taking my children to Sunday school here at St. John's Lutheran Church. I started doing it because many others were doing that.



"About five months later, after Sunday school was over and we were about ready to leave church in our car, my daughter, Joyce, age 5 at the time, asked me why people went up to the first floor of this church. I replied that was for their church service. She asked if I ever went there. I said, 'No, because I could not hear and would not understand what was going on.' Then she asked if the Deaf had their church. I said, 'Yes.' She asked again if I ever went there. I said, 'No.' She asked, 'Why not?'

"The question 'WHY NOT?' struck me. It set me thinking the next two months, and finally I decided to go to the Bible class. It was in March 1957.

"My feelings while learning God's Word can be best described like the time when a huge treasure chest full of precious jewels was opened before my eyes for the first time in my life. God's world was opened to me. There were many surprises. Perhaps now is a good time for me to say that many times I thanked God for leading the Deaf to organize their church and for permitting it to go on and be ready to receive me when I decided to go.

"I hope to share my pleasures and surprises of God's kingdom with you, and that you will help us carry on God's work.

"We enjoy meeting our old friends and making new friends."

## Meditation

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

*What is a trespass?*

A trespass is a sin. We trespass against God or against other people when we do what is wrong or when we fail to do what is right.

*How do we know what is wrong?*

From the Ten Commandments. The First Table of the Law, Commandments I, II, and III, explain trespasses against God: worship of false gods, using God's name wrongly, despising the Word of God and worship services. The Second Table of the Law, Commandments IV through X, explain trespasses against other people (and God): dishonoring our parents, hurting people, breaking marriage promises, stealing, speaking evil things about people, jealously want-

ing something which belongs to someone else.

*How do we know what is right?*

Again, from the Ten Commandments. If it is wrong to worship false gods, then we ought to worship the one true God. If it is wrong to use God's name wrongly, then we ought to use it rightly by calling Him by name in our prayers. If it is wrong to despise worship services, then it is right to go to church regularly. And if it is wrong to hurt people, steal from them, or speak evil things about them, then it is right to be kind and helpful and honest with other people.

*But how can we always do what is right and never do anything wrong?*

We can't. We ought to, but we can't. We ought to try, and with the help of God we may improve, but



we are sinners. We trespass every day and really deserve nothing but punishment. Just knowing the Ten Commandments will not help us keep them. Even trying hard is not enough. When all is said and done, we must admit that we do not deserve any of the things we pray for. All we can do is ask for God to forgive us our trespasses.

*What does "forgive" mean?*

When God forgives our sins, this means that He does not look at us in anger because of what we have done. Instead, He looks at us with kindness. It means that He will not punish us as we deserve, but will help us try to do better.

*How can God forgive us if we always fail to do what is right?*

He can forgive us because He is a God of love. He can forgive us because He wants us to be His children. He can forgive us because His Son, Jesus, suffered and died for us on the cross. Everything that we deserved: punishment, suffering, shame, even death, Jesus suffered instead of us. He did it willingly, so that we could escape death and hell. Because of the great sacrifice of Jesus, God can forgive.

*What can we do when people do wrong to us?*

The worst possible thing we could do is try to get even. It would make the devil happy if people always tried to "get even" with one another. What we ought to do is forgive them, just as God forgives us. In fact, Jesus once said, "If you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive you your trespasses" (Mark 11:26). Remember, we are praying here that God forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

*How often do we have to forgive people?*

Peter once asked Jesus the same question (Matthew 18:21). He thought seven times was just about enough. Jesus answered him, "I would not say seven times. I would say about seventy times seven!" Obviously Jesus meant there should be no limit on our forgiveness. God does not limit the number of times He forgives us. If He did, we would all be lost. If God forgives us so often and so freely, we ought to be willing to forgive other people who sin against us. We should even be ready to do good to them.



### **Services Held in Hospital**

*Memphis, Tenn.* Monthly services for the Deaf who can sign are held by Rev. Wayne Bottlinger at Tennessee Western State Hospital, Bolivar, Tenn. Pastor Bottlinger visits

those who are unable to attend the group services. About twenty deaf patients live at Tennessee Western.

Chaplain Harold Rucker was very helpful in organizing the services for the Deaf. In addition he helped

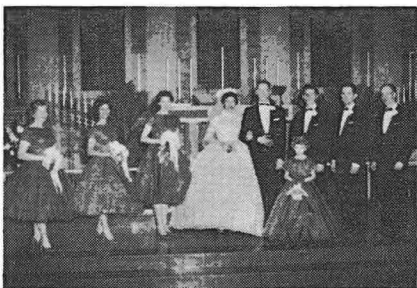
arrange for a weekly meeting of the Deaf from the various buildings and wards to give them an opportunity to talk to one another and enjoy some activities together.

