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*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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Go and Tell . . .



. . . the Good News

Tell the Good News

Evangelism

In Focus — February

Last month many Lutheran congregations, both deaf and hearing, conducted an evangelism festival. "Evangelism" means telling the good news of salvation — God's love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. The many churches used various ideas in their evangelism programs. Some churches had an open house, and members brought their unchurched neighbors and friends for worship, Bible study, questions and answers. Other congregations sent out teams of lay visitors into the homes of unchurched neighbors.

In every evangelism program one thing is emphasized — the congregation shares Jesus. Lay members encourage each other in Bible study and worship. They receive the Lord's strength and courage through their use of God's Word and the Lord's Supper. Lay members tell the Good News.

In our day we must realize the importance of God's command in Matthew 28:19-20 to "Go and tell." Last November the news-

papers announced that the United States had reached a population of 200 million and that by 1990 we would be a nation of 300 million people. Some experts believe that one of every thousand persons has a hearing loss. By that rule of thumb an estimated 200,000 deaf live in the United States. By 1990 the deaf population may have risen to 300,000. The German measles epidemic that touched thousands of pregnant women a year or so ago has already produced an increased number of hearing-impaired children.

These numbers only serve to help us realize the task that God has set before His church. God has not given the command to go and tell only to the missionaries and the professional lay workers. He has given it to the congregation — the lay members. Add to the staff of 53 workers the 5,000-plus lay members of our Lutheran deaf missions, and we become a small army of Christian soldiers led by the Lord to tell what He has done for us in Jesus Christ.

Let us be faithful members of His kingdom, active for Jesus. Let

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us grow in the knowledge of God's Word, attend worship services regularly, and receive the Lord's Supper often. As we give our-

selves to the Lord, He will help us go and tell the Good News. He will certainly bless us and those with whom we share His Word.



What Luther Says

Jesus Chose the Plain Folk

Why did Christ call such simple, plain folk to be apostles and not some wealthy, mighty, learned, and holy people, who at least would have enjoyed the esteem of the world? Luther gives three reasons:

1. In order to show the power and might of God, in that He began and also carried out a work so great with people so lowly and simple. Men should see that it was done not by human power but by the power and might of God.

2. To keep one from thinking that God has favorites, choosing the wealthy, noble, and wise, and despises the poor, simple, and un-

learned. For example, God chose the humble shepherd boy, David, to be a king and so proved He does not count greatness as men do.

3. Christ wanted to choose simple, poor folk for the ministry that they might find it all the easier to follow Him; for no man of wealth would have followed Him at once and let go of his possessions, because wealth is a great hindrance in following Christ.

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Professional Lay Workers

What Is a Layman?

Too often church workers are thought about as persons with college degrees, well educated and

able to talk with big words. Why this should be I do not know. Nowhere in the Bible do we find any essential distinction between

clergy and lay people. No fundamental difference exists between the pastor and his lay members. All people of God's family share in Christ's ministry. Thus when we talk about lay members, we talk about the church.

The Lord Jesus chose His followers, the disciples. Where did He find them? He did not look for them among the scholars. Instead He found them among the fishermen, the toilers of the soil, and the woodworkers — all lay people.

Today more than ever before the layman is an important part of Christ's body, the church. In His Word God tells us what He wants the laymen to do: "I appeal to you, fellow Christians, by the mercies of God, to give your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, and so worship Him as thinking beings." (Romans 12:1 Beck)

Again, through the apostle Paul God tells us: "We have gifts that are different according to what His love gave us. If you can speak God's Word, do it according to the faith you have. If you can serve, then serve. If you can teach, teach. If you can encourage, encourage. If you share, be generous. If you manage anything, do it eagerly. If you help people in need, do it cheerfully. . . . Glow with the Spirit. Serve the Lord." (Romans 12: 6-8, 11 Beck)

As lay members of our church, we give ourselves as far as our jobs and family responsibilities allow us. A professional lay worker

is no different from any other lay member. The professional lay worker only wants the opportunity to dedicate his time and life on a full-time basis in serving the Lord through the church.

Duties of the Lay Worker

First and always we serve God. We must not allow slackness to spoil our work. Rather let us keep the fires of the spirit burning as we do our work for God.

As a professional lay worker my own responsibilities are varied. I teach Bible classes as well as Sunday school in the local school for the deaf and in mental institutions. I visit the shut-ins, conduct instruction classes, supervise the young people's meetings, visit members in their homes, supervise the work of committees, attend the meetings of various church organizations, serve as a worship lay reader and counselor.

