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*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

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These children attend one of the three government schools for the deaf in Taiwan. At this time no religious program exists to serve these children

The Church and the World

*The Church and the World walked far apart
On the changing shores of time;
The World was singing a giddy song
And the Church a hymn sublime.
"Come, give me your hand," cried the merry World,
"And walk with me this way."
But the good Church hid her snowy hand
and solemnly answered, "Nay,
I will not give you my hand at all,
And I will not walk with you.
Your way is the way of endless death;
Your words are all untrue."*

*"Nay, walk with me but a little space,"
Said the World with a kindly air;
"The road I walk is a pleasant road,
And the sun shines always there.
Your path is thorny and rough and rude,
And mine is broad and plain;
My road is paved with flowers and gems,
And yours with tears and pain.
The sky above you is always dark;
Your lot is a lot of woe.
My path, you see, is a broad, fair path,
And my gate is high and wide —
There is room enough for you and for me
To travel side by side."*

*Half shyly the Church approached the World
And gave him her hand of snow;
The old World grasped it and walked along,
Saying in accents low,
"Your dress is too simple to please my taste;
I will give you pearls to wear,*

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Rich velvet and silks for your graceful form,
And diamonds to deck your hair."
The Church looked down at her plain white robes
And then at the dazzling world
And blushed as she saw his handsome lip
With a smile contemptuous curled.
"I will change my dress for a costlier one,"
Said the Church with a smile of grace.
Then her pure white garments drifted away,
And the World gave in their place
Beautiful satins and shining silks
And roses and gems and pearls;
And over her forehead her bright hair fell
Crisped in a thousand curls.

"You give too much to the poor," said the World,
"Far more than you ought to do;
If the poor need shelter and food and clothes,
Why need it trouble you?
And afar to the heathen in foreign lands
Your thoughts need never roam.
The Father of mercies will care for them;
Let charity stay at home.
Go, take your money, and buy rich robes
And horses and carriages fine
And pearls and jewels and dainty food
And the rarest and costliest wine.
My children they dote on all such things,
And if you their love would win,
You must do as they do and walk in the ways
That they are walking in."

The Church held tightly the strings of her purse
And gracefully lowered her head
And simpered, "I've given too much away;
I'll do, sir, as you have said."
So the poor were turned from her door in scorn,
And she heard not the orphan's cry,
And she drew her beautiful robes aside
As the widows went weeping by.
Her mission treasures beggarly plead,
And Jesus' commands were in vain —
While half of the millions for whom He died
Had never heard His name.
The sons of the World and the sons of the Church
Walked closely hand and heart,
And only the Master, who knoweth all,
Could tell the two apart.

Then the Church sat down at her ease and said,
 "I am rich and in goods increased;
 I have need of nothing, and nought to do
 But to laugh and dance and feast."
 The sly World heard her and laughed in his sleeve
 And mockingly said aside:
 "The church is fallen — the beautiful church —
 And her shame is her boast and pride!"
 The angel drew near to the mercy seat
 And whispered in sighs her name;
 And the saints their anthems of rapture hushed
 And covered their heads with shame;
 And a voice came down through the hush of heaven
 From Him who sat on the throne:
 "I know thy works and how thou hast said,
 'I am rich,' and hast not known
 That thou art naked and poor and blind
 And wretched before My face;
 Therefore from My presence I cast thee out
 And blot thy name from its place!"

(Reprinted in part from the poem by Matilda C. Edwards, this poem was printed by the "Pilgrim Paper" in 1925. It was submitted by an anonymous reader to *This Day*, July 1961. Ed.)

A Different Approach

Taiwan

Each one of my visits to Taiwan is a working visit. This is the plan we have adopted for the workers among the deaf in the China Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Last November two separate workshops, one in the north and one in the south, studied the present work of the church among the deaf and considered plans for the future. In April the subject of the workshops was "Evangelism and Our Mission to the Deaf." At present no special training is available for pastors and laymen who would like to serve the deaf. Because no training is available, the workers themselves often

make decisions without sufficient or correct information.

