

# The Deaf Lutheran



*Ephphatha, that i.  
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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# Christian Education

## In Focus — September

"Come with me to Bible class," I urged. Many times the reply was, "No thanks. I learned all about that when I joined the church." Sometimes I heard, "No, I don't have the time."

Perhaps you have heard these same excuses too. Yet we know that those who make such excuses miss something very important when they refuse to partake of *Christian education*.

Our formal education was centered in schools when we were children. Now that we are adults we find ourselves still learning something new about our job or the world around us. Learning continues all through life.

Christian education focuses upon our relationship with God — what He has done for us and how we are to respond to Him. This knowledge is also taught in a "school," and the book we use is the Holy Bible, the Word of God. As the world changes and

as we grow older, God's Word continues to give us new insights and ideas how we may better live as God's people.

What is this Word of God that continues to give us new hope in a troubled world?

The Word has existed since the beginning of time. Jesus is called the unwritten Word of God. (John 1:1)

The written Word of God is living and active. It teaches us the difference between right and wrong. (Heb. 4:12)

If we read the Word and learn it, the Lord will give us strength to overcome evil. (Ps. 119:11)

The Word shows us the way to eternal life. (1 Peter 1:23-25)

When the Word of God is read and preached, it will not return void or empty. The Word will bring someone to faith. (Is. 55:11)

The Word helps us live and act as people of God. (Col. 3:16-17)

The Word will continue forever. (1 Peter 1:25)

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Certainly we ought to be more excited over learning from God's Word. We need Christian education to better prepare us on the way through life to our goal, eternal life.

Let us not neglect studying

God's Word. Let us not fail to attend Sunday school and Bible class. Especially may we not fail to send our children — both deaf and hearing, for the Lord gives this blessing for every member of our family.

## John of Beverley Award

### Cover

During the 47th regular convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in New York City July 7—14, the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf awarded its 8th John of Beverley medal to Rev. Waldemar O. Ferber, who had distinguished himself in dedication and service to the deaf.

The John of Beverley medal was created in 1958 by the board of directors of Lutheran Friends of the Deaf and the board of trustees of Mill Neck Manor — Lutheran School for the Deaf. It recognizes outstanding achievement in any field of activity which helps the deaf.

The medal itself commemorates the accomplishment of Bishop John of Beverley, an English clergyman, who is believed to be the first individual of historical record named to teach a deaf person to speak and read. This work of love took place in 685 A. D., according to the Venerable Bede in his *Ecclesiastical History of the English Nation*.

On the convention floor on Wednesday, July 12, as the representatives of the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf were being introduced to make their John of Beverley presentation, the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf organization was publicly recognized and commended for

its concern and effort in behalf of our church's mission to the deaf.

In the words of the speaker, "They are worthy of and merit this recognition. Not only have they made a significant contribution to deaf education and Christian education, but they have also contributed greatly to the program of our mission in other areas. All of our missionaries have been encouraged and strengthened in their work by the foresighted leadership and efforts of the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf."

### Did you know?

Today some 15 million adults and 3 million children in the United States have a hearing loss of some degree, and the number is increasing.

Between 3 and 5 percent of the school-age children in the United States and abroad have a hearing loss to some degree.

Today a greater proportion of deaf young people are born deaf or are deafened before language has been acquired than occurred 25 years ago. This may be due in part to improved medical care for mothers and children. Thousands of children who would have died are now saved.

*The Utah Eagle*



Rev. Waldemar O. Ferber Honored

*July 12, New York, N. Y.* The Lutheran Friends of the Deaf present the John of Beverley medal to Rev. Waldemar O. Ferber (center) for his many faithful years of dedication and service to the deaf. Pastor Ferber had been nominated for this honor by the North Dakota District convention of our Lutheran church.

This pioneer in the service of the Savior in Synod's mission among the deaf entered the ministry 50 years ago. Six years later his interest in the deaf led to his first call into deaf missions, which he served faithfully and devotedly for 44 years.

At one time Pastor Ferber's field of service included parts of three states — North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin — and three Canadian provinces — Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. This area covered some 30 mission stations, 24 of which were served on a scheduled basis. Within this field Pastor Ferber also served four schools for the deaf and three state hospitals. Today this area has developed into four separate fields.