Today the church — its lay members, pastor, and lay worker — must do as Christ did. We must go out to the highways and byways, meet the people, serve them, and share the Gospel wherever and whenever we can. We must remind ourselves to witness and teach all things Christ Jesus told us. We must be willing to listen to each other and share God's Word with one another.

The deaf lay worker, then, must be involved in the everyday activity of the deaf, both in and outside the church. He must be with the deaf wherever they are — at their work, in their organiza-

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the Vancouver Association of the Deaf, and the Western Institute for the Deaf. He has been active in deaf sports organizations and youth groups throughout the years.

For his outstanding contributions to the welfare of the deaf in British Columbia, the Western Institute for the Deaf presented Mr. Brodie its first annual "Citizen of the Year" award on May 17, 1967.

Alex Brodie and his wife, Laura, today actively serve the Lord in Trinity deaf congregation. They have been blessed with two daughters and two granddaughters.

tions, in their sports activities, and in their homes. He should take an active part by accepting office in deaf organizations as well as accepting every opportunity to witness for God.

In the United States and Canada many leaders of deaf organizations are lay members of Lutheran congregations. This is as it should be. By their example they help others understand that the duty of the lay person is serving Christ by helping others. By doing so he witnesses to the work of our Lord.

Last spring I had the privilege and pleasure of attending the first California regional lay conference of our Lutheran missions to the deaf. I was amazed at the knowledge and ability of some of our

lay members who led the Bible study groups. The thought came to my mind that our Synod ought to make better use of this talent and ability.

Our Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod has worked faithfully throughout the years to bring the deaf to Christ. Should we be satisfied only to lead them to the Lord and then neglect to use their talent and ability to the fullest extent?

Again and again articles in the *Lutheran Witness* and other church periodicals appeal to dedicated Christians to give their service to the Lord and His church on a full-time basis. Shall this plea come only to hearing Christians? Surely if the deaf layman wants to serve Christ and His

church on a full-time basis, then the church must be prepared to give him encouragement and help to do so. The Lord has work for His people to do. The church must equip its people for the Lord's task. In spite of man's weakness and shortcomings God gets the work done.

St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, "When I came to you, fellow Christians, I didn't come to tell you God's truth with any extra-fine speech or wisdom. While I was with you, I was determined to know only Jesus Christ and Him nailed to a cross. I came to you weak and afraid and with much trembling. When I spoke and preached, I didn't use clever talk to persuade you, but I let the Spirit and His power prove the

truth to you so that your faith will not depend on men's wisdom but on God's power." (Beck)

The Lord needs dedicated lay workers, both hearing and deaf, to serve Him in our mission. I encourage you as lay members to serve the Lord in your congregation according to your ability. Share Jesus with your fellow members as you love and forgive each other. Share Jesus with your deaf friends that they may know and love their Savior too. Those of you who are interested in becoming a professional lay worker are encouraged to speak with your pastor about your desire. Certainly if you have the ability and desire, the Lord will give you work to do.

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Aids for Deaf Communication

Within the last 5 years a great deal of experimentation that will aid the deaf has been going on in the field of electronics, visual communication, and education.

In St. Louis, Mo., an electronics engineer has developed a teletype unit by which individual deaf subscribers may communicate with other subscribers. In this way the deaf have a substitute for the telephone.

Perhaps you have seen a television demonstration of an invention by a 17-year-old Houston, Tex., boy. By means of two electronic discs connected to a record player, sound can be transmitted

through the body directly to the brain, bypassing the ears.

Finger-spelling (the manual alphabet) has also recently come to the foreground as a means of aiding the beginning primary deaf child to develop language and vocabulary so important to speech and speech-reading.

The most recent new technique developed by R. O. Cornett, Ph.D., of Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., to bridge the gap between speech and hand communication is called *cued speech*. A system of manual "cues" supplements the information available from the lips (oral). Together the lips and

hands precisely identify sound (that is, the enunciation and pronunciation of words) that the speech reader cannot grasp otherwise. Twelve cues are used to note single-hand positions on the chin, cheek, and neck. Four cues identify groups of vowels, while eight identify consonants.

Such cued speech will be a great help to parents and teachers in getting through to the child lip-reader. The child will be better able to understand words and sounds that are produced by the mouth and lips. Cued speech is the equivalent of spoken English.

