

# The Deaf Lutheran



*Ephphatha, that is  
Be opened.*

MARK 7:3

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*Rejoice*

*in the Lord's*

*Presence!*

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## **Expressions of Faith**

*The following "expression of faith" by Mrs. Ida Eysaman appeared previously in the June 1956 DEAF LUTHERAN. Mrs. Eysaman is a member of Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Rochester, N. Y. Her poem is reprinted by request and expresses this month's cover, Rejoice in the Lord's Presence. Ed.*

As I go about my daily chores  
In the house or out of doors,  
No matter what the weather be,  
I know that God is there with me.

The raindrops prancing in the air —  
Perhaps a rainbow there somewhere  
As heavenward I glance to see —  
I know that God is there with me.

With sunny skies or clouds above,  
The passing of a plane or dove,  
The beauty of it all I see;  
I know that God is there with me.

As sunset falls in evening hours,  
I walk among the garden flowers;  
Each blessing I can plainly see;  
I know that God is there with me.

Then, as the end of day draws near,  
The dark of night I shall not fear;  
I'm not alone, 'tis plain to see,  
I know that God is there with me.

The end of day, and time for bed,  
Prayers for friends and loved ones  
said,  
Thanks for His gifts, whate'er  
they be;  
I know that God is there with me.

Not just with me, but also you;  
So won't you pause a moment or two  
To thank Him for His blessings, too?

# The Most Unexpected Trip of My Life

*In this issue Rev. Gerhold completes his article on his part of the survey trip to West Africa to study the needs of the deaf. He concludes his comments with a recommendation to send missionaries to Africa. Continue to pray the Lord of the church to give us those pastors. ED.*

## Part 3 — Ghana

On Tuesday, Nov. 16, I left Nigeria and arrived in Accra, the capital of Ghana. This nation is located 500 miles west of Nigeria and has a population of 8,000,000 people.

I was met at the airport by Mrs. Dretke, wife of Missionary James Dretke, and her children.

That evening we visited the wife of Dr. Beeta, head of the Department of Theology at the University of Ghana. She knew of 2 deaf children. The houseboy of Rev. Dretke knew of 2 more.

The next day I met with Dr. Pike of the Wycliffe Bible Translators. His group is learning the 56 languages of Ghana and is translating the Bible into these languages. Two workers in his class knew of 4 deaf people.

### A Surprise!

That same day Rev. Dretke drove me to Mampong-Akwapim, about 35 miles north of Accra. In this small town I was surprised to find a Teacher Training School for the Deaf — begun only 2 weeks before! We visited a short time there as well as at the Mission School for the Deaf nearby and arranged for a longer visit the next day, Thursday.

### Cannot Read or Write

We returned to Accra for the evening, and I visited a night school for adult deaf who could not read or write. The school had been founded by a Rev. Foster, and now it had 3 deaf or hard-of-hearing teachers.

When these adult deaf students were children, Ghana had no schools for them. It was wonderful to see how eager they were to learn to read and write. Their teachers are Christians, and they have taught their students about our Savior Jesus. The teachers told us, however, that they had no Bibles, because Rev. Foster had taken all the books to Nigeria.

### A Nursery School

On Thursday we went back to Mampong-Akwapim and again visited the teacher training school. The head teacher, Miss Hewitt from England, asked me to lecture to her class of 12 about the work of the Lutheran Church among the deaf in America. Her class asked many questions.

Then we visited the nursery school that Miss Hewitt had begun about a half mile away. Here 24 deaf boys and girls lived, and learned to lip-read and speak the English language. When they

finish their few years here, they will attend the nearby mission school, where they will learn the language of signs and more finger spelling.

### **The Mission School**

The nearby Mission School for the Deaf was the first school that Rev. Foster established in West Africa. Mr. Sam Aiexe and Mr. Seth Ocloo were the head teachers. Both asked me to talk to the 110 students about the Lutheran Church's work with the deaf in America. They understood my American signs and enjoyed the pictures I had with me.

