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*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

MARK 7:3

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To Thee, our God, we fly
For mercy and for grace;
Oh, hear our lowly cry
And hide not Thou Thy face!
O Lord, stretch forth Thy mighty hand
And guard and bless our Fatherland.

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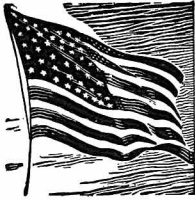
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Our Pledge of Loyalty



The Pledge
to
the Flag

The Pledge
to
the Cross



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

I pledge allegiance to the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands — one Savior eternal, with mercy and grace for all. So help me God.

Rev. Ernest C. Mappes

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.
(Rev. 2:10)

Upon this promise of his Lord and Savior Rev. Ernest C. Mappes preached his farewell sermon and retired from the active ministry in Omaha, Nebr., less than a year ago. In his love for Jesus and for those Jesus died to save, Pastor Mappes could do nothing other than remain faithful to the ministry of God's Word from which no Christian ever retires.

He assisted churches that had no pastors by visiting the sick, preaching, and witnessing to all whom he met of the strengthening grace of a forgiving God. Being faithful to his God-given labors even unto death, Pastor Mappes was given a crown of life in glory on March 24, 1966. He was laid to rest in Lincoln, Nebr., on March 28.

Born on Feb. 21, 1898, in St. Clair County, Ill., he spent his childhood there and in Norman, Okla. Following his graduation from St. John's College, Winfield, Kans., and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., he was ordained by Rev. A. H. Kuntz in Milwaukee, Wis., on July 10, 1921, and began his ministry in Omaha, Nebr., as missionary for the deaf.

With Omaha as his headquarters Pastor Mappes served a short time at Kansas City, Mo., Topeka, Kans., and the Kansas School for the Deaf at Olathe. From 1928—1938 he served stations in South Dakota and pioneered the establishment of the Sioux Falls Field of Deaf Missions.

During his 44 years of ministry Pastor Mappes served 18 stations

and organized congregations in Omaha and Lincoln, Nebr.; Sioux City, Fort Dodge, and Des Moines, Iowa.

For Pastor Mappes the most important part of his ministry was Christ's commission, "Feed My lambs." Most dear to his heart were the thousands of deaf children, mostly in the Iowa and Nebraska Schools for the Deaf, to whom he offered the strength and guidance of the Gospel every week. By the power of the Holy Spirit in his Christ-centered teaching more than 760 people have pledged their faithfulness to the church in the rite of confirmation.

Pastor Mappes spent the last day of his life in Christian classes at the Nebraska School for the Deaf, and he joyfully remarked in the evening, "I have never seen the young people more happy to learn and talk of the love of Jesus."

Pastor Mappes' contributions to worship and teaching aids for the deaf, such as the *Ephphatha Book of Forms*, and his awards for outstanding service, such as the John Beverley Medal, are incidental in



Rev. Ernest C. Mappes (center) congratulated by Dr. Oliver R. Harms (left), the president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, upon receiving the John Beverley award for outstanding work in providing spiritual help for the deaf. Mr. Melvin Luebke (right), headmaster of Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf on Long Island, N. Y., presented the award at the Detroit convention, June 18, 1965

Pastor Mappes departed this life on March 24 at the age of 68

our memory to the living testimony of faith in the strong Christian deaf leaders across the country who have been led to the Savior by Pastor Mappes' example and teaching.

More than 500 worshipers at his funeral, including 38 fellow clergymen, gave due honor to a great friend, but believers who worship now and for years to come shall give the highest praise to God for entrusting His saving Word to such faithful ministers as Ernest C. Mappes.

REV. HERMAN GRAEF
Omaha, Nebr.

Word from Pastor Mappes' family informs us that Pastor Mappes left 20% of his estate for Jesus' work through our church's synodical mission program, medical missions, and the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society for foreign deaf missions.

The family suggests that anyone wishing to send in a memorial offering in behalf of Pastor Mappes could do so to the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society. At the time of his funeral the family requested that memorial offerings instead of flowers be given to the building fund at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Omaha.—Ed.

