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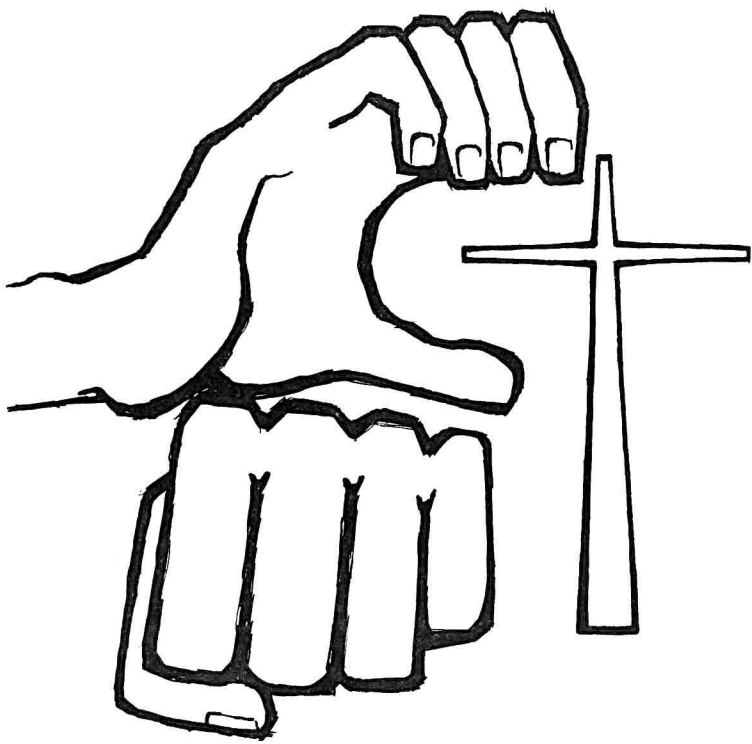
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# The Cover

*"No other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 3:11)*

Jesus Christ, God's Son, is the sure Foundation Stone on which the church is established. He is the Rock, the Cornerstone, which gives strength and stability to the church's purpose.

The church built on Jesus the Foundation is not the structure of wood and stone in which we worship. The church is the congregation of believers in Jesus. The church is people gathered in a Christian congregation for a single purpose.

The church does not exist for social gatherings. It does not exist for bazaars, bake sales, movies, dinners, or a good time. The church has only one purpose for being a church. A Christian has only one purpose for being a Christian. It is God's purpose and command that the Christian congregation in all aspects of life shall live the faith it has in Jesus.

Jesus Himself expressed it in this way: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37, 39). In Matthew 28:19, 20 Jesus added depth to this purpose: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

The church, the congregation of believers, holds one symbol before its eyes, the symbol of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, which is the empty cross. On a cross Jesus, as Substitute for all people, experienced God's just anger against sin. Jesus suffered and died that all people through faith in Him might have God's forgiveness cover their sins. Jesus rose from the dead to reveal God's love and victory over sin, death, and Satan.

This foundation of Jesus' love and mercy guides the church to live its faith. Christians practice telling one another the Good News about Jesus. Then they tell those who do not know their Savior. Christians gather for worship, and God nourishes their faith through His Word and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Christians gather in fellowship to encourage and comfort one another with God's Word. Together Christians live their faith with love for God and for their neighbor.

This is the meaning of our cover drawing. The clenched fist is the Rock, the Foundation, Jesus. The "C" represents the church, the congregation of believers. The empty cross reminds believers to live for Jesus with faith active in love.

(The artist, Mr. Donald Malucky of Covina, Calif., drew this cover for Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Malucky, who expects to graduate in June 1965 from his art school, is a brother-in-law of Rev. William A. Ludwig, pastor of the Columbus congregation.)

# Hong Kong Deaf Work

## *Past, Present, and Future*

On Feb. 18, 1961, after much careful planning, the first deaf service of the Lutheran Church was held in the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong. Approximately 80 deaf gathered that day, and for most of them it was the first time they had "heard" the Gospel in language they could understand. What has happened in Hong Kong since that time, what is happening now, and what does the future hold for this work? That is the story this article will briefly tell.