We congratulate Pastor Ferber, who has always cheerfully given of himself and his labors to his church and the deaf.

The presentation citation was read by Rev. Howard Schoenfeldt (left), board of directors, Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, while Mr. Melvin Luebke (right), headmaster of Mill Neck Manor — Lutheran School for the Deaf, vested the medal.

# The Miracle of Life

## *Ebenezer*

While Jesus walked the earth, people would sometimes come to Him and ask Him to do some miracle. They thought that if they would see proof of Jesus' power, they could accept Him as the Son of God and their Savior. Jesus did not perform magic to prove that He was God's Son. He did perform many miracles that were real and true to show people the love God had for them. His miracles of healing were a sign that God's kingdom had come, that God wanted to rule and lead the lives of His people.

If you were to ask me today where you could see a miracle, I would tell you to stand in front of a mirror. *The miracle is you!*

If medical science has discovered one thing, it is that birth and life are truly a mystery and a miracle. To be brought into this world alive is indeed a wonderful and divine thing, a miracle gift of God. Do we truly recognize and give thanks for this holy gift of life?

In a recent article Dr. Martin Koehneke said,

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of life —  
For a birthday to remember You —  
For blessings of a lifetime so numerous that to number  
them becomes an exercise in futility.

In the Old Testament, Job said, *The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.* (Job 33:4)

Not only is it a miracle to be born and to receive the gift of life, however. It is also a miracle to be kept alive. Scripture encourages us to remember that life is in God's hands. *What is your life? You're a mist, seen for a little while, then vanishing. You should say: "If the Lord is willing, we'll live and do this or that."* (James 4:14-15 Beck)

A man named John Hall stood one evening watching some pure white flowers on a vine. The buds hung closed all day, but at sunset they unfolded into beautiful blossoms sending out a wonderful fragrance. He said a feeling of silent awe came over him as he saw each bud, under the touch of an invisible hand, slowly fold back its leaves until the vine was full of perfectly beautiful sweet blossoms. He thought, "If the finger of God can do this in a way beyond the power of human study to explain, cannot the same divine touch, in ways we know not of, do as much for human life?"

Surely you and I should stand in awe each day as we see and sense the breath of the almighty God continually giving us life. Surely we should give special thanks to our God, if not each day, at least each year as we celebrate our birthdays.

You and I as Christian children of God, however, have an even

greater miracle for which we must thank God. This miracle is our *new birth*. To be “born again of water [baptism] and the Spirit” is indeed also a wonderful and holy thing.

The Lord Jesus said to Nicodemus, *The wind blows where it pleases and you hear the sound of it, but you don't know where it's coming from or where it's going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.* (John 3:8 Beck)

An Indian chief who had become a Christian and truly loved his newfound Lord and Savior tried in many ways to show his thanks by always giving gifts to his Savior. One day his pastor asked why he gave so much. “Ah!” he said, “You have never been in darkness.” He

## — The Question Box —

**Q.** *Why do Christians suffer while unbelievers seem to go unpunished?* — Miss R. R., Columbus, Ohio

**A.** In answering this question first allow me to quote 1 Peter 4: 17: *For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the end of those who do not obey the Gospel of God?*

The household of God means Christians. Since we Christians believe in Jesus who was crucified for our sins, we are free from the guilt and punishment of sin. Jesus took away the penalty of sin against us. Forgiven by His grace, we have peace with God.

According to 1 Corinthians 11:32, “judgment” means chastisement, which is *not* the same as punishment. As the loving father chastises his son to correct his wrongdoings, so God chastises us, His believing children. He allows us to suffer to test our faith, to preserve us from damnation, to improve our trust in Him, to keep us from straying far from Him, or to guide us in the temptation-filled world.

Do not be fooled by the pleasures and prosperity of unbelievers. They refuse to accept the Gospel. While they seem to be without punishment, they too have their troubles. And their end will be eternal punishment in hell.

Trust in God, who chastises us for our good. He is taking care of us. Please also read 1 Peter 4:12-19 and James 1:2-15.