The Most Unexpected Trip of My Life

The first impressions of the African survey trip were noted in the March DEAF LUTHERAN. With this issue Rev. C. Roland Gerhold, who was sent by the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society as a member of the survey team, will begin a 3-part series about the Nov. 2—23 trip. A slide-lecture containing 30 slides and a written lecture is available from Rev. H. W. Rohe, 210 N. Broadway, St. Louis, Mo. 63102. Ed.

Part 1—Western Nigeria

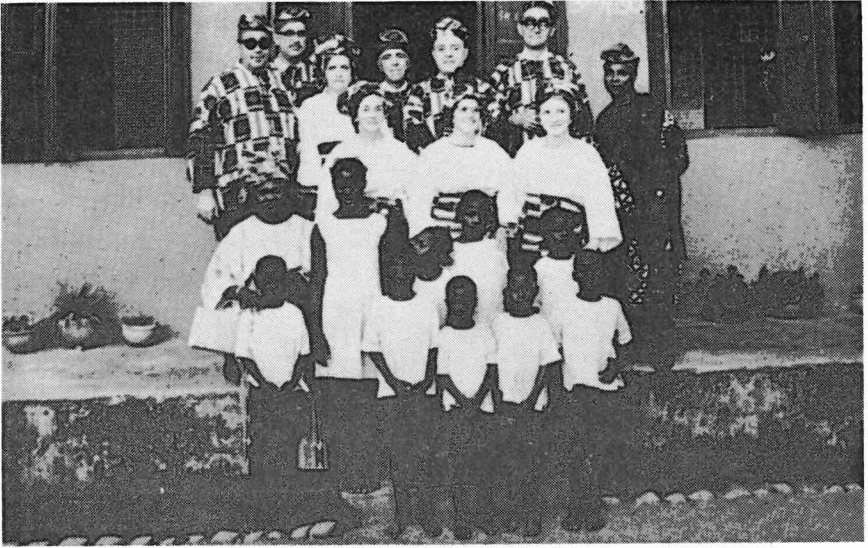
Nigeria is a federation of three states—East, North, and West, each with its own capital. The federal capital of Nigeria is Lagos, as Washington, D. C., is the federal capital of the 50 United States of America. The population of Nigeria numbers about 55,000,000 people living in a country larger than Texas and Oklahoma combined. If you imagine the continent of Africa as a “gun” pointing toward South America, Nigeria is located in the “trigger.”

We arrived in Lagos feeling hot, humid, and tired after our 16-hour trip from Kennedy Airport, but we were eager to start our work.

Deaf School in Lagos

On Nov. 4 the survey team from the Mill Neck Lutheran School for the Deaf, of which I was a member, visited the Federal School for the Deaf in Lagos. About 70 boys and girls attended this oral residential school.

Here they learn the Yuroba language as well as English. English is the national language of Nigeria, but the people also speak the language of their tribes. Some 200 languages and dialects are spoken in Nigeria. This must be very confusing for lip-readers, but the teachers explained that here the Yuroba language is taught the deaf children of the lower grades. Then they can talk with their par-



At the entrance to the Home for Young Deaf the deaf children pose with their teacher, Mrs. Adelaide Oyesola (second row, left). They stand in front of the survey team to whom they had presented gifts of native clothing

Back row, l. to r.: Mr. Melvin Luebke, Mr. Charles Yunghans, Mrs. Luebke, Mr. John Eberlein, Jr.; Mr. Philip Bauer, Rev. C. Roland Gerhold, Mr. Jacob Oyesola

Third row, l. to r.: Mrs. Eberlein, Mrs. Yunghans, Mrs. Bauer

ents, for many parents have not learned English or have not even attended school.

In the upper grades the children learn English. Some signs and finger spelling are permitted, for I saw the children using them.

The children sang "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" for us in Yuroba, and their words for Bible and Jesus in Yuroba are *Bibeli* and *Jesu*.