REV. H. R. ROHE

Lutheran Pastors Attend Interfaith Institute

New York, N. Y.

Some 64 clergymen of the 16 denominations working with the deaf gathered in New York City, Nov. 14—15, for an interfaith institute sponsored by the Center for Research and Advanced Training in Deafness Rehabilitation at New York University.

The program was set up by Dr. Edna Levine, director of the center, and by her assistant, Arthur G. Jillette, Jr., with the cooperation of an advisory committee of religious leaders.

In the words of Mr. Jillette, the center expects this workshop to lead "to the establishment of spe-



The Interfaith Institute for Religious Workers with the Deaf was held in New York City on Nov. 14—15. About 64 clergymen of 16 denominations working with the deaf gathered to discuss their mutual problems and interests. It is hoped that this workshop will lead to a training program to better prepare religious workers for work with the deaf. In the morning sessions (above) 28 lecture papers were presented. Participants divided into smaller groups in the afternoon for discussion and sharing



Rev. H. W. Rohe (left), serving as a discussion chairman, introduces one of the lecturers to the Interfaith Institute for Religious Workers with the Deaf. Our Lutheran pastors gave 8 of the 28 lecture papers

cial postseminary training courses to prepare clergymen of Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths in applying their special skills to the world of the deaf."

If this training program is granted Government approval, it is hoped that it will be sponsored by Social Rehabilitation Services of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, which now supports the work of the center.

Papers presented by 28 participants and discussed by all in small

groups covered eight areas: (1) The Denominational [church] Worker with the Deaf Today, (2) The Denominational Worker Looks at the Deaf, (3) The Deaf Look at the Denominational Worker, (4) Counseling with the Deaf, (5) Ethical and Religious Concepts of the Deaf, (6) Communicating Ethical and Religious Concepts, (7) The Deaf Church and Community, and (8) Training and Recruitment Needs.

The workshop discussions raised many interesting points to consider as the clergy took a good look at themselves. If one thing was clear, it was that religious workers ought to be working closer together and sharing insights so that they all may be better equipped to serve the physical and spiritual needs of the deaf in their community and congregation. As they noted their weaknesses and needs in many of the above-mentioned areas, all felt the necessity of having a training program to better prepare religious workers for serving the deaf.

Representing The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod deaf missions were Pastors William Aiello, Robert Blakely, C. Roland Gerhold, Martin Hewitt, Daniel Hodgson, Harry Hoemann, William Ludwig, Daniel Pokorny, Herbert Rohe, and Earl Thaler.

Texas Interpreters to Be Recognized

The Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf (TSID) conducted its second legal workshop,

Nov. 30—Dec. 2, in Irving, Tex. After demonstrating how men and women can interpret court pro-

ceedings for people with hearing defects, examinations were given to qualify official court interpreters for the deaf in the State of Texas.

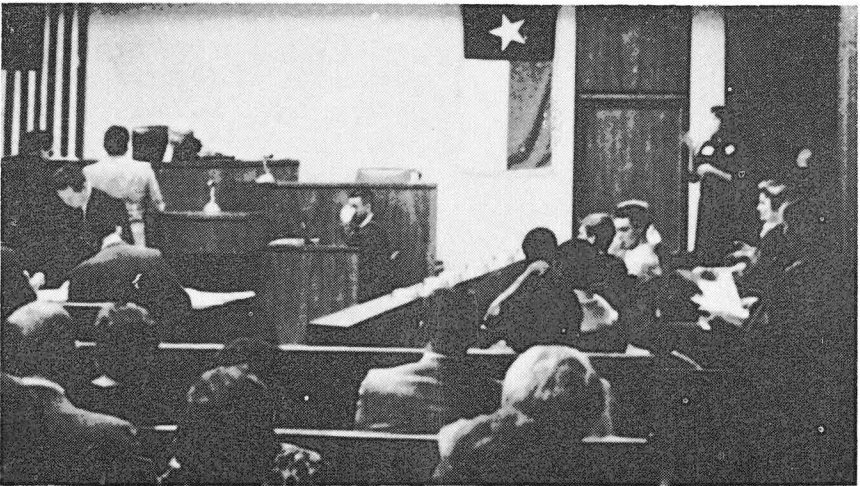
In 1967 a bill was passed by the Texas Legislature requiring the court to provide interpreters for the deaf in both civil and criminal cases. Names of qualified interpreters will be sent to every court in the state by the TSID.