REV. WILLIAM A. LUDWIG

Next month a Cleveland, Ohio, woman asks: *Is it a sin for a woman to worship God without a head covering?*

*Address your questions on any church-related subject to The Question Box, Rev. William A. Ludwig, 360 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio 43214*

remembered the dark days of superstition, fear, doubt, and hopelessness in which his mind and soul had once been bound. He had come to the light and had received the miracle of life in Jesus Christ.

Another man named Gypsy Rodney Smith once wrote in a Brooklyn paper: "Tell me how He got a song from an angel, robed it in feathers and got a canary? Tell me, what I wish you could tell me now, how Jesus came to my gypsy tent — when we had no Bible, when I could not spell my own name, when I was only a little wandering gypsy boy with my brother and three sisters and my father, without God and without hope in the world — tell me how Jesus came to that old gypsy tent and opened my eyes and made me know He was my Savior and my Lord? Tell me how, for I do not know. But I know He did it!"

In other words, when you and I stand before a mirror, we are looking at three of God's miracles: the miracle of our birth and life, the miracle of being kept alive, and the miracle of a new birth in Jesus Christ. Surely this should cause us to be most thankful and grateful to our God and Savior. How do we show this gratitude?

All members of our Lutheran churches are being asked to remember these miracles and give thanks to God through the *Ebenezer Thankoffering*. The offerings that our members are contributing are being used to build churches and schools. These churches and schools will stand as lasting memorials to the gratitude and thanks of our people for the gift of life and the gift of the new life in Christ which God has so graciously given them.

After the great Chicago fire, three men were looking at the vast ruins. One said, "Well, I thank God I put some of my money where it could not burn." Surprised, the other two men asked, "Where did you put your money?" He quickly replied, "Into missions."

We can waste our money on so many things that do not last, but what we do for Jesus counts to all eternity — a continual service for Jesus Christ and His kingdom. That is what we are doing with our Ebenezer Thankoffering.

REV. HERBERT ROHE  
St. Louis, Mo.

## Deaf Missions Blessed in 1966

St. Louis, Mo.

The recent release from our church's Department of Research and Statistics gives us reason to rejoice as we take note of God's blessings during 1966.

	1965	1966
Baptized members .....	10,211	10,072
Confirmed members .....	5,204	5,276



Children baptized .....	135	124
Children confirmed .....	98	89
Adults confirmed or baptized .....	118	94
Total communicants gained .....	194	176
Number receiving Lord's Supper .....	33,045	32,507
Marriages .....	72	68
Burials .....	82	68
Enrolled in children's classes .....	3,605	3,544
Number of church services .....	5,557	5,440
Total church attendance .....	205,822	180,114
Contributions, home budgets .....	\$187,483	\$206,907
Contributions, world missions and welfare ...	\$ 33,143	\$ 35,049
Organized congregations .....	47	50

In addition, our 45 full-time pastors, 4 part-time pastors, 3 vicars, 3 parish workers, and one lay worker served 184 preaching stations, 80 deaf schools, and 36 state hospitals.

We give the Lord of the church praise and thanks for leading another 307 souls into His family through baptism or confirmation during the past year. We ask His continual blessing upon our church's efforts to feed and lead these new members in the Lord's way.

While the number of services and the corresponding attendance is less than the previous year due to the several vacancies, we must also note that our offerings to God for His work at home and for missions have continued to increase. This shows the wonderful response of His people as we continue to manage the blessings He gives us, setting aside part for the Lord with thanks and gratitude. May the Holy Spirit continue to lead us to be good stewards of our earthly blessings.

## Exploring in the Bible

**In your Bible read Psalm 24.**

This psalm of David was probably sung as worshipers brought the Ark of the Covenant to the temple. Hear the people singing!

How they praised the Lord for His creation and care of the world! "The \_\_\_\_\_ is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the \_\_\_\_\_ and those who live therein; for He has \_\_\_\_\_ it upon the seas and \_\_\_\_\_ it upon the rivers."

Then, as they stand before the temple, one voice sings: "Who shall ascend the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord? And who shall \_\_\_\_\_ in His holy place?"

The answer comes from a priestly choir in the temple and encourages the people to prepare for worship. "He who has



\_\_\_\_\_ hands and a \_\_\_\_\_ heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord and righteousness from the \_\_\_\_\_ of his salvation.”