## **A Four-Year History Plus**

Even though Feb. 18, 1961, marks the beginning of regularly scheduled services for the deaf in the Lutheran Church in Hong Kong, contacts had actually been made with the deaf by

Lutheran workers in the late 50s. At that time the first Baptism of a deaf person took place in St. John's Chapel in Rennie's Mill as a result of contact with a deaf lad at the Haven of Hope Sanatorium. In 1958 Rev. (then Evangelist) Titus Lee noticed a deaf school near his home. He was concerned about the spiritual welfare of these children and arranged to tell them the story of Jesus' birth with filmstrip and the help of an interpreter at Christmas 1958. During that next year he conducted religious classes at this school every other month or so and by 1960 was conducting a class there once a month. As a result of these contacts a Baptism class was formed, and this led to a Baptism service in December 1961.



Rev. Titus Lee preaches a sermon to the deaf. The hymn, "Savior, Thy Dying Love," is written on the chart (right). The Gospel for the day is written on the blackboard (left)



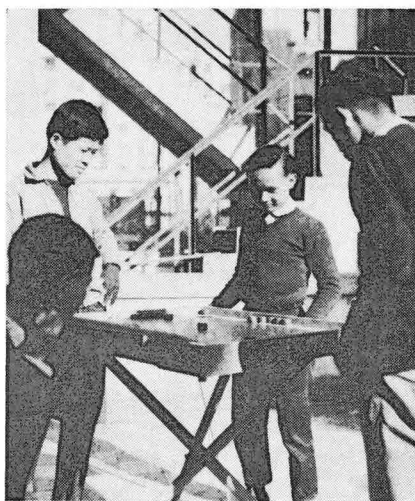
**Rev. Titus Lee baptizes one of the children at Zion Chapel in North Point**

It was in March of 1960 that I had the opportunity of visiting Hong Kong during my survey trip through the Far East. Unfortunately I was not informed about the work that Rev. Lee was already doing, but I did have the good fortune of meeting Rev. Wilbur Holt and one of his members, Miss Yip Wai Ying, who was then a teacher in a small private school for the deaf. God led these people, together with others like Rev. Lee, to do something about the lack of opportunities for the deaf to hear of the love of Jesus Christ, their Savior. Rev. Holt and Miss Yip, together with Rev. Philip Ho, organized the first worship service, which was held in 1961. As a result of this work a Baptism class was also formed so that in December of 1961 the first two classes of deaf were baptized along with a few being confirmed. Thus work was

developing in two centers — Zion Church in North Point on Hong Kong Island, where Rev. Lee was the pastor, and in Chatham Road Chapel in Kowloon, where Rev. Philip Ho was pastor.

At the Chatham Road Chapel ever since that beginning in 1961 both Sunday school classes and a worship service have been held for the deaf each Sunday. Miss Yip was a great help in interpreting the services and teaching one of the classes. Rev. Ho, in spite of his busy schedule as pastor of two congregations, found time to learn the language of signs. Later another helper, Miss Wong Suk Ming, the sister of the first man to be confirmed at the Chatham Road Chapel, offered her talents. Miss Wong brought her good knowledge of the language of signs and has helped our mission in many capacities ever since.

It was soon discovered that many of the deaf experienced limited educational opportunities. Subjects such as mathematics, Chinese, and



**Deaf children take time out between worship and Sunday school for a game of Chinese pool at Zion, North Point**



These 30 deaf were baptized and/or confirmed at Zion Chapel, North Point, in October 1964. Rev. Titus Lee, their pastor, is sitting in the second row, right. On his right is Miss Martha Boss, deaconess-nurse, who is a member of the Conference Deaf Committee. The pastor with the camera is Rev. George Winkler, chairman of the Deaf Committee. Mr. Peng, a part-time deaf worker at Zion, stands behind and to the left of Rev. Lee

English were added to the Sunday afternoon program. Later this was transferred from Sunday afternoon to the evening classes three days a week, which continue today. Every Wednesday evening is set aside for the learning of hymn-signing, a brief study of the Gospel and Epistle for the coming Sunday, and an explanation of the Sunday school story to be taught. About two years ago the young people decided to meet each Saturday evening and conduct this meeting themselves. It was a real thrill for me to attend one of these meetings and see that the first hour is set aside for Bible study, with the second hour reserved for recreation.