Our Lutheran deaf will be glad to know that the boys and girls in this school learn about their Savior. This school is operated by the Methodist Church from England. It is, however, supported

with funds from the Nigerian government to pay the teachers who were first trained in England or the United States.

The modern buildings of the federal school in Lagos are on a compound with a school for the blind operated by the Roman Catholic Church. A "compound" is a group of buildings usually fenced in by a wall or fence. Many times we saw compound walls with broken glass set in concrete to keep out thieves.

The classrooms of the school were gaily painted and were the best equipped of all the schools for the deaf I visited in Africa.

Remember that this is the capital city, and many people visit here. Some visitors never go any further into Nigeria and get a very good impression of the struggle this young nation is making by seeing all the new government buildings here.

On to Ibadan

The same afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yunghans drove us about 90 miles to Ibadan, the capital of Western Nigeria. For me this was a "nightmare" ride, for we drove on the *left* side of the road as in England. Imagine yourself sitting on the *right* side of a Volkswagen bus with traffic approaching and passing on the *right*. Nigeria has no 4-lane highways — only 2-lane tarred roads with no center lines. Add a lot of "cow-boy" drivers, and you can understand why I forced myself to look out the *left* side. The whole team voted to give Charles Yunghans a medal of bravery for driving us safely to Ibadan.

My home city, Newark, N. J., with 600,000 people is half the size of Ibadan with its population of 1,200,000. After seeing the mud-thatched huts and fisherman-shacks on the way, we expected to see more of a city like Lagos, the center of government. But here in Ibadan we found only a few new, very modern buildings.

Ibadan is known as the city of rusty roofs, because corrugated iron is used for roofs. I had the feeling that the huts and shacks

on the way were better built and cleaner than the old rusty one- and two-story city houses. The city was dirty with garbage, and ditches were used as sewers.

We arrived about supper time, and a smoky smell was everywhere. The people cook over wood or charcoal fires — that was the smell! It was like camping out in a city.

Only the new buildings had electricity and water. We were warned not to drink the water, because it has many germs. American and European people must boil their water for 15 minutes and then filter it through charcoal before using it.

Sometimes the electricity fails here as it did recently in Eastern United States. It happened three times while we were staying at the Rest House of the University of Ibadan. Here we could eat meals as you could in an American restaurant. We could also use the water here, but a few of us were not feeling too well by the time we left.

A Mission School

While we visited in Ibadan, I twice toured the Mission School for the Deaf, founded by Rev. Foster of Detroit, Mich. This is a residential school for about 70 deaf children. Here they are taught a little speech but learn to read English and use American signs.

The children were glad to "show off" to me as I visited their classes. I interrupted many times

with my questions, and they gave fine answers. Students 6 years of age to over 20 live in an old two-story building and have a small playground.

The head teacher asked the young men and women to show me the story of "King Solomon and the two mothers." They did a fine job in signing the drama. The boys learn some farming, and the girls learn housework and sewing.

Home for Young Deaf

We also visited the Home for Young Deaf for which Mrs. Yung-hans needed funds and support from our Lutheran Church. The nine children under the school's care learn to speak and lip-read English and know a few American signs. Their teacher, Mrs. Oyesola, studied for one year at Gallaudet College.

The building and playground here were very clean compared with the city itself and the Mission School for the Deaf. The boys and girls each had a blue set of clothes for week days and a white set for Sundays and special days.

The children signed hymns written on a chart and tried to speak and sign the Lord's Prayer. The oldest was about 11 years old. On our first visit we saw them learning arithmetic by counting nuts. Their lunch was goat's milk and cookies, but breakfast and supper were bigger meals.

I will never forget Sunday,

Nov. 7. I went to their Sunday school and was surprised by two things. First, 12—15 hearing boys and girls from the neighborhood came! Then, since this was their Harvest Festival Day, they all danced and sang a native song as each boy and girl danced to the altar with his gift of money.