The procession reaches the temple gates, and the song is raised: “Lift up your \_\_\_\_\_, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient \_\_\_\_\_! that the \_\_\_\_\_ may come in.”

The priestly choir in the temple challenges: “Who is the \_\_\_\_\_?” The worshipers respond: “The \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and mighty, the Lord, mighty in \_\_\_\_\_!”

The request and challenge is repeated, and the worshipers answer again with excited faith: “The Lord of \_\_\_\_\_, He is the King of Glory!”

The temple gates swing open, and the faithful enter for worship.  
*Answers on page 139.*



## FIELD

## GLEANINGS

### *Midwest Region News*

#### **Regional Conference**

*St. Paul, Minn.* “What Is a Deaf Christian?” was the first of several topics discussed at the Midwest Regional Conference, which met in St. Paul June 23 to 25. Approximately 70 persons, including both pastors and lay members, attended.

The theme of the conference was channeled into the three areas of the deaf Christian’s life — home, work and society (association with other people). The deaf Christian, like any other Christian, is a child of God who

lives his Christian faith wherever he is. The forgiveness of sins that he has received by God’s mercy leads him to show his faith at home, at work, or wherever he is with people. The deaf Christian reflects God’s love to others.

Special guests at the conference included Rev. H. W. Rohe, Saint Louis, Mo.; Rev. Arnold Meyer, Minnesota South District; Rev. Layton Lemke, Manitoba-Saskatchewan District; and Mr. Francis Crowe, Minnesota Association of the Deaf, and banquet speaker.

Officers elected for the next year are: Mr. Ray Klein, presi-

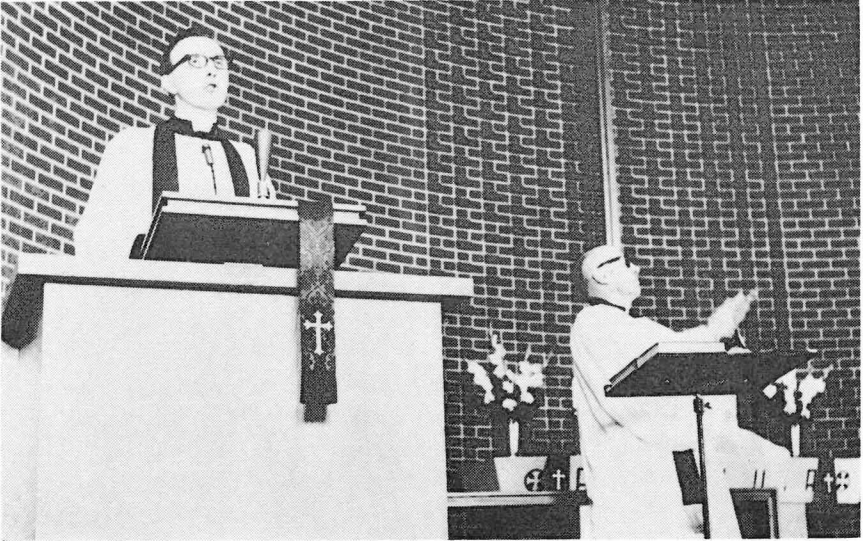
dent (Minnesota); Mr. Robert Baker, vice-president (Kansas); and Mrs. Dorothy Puzick, secretary-treasurer (Colorado). The 1968 conference will be held in Omaha, Nebr.

REV. DONALD ZUHN  
*Regional Reporter*

## New Appointment

*Washington, D. C.* Mervin D. Garretson of Silver Spring, Md., was recently appointed as executive director of the Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf.

The organization was estab-



*April 9, Hutchinson, Kans.* Rev. Clifford Larson preaches while Rev. A. E. Ferber (right) interprets the Gospel of the Savior to a large television audience from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Hutchinson. Television station KTVH and its booster station bring the message to an estimated audience of 20,000 in midwest Kansas.

Lutheran deaf and hard-of-hearing members, who have participated by signing hymns and other parts of the liturgy, have helped make the program effective. In particular Mr. and Mrs. Louis Martin, Miss T. Dohrmann, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Munz have inspired the TV audience and received their favorable response. Eleven-year-old Wanda Starks, a student at the Kansas School for the Deaf, also assisted in this year's worship service.