Because a deaf helper was available at Chai Wan, a resettlement area some miles from North Point,

the deaf class on Hong Kong Island was transferred there where our church has a rooftop school. (These schools are actually on the roof of the seven-story resettlement buildings.) It was here that the deaf worshiped when I arrived in Hong Kong in March of 1964. Each Sunday a service and Sunday school were conducted at that place. However, it was too far from the homes of most of the deaf, and in June 1964 the deaf moved back to Zion Chapel in North Point. Shortly after that classes similar to those held in Kowloon also started two evenings a week in Hong Kong.

#### **Today — Increased Blessings**

Attendance at both centers continues to grow, and it is not unusual to have as many as 50 in attendance



at Zion and a hundred or more at Chatham Road. The deaf are proving to be real evangelists by going out and bringing other deaf to the services. Every Sunday we may anticipate seeing new faces in the congregations.

In October of 1964 a class of 21 was baptized and/or confirmed at Chatham Road, and a few weeks later a class of 30 was baptized and/or confirmed at Zion. This brings our mission now to a total of 120 baptized deaf members and 65 confirmed. For these abundant blessings all thanks and praise to the God of mercy and love! But we must not lose sight of the fact that the work is only beginning. These 120 deaf number only 4 percent of

the deaf population in Hong Kong. You see that the work has only begun!

### And Tomorrow?

What does the future hold for deaf work in Hong Kong? One area of great opportunity here is the field of deaf education. For this reason the General Conference of Hong Kong has requested the Board of World Missions to send a full-time director for deaf education to Hong Kong in 1965. This man would help develop a registered evening school for young deaf adults, establish more Sunday school classes and more vacation Bible school programs, and begin work on plans for a deaf school in Hong Kong which



A typical crowd of deaf gather at Chatham Road Chapel for a Sunday afternoon deaf service. Rev. Winkler stands in the background, and to his left is Miss Yip, who helped begin the work

could take about 300 pupils. The only schools that presently exist are private schools. Besides the fact that some of these private schools are entirely inadequate to properly educate a deaf child, not enough schools for the deaf exist. More than one half of the deaf children here have no opportunity today for education. Through such a school that we would establish we could not only help educate the deaf in Hong Kong, but also bring many of them, along with their families, to accept the love of Christ Jesus.

Pray God that such a man will be sent to Hong Kong in 1965.

As you read this report, give thanks to God for giving our church in Hong Kong the opportunity and the will to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the deaf and furthermore pray that the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of might and love, will continue to abundantly bless the labors of all who so faithfully work among the deaf not only here, but everywhere in the world.

REV. WILLIAM F. REINKING  
Kowloon, Hong Kong



Pastor Winkler is signing "Holy Spirit" during the confirmation of these two deaf lads. Next to Pastor Winkler is a young man from Singapore who hopes someday to return there to begin Christian work among the deaf





Rev. Philip Ho, pastor of Chatham Road Chapel, and Rev. Winkler with a group of deaf who were baptized and/or confirmed in October 1964. The service was conducted at the Nathah Road Chapel, because the 125 people attending the service could not squeeze into the chapel on Chatham Road

## A Christian's Will

Did you ever stop to realize that you and all you own really belong to God? "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1). As God gives you every good and perfect gift (James 1:17), He also makes you a manager, steward, or caretaker of His blessings. Someday He will ask you to explain what you did with His possessions (Romans 14:12). Can you say with King David: "All things come from Thee, and of Thy

own have we given Thee"? (1 Chron. 24:14)

During your life on earth you support God's work at church by giving back to God an offering of thanksgiving, whether it is measured in time, ability, or money. At your death you will leave many possessions that you have gathered over the years. Have you decided how you will manage these possessions after you depart this life? Have you felt the need to write your will?

### **Who Needs a Will?**

Everyone should write a will. A responsible person wants to take care of his family, remember his friends, and leave something for religious and charitable organizations. He makes a will so that his property is divided according to his plan.

If a person does not make a will, then the state government decides how the property will be divided. Although the laws are usually fair, the state's decision may not take care of the needs of that person's family. Thus everyone, husband and wife and every adult, should write a will.

### **When Make a Will?**

The best time for a person to write his will is when he is young and in good health. Then he can take the time to think about his responsibilities to his family, to his friends, and to his Lord Jesus. Sickness and accident bring death to the young as well as to the elderly.

Situations in life change, families increase in size, and the value of property alters as the years pass. It is well for a person to look at his will from time to time to see if changes need to be made. A will may always be changed to agree with a person's decision.