The song sounded like the "boogie-woogie," but they danced because they were happy and thankful. I had to dance too, because I was happy. If I did not dance, they would think Pastor Gerhold was sad. Their dancing was something like the "twist," so I "twisted" for the Lord. Then the teacher asked me to pray and offer the gifts to our Lord. I did this in speech and signs.

Hearing Sunday School and Church

Earlier that morning Mrs. Yung-hans took me to the Sunday school in her home. Here about 20 hearing American and European boys and girls learned about their Savior.

They all wanted to know about work among the deaf in America. I was glad I brought some 8"×10" pictures with me. This was one Sunday school, however, that I did not need to teach finger spelling, for Mrs. Yung-hans had already taught them.

The gifts these children bring to Jesus help support the Home for Young Deaf.

Later in the afternoon, the Yung-hans family had a cookout in their beautiful back yard.

Their house-boy and cook could not understand why they wanted to cook outside when they had a stove in the house.

Some 24 Lutherans and their children gathered for the meal. Before I left New Jersey, Mrs. Yunghans had asked me to bring along some communion bread. Therefore, after the cookout we had a Communion service. I baptized Reese Bandella Harris, the 8-month-old son of John and Ruth Harris. We sang *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*, a hymn telling about the angels watching over us; *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*; and *The Church's One Foundation Is Jesus Christ Her Lord*. My sermon topic was "The Power of the Reformation."

This was one of the most exciting services I conducted in my life because 6 weeks before I did not dream of ever going to Africa! You cannot imagine the joy and thanksgiving I felt at being privileged to preach to Lutherans and their friends who had no church of their own in the largest city of West Africa.

Red-Letter Day

Monday was another red-letter day when friends and supporters of the Home for Young Deaf gave us a welcome-farewell party on the playground. The children presented each of the members of the team and their wives gifts of native clothing. This was to show their thanks for the \$500 gift the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society gave them in the summer of 1965.

A gift of native clothing means that you are welcomed into their "family." Again everyone danced from joy. This time a drummer band was there and the rhythms played forced our feet to dance.

To Sum It Up

Part of the team left on Tuesday, part on Wednesday. During the 6 hot and humid days in Lagos and Ibadan, we visited three leaders of Christian churches, three leaders in the government, medical directors, three schools for the deaf, two universities, a teaching hospital, toured Ibadan, and had many helpful discussions.

I saw much poverty and filth. I saw many people sick and with various handicaps caused by disease. I saw evidence of political violence; for this nation has governed itself only since 1960, and so few people are educated.

I saw the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a small way in Western Nigeria, but I see the *great need* for a Lutheran Mission in the largest city in all of West Africa.

The findings of the survey team have already been reported in the DEAF LUTHERAN. At present we cannot see our way clear to establish a Lutheran School for the Deaf in Ibadan. However, in part two of my series next month I will explain why a pastor for the deaf is needed as a resource man in Nigeria.

REV. C. ROLAND GERHOLD
Newark, N. J.



FIELD

GLEANINGS

Holy Cross Dedicates New Chapel

Columbus, Ohio. Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Columbus, dedicated their new chapel facilities on April 17. Altogether 740 deaf and hearing gathered for a morning service of dedication and an afternoon and evening service of thanksgiving.

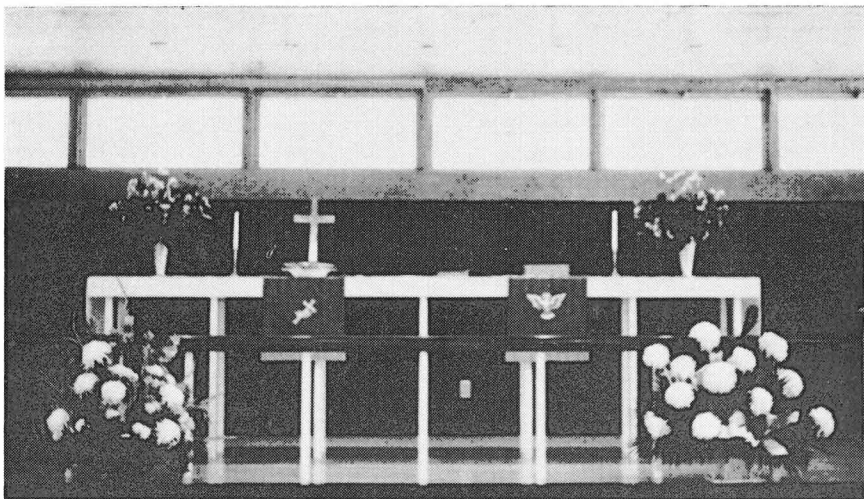
Rev. Herbert W. Rohe, secretary for Deaf Missions of our church, St. Louis, Mo., preached