The head teachers told me that Rev. Foster had to leave the school and that the government of Ghana was now supporting it completely. They also said that no pastor was working with them and that they would welcome a pastor to work with the deaf if the Lutheran Church would send one. Mr. Ocloo had contact with the Lutheran Church and Lutheran deaf missions when he trained at Gallaudet College. Mr. Aiexe said that his students had NO Bibles, because Rev. Foster took them back to Nigeria.

When I left, Mr. Ocloo, who himself is deaf, pleaded, *Please send us a pastor for the deaf.*

### **Deaf Population**

Later that day I visited Mr. Adoo, chief rehabilitation officer of the Ministry of Social Welfare. His survey of the deaf in Ghana so far showed 900 deaf children

of school age. Mr. Adoo estimated that between 3,000 and 5,000 deaf live in his nation.

### **More Lectures**

The Ghana Society for the Deaf conducted another class of teaching adult deaf to read and write, but I never had another chance to visit it when we returned to Accra.

Instead I talked about the needs of the deaf to 20 Lutherans in three of Rev. Dretke's Bible classes on two nights. I also spoke to 500 young hearing people in high school about the needs of the deaf. Then I left for home, spending three more days in Madrid, Spain, on the way.

### **Long-Range Program**

In my report to the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society I suggested that the Board for Missions of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod begin a long-range program of work among the deaf in West Africa.

### **Begin in Ghana**

In the above paragraphs I explained the need for a Lutheran pastor to work among the deaf in Ghana as a resource man. It is clear that our church can begin work here for two reasons:

1) I met 150 deaf in Ghana and heard of 20 others. This, plus the government's estimate of 5,000 deaf, shows Ghana is a fertile field.

2) Mr. Adoo suggested that our church come to Ghana with two

programs. First, teach the adult deaf to read and write. Second, work with the preschool deaf children and their parents. In both of these areas we could proclaim the love of Jesus.

### **Begin in Nigeria**

In parts 1 and 2 of this article I showed a similar need for a pastor to work among the deaf in Nigeria as a resource man. Our church is already working among the hearing people in this nation with many more pastors than in Ghana. Here our resource man could teach these pastors how to serve the deaf in a nation that has seven times more people than Ghana. Such a pastor could develop the work among the deaf in Nigeria.

### **Lack of Money**

Right now the mission board of our church has no money to send one resource man, much less two. However, our board began long-range planning by calling Rev. Reinking from Hong Kong to be the counselor of all our missions in Africa and the Middle East. Because he has worked with the deaf, we should be thankful that Pastor Reinking accepted this important call.

### **Two Important Things**

1) American deaf have had schools for 151 years and almost

all our deaf can read and write. However, in West Africa the deaf have had schools for *only 7 years!*

2) The Lutheran Church began preaching to the deaf in America 72 years ago. In West Africa the deaf are *only beginning* to learn about Jesus our Savior. Thousands of deaf *do not know Christ!*

### **What Can We Do?**

Every Lutheran deaf person should thank God for his school and his church. Then pray that our church will send pastors to the deaf in Ghana and Nigeria.

Let us put our pocketbook or wallet in our prayers by sending our gifts to the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society (LDMS).

### **Answer the Call!**

Can we dare say *no*? Not when we remember the love God had for us when He sent His Son Jesus to pay for our sins and rise from the dead.

Ask your pastor for *monthly* envelopes for the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society. Support LDMS with your prayers.

A 30-slide set of pictures with a lecture on the most unexpected trip of my life is available from Rev. Martin Kosche, 116 Walnut St., Delavan, Wis. 53115.

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

**Please Note:** The Lutheran Deaf Mission Society has a *new* financial secretary. Send *all* contributions to **Rev. R. G. Blakely, 233 Winter St., Norwood, Mass. 02062.**

# Lutheran Deaf Mission Society

## Executive Board Meeting

The executive board of the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society met at River Forest, Ill., July 5, during the annual Ephphatha Conference. The board members are the six regional counselors of our Synod's mission to the deaf in North America.

One of the major tasks of the board at this meeting was the re-writing of the society's constitution. When this constitution has been approved by our Synod's legal advisers, the Mission Society will be incorporated.