One of the speakers for the workshop was Al Pimental, executive secretary for the recently nationally organized Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID). Mr. Pimental encouraged the raising of interpreting standards so that interpreting for the deaf will be recognized as a profession. "Sometime in the future," he said,

"it will not be surprising to find people majoring in and getting degrees for interpreting for the deaf in the language of signs, as students major in foreign languages today." Mr. Pimental felt that the skills of an interpreter for the deaf ought to be recognized and paid for even by the churches to help raise the image of interpreters throughout the country.

The president of TSID is Mrs. Kenneth M. Pacetti, wife of the Honorable Judge Kenneth M. Pacetti of Houston, Tex. Both Lutheran missionaries to the deaf in Texas, Rev. Don Haug of Houston and Rev. William Duey of Dallas, are members of the society, which numbers 70 members. Pastor Haug serves the TSID as first vice-president.

REV. WILLIAM DUEY



Court in session. The Honorable Judge Henry King presides over criminal court at the Dallas County Courthouse. TSID members practice interpreting the court sessions for deaf visitors as the society observes courtroom proceedings



Rev. William Duey of Dallas and Attorney Ivan E. Lawrence of California confer during the TSID legal workshop. Attorney Lawrence successfully defended Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Christensen, a deaf couple, as they sought to adopt a child in California. After a lower court in Los Angeles had ruled the Christensens could not adopt the child because they were deaf, the California State Court of Appeals changed that decision, emphasizing that deafness is no bar to adopting a child



FIELD

GLEANINGS

Midwest Regional News

Television Programs for the Deaf

Des Moines, Iowa. Last December Iowa television stations presented two half-hour programs designed for the deaf viewer.

The first program was a Lu-

theran-Roman Catholic dialogue on the Reformation shown in color by WOI-TV to its Ames, Iowa, audience. Dr. W. J. Fields of Memorial Lutheran Church, Ames, presented the Lutheran side while Father Putz of Notre Dame University represented the Roman Catholic viewpoint. Rev. James

Bengelsdorf, missionary to the deaf in the Iowa field, interpreted for the deaf audience.

The second color program reflected a Christmas theme and presented a story called "The Visit of God," which several stations across Iowa used at Christmas. Thirteen members of Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Des Moines, acted out the story or sang as a choir. Background sound was provided by a recording of the Concordia Seminary Cantata Chorus and Drama Society together with the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra. The program was well received.

REV. D. ZUHN, *Reporter*

Central Region News

Oral Deaf Sunday Schools

Milwaukee, Wis. Five Lutheran hearing congregations are currently sponsoring special Sunday school classes for oral deaf children here in Milwaukee. Of these, three are Missouri Synod congregations, one Wisconsin Synod, and one Lutheran Church in America.

Seven Sunday school teachers recently completed a special training course sponsored by the Commission on Special Education of the Greater Milwaukee Federation of Lutheran Churches — Missouri Synod, Inc. The course was taught by Mrs. Ann Bleuer, a former Milwaukee public school teacher of the deaf, who adapted teaching methods and principles to Sunday school and religious education. Mrs. Bleuer makes

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periodic visits to the Sunday school classes to aid the teachers in evaluating their programs.

Pastor's Son Serves His Country

St. Louis, Mo. Pfc. David W. Rohe, son of Rev. and Mrs. Herbert W. Rohe, has been serving his country in the 9th Infantry Division in South Vietnam since Oct. 10.

On Nov. 18 he was given the bronze star by his division commander. David did not tell his parents much about it other than that he earned it the "hard way" on the Plain of Reeds after a night spent "up to his armpits in leech water." He sent the medal home. The back of it has the words: "For heroic and meritorious achievement."

Other Lutheran parents, and deaf parents too, have sons in

South Vietnam. Let us pray daily that the Lord will stay close to them, giving them courage and strength of faith in their Savior Jesus.

REV. ORLIN ANDERSON, *Reporter*

Eastern Region News

Gamma Delta Active

Washington, D. C. The Gamma Delta Lutheran student organization at Gallaudet College has pledged 23 new members this past fall. They are: Joan Brewick, Carla Christophers, Dorothy Cohler, Larry Doherty, Holly Dorsch, Dale Finke, Bob Firestone, Edith Gishas, Marilouise Hale, Steve Harrison, Carol Hedensten, Bernice Hoeper, Doborah Lentz, Earl Trofimenkoff, Stanley Miller, Kjell O. Mörk (of Norway), Julie Munz, Gloria Pagan, Mary Pugin, Paul Pyers III, Joy Rader, Susan Schultz, and Steven Warnes.