the morning sermon, while the host pastor, Rev. William A. Ludwig, served as liturgist. Rev. Martin Hewitt, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Cleveland, Ohio, was both lector and interpreter.

In the afternoon and evening services Dr. Otto W. Toelke, executive secretary of our church's Ohio District, was guest speaker. Rev. D. Marshall Begley, pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran Church (hearing), Columbus, and Rev. Paul W. Stanko, pastor of Zion



Dedicated without debt, Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Columbus, Ohio, stands beautifully and inspires all who pass by. The chapel is two blocks from the Ohio State School for the Deaf



The chancel of Holy Cross was designed to allow all worshipers to see the service without obstruction. The altar is 14 feet long and stands 2½ feet from the chancel wall

Lutheran Church (hearing), Columbus, were the liturgists.

Refreshments were served by groups of ladies from sister churches of Columbus after each service.

A grant from The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, together with gifts from the congregation, from their deaf friends, and from deaf and hearing churches in Ohio enabled the congregation to dedicate their chapel debt free.

In his newsletter, *The Messenger of Christ*, Pastor Ludwig comments: "As we look back over the past 4 years to the night when the voters made their bold decision to build the new and more adequate sanctuary, the only conclusion we have is: 'Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!' We see that the blessings of God have been many.

"The weather was ideal for the dedication, the attendance was exciting, and the offering was the loving response to God's grace. Our congregation's president could not help saying again and again, 'God is with us!' The joy and happiness of the officers and members was easily seen as they proudly showed the rooms to visitors from all over Ohio as well as from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan, and Illinois.

"Some people may look upon what we have done as an outstanding achievement. We must look upon these as outstanding blessings from the hand of a loving God and Savior."

Pastors Complete Interpreters Course

Los Angeles, Calif. Rev. A. T. Jonas and Rev. S. G. Behrends, pastors of Pilgrim Lutheran

Church of the Deaf, Los Angeles, recently completed an advanced interpreters course at the San Fernando Valley State College.

Admission to the course first demanded a knowledge of and the skill in interpreting. Only those invited could participate.

The course was an intensive study in the various major fields of interpreting for the deaf — court, medical, employment, legal, and for government agencies. The

course lasted 12 weeks, and each student spent some of the time in class sessions and some time in interpreting practice.

Rev. Jonas received the praise of the Los Angeles County Court interpreter's office for the skill he has demonstrated in the past as an interpreter for the deaf. The court recommended Pastor Jonas as the person to present the lectures on the legal-judicial aspects of interpreting for the deaf.

Summer Directory of Regular Sunday Services

Summer vacation time is here again. Many of our Lutheran deaf will be traveling to various parts of the country visiting friends and relatives.

The DEAF LUTHERAN encourages its readers to remember to ask God for His blessings as you travel. Be faithful to Him in prayer and worship. Arrange your schedule so that you can attend a service of worship at church.

For this purpose we publish the following list of regular Sunday services. Besides these every-Sunday services our Lutheran missionaries serve over 200 other cities once or twice a month. If you plan to travel across the country, write to the pastors in the states where you will visit. They will be happy to tell you about their services in their several cities. See page two of this magazine for addresses.

For your information, as you read this directory, "SS" means Sunday school, "BC" means Bible class, and times listed are a. m. except where noted otherwise.