### **Joyce Zimmerman and Melvin Morrison Wed**

*Bloomington, Ill.* Miss Joyce Carol Zimmerman of Hudson, Ill., and James Melvin Morrison of Sterling, Ill., were married on Feb. 20 in an afternoon ceremony conducted by Rev. Delbert Thies. The wedding and reception took place at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Ill.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Morrison are graduates of the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville, Ill. Mrs. Morrison is also a graduate of Elgin Business College. Mr. Morrison is a linotype operator at the *Daily Gazette* in Sterling, where they will make their home.

Two hundred fifty guests attended the double-ring ceremony.



Left to right: Miss Lorraine Bellafont and Mrs. Roy Helmerston, bridesmaids; Mrs. Raymond L. Baer, matron of honor; Mrs. Melvin Morrison, Mr. Melvin Morrison, Cynthia Zimmerman, flower girl; George Kutilek, best man; Gerald Kane and Charles Glenn, groomsmen

### † Meredith Bakke †

*Portland, Oreg.* Meredith (Dolly) Bakke, 9 years old, of The Dalles, Oreg., died of leukemia on Feb. 1 at a Salem Hospital.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 4 from the Bollman Funeral Home in The Dalles, Rev. Paul Wietzke of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating.

Dolly was a pupil at the Salem School for the Deaf. She attended the Lutheran class conducted by Rev. George Ring.

### **Lutheran Deaf Retreat**

The Lutheran Deaf Retreat of the Eastern Region will be held June 3, 4, and 5 at Pocono Crest Lodge, Pocono Pines, Pa.

### **Montana Lutheran Lay Deaf Conference**

The Montana Lutheran Lay Deaf Conference will meet July 16 and 17 at a Lutheran camp on Flathead Lake about 20 miles from Kalispell.

### **Sign-Language Class**

*Memphis, Tenn.* Several employees of the Tennessee Vocational Rehabilitation Service, Goodwill Industries, and the Child Welfare Department met for their first lesson in sign language with Rev. Wayne Bottlinger on Jan. 26. Pastor Bottlinger announced that the purpose of the class is to help these people become better workers for the Deaf.

### **PTR Rally**

*Sioux Falls, S. Dak.* Trinity Deaf Lutheran Church, Rev. Robert F. Cordes, pastor, held a Preaching-Teaching-Reaching mission rally in Sioux Falls, Feb. 7-11.

Eight members of Trinity Deaf Congregation served as visitors to invite the Sioux Falls Deaf to a series of five special services. Guest speaker for the services was Rev. A.

L. Hauptman from Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.

The rally began with a special mass service on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 7, Rev. Theodore Raedecke delivering the sermon. At this service approximately 100 lay visitors were consecrated for their special task of inviting and encouraging people to attend the special evening services.

The text which was the basis of Pastor Hauptman's sermons during the week was Acts 8:26-40.

### **Confirmed**

*Oklahoma City, Okla.* Mrs. Faye Cosgrove and Mrs. Nell Montgomery were received as members of the Lutheran Church by the rite of confirmation on Feb. 28. Rev. Marlin Sampson is their pastor.

### **Students Receive New Testaments**

*Kansas City, Mo.* With the good will of the Gideon Society, eighty beautiful New Testaments were distributed to Bible students at the Kansas State School for the Deaf and the Kansas City Oral School.

Pastor A. E. Ferber, who serves the pupils, reports that they show a fine interest in Bible study and that the New Testaments were a source of great joy to them.

### **New Chancel Furnishings for Bethlehem Sunday School**

*Omaha, Nebr.* New chancel furnishings are contributing to a more meaningful worship service for the children of Bethlehem Sunday School in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Stinger donated a set of white altar cloths in memory of Mary Ann Matthews. The ladies' aid gave a set of green and a set of violet altar cloths. Mrs. Mina Stinger and Mrs. Evelyn Dob-

son contributed their skill to sewing the altar furnishings.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Petersen donated a large picture of the head of Christ to the Sunday school in memory of their parents. A beautiful altar cross was purchased by the Sunday school in memory of Gerald Philips.