### **Christians Remember Jesus**

The Christian remembers that he is God's child and that all he has really belongs to God. As a caretaker of His blessings, the Christian leaves an offering of thanksgiving in his will to support and spread Jesus' Kingdom of Grace.

Sometimes the Christian has many family responsibilities and will set aside 10 percent of his possessions for the work of Jesus' kingdom. Another Christian has fewer responsibilities and is able to give an even larger percentage to his church. A few Christian people who have had no further responsibilities in this life have willed everything for the support of Christian welfare organizations.

### **How Is a Will Made?**

1. The first step is to carefully list all the property you own. This list should include personal items, bank accounts, real estate, stocks and bonds, insurance, and other valuables. Write complete information about each one.

2. Next, make a list of those people you wish to remember in your last will. Include also religious and charitable organizations you want to remember. Think carefully and completely about each name you list. Write also their addresses to help identify them. Next to each name list the property or the percentage of your property that you want each to receive. Choose a person to administer and carry out your decision.

3. Make an appointment to visit your lawyer. Each state has different laws about inheritance and wills. Tell your lawyer what you want done. He will write a correct will for you which will carry out your decision.

4. When your will is written, place it in a safe place and tell the person you chose as administrator about his duties.

## One Last Word

While you are drafting your last will, it would be well for you to seek the advice of your pastor or your banker to be sure that what you are doing will best accomplish

what you desire. You want to be sure that your decision will serve the best interest of those you love.

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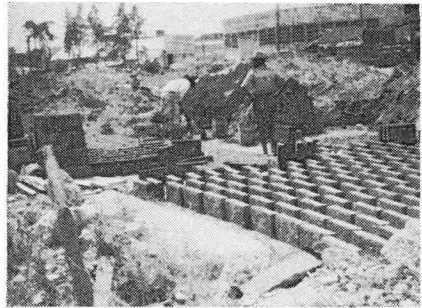


*Dallas, Tex.* October and November were mission emphasis months for the deaf of the Northern Texas-Oklahoma field. Rev. William E. Duey, missionary to the deaf of this field, vicared in Guatemala, Central America, in 1958—1959 and presented his colored slide lecture of Lutheran mission work in Guatemala.

Pastor Duey related some of his experiences in working with these Central Americans. During his vicarage year he preached and taught in both the English and the Spanish language in the towns of Puerto Barrios and Zacapa. He emphasized that the Holy Spirit truly works through the Gospel of Jesus Christ to change the hearts and lives

of people. The slide presentation included some of the typical Spanish customs to which the people in Guatemala are accustomed.

At the conclusion of the program in Dallas and Fort Worth the deaf had the special treat of preparing for themselves the typical Spanish food, tostadoes.



Rev. W. Duey once served the Guatemalan people as a vicar. Here they made adobe mud bricks for building houses by baking mixed mud and straw in the sun



These children attend our Spanish Lutheran Sunday school in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala

The deaf were eager to examine Rev. Duey's collection of Spanish clothing, Spanish books, tracts, and other literature printed by our Lutheran Church for Spanish missions.

Offerings gathered for foreign missions amounted to \$30.00. This gift has been designated for the Home for the Young Deaf, Ibadan, Nigeria.



Love offerings for Jesus' foreign mission work at the Home for Young Deaf, Ibadan, Nigeria

Pastor Duey intends to keep his deaf flock mindful of Jesus' command in Matthew 28:19, 20: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Foreign missions will be a yearly program to instruct the deaf and to encourage them to support Jesus' work with their offerings.

#### **A New Daughter for Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Duey**

*Dallas, Tex.* Rev. and Mrs. William E. Duey were blessed with a daughter, Lisa Ann, on Nov. 19, 1964. At birth Lisa weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz. Rev. Duey is missionary to the deaf in the Dallas field.

#### **John C. Nichols Is Baptized**

*Jacksonville, Ill.* John Clarence Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nichols, received the blessings of God in Holy Baptism during the worship service at Burlington, Ill., on Oct. 25. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pope, Sr., were sponsors. May God in His mercy keep this child in His kingdom forever.

#### **New Members Received at Trinity-Pittsburgh**

*Pittsburgh, Pa.* On Nov. 29 Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Corbett, Mrs. Florence Harkless, Miss Janet Kirby, Mr. Robert Zatko, and Miss Betty Palcho confessed their faith in their Savior and in the teachings of the Lutheran Church and were received into membership at Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh.