Current officers of Gamma Delta for this year are Diana Foster, Judy Horne, Ron Hartman, Ken Weiler, Pat Ford, and Linda Annala. The Lutheran chaplain at Gallaudet College and Gamma Delta's adviser is Rev. Daniel Pokorny, who conducts services on campus at 11:30 a. m. every Sunday. A Gamma Delta sign choir also participates in the services.

Gamma Delta members attended the special worship service held at the Washington Cathedral last Oct. 29 in commemoration of the 450th anniversary of the Reformation.

An Unusual Baptism

Norwood, Mass. Karen Elizabeth Ames, granddaughter of Pastor and Mrs. Robert Blakely, became a member of God's kingdom of grace in Holy Baptism on Sept. 13 at the parsonage.

The unusual note of the baptism was the fact that the water used had been brought to the United States by Karen's parents. The water was from the River Jordan, near Jerusalem, where Jesus had been baptized. This, of course, does not make the water holier than any other, but it does bring back the Bible stories surrounding this area. One cannot help but feel good about it all.

Parenthood Course Offered

Washington, D. C. A special course, "Preparation for Parenthood," has been offered to deaf married couples for the first time at the Washington Hospital Center.

Some of the topics are: the human organs of reproduction, labor and delivery, characteristics of the newborn infant, postpartem care, hospital obstetric and maternity facilities, heredity, breastfeeding, diet, and exercise. Special features of the course include a complete tour of the hospital facilities (class members will gown and visit the labor and delivery rooms), well-illustrated lectures, and a film showing an actual birth.

Class sessions are taught by Mrs. Goodman, R. N., of the hospital staff, who is a pioneer in

education about labor and delivery. Rev. Daniel Pokorny, missionary to the deaf in the Washington, D. C., field interprets the

sessions. The hospital charges \$10.00 a couple for the six-session course.

REV. WILLIAM AIELLO, *Reporter*



LIGHT FOR YOUR WAY

Daily Bible Readings for February

Include the following in your prayers this month:

- that Christians the world over may be united in the faith.
- that members in your congregation may love and understand each other.
- that God will send His Spirit to the members of your congregation to strengthen them as they share Jesus by witnessing and bringing others to Him.
- that the young people of your congregation may love Jesus and speak for Him.
- that God may guide your life and bless your efforts of witnessing for Jesus.
- our church workers who celebrate birthdays this month:
 - Pastor A. L. Hauptman, St. Paul, Minn. (2-6)
 - Pastor Charles Jones, Chicago, Ill. (2-6)
 - Pastor Ervin Oermann, Milledgeville, Ga. (2-18)
 - Pastor F. P. Gehrs, Winnipeg, Man., Can. (2-21)
 - Mrs. Delores Anderson, pastor's wife, Jacksonville, Ill. (2-23)
 - Pastor William Ludwig, Columbus, Ohio (2-29)

Theme: "Sin and Grace — Law and Gospel." The ways of evil and sin tempt and shame us, but God gives us His answer of love and mercy through Jesus Christ.

God gives the Law through Moses

- Feb. 1 — Exodus 3:1-22.** God, the eternal "I AM," calls Moses to the task of delivering God's people from slavery. Today God uses me to deliver people from the slavery of sin and death by my sharing His good news.
- Feb. 2 — Exodus 11:1-10.** God tells Moses that by His own action of the 10th plague He will lead Pharaoh to set the Israelites free. Only the work of God in His grace can free me from sin and death.

- Feb. 3** — **Exodus 12:1-51.** God establishes the Passover ritual. In the same way the Lord's Supper reminds me that my Savior's death on the cross delivers me from sin and death.
- Feb. 4** — **Exodus 15:1-27.** After being delivered from the Egyptian army by God's hand, the people of Israel sing a hymn of praise. I praise God for His gracious works today.
- Feb. 5** — **Exodus 19:1-25.** At Mount Sinai God announced His election of the Israelites as His special covenant people. In Christ God has graciously chosen me to be His very own.
- Feb. 6** — **Exodus 20:1-26.** God gives the Ten Commandments to His chosen people to always remind them of their need for His grace and forgiveness and to show them how to answer His love.