A new office was added to the constitution to fill the need for a financial secretary. The duties of a financial secretary shall be to receive, record, and deposit all contributions to the society. He shall also send acknowledgments as well as membership cards to donors of \$1.00 or more. Rev. R. G. Blakely was chosen for this office and will begin his duties as financial secretary on Sept. 1.

Another new regulation is the *application for funds* form. In the future this form must be filled out by any person or organization which requests funds from the society. Such a form will give the board all the information they need to approve or reject an application in a businesslike way.

New officers for the coming

year: president — Rev. Martin Kosche; vice-president — Rev. George Ring; secretary — Rev. N. E. Borchardt; treasurer — Rev. Rodney Rynearson. These officers will serve until the close of the 1967 Ephphatha Conference. The newly elected counselor, Rev. Louis Jasper, replaces Rev. H. W. Hoemann on the board. The sixth board member is Rev. W. A. Westermann.

The financial picture is this: The society sent Rev. C. Roland Gerhold on a survey trip to Africa at a cost of \$1,082. Receipts of the Pentecost Day effort total \$688 as of July 15. The present balance in the treasury is \$3,724. No action was taken by the board to expend any of the funds in the treasury at this time.

The board suggests that congregations and preaching stations that did not have an offering for LDMS in the spring or did not reach their goal at that time make an effort to reach their goal in the fall.

In other words, let's make our goal \$5,000 in contributions to LDMS in 1966. The board resolved that an annual campaign will be made throughout our mission to support the work of the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society.

REV. MARTIN KOSCHE  
Delavan, Wis.



## FIELD

## GLEANINGS

West Hartford, Conn. On May 8 a class of eight young people was confirmed in the Lutheran Church of the Deaf, West Hartford

Here the class gathers around a beautifully decorated cake made by Mrs. Edna Rinas which was used for the honorary dinner following the service



In the picture (l. to r.): Kenneth Cloran — Springfield, Vt.; Thomas Nash — Winsted, Conn.; Larry Fanion — Bristol, Conn.; Susan Roberts — New Bedford, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond DeMars — Bristol, Conn.; Norma Conway — Gorham, Maine; Michael Russell — Bridgeport, Conn.; and Larry Roberts — New Bedford, Mass. Not shown in the picture, Victor York, Bristol, Conn.

† Mrs. Pauline Gustin †  
Gives Inner Ear to TBB

*Seattle, Wash.* Mrs. Pauline Gustin, a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Seattle, ever since it was established in 1918, departed this life on Saturday, June 18. Mrs. Gustin was 100.

Mrs. Gustin was born in Chicago and moved to Seattle in 1889. She had been deaf since age 2. Her deafness was caused by a fever.

Mrs. Gustin took an active interest in the affairs of the deaf and was a charter member of the Puget Sound Association of the Deaf. Accordingly, Mrs. Gustin decided to give her middle and inner ear bones to science after her death.

The temporal ear bones were willed to the Temporal Bone Bank center in Chicago, which will study them in their program of finding the causes and treatment of deafness.

Mrs. Gustin is the first Seattle resident — and, we might add,



the first Lutheran known to have donated her temporal ear bones for scientific research.

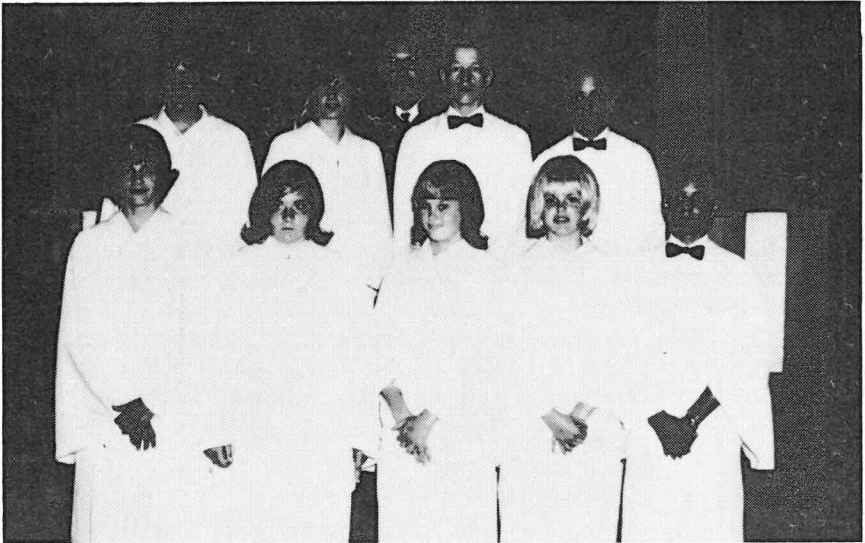
Mrs. Gustin was well thought of by many. In a devotional book she received on her birthday from a deaf-blind friend this comment was written: *Upon this your birthday my thought is of you and of the blessings your life has brought to me and others. It was a glad day for them when you were born. It was a happy day*