Miss Linda Bucci was received into membership on Dec. 6.

The new members were warmly received by Trinity Congregation. Rev. Frank Wagenknecht, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, writes in his parish paper: "We are so happy to count all of you new members in Trinity's family. Our family here surpassed the century mark in membership. With 9 adults now received, Trinity numbers 104 communicant members. God has certainly been good to us and caused His church to grow. Now just think of the great work we can accomplish if we all join our hands to do the work of His kingdom. Thirty-one adults have become members of Trinity in 1964. Since the dedication of our new chapel on March 31, 1963, 43 adults have been received into membership. All praise to our God."

† **Parke B. Moses** †

*Jacksonville, Ill.* Parke B. Moses, 64, departed this life after a long illness on Oct. 21. Funeral services were held at Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Jacksonville, on Friday, Oct. 23, and interment was at the Mount Sterling cemetery. Rev. Orlin S. Anderson is the pastor of the Jacksonville field.

**Jonas Cabbage Baptized**

*Gooding, Idaho.* On Nov. 1 our gracious Lord received into His Kingdom of Grace Jonas McDaniel Cabbage through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Jonas is the infant son of John Cabbage and his wife Nellie (nee Nerhus) of Gooding. Mrs. Ramona Breshears of Billings was sponsor by proxy.

May God bless Jonas and keep him strong in the faith which the Holy Spirit gave him through Baptism.

**Lawrence Roch Madsen Baptized**

*Washington, D. C.* Lawrence Roch, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Madsen, born Sept. 20, was baptized on Nov. 29 at Wenchel Memorial Chapel in Washington, D. C. Rev. Harry Hoemann officiated.

**Rex Larkin Casterline Baptized**

*Washington, D. C.* Rex Larkin, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Casterline, born Oct. 14, was baptized on Sunday, Dec. 6, at Wenchel Memorial Chapel in Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peterson acted as sponsors.



College students are busy, but not too busy for worship. Here Karen Brill (left) of Ohio, Lily Schelert of Nebraska, Linda King of New York, and James Reineck of Wisconsin receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Their pastor is Rev. Harry Hoemann, Gallaudet College campus pastor. The chapel adjoins the Student Union





Linda King, a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Jackson Heights, New York, seeks God's guidance for her life at Galaudet College. Rev. Louis Jasper is her home pastor

### Youth Choir

Rochester, N. Y. Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf has formed a youth choir to "sing" the introits for their Sunday morning worship services. The choir plans to learn hymns and will eventually use these to beautify the service.

Black robes for the choirs were donated by the church council of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Rochester. White surplices, worn over the black robes, are being supplied by Mrs. Ruth Meyering, a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

The choir practices regularly on Saturday mornings. Rev. Walter Busby is pastor of the Rochester field.

### Newly Organized

#### Youth League

West Hartford, Conn. Regular monthly meetings of the Deaf Lutheran League of West Hartford began on Friday, Nov. 20, at 7:00 p.m. The league's new officers were elected: president — Larry Roberts;

vice-president — Lee Curtis; secretary — Susan Roberts; treasurer — Dennis Webber. Recreational programs for the season were planned and include swimming, roller skating, bowling, special movies, and special gatherings for charter members.

Brattleboro, Vt. The first meeting of the Luther League of Brattleboro was held on Sunday, Nov. 15. Officers elected for the year are: president — Charles Johnson; vice-president — Bruce Hubbard; secretary — Donald Powers; treasurer — Frank Burbank. Monthly dues of 25 cents will support the cost of the activities of the league. Among the programs discussed were roller skating, bowling, hiking, and swimming.

Rev. Earl Thaler, pastor to the deaf of the New England field, serves these youth groups.

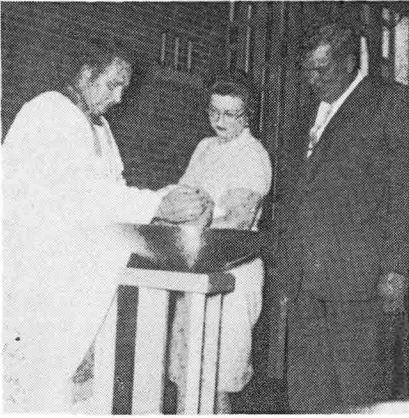
### Son Born to F. P. Gehrs

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can. Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Gehrs are the parents of a son, Paul Frederick, born on Dec. 7. At birth Paul weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. Rev. Gehrs is missionary to the deaf in the Winnipeg field.