This annual program, appearing for the 7th consecutive year, has made many friends across the state.

lished in January 1967 for the purpose of promoting economic, social, and cultural opportunities for deaf persons through the coordinated efforts of its member organizations.

Mr. Garretson is currently an associate professor of education in the graduate school of Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C. He is a prominent leader of the deaf community.

### Answers for Exploring in the Bible

earth	God
world	heads
founded	doors
established	King of Glory
hill	King of Glory
stand	Lord
clean	strong
pure	battle
blessing	hosts

## 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 184 preaching stations throughout the United States 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 144 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 Ave.  
SS — 9:30. Worship — 9:30  
Rev. Theodore Frederking, pastor

### CALIFORNIA

#### *Los Angeles, Pilgrim*

1233 S. Vermont Ave.  
SS — 11:00. Worship — 11:00  
Rev. A. T. Jonas, pastor

#### *Oakland, Memorial*

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

#### *Riverside, Immanuel*

5939 Magnolia  
See Rev. G. Gehrs for information

### COLORADO

#### *Denver, Bethel*

750 S. Franklin St.  
Worship — 11:00  
Rev. Donald Zuhn, pastor

### CONNECTICUT

#### *West Hartford, Lutheran*

31 W. Beacon St.  
Worship — 9:45. Tues. BC — 7:30 p. m.  
Rev. Earl J. Thaler, pastor

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

#### *Washington, Christ*

5101 — 16th St. N. W.  
See Rev. D. Pokorny for information

### FLORIDA

#### *Miami, Deaf Zion*

15000 N. W. 27th Ave.  
Worship — 7:00 p. m. BC — 8:15 p. m.  
Rev. Walter Busby, pastor  
Mrs. D. Myhre, parish worker

### ILLINOIS

#### *Chicago, North, Our Savior*

1400 N. Ridgeway Ave.  
BC — 9:00, Worship — 10:00  
Rev. C. Jones, pastor

#### *Chicago, South, Ephphatha*

7956 South Park Ave.  
Worship — 10:00  
Wednesday BC — 7:30 p. m.  
Rev. Leroy W. Mason, pastor

#### *Jacksonville, Christ*

104 Finley St.  
SS & BC — 8:45, Worship — 10:00  
Rev. Orlin Anderson, pastor

### INDIANA

#### *Indianapolis, Peace*

4201 N. College Ave.  
SS — 9:30, Worship — 10:30  
Rev. Myron Prok, pastor

## IOWA

### *Des Moines, Calvary*

7th & Forest Avenue  
BC — 9:30, Worship — 10:30  
Rev. James Bengelsdorf, pastor

## MICHIGAN

### *Detroit, Our Savior*

6861 E. Nevada Ave.  
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  
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*

101 N. Beaumont  
BC — 9:00, 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 Sts.  
Worship — 3:00 p. m.  
Rev. R. Johnson, pastor

## NEBRASKA

### *Omaha, Bethlehem*

51st & Lake Sts.  
Worship — 9:00  
Rev. W. H. Lange, pastor  
Vicar Robert Henrikson

## 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 (at Trinity)*

191 Broad St.  
Worship — 11:00  
Rev. William Aiello, pastor

## NEW YORK

### *Elmhurst, St. Matthew's*

41—01 75th St.  
SS — 9:00, BC — 1:30 p. m.  
Worship — 11:00  
Rev. Daniel Hodgson, pastor

### *New York, St. Mark (Mt. Zion)*

145th at Convent  
Worship — 3:00 p. m.  
Rev. Daniel Hodgson, pastor

### *Rochester, Alpha*

580 Winton Rd. N.  
Worship — 10:45  
Rev. R. Rynearson, pastor

## 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 & Worship — 11:00  
Wednesday BC — 8:00 p. m.  
Rev. Martin A. Hewitt, pastor