*for me when you gave me yourself as a friend.*

“Happy are the dead that die in the Lord . . . because they can rest from their labors and their works follow them.” (Revelation 14: 13)

### Gallaudet Graduation

Washington, D. C. Campus Pastor Harry Hoemann was privileged to participate in the 1966 commencement exercises of Gal-

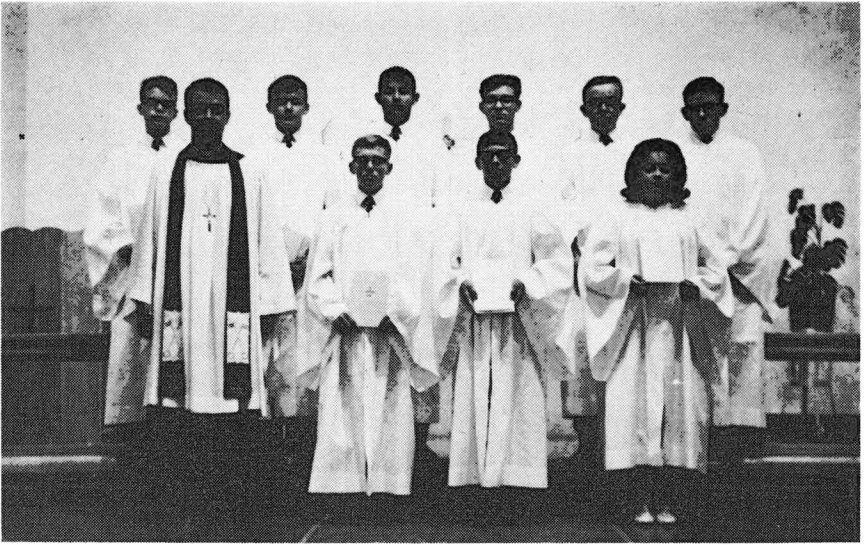


Jacksonville, Ill. Nine students of the Illinois School for the Deaf became communicant members of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in a confirmation and baptism service on May 22 in the chapel of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Jacksonville. These students remain members of Christ Congregation until their graduation and then transfer membership to a congregation near their home

Pictured (l. to r.), first row: Gloria Jean Salnick — Barrington; Lucille Jean Costner — Schiller Park; Susan Rae Anderson — Ottawa; Sandra Lynn Dye — Alsip; Lee Alan Suter — Troy

Second row: Georgette Noel Matoush — Downers Grove; Claire Marie Bergquist — Crystal Lake; Ronnie Eugene Schwarz — Wood River; Bradley Donald Shaw — Peoria

Third row: Rev. Orlin S. Anderson, pastor of Christ Congregation and missionary to the deaf in Central Illinois



### Confirmation Class at Devils Lake, N. Dak.

On Sunday, May 15, nine young people of the North Dakota School for the Deaf, Devils Lake, renewed their baptismal promises to be faithful to Jesus until death

More than 150 parents and friends of these young people traveled great distances to attend the service. Rev. Roger J. Leonhardt, pastor of the North Dakota Field, preached the sermon and confirmed the young people.