### Dean Ulrich Baptized

San Diego, Calif. Dean Mitchell Ulrich and his wife Suzanne (Sally) nee Habeckar, became a child of Jesus through Holy Baptism on Oct. 4. Christian sponsors for the child were Jerry Walker and Mrs. Treva Walker.

Holy Scripture reminds us: "We were buried therefore with Him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4)



Rev. G. A. Gehrs baptizes Dean Mitchell Ulrich. Mrs. Treva Walker and Jerry Walker are sponsors

### Kimberly M. Hofmann Baptized

Peoria, Ill. Kimberly Maya Hofmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hofmann of East Peoria, was received into God's Kingdom of Grace through Holy Baptism on Nov. 15. May the Lord, who has forgiven her sins and given her faith, keep her as His child forever. Rev. Orlin Anderson performed the Baptism.

### Gallaudet College Has New Graduate School

Washington, D. C. A Graduate School has been established at Gallaudet College by the college's Board of Directors. The purpose of the new School is to prepare teachers of the deaf and specialists in certain necessarily allied fields.

Dr. Robert Frisina, director of the Gallaudet College Hearing and Speech Center, has been appointed first dean of the Graduate School.

Beginning with its 1965-66 academic year, the college will offer graduate studies leading to Master's degrees in audiology, speech pathology, nursery education, elementary education, secondary teaching

fields (such as English, mathematics, science, and social studies), and in the special fields of art, home economics, and physical education.

The college currently offers graduate work in education only which leads to the M. S. in Education degree.

(Gallaudet News Release)

### Baptisms — Cleveland Field

Toledo, Ohio. David Lee Hetrick, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hetrick of St. Marys, Ohio, was baptized on Dec. 13. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hetrick, grandparents, were sponsors.

Debora Sue and Robert William LaClair, children of Mr. and Mrs. George D. LaClair, were baptized on Dec. 13. Mr. and Mrs. William C. Heidtman, grandparents, were sponsors.

Cleveland, Ohio. Andrew Murray Rose, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rose, was baptized on Dec. 24. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Johnson witnessed the baptism. The congregation of Christ Lutheran Church will serve as Christian sponsors.

Mansfield, Ohio. Irene Mae Heishman, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Heishman of Clyde, Ohio, was baptized on Dec. 27. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Holbrook were sponsors.

May God strengthen and sustain the new faith which He has given these children.

### Confirmed in Cleveland

Cleveland, Ohio. With joy the congregation of Christ Lutheran Church welcomed as fellow members of Christ's spiritual body James Evanko and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Emerson, Jr. These new members professed their faith in Jesus and promised to be loyal to their Savior on Dec. 27.



# Devotions

## “Light for Your Way”

### Daily Bible Readings for February

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|---------------------------------|---|
| February 1 — Exodus 14:10-25    | February 15 — Numbers 16:20-35          |
| February 2 — Exodus 16:1-21     | February 16 — Numbers 20:14 to 21:9     |
| February 3 — Exodus 19:1-25     | February 17 — Deuteronomy 6:1-25        |
| February 4 — Exodus 20:1-21     | February 18 — Deuteronomy 8:1-20        |
| February 5 — Exodus 24:1-8      | February 19 — Deuteronomy 30:15 to 31:8 |
| February 6 — Exodus 25:1-22     | February 20 — Deuteronomy 34:1-12       |
| February 7 — Exodus 32:1-35     | February 21 — Joshua 3:1-17             |
| February 8 — Exodus 40:1-38     | February 22 — Joshua 6:12-27            |
| February 9 — Leviticus 5:1-19   | February 23 — Joshua 10:28-43           |
| February 10 — Leviticus 16:1-22 | February 24 — Joshua 22:10-29           |
| February 11 — Numbers 13:17-33  | February 25 — Joshua 24:16-31           |
| February 12 — Numbers 14:1-25   | February 26 — Judges 2:1-23             |
| February 13 — Numbers 14:26-35  | February 27 — Judges 4:1-24             |
| February 14 — Numbers 16:1-19   | February 28 — Judges 6:11-32            |

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