### **Toledo Deaf Congregation Transferred to Missouri Synod**

*Cleveland, Ohio.* Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Toledo, Ohio, with a membership of 35 communicants, was transferred on Jan. 1, 1960, from the Lutheran Pastoral Conference of Toledo to The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

The Toledo church for the Deaf was founded by the sainted Rev. A. Boll and was later served by Rev. O. C. Schroeder and Rev. N. Borchartd. A few years ago the All-Lutheran Pastoral Conference took over the Toledo mission which then was served by Rev. William Nehrenz and for the past three years by Rev. Robert Corl.

Last September Pastor Corl terminated his work in the Toledo area, and the All-Lutheran Pastoral Conference of Toledo asked the Missouri Synod to again take over the Toledo deaf congregation. Pastor Theo. Frederking had been conducting services in Toledo twice each month since September 1959.

According to Pastor Frederking, the attendance and interest have been good at Toledo according to human standards, and he offers the prayer that God will let His work go forward with blessing and growth to the glory of our God and the salvation of many more souls through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

## Storm Damage

Rochester, N. Y. Heavy snow during February destroyed an awning over the side entrance to the Alpha church building and a carport. The awning and carport were newly built last June. A pine tree was also damaged.

The snowstorms also delayed progress on a kitchen for Pastor and Mrs. H. W. Rohe. Installation of the electrical wiring was temporarily delayed. By the time this issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN goes to press, the remodeling should be complete.

## Membership Classes

Rochester, N. Y. Weekly membership classes are held in Rochester, N. Y., by Rev. Rohe every Friday at 8:00 P.M. Other membership classes are held in Buffalo, N. Y., and Smithport, Pa., on the same date as the church services which are held there regularly.

Membership classes are especially held for people who wish to join the Lutheran Church. The lessons are arranged to lead people into a deeper understanding of Christ's church on earth and a greater love for their Savior. Members of the Lutheran Church may attend to review the chief points of Christian teaching.

## Official Acts in the Cleveland Field for 1959

Cleveland, Ohio. The following report was submitted by Rev. Theodore Frederking.

*Baptisms:* Douglas Collin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hirtz, on Oct. 18 in Mansfield, Ohio. Witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hartsel.

Robert Mickel and Janet Mae, children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blessing, on Jan. 24 in Toledo, Ohio.

Sponsors for Robert were Mr. and Mrs. George LaClair. Sponsors for Janet were Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Blessing.

Susan Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, on Feb. 21 in Cleveland. Witnesses were Ruth Frederking and Fred Miller. Susan is Pastor Frederking's granddaughter.

*Confirmation:* On Dec. 6 the following were received into membership with the Lutheran Church by the rite of confirmation: Floyd Redd, Arnold Brooks, Rosa Mae Hunt, Georgia Mae Voss, Joseph Jackson, and Frank Sanford.

*Funerals:* Charles Reed, 81, departed this life on Dec. 21 and was buried on Dec. 23.

Alice Winch, 92, departed this life on Feb. 14 at the Lutheran Home for the Aged and was buried on Feb. 16.

## A Prayer for Pastor Clark Bailey

Earlier this year Pastor Clark Bailey accepted a call to Des Moines, Iowa. Before he left, at the opening of the Wednesday Bible class at Colorado Springs, Colo., Mr. Herman Butler offered the following prayer:

"Almighty God, our heavenly Father, through Thy Son, our Savior, we thank Thee for bringing us together tonight to study about Thee and Thy holy will. Open our hearts, minds, and ears to hear what You want to tell us.

"Our beloved pastor, Rev. Bailey, has accepted a call, and we know it is Thy will that he go forth into another field of harvest. We are truly saddened to see him leave, but our loss is gain for Thy kingdom.

"During his stay here he has taught us the Bible in all its truth, and we have grown richer in spirit

and knowledge of Thee, and we have enjoyed Christian fellowship.

"Watch over him and his family in his new field, and protect them from all harm and danger when they leave on the trip.

"We pray that You pour out Your Spirit on his work, that more souls can be won for Thy kingdom.

"This we ask in our Savior's name. Amen."

### **Lead Us On! Lord Jesus Christ**

*Lead us on! Our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus Christ,*

*As You taught in the days of old;  
Still we love Your life story as it  
then was told.*

*Your life You freely gave  
That, believing on You, we might  
be saved.*

*You foresaw our great earthly strife  
And said, "Follow Me. I am the  
Way, the Truth, the Life."*

*You died on the cross, arose again,  
then went away*

*To prepare for Your servants a place  
forever to stay.*

*Lead us on! Our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus Christ.* HERMAN BUTLER

### **Attends Congressional Hearing**

Newark, N. J. Rev. C. Roland Gerhold attended a two-day Congressional hearing on bills for aiding the handicapped, at Jersey City, N. J., on Feb. 18 and 19.