ARIZONA

Phoenix, Our Savior

5105 N. 7th Avenue
SS — 9:30. Worship — 9:30
Rev. Theodore Frederking, pastor

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, Pilgrim

1233 S. Vermont Avenue
SS — 11:00. Worship — 11:00
Rev. A. T. Jonas, pastor
Rev. S. G. Behrends, ass't.

Oakland, Memorial

1011 Grove Street
SS — 9:00, BC — 11:15
Worship — 10:00
Rev. Clark Bailey, pastor

San Francisco, St. John

22nd near Mission & S. Van Ness
BC — 7:00 p. m. Worship — 8:00 p. m.
Rev. E. T. DeLaney, pastor

COLORADO

Denver, Bethel

750 S. Franklin Street
Worship — 11:00

CONNECTICUT

West Hartford, Lutheran

155 Park Road
Worship — 9:45. Tues. BC — 8:00 p. m.
Rev. Earl J. Thaler, pastor

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington, Christ

5101 — 16th St. N. W.
SS — 9:45. Worship — 10:00
Rev. H. W. Hoemann, pastor

ILLINOIS

Chicago, North, Our Savior

1400 N. Ridgeway Avenue
BC — 10:00. Worship — 10:30
Rev. Ernest Scheibert, pastor

Chicago, South, Ephphatha

7956 South Park Avenue
Worship — 10:00
Rev. Leroy W. Mason, pastor

Jacksonville, Christ

104 Finley Street
Worship — 10:00
Rev. Orlin Anderson, pastor

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Indianapolis, Peace

4201 N. College Avenue
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Rev. Daniel Pokorny, pastor

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Des Moines, Calvary

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SS & BC — 9:00. Worship — 10:30
Rev. James Bengelsdorf, pastor

MICHIGAN

Detroit, Our Savior

6861 E. Nevada Avenue
SS — 10:00. Worship — 10:00
Rev. N. E. Borchardt, pastor

Flint, St. Paul's

402 S. Ballenger Highway
Worship — 11:00
Rev. Robert Bremer, pastor

MINNESOTA

St. Paul, Prince of Peace

205 N. Otis Street
Worship — 10:00
Friday BC — 8:00 p. m.
Rev. A. L. Hauptman, pastor

MISSOURI

Fulton, at St. Paul's

Highway 54 & Douglas Blvd.
Worship — 8:30 a. m.
Rev. Philip Ernst, pastor

Kansas City, Pilgrim

38th St. & Gillham Road
SS & BC — 9:45. Worship — 10:45
Tuesday BC — 7:30 p. m.
Rev. A. E. Ferber, pastor

St. Louis, Holy Cross

Concordia Seminary Chapel
801 De Mun Avenue
Worship — 10:00
Rev. Floyd Possehl, pastor

MONTANA

Great Falls, Christ

11th Ave. South & 34th Street
SS — 10:45. Worship — 9:45
Rev. R. R. Rynearson, pastor
Vicar Charles Jones

Missoula, Christ

at Higgins & Daily Streets
Worship — 3:00 p. m.
Rev. R. R. Rynearson, pastor
Vicar Charles Jones

NEBRASKA

Omaha, Bethlehem

51st & Lake Streets
SS — 9:15. Worship — 10:30
Rev. W. H. Lange, pastor
Vicar Myron Prok

NEW JERSEY

Newark, St. Matthew's

510 Parker St. at Ballantine Pky.
SS — 10:00. Worship — 10:00
Rev. C. R. Gerhold, pastor

Trenton, Nativity

1125 Parkside
SS & BC — 2:00 p. m.
Worship — 3:00 p. m.
Rev. William Aiello, pastor

NEW YORK

Elmhurst, St. Matthew's

41—01 75th Street
Worship — 11:00
Rev. Louis R. Jasper, pastor
Vicar Daniel Hodgson