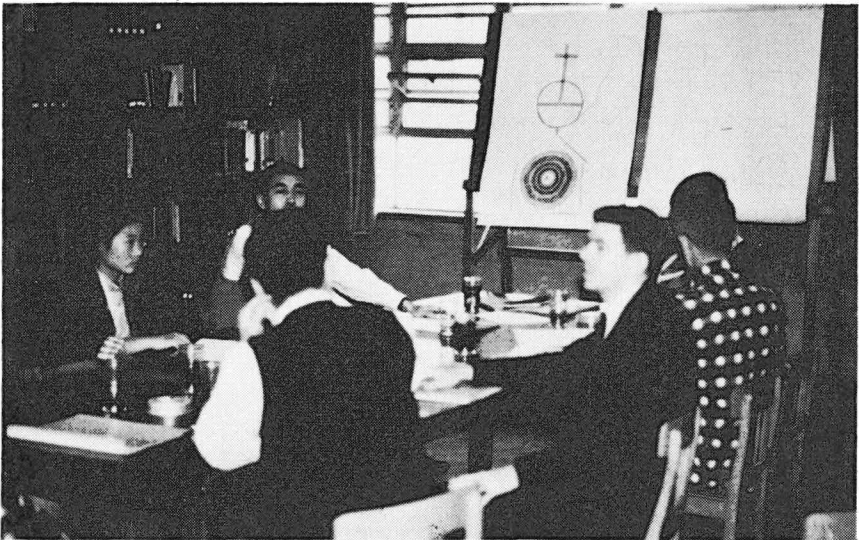
Although it would be nice to visit the churches and meetings of the deaf, I feel the real need of the church at this time is more training for its workers. In the future we plan to have more workshops on the subjects such as Bible study, education, social work, mental health, vocational problems, and youth work. Even these, however, will not solve the whole problem. The church here should have a full-time qualified staff to help the individual congregations with the training and guidance needed for their specific problems and programs.

In many ways the work among the deaf in Taiwan is different in its development from the deaf work in the church in North America. Although work among the deaf by The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod began with the interest and dedication of a few people, it was not very long before the whole church accepted the challenge and call of preaching to the deaf by establishing a board for missions to the deaf.

In Taiwan no special board for missions exists to call full-time pastors to work with the deaf. Instead, five individual hearing congregations have interested and talented people who have taken up this work of bringing the Gospel to the deaf. With the help of interpreters the deaf join the

hearing congregation for worship. Some congregations conduct classes for the deaf to help them improve in reading, writing, and arithmetic. Vocational training for the deaf is also provided by a few congregations. None of the churches, however, has a pastor or layman with the proper training for the programs provided.

The natural growth of this special ministry within the individual congregations in Taiwan is a great blessing to the church. In the United States we are learning more and more that we must involve hearing congregations in this special ministry. More and more of our pastors for the deaf in the United States are not only serving congregations for the deaf but also training workers in



One of the workshops in Taiwan attended by Lutherans interested in the deaf. This one was held at Concordia Seminary in Chia Yi in the south, where three hearing congregations have services for the deaf. Another workshop, held in Taipei in the north, gathered workers from two congregations that are serving the deaf

the hearing congregations. The church is learning that special congregations and special pastors for the deaf cannot serve the needs of all the deaf. In Taiwan, hearing congregations have already taken up the responsibility of preaching to the deaf. Now they are faced with the lack of training and guidance for their programs.

We need to pray that the Lord of the church will provide the church in Taiwan with the necessary training for its dedicated workers who are serving the deaf. We also pray that the Lord will lead many more congregations and workers to share in this work which He has begun.

REV. LOUIS R. JASPER
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Stewardship Corner

Heart Problems For Pastors

The high incidence of heart attacks among clergy is beginning to alarm some people. A Saint Louis pastor spoke quite frankly about this problem in a recent issue of his parish paper.

He told about a neighboring pastor who had to take a 3-week leave of absence due to "fatigue," another who collapsed while attending a pastoral conference, and a third who is now hospitalized for a heart attack.

"Why?" he asked. "There are no statistics to prove it, but probably more pastors go to an early grave because of heartbreaks than heart attacks," he suggested.