Rev. Herbert Rohe, Secretary of Deaf Missions, served as liturgist. The Ladies of St. Peter's Lutheran Church (hearing) served a dinner following the service

L. to r., first row: Rev. Leonhardt; David Hanson — Bottineau; Larry Geiszler — Fredonia; Karen Weaver — Starkweather. Second row: Stephen Flaten — Park River; Gary French — Fairdale; Roger Hall — Mandaree; David Meyers — Amenia; Dale Armstrong — Rolette; Bradley Christensen — Devils Lake

laudet College. It was a pleasant surprise for all when President Lyndon B. Johnson made an unscheduled visit.

The President commended Congressman John E. Fogarty, the speaker for the ceremonies, and Senator Lister Hill for their work for the deaf. President Johnson pledged his support for the handicapped in general and the deaf in particular. He then shook

hands with the individuals who were seated with him on the speaker's platform, including Pastor Hoemann.

Honorary degrees were presented to Senator Hill in absentia and to Representative Fogarty, Mrs. Spencer Tracy, Mr. Thomas J. Dillon, and Miss Alice M. Teegarden. Pastor Hoemann delivered the invocation for the ceremonies.

## Rev. Beyer Honored

*Seattle, Wash.* On March 30 the Puget Sound Association of the Deaf presented a memento of their appreciation to Rev. John A. Beyer, pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Seattle.

The scroll read: *PSAD — 66th Anniversary. Sincere appreciation to Rev. John A. Beyer who, since September, 1919, has devoted his whole attention as a clergyman to promoting the welfare of the adult deaf.*

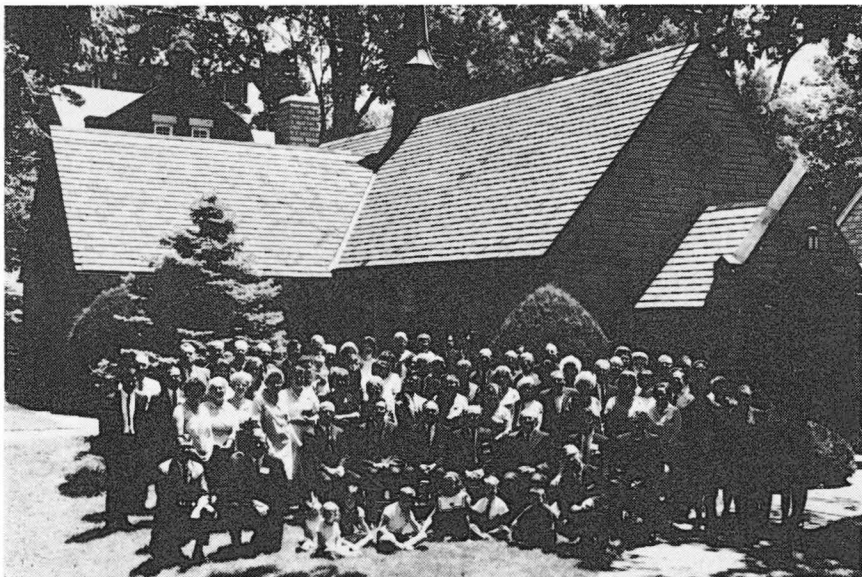
## Midwest Lay Conference

*Kansas City, Mo.* The Midwest Lutheran Deaf Lay Conference met in Kansas City, June 17—19. Members of Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf hosted the conference at the Executive

Hotel-Motel in downtown Kansas City. There we had comfortable quarters and a fine meeting room. On Friday evening about 60 deaf had registered for the first session.

The theme of the conference was "What Shall I Do with My Life?" During the sessions pastors and laymen presented the following parts of the theme:

- 1) Do I know that my life belongs to God? (South Dakota Field)
- 2) What kind of a church member does God want me to be? (Iowa Field)
- 3) What shall I do with my possessions? (Minnesota Field)
- 4) Do I conduct myself as a Christian in my social life (Nebraska Field)
- 5) What kind of service will I



Midwest Lutheran Lay Conference met in Kansas City, Mo., June 17—19. Here the deaf gather in front of Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf

give to my Lord and His church?  
(Kansas City, Mo., Field)

A banquet was held on Saturday evening, attended by 75 deaf. Dr. Stanley Roth was guest speaker and used as his theme "The Life of the Deaf in the World of Automation." Pilgrim Congregation in Kansas City arranged the evening's entertainment.