Almost 400 private agencies located in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and New Jersey were heard through special reports. These agencies serve the mentally retarded, blind, crippled, aged, deaf, hard of hearing, emotionally disturbed, and those with multiple (two or more) handicaps. One of the needs presented by the various agencies was the lack of teachers

and therapists (speech, occupational, physical, and recreational) for the handicapped.

Pastor Gerhold called the attention of the committee to the need for a movie which would teach correct sign language to teachers of the Deaf, physiologists and rehabilitation workers who serve the Deaf, U. S. Employment Service Workers, and Social Security workers.

Pastor Gerhold pointed out that the Government makes Braille and talking books for the blind and that it could also serve the Deaf by making copies of such a film available for teaching signs to those who want to help the Deaf.

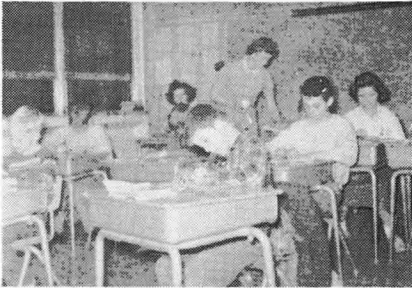
When asked by the chairman of the committee whether this movie was to teach sign language to deaf children in schools, Rev. Gerhold stated that this was not the intention of his recommendation, but that people dealing with deaf children and adults need to know the sign language. Such a movie would be a fine way of training them. The fact that Pastor Gerhold and other ministers to the Deaf are called in as frequently as they are to interpret for various agencies and institutions clearly shows that there is a real need for an effective means of teaching sign language to people who deal with the Deaf.

### **News from Japan**

Tokyo, Japan. Executive Secretary William F. Reinking has sent his "Notes from the Executive" from Japan this month. He is visiting Japan and other areas of the Far East to study what Christian churches are doing to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Oriental Deaf. Be sure to read his article at the beginning of this issue.

## Austin School for the Deaf

West Hartford, Conn. Austin School for the Deaf, Brattleboro, Vt., is one of five schools served by Rev. Earl Thaler. Classes are held each Tuesday for the 42 Protestant children enrolled at Austin School. The pupils are divided into four classes, one of which is conducted by Mrs. Arnold Canedy of Brattleboro, member of Trinity Lutheran Church.



Mrs. Arnold Canedy conducts one of the four classes for Protestant pupils at Austin School for the Deaf

## Installation Service for Pastor Clark Bailey

Des Moines, Iowa. Rev. Clark Bailey was installed as pastor of the Iowa field and of Calvary Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Des Moines, on Sunday, Jan. 31.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. E. Mappes of Omaha while Pastor A. E. Ferber officiated at the rite of installation. Members of Calvary Congregation rendered two choir selections. The offerings of the day were dedicated to the cause of the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society.

Six other pastors attended the service: Pastors K. R. Schliepsiek, John Schliepsiek, Herman Zagel, Carl Lueders, Paul G. Stephan, and Eugene Juergensen.

After the worship service Pastor

and Mrs. Bailey were introduced to the members of the congregation at a brief Christian fellowship meeting in the undercroft of the church.

## Accepts Call to Denver

Kansas City, Mo. Rev. William H. Lange has accepted the call to become the new pastor of the Deaf of Colorado and adjoining states.

Pastor Lange has been serving the Deaf in the Los Angeles area for almost six years. He succeeds Rev. Clark Bailey, who accepted a call to the Des Moines field last January.

## Summer Camps for Deaf Children

Information regarding two summer camps for deaf children and young people has been submitted to the DEAF LUTHERAN from West Hartford, Conn., and Newark, N. J.

The Dennis Memorial Camp in Stillwater, N. J., will accept deaf boys and girls for two weeks, Aug. 6 to 20. Those who attend must be of the ages of seven to sixteen. The cost is \$65.00 per child for two weeks.

The Protestant Guild for the Deaf is promoting the summer camp program in the New Jersey area. The Dennis Memorial Camp requires that the Guild provide counselors to help the camp's instructors during the two-week program.

The second summer camp is at New Preston, Conn. The fee is \$40.00 per child for the two-week period of June 25 to July 9. This two-week period is reserved for deaf children only. Deaf boys and girls eight years old and up may attend.

For additional information on either of these camps, write to Rev.