### *Columbus, Holy Cross*

360 Morse Road  
SS & BC — 9:30, Worship — 10:45  
Wednesday BC — 7:30 p. m.  
Rev. William A. Ludwig, pastor

### *Toledo, Good Shepherd (St. Paul)*

428 N. Erie St.  
SS — 11:00  
Worship or BC — 11:00  
Rev. M. Hewitt, pastor

## OREGON

### *Portland, Hope*

1700 NE 132nd St.  
SS — 9:15, Worship — 10:30  
Rev. Larry Harris, pastor

## PENNSYLVANIA

### *Pittsburgh, Trinity*

409 Swissvale Ave.  
SS & BC — 10:00, Worship — 11:00  
Rev. Frank Wagenknecht, pastor

## SOUTH DAKOTA

### *Sioux Falls, Trinity*

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

## TENNESSEE

### *Memphis, Grace*

210 Washington St.  
SS — 9:00, Worship — 10:15  
Rev. Donald Leber, pastor

### *Memphis, Peace*

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

## TEXAS

### *Austin, Jesus*

1307 Newton Ave.  
Worship — 11:00  
Rev. Don Haug, pastor

### *Dallas, John of Beverley*

7611 Park Lane  
SS & BC — 9:00, Worship — 10:30  
Rev. William E. Duey, pastor

## WASHINGTON

### *Seattle, Our Redeemer*

1101 15th Ave.  
BC — 10:30, SS & Worship — 11:00  
Rev. John A. Beyer, pastor

## WISCONSIN

### *Delavan, Holy Cross*

116 Walnut St.  
SS — 8:00, BC — 9:15  
Worship — 10:00  
Rev. M. Kosche, pastor

### *Madison, Silent*

1929 Huxley St.  
Worship — 9:30  
Rev. Robert Corl, pastor

### *Milwaukee, Emmanuel*

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

## CANADA — ALBERTA

### *Edmonton, Cross of Christ*

115 St. & 60th Ave.  
SS & BC — 9:30, Worship — 10:30  
Rev. Robert A. Bauer, pastor  
Miss J. Torgerson, parish worker

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

### *Vancouver, Trinity*

School Ave. at College St.  
SS & BC — 10:30  
Worship — 11:00 & 7:30 p. m.  
Thursday BC — 8:00 p. m.  
Chapel dedication — Sept. 10  
Rev. Wayne Bottlinger, pastor  
Mr. Alex Brodie, lay worker

## MANITOBA

### *Winnipeg, Jesus (Immanuel)*

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



## LIGHT FOR YOUR WAY

### Daily Bible Readings for September

#### You Are a Teacher Sent by God

- Sept. 1 — Jeremiah 3:19-25.** Let us be repentant in our worship, for God has blessed us. Ask for power and wisdom to pray for all your needs and for confidence in Christ and your eternal triumph. Pray also for Mrs. Otilie Ferber, pastor's wife, Fargo, N. Dak.
- Sept. 2 — 1 Corinthians 4:8-12.** The purpose of working and earning is not to make a LIVING, but a LIFE to the glory of Christ. Pray for all people who work in offices, factories, farms, schools, government, in churches.
- Sept. 3 — Jeremiah 9:17-24.** Christian parents have the duty and privilege to teach their children the Word of God. Think of the blessings parents need to teach their children, and ask God to give them to you.
- Sept. 4 — Jeremiah 10:1-16.** Our children need more than training in the wisdom of the world. Ask God's blessing on children in your home, community, school, and church. Pray also for Mrs. Rhoda Rynearson, pastor's wife, Rochester, N. Y.
- Sept. 5 — Jeremiah 30:1-11.** We cannot teach people to hope unless we teach the mercy of God. Pray for grace to teach Christ to others.