Rochester, Alpha

1009 St. Paul St. at Clifford Ave.
SS — 9:30. Worship — 10:45
Rev. Walter Busby, pastor

OHIO

Cleveland, Christ

E. 25th & Payne, downtown
SS & BC — 9:30. Worship — 10:30
Rev. Martin A. Hewitt, pastor

Columbus, Holy Cross

360 Morse Road
SS & BC — 9:00. Worship — 10:30
Wednesday BC — 7:30 p. m.
Rev. William A. Ludwig, pastor

OREGON

Portland, Hope

75 N. E. Wygant St.
Worship — 11:00
Rev. Larry Harris, pastor

PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh, Trinity

409 Swissvale Avenue
Worship — 11:00
Rev. Frank Wagenknecht, pastor

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sioux Falls, Trinity

101 South Mable Ave.
Worship — 9:00
Rev. George Ring, pastor

TENNESSEE

Memphis, Grace

210 Washington Street
SS — 9:15. Worship — 10:30
Rev. Donald Leber, pastor

Memphis, Peace

1008 E. McLemore Avenue
SS — 2:30 p. m. Worship — 1:00 p. m.
Rev. Donald Leber, pastor

TEXAS

Austin, Jesus

1307 Newton Avenue
Worship — 11:00
Rev. Donald Haug, pastor

Dallas, John of Beverly
7611 Park Lane
SS & BC — 9:15. Worship — 10:30
Rev. William E. Duey, pastor

Houston, First
4411 LaBranch Avenue
Worship — 7:30 p. m. Wednesday
Rev. Donald Haug, pastor

WASHINGTON

Seattle, Our Redeemer
1101 15th Avenue
Worship — 11:00
Rev. John A. Beyer, pastor

Spokane, Faith
2733 Northwest Blvd.
BC — 9:30. Worship — 11:00
Rev. R. R. Rynearson, pastor

WISCONSIN

Madison, Silent
1929 Huxley Street
Worship — 9:30
Rev. Robert Corl, pastor

Milwaukee, Emmanuel
4328 W. North Avenue
BC — 9:00. SS — 9:45
Worship — 9:45
Rev. Martin E. A. Mueller, pastor

CANADA — ALBERTA

Edmonton, Cross of Christ
115 St. & 60th Avenue
SS & BC — 9:30. Worship — 10:30
Rev. Robert A. Bauer, pastor

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver, Trinity
E. 49th Avenue & Lancaster
Worship — 2:00 p. m.
Rev. Wayne Bottlinger, pastor

MANITOBA

Winnipeg, Immanuel
College & McKenzie
Worship — 11:00
Rev. F. P. Gehrs, pastor



LIGHT FOR YOUR WAY

Daily Bible Readings

for July

- July 1** — **2 Kings 20:1-11.** A deadly sickness is healed. Pray for comfort in every day of trouble. Pray for Mrs. Doris Myhre, parish worker, Hialeah, Fla.
- July 2** — **2 Kings 20:12-21.** A good king dies. Ask God to bless each of His children with a strong faith to meet and overcome the problems of life.
- July 3** — **Isaiah 6:1-13.** God calls a humble man to speak for Him. Pray for all the pastors and missionaries working with the deaf. Ask God to give them a safe journey as they travel to Chicago, Ill., for their Ephphatha Conference.
- July 4** — **Romans 13:1-10.** Give obedience to your government with Christian love. Ask God to turn the hearts of men from their sinful ways and instead to give their love to Him.
- July 5** — **Isaiah 7:1-17.** A sign of comfort from the future. Pray that your government's officials may learn to place their hope in God's promises.
- July 6** — **Isaiah 1:12-20.** God's Word is spoken to sinful people. Ask God to give the judges of our nation the wisdom to decide good and evil wisely.