Presentations on the theme of the conference were given on Saturday and Sunday morning. Later

Sunday morning Pilgrim Congregation hosted the worship service in their chapel. Rev. A. L. Hauptman delivered the sermon, and Rev. A. E. Ferber, host pastor, was liturgist.

The conference looks forward to meeting in or near St. Paul, Minn., next year. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf will serve as host congregation.

REV. GEORGE RING  
Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

## Directory of Regular Sunday Services

The listings in this directory are limited to those congregations that conduct regular services every Sunday.

In addition to these, your Lutheran missionaries serve more than 200 preaching stations throughout the U. S. and Canada.

If you are interested in these unlisted once-or-twice-a-month services in your state, the pastor serving your area is listed on page 2 of this magazine. He will be happy to answer any questions.

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

#### *Riverside, Immanuel*

5939 Magnolia  
See Rev. G. Gehrs for information

#### *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  
Rev. Donald Zuhn, pastor

### 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

### FLORIDA

#### *Miami, Deaf Zion*

15000 N. W. 27th Ave.  
Worship — 7:00 p. m. BC — 8:15 p. m.  
Rev. Walter Busby, 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

INDIANA

*Indianapolis, Peace*

4201 N. College Avenue  
SS — 9:15. Worship — 10:30  
Rev. Daniel Pokorny, pastor

IOWA

*Des Moines, Calvary*

7th & Forest Streets  
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  
SS — 10:30. Worship — 10:30  
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. C. Bremer, 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. Johnson, pastor

*Missoula, Christ*

at Higgins & Daily Streets  
Worship — 3:00 p. m.  
Rev. R. Johnson, pastor

NEBRASKA

*Omaha, Bethlehem*

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

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 G. Rumerfield

NORTH DAKOTA

*Devils Lake*

SS — 9:00, BC — 9:45  
Worship — 8:10  
Rev. R. Leonhardt, pastor

OHIO

*Cleveland, Christ*

E. 25th & Payne, downtown  
SS & BC — 9:30. Worship — 10:30  
BC — Tuesday, 8:00 p. m.  
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.  
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Rev. Larry Harris, pastor

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409 Swissvale Avenue  
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Rev. Frank Wagenknecht, pastor

SOUTH DAKOTA

*Sioux Falls, Trinity*

101 South Mable Ave.  
SS & BC — 9:00. Worship — 10:00  
Rev. George Ring, pastor

TENNESSEE

*Memphis, Grace*

210 Washington Street  
SS — 9:00. Worship — 10:15  
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  
BC — 10:30. Worship — 11:00  
Rev. John A. Beyer, pastor

### *Spokane, Faith*

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

### *Vancouver, Memorial*

E. 29th & Grand  
Worship — 8:30  
Rev. L. Harris, 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 September

*As we continue to pray daily for our own spiritual and physical needs, let us remember the needs of others. Remember in our prayers our family and loved ones, our neighbors, our congregation, our church, our pastor and his family, and all the missionaries working with the deaf in our church.*

**Sept. 1** — **Nehemiah 8:13-18.** The Feast of Tabernacles celebrated. Pray for more understanding of the festivals of your church. Pray for Mrs. Otilie Ferber, pastor's wife, Fargo, N. Dak.

**Sept. 2** — **Nehemiah 1:1-11.** A good man is concerned for Jerusalem. Pray for God's blessings upon your community and your church.

**Sept. 3** — **Nehemiah 2:1-20.** A decision to rebuild the walls. Ask for the courage to undertake the difficult work of your church.

**Sept. 4** — **Nehemiah 4:1-9.** Unfriendly nations are against God's work. Pray for peace and friendship between hate-filled groups in your city. Pray for Mrs. Rhoda Rynearson, pastor's wife, Spokane, Wash.