C. Roland Gerhold, 510 Parker St., Newark 4, N. J., and Rev. Earl Thaler, 32 Brunswick Ave., West Hartford, Conn.

### **Witness Balloon Descent**

*Kansas City, Mo.* Two members of the Bible Class conducted by Rev. A. E. Ferber at the Kansas State School for the Deaf in Olathe, Kans., witnessed the descent on Nov. 29 of a balloon which had earlier reached the record-breaking height of 81,000 feet.

Jack and Glenda Cooper of Blaine, Kans., saw the balloon approach their home and went to see it land. They were among the first witnesses to see the giant balloon touch the earth.

Pastor Ferber reports: "Jack and Glenda, however, are not primarily interested in what descends from the sky, but they are more concerned about souls ascending towards heaven, and they certainly indicate this with their fine Bible studies and with their witnessing for Jesus in the school."

### **Baptism**

*Omaha, Nebr.* James Glenn, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kluser, was received into the Kingdom of Grace by the washing of Holy Baptism on Jan. 24. His sponsors were his maternal grandparents.

### **† Gerald Philips †**

*Omaha, Nebr.* Gerald Philips, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Galen Philips, departed this life on Jan. 9 after a three-week illness. He was laid to rest on Jan. 11.

Gerald attended Bethlehem Lutheran Sunday School in Omaha. An altar cross was purchased by the Sunday school in his memory.

### **Televised Worship Service**

*Kansas City, Mo.* On Sunday, March 27, Pastor Ferber delivered the sermon for the Sunday morning televised worship service of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Kans. The service was televised at 11:00 A. M. on Channel 12.

### **Confirmations**

*Omaha, Nebr.* On Feb. 7 four adults were received into membership at Bethlehem Lutheran Church by the rite of confirmation. Rev. E. Mappes laid the hand of God's blessing upon Mr. Sam Failla, Mrs. Mary Ruth Harris, Mrs. Sena Hellsten and Miss Johanna Stillahn. On Feb. 14 Mrs. Clara Failla was received into membership by affirmation of faith.

May God keep them in His grace forever.

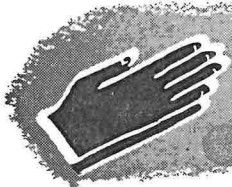
### **† Rev. August E. Brauer †**

*Indianapolis, Ind.* Rev. August E. Brauer, retired Lutheran pastor of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ind., departed this life on Thursday, Feb. 4, at the age of 77 years. The funeral took place on Monday, Feb. 8. Rev. Gene Merrell interpreted the service for five deaf people who were able to attend.

Pastor Brauer, who was born in St. Louis June 16, 1882, had been a Lutheran minister for more than fifty years. He had served St. Peter Lutheran Church in Columbus about thirty-five years before he retired. He was the first pastor to serve the Deaf in Columbus. After services were organized, he invited the pastors to the Deaf to visit Columbus to conduct the services.

The Columbus Deaf contributed a floral display for the funeral.





# Devotions

## “Light for Your Way”

### Daily Bible Readings for May

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| May 1 — 1 Samuel 31:1-13  | May 15 — 2 Samuel 18:19-33        |
| May 2 — 1 Samuel 16:1-13  | May 16 — 2 Samuel 24:1-14         |
| May 3 — 1 Samuel 17:24-54 | May 17 — 1 Kings 2:1-12           |
| May 4 — 1 Samuel 27:1-12  | May 18 — 1 Kings 1:15-40          |
| May 5 — 2 Samuel 2:1-11   | May 19 — 1 Kings 3:3-15           |
| May 6 — 2 Samuel 5:1-12   | May 20 — 1 Kings 3:16-28          |
| May 7 — 2 Samuel 7:1-17   | May 21 — 1 Kings 6:1-18           |
| May 8 — 2 Samuel 7:18-29  | May 22 — 1 Kings 8:1-21           |
| May 9 — Psalm 1           | May 23 — 1 Kings 8:22-53          |
| May 10 — 2 Samuel 12:1-23 | May 24 — 1 Kings 10:1-25          |
| May 11 — Psalm 51         | May 25 — 1 Kings 11:1-13          |
| May 12 — 2 Samuel 15:1-18 | May 26 — John 20:11-18            |
| May 13 — Psalms 42 and 43 | May 27 — Ecclesiastes 1:1; 2:1-26 |
| May 14 — 2 Samuel 16:1-14 | May 28 — Ecclesiastes 12:1-14     |
|                           | May 29 — Proverbs 2:1-22          |
|                           | May 30 — 1 Kings 11:23-43         |
|                           | May 31 — 1 Kings 12:1-20          |

“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth” (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

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