- July 7** — **Isaiah 20:1-6.** God's warning is acted out by the prophet. Pray for the strength to accept the troubles of Christian work. Pray for Rev. N. E. Borchardt, Detroit, Mich.
- July 8** — **Isaiah 22:15-25.** The prophet speaks to the government. Pray for our Lutheran pastors and missionaries to the deaf as they travel home from Ephphatha Conference, Chicago, Ill.
- July 9** — **Isaiah 30:1-14.** Isaiah condemns the plan of his rulers because they do not trust the living God. Pray for your government that we put our trust in God and not in the strength of our own weapons.
- July 10** — **Isaiah 37:1-20.** A faithful king is comforted. Pray that your nation's rulers will hear and accept the Word of God. Pray for Mrs. Bernice Bottlinger, pastor's wife, Vancouver, B. C., Can.
- July 11** — **2 Kings 22:1-13.** When the Bible is not used it is lost, but now it is found. Pray that God's Word of promise may never be forgotten. Pray for Mrs. Joan Jasper, pastor's wife, New York, N. Y.
- July 12** — **2 Kings 23:1-14.** Josiah cleans and restores the temple. Pray that all Christians may recognize their need for worshiping the living God. Pray for Mrs. Betty Lou Oermann, pastor's wife, Birmingham, Ala.
- July 13** — **2 Chronicles 34:29-33.** All Judah is made holy again and given to the service of the true God. Pray for Mrs. Cam Busby, pastor's wife, Rochester, N. Y.
- July 14** — **2 Chronicles 35:20-27.** A good king meets his death. Pray for a desire for peace in the hearts of all people.
- July 15** — **Jeremiah 1:1-9.** God calls the man who does not want to be a prophet. Pray that God will help you be ready when He calls you to act for Him.
- July 16** — **Jeremiah 11:1-17.** The Lord tells His prophet not to pray for his people. Ask God to give His Holy Spirit to all who have not understood His Word of love.
- July 17** — **Jeremiah 13:1-14.** God condemns a nation's pride. Pray that sinful pride will not blind the eyes of our nation that we may not forget our God and Savior.
- July 18** — **Jeremiah 20:7-18.** A prophet in despair knows no way to turn. Pray that God might encourage our missionaries at home and in other countries.
- July 19** — **Jeremiah 15:10-21.** A prayer for strength. Ask God to strengthen the leaders of His church.
- July 20** — **Jeremiah 20:1-16.** Jeremiah, a prophet of God who is not afraid to speak out against sin, is beaten and put in prison.
- July 21** — **Jeremiah 26:1-19.** Jeremiah speaks a prophecy that nobody likes. Ask God to strengthen our pastors and teachers that they be not afraid to speak out against sin.
- July 22** — **Jeremiah 27:1-15.** Jeremiah stands against all the false prophets. Pray that love for our country will never tempt us away from our love to God.

- July 23**— **Jeremiah 28:1-17.** The yoke is a symbol of slavery. Pray for peace in our nation and throughout the world.
- July 24**— **Jeremiah 32:1-15.** A prophecy of hope and confidence for the future. Pray that God will continue to bless His church with pastors and teachers.
- July 25**— **Jeremiah 37:1-21.** The prophet suffers because he preaches God's Word. Pray for those in the world who are hungry, in prison, or alone.
- July 26**— **Jeremiah 38:1-13.** Jeremiah is released by a friend. Pray for the deaf in all the world who have not yet heard of the love and forgiveness of God which is given to us through Jesus.
- July 27**— **Jeremiah 39:1-14.** God's people are punished by Babylon. Give thanks to God for the continual freedom in your country.
- July 28**— **Jeremiah 40:1-6.** Babylon rules the people of God through a puppet governor. Ask God to give our nation strong and courageous leaders in government who will not agree with evil influences. Pray for Rev. William Duey and his wife, Mary Ann, Dallas, Tex.
- July 29**— **Jeremiah 41:16—42:17.** God's warning against running away from responsibility. Ask God to give you courage to meet your responsibilities in your family, church, and country.
- July 30**— **Jeremiah 43:1-13.** God's warning is ignored. Pray for Mrs. Altha Corl, pastor's wife, Madison, Wis.
- July 31**— **Jeremiah 51:59-64.** Jeremiah's last words. Ask God to give hope to those who are persecuted in the world. Pray for Rev. Floyd Possehl, St. Louis, Mo.

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