- Sept. 6 — Jeremiah 30:12-22.** When the future seems blackest, then hope may be the strongest. Ask God for strength to be His witness, at home and away from home.
- Sept. 7 — Jeremiah 31:1-6.** Our only hope lies in God's love. Pray that our children will be taught to love without prejudice. Pray also for Mrs. Marilyn Bremer, pastor's wife, Flint, Mich.
- Sept. 8 — Ezekiel 37:1-14.** God gives strength and power to His church. Pray that God send His Spirit to our children and our youth, that we may again be a living army for our God. Pray also for Rev. Frank Wagenknecht, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Sept. 9 — Luke 4:16-44.** Jesus has called you to do the work that is closest to you. Pray for the people in your community whom you want to win for Christ.
- Sept. 10 — Luke 5:1-26.** Christ forgave the sins (soul healing) and cured the palsy (body healing) of the patient. Pray for all in the healing arts: hospital pastors, doctors, and nurses. Pray also for Rev. A. E. Ferber, Kansas City, Mo.
- Sept. 11 — Luke 11:1-3.** In some instances God's replies to prayer come only after persistent effort. May the Lord teach you to pray with full confidence in His love.
- Sept. 12 — John 7.** Have you learned by experience that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, and that your faith is true? God grant that through obedience you learn His teachings and the truth of His promises.
- Sept. 13 — John 8.** Those who do not want the Christ have no hope. May the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith and let you be a light to others. Pray for Mrs. Hera Borhardt, pastor's wife, Detroit, Mich.
- Sept. 14 — Acts 18:18-28.** Aquila and Priscilla taught Apollos in their home. Is your home, too, a place where the seed of God's Word is sown? Ask for God's blessings as you teach both children and friends, and ask God to bless your pastor as he visits homes.
- Sept. 15 — John 14.** In meeting the problems of life, your faith is tried and you grow weak. Your Lord also knows this fatigue and sends you relief. Pray for the teachers of our church's high schools. Pray also for Rev. H. W. Rohe, secretary of deaf missions, Saint Louis, Mo.
- Sept. 16 — 1 Timothy 1.** Meditate daily on the truth that you know concerning God's grace and your sin. Pray for those who write for the church that they not wander from the heart of Christ.
- Sept. 17 — 1 Timothy 3.** Have you judged your pastor according to your own opinion of what he should be? Pray for grace, strength, and renewed zeal for your pastor and officers of your congregation.
- Sept. 18 — 1 Timothy 4.** You have learned God's will and His love, and you can speak of these. Pray for those who teach in your Sunday school, especially the younger teachers. Pray also for Mrs. Sigrid Ludwig, pastor's wife, Columbus, Ohio.

- Sept. 19** — **1 Timothy 5.** There are many whose needs are greater than yours. Have you dealt with them in sympathetic love? Pray for the workers in our church's social welfare program.
- Sept. 20** — **1 Timothy 6.** Do you expect God to give you only things, or do you pray for the joy and peace of His presence? Pray for those who minister to the mentally sick, especially in state institutions. Pray also for Rev. Donald Leber, Memphis, Tenn.
- Sept. 21** — **2 Timothy 1.** You teach your children and those whom you lead more by example than by words. Pray for your own family worship: that God would bless you through His Spirit.
- Sept. 22** — **Joshua 1.** Strength and courage are the fruits of our trust in God. Pray for the officers of our church as they lead and guide their congregation in the Lord's way.
- Sept. 23** — **Titus 1.** Have you accepted in love the correction and discipline of your fellow Christians? Pray for grace to live according to what you teach.
- Sept. 24** — **Titus 2.** You teach others at all times, whether you intend to or not. Pray for pastors as they teach confirmation classes. Pray also for Mrs. Janet Leber, pastor's wife, Memphis, Tenn.
- Sept. 25** — **Titus 3.** Have you held to Christ as the Center of all you teach? Pray for the professors at our seminaries and colleges as they train leaders for the church.
- Sept. 26** — **2 Samuel 18.** True love cannot be killed. Have you been diligent to show your love? Pray for comfort to parents and teachers of those who go astray.
- Sept. 27** — **1 Samuel 3.** We ought to share with others what we learn from God. Pray for those registering at colleges and universities this fall.
- Sept. 28.** — **Acts 17:1-15.** God's Word is truth. Have you insisted that those who teach you be consistent with this truth? Pray that faith and courage be granted to all Christian high school students.
- Sept. 29** — **Psalms 46.** Both war and the fear of war are dangers to your faith. Trust in God. Pray for those who teach Christian faith and principles to the men in our armed forces.
- Sept. 30** — **Matthew 13:1-23.** In whose heart can you this week plant the seed of God's Word? Pray for all Christian teachers that they may be granted evidence of the fruit of their labors. Pray also for Rev. Donald Haug, Houston, Tex.

### **Remember your Ebenezer Birthday and pray:**

*Lord, as we celebrate our birthdays this month, keep us from the foolishness of forgetting You on this day and from the emptiness of a celebration that does not include You. Give us instead the joy of praise, the cleansing of forgiveness, and new strength from Your Holy Spirit as we claim You as Lord of lords and King of kings. Amen.*



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