Then he added a comment that bears repeating. "Whether you



realize it or not, pastors do have consciences," he remarked. Pastors take very seriously what the writer to the Hebrews said when he wrote that pastors "watch over your souls without resting, since they must give an account of their service to God."

He commented that when on Monday morning the pastor sees the report that only 40 out of 150 members attended the previous day's worship, he naturally turns inward and asks where he may have failed.

This concern makes him work harder, the pastor said. He gives up minutes and hours of relaxation and needed recreation to do what he can to correct what is wrong. "Yet Sunday after Sun-

day his heart is broken by the absence of so many," he commented. "Of course, having done his best, the Lord will forgive if he failed. But before he realizes that he is working too hard, there may come the collapse or the heart attack," he said.

The pastor concluded with a comment that members of congregations "can become guilty in

the eyes of God of sinning against the Fifth Commandment by putting too much stress and strain on their pastor and breaking his heart through indifference toward worship, Word, and Lord's Supper."

That gives us something to think about!

(Adapted from the Lutheran Witness, Eastern District Supplement. Ed.)

Missionaries Will Return to Nigeria

St. Louis, Mo.

Missionaries of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, who were evacuated from Nigeria last summer at the request of the U. S. State Department when bitter civil warfare erupted there, will be returning to their posts this summer.

The decision came as the Federal Government of Nigeria and the secessionist Biafra State opened peace talks in London to settle their year-old conflict.

Our Lutheran Church has been working in Nigeria since 1936 with churches, schools, hospitals, clinics, and a recording studio in three provinces of the Eastern Region (Biafra).

In 1963 the national Evangelical Lutheran Church of Nigeria was founded. Reports from the national church indicate that most of the work has continued in spite of the civil war.

"As our missionaries return during the coming months," said

Rev. William F. Reinking, missions secretary for Africa and the Middle East, "they will return as partners with the Nigerian Lutheran Church, not as leaders with a patronizing attitude."

The Nigerian Lutheran Church was very much interested in the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society survey of African deaf, which Rev. C. Roland Gerhold conducted in 1965. As a result of that survey, Pastor Gerhold recommended that a trained missionary to the deaf be placed in Eastern Nigeria and another in Ghana to act as resource men in developing a total ministry for the deaf.

The shortage of manpower and money prevented the church from acting on that recommendation. The recent civil war struggle will delay the possibility even more.

We urge deaf Lutherans to continue to pray for God's blessings on foreign deaf missions and to continue to support their Lutheran Deaf Mission Society.



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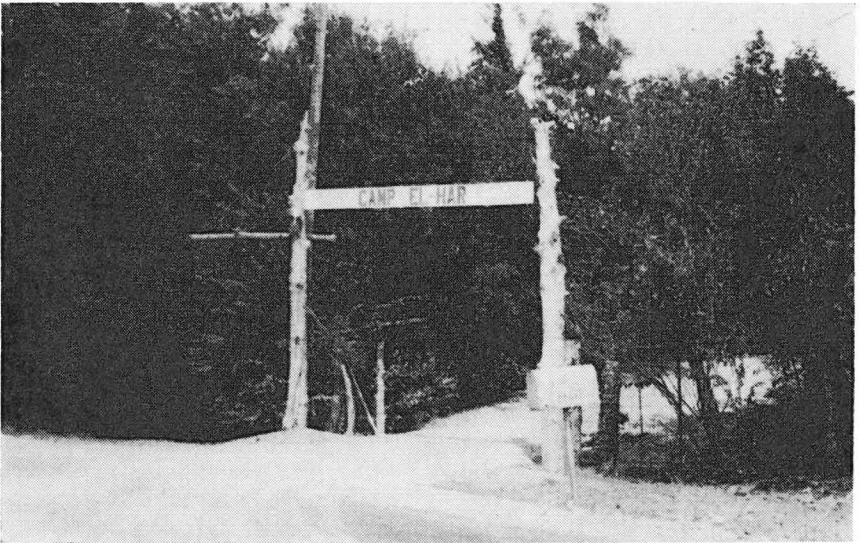
NAD Sets Manual Communication Project

The National Association of the Deaf has appointed Terrence J. O'Rourke as national director of the NAD's Manual Communication Program.