- Sept. 5** — **Nehemiah 4:10-23.** God's people prepare to protect themselves. Pray for the wisdom to prepare yourself against the troubles in your life.
- Sept. 6** — **Nehemiah 5:1-13.** Nehemiah corrects the evils within the church. Pray that our children will be taught to love without prejudice.
- Sept. 7** — **Nehemiah 5:14-19.** A good and faithful governor. Pray that our young people may be trained for good leadership in the nation and in the church. Pray for Mrs. Marilyn Bremer, pastor's wife, Flint, Mich.
- Sept. 8** — **Nehemiah 6:1-14.** A personal danger is ignored without fear. Ask God to give you the will to give up your own interests to the need of the church. Pray for Rev. Frank Wagenknecht, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Sept. 9** — **Nehemiah 6:15—7:4.** The wall around Jerusalem is completed. Pray that your congregation will accept and finish its responsibilities.
- Sept. 10** — **Nehemiah 13:1-9.** The temple is cleared and restored. Pray that the Lord will lead the children and young people of your congregation to learn the joy of worship. Pray for Rev. A. E. Ferber, Kansas City, Mo.
- Sept. 11** — **Nehemiah 13:15-22.** God's day of rest, the Sabbath Day, is accepted once again. Pray that all the members of your congregation may be regular worshipers at church.
- Sept. 12** — **Esther 2:1-11.** A contest for a queen. Pray that the women of the church may be willing and able to lead in their work.
- Sept. 13** — **Esther 2:12-18.** Esther wins favor from the king. Ask for a true understanding of the beauty of faith and love. Pray for Mrs. Hera Borhardt, pastor's wife, Detroit, Mich.
- Sept. 14** — **Esther 4:1-17.** Esther accepts responsibility for her people. Pray that the Lord will help you see and take your responsibility for the welfare of all.
- Sept. 15** — **Esther 5:1-14.** Preparations are made for both a banquet and a hanging. Pray that God will always protect and defend His church from the selfish plans of men. Pray for Rev. H. W. Rohe, Secretary of Deaf Missions, St. Louis, Mo.
- Sept. 16** — **Esther 7:1-10.** An enemy of God's people destroys himself. Pray to understand how God does His will through you.
- Sept. 17** — **Esther 8:1-17.** Defeat is turned into victory. Pray for the growth of your congregation and for eternal life.
- Sept. 18** — **Esther 9:23-32.** The feast of Purim is instituted. Pray that those who worship with you may understand what God asks them to do. Pray for Mrs. Sigrid Ludwig, pastor's wife, Columbus, Ohio.
- Sept. 19** — **Luke 1:57-80.** A long-awaited prophet is born. Ask that God's promised kingdom will come to you and your family.
- Sept. 20** — **Luke 3:1-14.** The forerunner's message. Ask God to teach you



how to teach others about His loving will. Pray for Rev. Donald Leber, Memphis, Tenn.

- Sept. 21** — **Matthew 3:13-17**. John baptizes Jesus. Pray for the children in your congregation who have been given to the Lord in Baptism.
- Sept. 22** — **John 1:19-37**. A great man gives honor to a Greater Person. Pray for a humble spirit to follow the leaders of your congregation.
- Sept. 23** — **John 3:25-36**. Greatness talks with humble word. Ask for strength to give honor to God and credit to those who deserve it.
- Sept. 24** — **Luke 7:18-23**. John sends a committee from prison to Jesus. Pray God to keep your faith strong at all times. Pray for Mrs. Janet Leber, pastor's wife, Memphis, Tenn.
- Sept. 25** — **Luke 7:24-34**. Jesus honors His last prophet. Pray that the teachers in your church will clearly show their faith.
- Sept. 26** — **Mark 6:14-29**. Evil leads to greater evil. Pray for those who practice their faith in Jesus under a government that hates Christianity.
- Sept. 27** — **John 1:35-42**. Andrew calls his brother Peter. Pray for your family that they may believe in Jesus and be kept in that faith.
- Sept. 28** — **Matthew 4:18-22**. Jesus calls two sets of brothers into His service. Ask for the grace to hear and answer God's call to work.
- Sept. 29** — **Luke 6:12-16**. Jesus commissions His apostles. Pray for teachers, pastors, and laymen to do the church's work.
- Sept. 30** — **Matthew 14:22-33**. Peter trusts, then distrusts, the Word of the Lord. Ask for humility to accept all power and truth from God. Pray for Rev. Donald Haug, Houston, Tex.

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