A Sign of Hope — the Sacrifice Offering

- Feb. 7** — **Leviticus 8:1-36.** To guide His people, God gives them the Aaronic priesthood. Today the Holy Spirit has blessed me with such spiritual leaders as my pastor. May God bless him in his work.
- Feb. 8** — **Leviticus 9:1-24.** As Aaron offers God the sacrifices, God shows His blessing on His people Israel. The perfect sacrifice of Jesus on the cross has brought to us God's blessing of salvation.
- Feb. 9** — **Numbers 6:1-27.** The Nazarite vow and the "Aaronic benediction." In response to God's blessing we offer all that we are and have to our God.
- Feb. 10** — **Numbers 21:1-35.** When His people sin with unbelief, God gives them the way of deliverance from the punishment of death. In Jesus I have been healed from sin and guilt. Read also John 3:14-15.

The Law Given Again

- Feb. 11** — **Deuteronomy 1:1-46.** Moses urges the Israelites to remain faithful to God in all future generations. Let us be faithful to God in our lives!
- Feb. 12** — **Deuteronomy 2:1-37.** Moses urges God's people to follow the Lord, not the sinful ways of their unbelieving neighbors. O God, do not let me fall into the sin of doubt and unbelief. Amen.
- Feb. 13** — **Deuteronomy 3:1-29.** To encourage God's people in the future, Moses reminds them how God helped them before. Moses sees the Promised Land, which he is not permitted to enter.
- Feb. 14** — **Deuteronomy 4:1-49.** God's people are to worship and serve only the Lord. Heavenly Father, give me grace and power to serve only You. Amen.
- Feb. 15** — **Deuteronomy 5:1-33.** The Ten Commandments are given again before the Israelites enter the Promised Land. I am to live only for Him who in love has called me to be His own.

Sin and Forgiveness in Job's Drama

- Feb. 16** — **Job 1:1-22.** To dramatize man's need to place his full trust in God, the Lord takes away all earthly support from Job.

- Feb. 17 — Job 2:1-13.** Job is patient in his intense (deep, terrible) suffering. O God, give me strength and courage to remain faithful to You in the time of my suffering. Amen.
- Feb. 18 — Job 19:1-29.** After first saying that he does not understand or know the ways of God, Job speaks his hope for final victory by the living Redeemer. Verses 25—27 beautifully express the Easter hope of all believers.

God's Grace Shown in Jesus the Christ

- Feb. 19 — John 1:1-51.** Jesus, the eternal Word, came as the Suffering Servant of God to remove from man the guilt and burden of his sin. Lord Jesus, may I faithfully follow You. Amen.
- Feb. 20 — John 3:1-36.** Jesus came not to condemn but to give man eternal life. Like John the Baptizer I am to give praise to my Savior, not to myself.
- Feb. 21 — John 4:1-54.** Jesus, the living water, gives man life abundant (very much) and everlasting. Jesus came to heal the whole person from sin and guilt.

God's Grace Explained

- Feb. 22 — John 13:1-38.** Even as Jesus saved man through divine service, so believers are to serve God by ministering in love to their fellow-men. Jesus warns Judas and Peter.
- Feb. 23 — John 14:1-31.** Jesus promises to be with His people in every age and promises His gift of the Holy Spirit to guide His people in peace.
- Feb. 24 — John 15:1-27.** Jesus is the source of my faith and life. I too am to witness to God's love by loving all men in word and deed. Through Jesus I know and talk to the Father.
- Feb. 25 — John 16:1-33.** Although others are against me and hurt me, I can live in the security and comfort that God's Spirit leads me.
- Feb. 26 — John 17:1-26.** As the time comes near for the High Priest of all people to be sacrificed for man's sin, Jesus prays for Himself (verses 1—5), for His disciples (vv. 6—19), and for all people who will be led to faith in Him through the sharing of the Good News by the Christian community (vv. 20—26).

God's Grace Shown by the Crucified and Risen Savior

- Feb. 27 — John 18 and 19.** The Lamb of God is sacrificed on the cross that God would forgive the sins of all people. O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on me. Amen.
- Feb. 28 — John 20:1-31.** Jesus' Easter appearances to His disciples show God's pleasure in forgiveness. Thomas speaks his faith (v. 28). John tells his purpose for his Gospel (v. 31).
- Feb. 29 — John 21:1-25.** Jesus calls His disciples to a new life of service and witness to Himself, the living Lord. Dear Lord Jesus, give me grace to serve You through a new life of service to my fellow-men. Amen.

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