Mr. O'Rourke will be conducting a special training project to develop curricula, guidelines, and pilot programs in manual com-

munication. The training project was made possible by a grant from the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Since 1962 Mr. O'Rourke has been an instructor of English and assistant to the director of the orientation program for new teachers at Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C.



Let's Go to *El Har!*

The deaf in Texas and Oklahoma are preparing for another "Weekend Roundup" at Camp El Har, Aug. 9—11. The camp's name is based on the Hebrew words from Ps. 68:16: "This is the hill God desireth to dwell in" — God's hill-mountain, *El Har*.

The time and effort needed to sponsor a weekend camp retreat is well spent. Every time a camp ends, many campers express feelings as Peter,

James, and John did after seeing the transfiguration of Jesus on a high mountain, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." (Matt. 17:4)

A weekend camp retreat is a spiritual experience and blessing. An experience of 36 precious hours to get to know better our God, pastor, family, and Christian friends is something not soon forgotten. Watch the person who comes to a camp for his first "sleepout." One can almost sense the questions in his mind: "Can I trust myself to God and these friends?" Everything says yes, but one still feels that uncertainty. In the company of others sensing the same concerns and fears, we learn to commit ourselves to God for safekeeping.

In the morning as the sun warms the day, each one wakes realizing a trust he has in the others, even if they are not of his own family. God has kept them! It is of such experience that faith grows.

Our weekend retreat at Camp El Har is far more than a vacation. It is a very important experience in Christian education and living.

REV. WILLIAM E. DUEY

Eastern Region News

Deaf Deacon Consecrated

Washington, D. C. A service of consecration was held June 2 at Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Washington, for Macklin Youngs, who was consecrated as the first deaf deacon in the Lutheran Church. Mr. Youngs will serve Lutheran churches of the deaf in Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., and Newark, N. J.

The service was conducted by Rev. Daniel H. Pokorny, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Washington, and St. Mark Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Baltimore.

Mr. Youngs was born in Wetaskin, Alta., Can., on Nov. 30, 1944. He attended the Mackay School for the Deaf in Montreal and was graduated from the Alberta School for the Deaf in Edmonton in 1965. Since the fall of 1965, he has been a student at Gallaudet College, majoring in religion and philosophy.



Deacon Macklin Youngs

Active in the Lutheran Church since his confirmation at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Edmonton, in 1963, Mr. Youngs has assisted Rev. Robert Bauer as Sunday school teacher and lay service leader. He also

served as president of the young people's group.

While in school Macklin has always been active in student activities and played in various varsity sports. He is currently a member of the Alpha Sigma Pi fraternity, the Gallaudet College Canadian Club, and the Epsilon Kappa chapter of Gamma Delta International Association of Lutheran Students, of which he is president.

REV. WILLIAM AIELLO
Reporter

Great Lakes Region

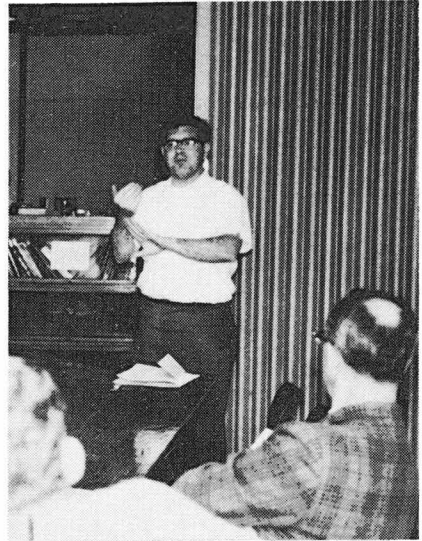
Lay Conference Discusses the Church

Cleveland, Ohio. The Great Lakes Regional Conference of Deaf Lutherans was held at Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio, June 14—16. Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Cleveland, was host congregation with Richard Brill as general chairman. Some 82 delegates and guests registered from each field in the region. The region consists of the fields of Rochester, N. Y.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Cleveland, Columbus and Toledo, Ohio; Detroit and Flint, Mich.

After registration and fellowship on Friday evening, the conference opened Saturday morning under the theme "Our Place in the Church." The conference first divided into three groups for Bible study led by Pastors Ludwig, Harris, and Bremer. Using the topic of study, "God's View of the Church," the pastors focused

attention on how God calls His people to worship, service, and fellowship.

A panel of all the pastors presented a discussion on "The Deaf in God's Church" and answered many questions raised by the deaf. Discussion centered on the possible new direction for the administration of Lutheran deaf missions, namely, the forming of a deaf district of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or the transferral of the administration of deaf work to the local hearing districts where our deaf churches are located. In either event the pastors emphasized that the deaf members of our churches will have to grow in accepting more



Pastor Larry Harris leads one of the three Bible classes at the Great Lakes conference June 15. The class discussed Scripture passages which outline "God's View of the Church" as He calls His people to worship, service, and fellowship



A panel of pastors answer the questions offered by the deaf during the presentation of "The Deaf in God's Church" topic at the Great Lakes Regional Conference. L. to r.: Rev. Robert Bremer, Rev. Martin Hewitt, Rev. Larry Harris, Rev. Rodney Rynearson, Rev. Norbert Borchardt, and Rev. William Ludwig

responsibility in serving Jesus in the work of the church.

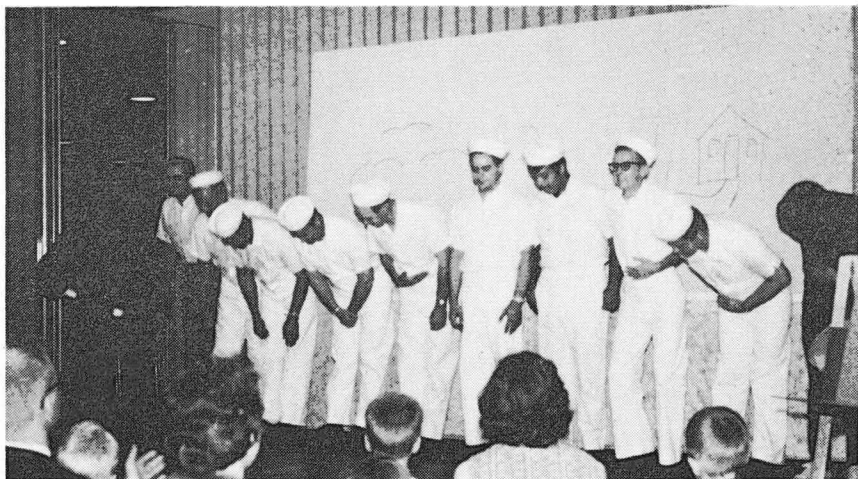
Rev. Norbert Borchardt, concluding his term as regional counselor, reported on "Our Deaf Churches in Action." He told of what has been happening this past year in our churches and of new work now beginning in the Far East and Brazil with the establishment of Lutheran schools for the deaf.

On Saturday afternoon the conference business session was held. New officers for 1969 are Samuel Kimmel, Flint, president; Frederick McNeil, Rochester, vice-president; Richard Miller, Toledo, secretary; John Riddlebaugh, Columbus, treasurer; Ben Beaver, Detroit, and Fred Waltz, Cleveland, auditors; and Donald Mowl, Pittsburgh, Lutheran Deaf Mission Society advisor.

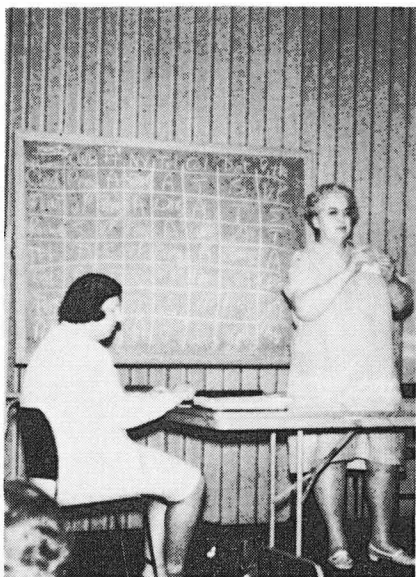
Other business included the acceptance of Flint as 1969 conference host and Rochester in 1970. The conference also passed a motion which favored the transferral of Lutheran deaf missions to the control and administration of the local hearing District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

On Saturday evening we attended an enjoyable program of skits under the direction of Calvin Long of Cleveland. Following the skits, two films were shown: *The Story of Ruth*, a captioned movie, and *Silent World, Muffled World*, a release from the Deafness Research Foundation.

The Sunday morning worship and Communion service was held at Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Cleveland. Rev. Martin Hewitt, host pastor, was the liturgist, and Rev. Rodney



Cleveland actors take a bow after their entertaining and enjoyable evening of short skits. Calvin Long of Cleveland wrote and directed the show, which included the tumbling skills of Michella (11) and Mitchell (14) Moore of Cleveland and the clowning acts of their 8-year-old brother Charles



Mrs. Lillian Long of Cleveland (right) ably presides over the business meeting of the Great Lakes conference. Miss Roberta Riddlebaugh served the conference as secretary

Rynearson of Rochester preached on "Christian Maturity." Following the distribution of Holy Communion, Pastor Hewitt installed the new officers of the conference. After the service, ladies of Christ Church served coffee and tea.

This reporter thanks the Cleveland deaf for their fine conference and the hard work which went into making it such a success.

REV. ROBERT BREMER
Reporter

Midwest Region News

Bethel Deaf Dedicate Chapel

Denver, Colo. June 2 was the long-awaited day. The members of Bethel Deaf Lutheran Church in Denver joined members of St. John's Lutheran Church to dedicate the new house of worship for both congregations.

Through a financial grant from the Board for Missions of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, St. John's Congregation planned and built a chapel in their new building to be used for worship by Bethel Deaf Congregation.

The new chapel, which seats 140, is separated from the main sanctuary by plate-glass windows with drapes that can be closed to provide a place of worship for Bethel deaf and smaller groups in St. John's Congregation.

Bethel Deaf Congregation gave thanks to God for providing this new house of worship in a special worship service on Sunday, June 9. For the service Rev. A. E. Fer-

ber of Kansas City, Mo., was guest speaker. Pastor Ferber was the first Lutheran missionary to serve the deaf in Denver. He began work there in 1931 and continued to minister to the Colorado deaf for some 22 years, regularly traveling the distance from Kansas City. Pastor Ferber reminded the worshipers in the service that the Lord God records His name every place where His people worship Him. He based his sermon on Ex. 20:24.

Rev. Donald Zuhn is the present pastor of Bethel Deaf Congregation and the Denver, Colo., Field.

REV. D. ZUHN
Reporter



LIGHT FOR YOUR WAY

Daily Bible Readings

for August

Include the following in your prayers this month:

- that God would strengthen the members of your congregation in faith and love.
- your church's need for more pastors and teachers.
- your thanks to God for His many blessings.
- your pastor and the leaders of your congregation.
- our church workers who celebrate birthdays this month:

Pastor Martin Hewitt, Cleveland, Ohio (8-1)

Pastor Roger Leonhardt, Devils Lake, N. Dak. (8-1)

Mrs. Laura Brodie, lay worker's wife, Vancouver, B. C., Can. (8-6)

Mrs. Carolyn Aielle, pastor's wife, Trenton, N. J. (8-7)

Pastor Donald Zuhn, Denver, Colo. (8-23)

Pastor Martin Kosche, Delavan, Wis. (8-24)

Theme: “We Pray and Sing — ‘A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.’”

Prayer and song were spiritual partners in the Reformation of the 16th century even as they were in the days of the poet-singer David. Many psalms, such as the 46th, which inspired Martin Luther’s “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” are wonderful hymns and prayers of faith and life reflecting different kinds of spiritual needs and experience. Many of the psalms quickly become old friends.

- Aug. 1 — Psalm 1:1-6.** Introductory psalm and “gateway to the psalm country.” Two different ways are shown — that of faith and that of unbelief.
- Aug. 2 — Psalm 2:1-12.** Our assurance of the full and complete coming victory of the Lord’s Anointed (Jesus). Read also Acts 4:23-31.
- Aug. 3 — Psalm 8:1-9.** Praise to God for His blessings to men. Jesus, the perfect Son of Man, became man that I might become a child of God. Read also Hebrews 2:5-10; Matthew 21:16.
- Aug. 4 — Psalm 14:1-7.** What God thinks of corrupt and unbelieving man. A reminder that in His own time God accomplishes His purposes. *Lord, give me greater patience. Amen.*
- Aug. 5 — Psalm 18:1-50.** David’s psalm of praise and victory.
- Aug. 6 — Psalm 19:1-14.** Nature and Scripture — the two books of God’s revelation. Through these God comes to us.
- Aug. 7 — Psalm 22:1-31.** The victorious sufferer — the psalm of the cross. Read also Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:24.
- Aug. 8 — Psalm 23:1-6.** The comforting psalm of the Good Shepherd. Read also John 10:11.
- Aug. 9 — Psalm 24:1-10.** Psalm of worship sung by the congregation as they entered the house of God for worship. Jesus Christ is the true King of glory whom we trust and praise.
- Aug. 10 — Psalm 27:1-14.** A psalm of light and salvation. This is a beautiful prayer of faith toward God, of worship and courage for the future. In days of trouble you can find much comfort in this psalm.
- Aug. 11 — Psalm 34:1-22.** A hymn of praise and instruction for a peaceful, productive life. This is an acrostic psalm, which means that each verse begins with the next letter of the Hebrew alphabet in sequence.
- Aug. 12 — Psalm 46:1-11.** God is our Refuge and Strength. A hymn of trust in God.
- Aug. 13 — Psalm 48:1-14.** A psalm in praise of the greatness of God of Zion. This psalm may point to the church building as the house of God.
- Aug. 14 — Psalm 55:1-23.** A psalm for us when friends let us down. Our trust must rest fully only in God.
- Aug. 15 — Psalm 65:1-13.** A psalm of praise to the Lord of the harvest and of all things. Do we thank God for His many, many blessings to us?

- Aug. 16 — Psalm 72:1-20.** The righteous King. A psalm looking forward to the coming of the Messianic King — the Savior Jesus.
- Aug. 17 — Psalm 73:1-28.** A wisdom psalm to teach us about the success of the wicked and the sufferings of the believer.
- Aug. 18 — Psalm 79:1-13.** A prayer for help.
- Aug. 19 — Psalm 90:1-17.** A psalm of Moses describing the majesty of God and the short life of mankind. May we ever place God first in our lives.
- Aug. 20 — Psalm 91:1-16.** A psalm showing how God protects His people — us.
- Aug. 21 — Psalm 96:1-13.** A psalm for singing praise to God for being above all things. How we need to worship God in the beauty of holiness.
- Aug. 22 — Psalm 98:1-9.** A psalm of praise for God's salvation given us. The hymn "Joy to the World," by Isaac Watts, was inspired by this psalm.
- Aug. 23 — Psalm 100:1-5.** A psalm of joyful singing and an invitation to worship.
- Aug. 24 — Psalm 103:1-22.** A psalm of praise for God's goodness and mercy to us.
- Aug. 25 — Psalm 113:1-9.** A psalm praising God for His goodness.
- Aug. 26 — Psalm 119:1-8.** A psalm that praises the Word of God.
- Aug. 27 — Psalm 121:1-8.** A psalm sung by travelers on their way to Jerusalem for worship. They tell of their trust in the Lord as their Guardian.
- Aug. 28 — Psalm 128:1-6.** A wisdom psalm describing family happiness in the God-fearing home. A fine psalm to read in your family devotions.
- Aug. 29 — Psalm 133:1-3.** A psalm in praise of the blessedness of living together in brotherly unity.
- Aug. 30 — Psalm 136:1-26.** A psalm of thanksgiving.
- Aug. 31 — Psalm 150:1-6.** A psalm of praise to God. A very fitting conclusion to the Book of Psalms. Praise Him!

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