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"Lo, I am with You Alway, even unto the End of the World"

The disciples were not sad when Jesus ascended from them into heaven. They knew that thereby He entered into the glory which He had with the Father before the world was. They knew that henceforth He would make full use of His divine majesty, which had been communicated to His human nature in His incarnation. They knew that, as He had promised them, He would be even nearer to them than He had been when He walked in the flesh.

Our comfort in these perilous days is the fact that our ascended Lord is present with us everywhere. He is present with His whole Christian Church, and rules and guides all things so as to lead His elect to glory. He is present with our Institute, our instructors, children, and help. He will never leave nor forsake us.

He has marvelously blessed us. He will bless us furthermore. We pray that He may bless us even more than He has done in the past. He has kept us. He will keep us. We implore Him to keep us always.

Lord, be with us, until we shall be with Thee!

Rev. G. M. Krach.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Nearly 70 years ago members of the Lutheran churches of Greater Detroit prepared for one of their earliest outdoor festivals which was to take place in the picnic grove of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. The purpose of this gathering was to give thanks to God for His bountiful goodness and many blessings bestowed upon the school and its handicapped pu-The deaf children also looked forward to this eventful day, since for them it meant meeting the host of friends who were so instrumental in making it possible for them to learn the way to salvation through Jesus Christ. It would also give them an opportunity to demonstrate their capabilities through public drills and demonstrations.

The day finally arrived. Special trains, surreys, buggies, wagons, "shoe leather" bicycles and brought them to our grove. Divine services, choir numbers, activities by the pupils, dinner and supper, lunches, refreshments, games, old acquaintances and meeting making new ones-all filled the program for the day.

Fifty years ago, yes, twenty-five years ago it was the same. Next June 14th it will still be the same. It's old and yet ever new. It has become an admirable tradition Rathke formerly served as Dea-capped little ones.

with the school and its thousands of friends.

The festival committee members from the various churches are planning for an even larger attendance than in years past. The program promises to be one of the best. Mr. Elmer Engel, cashier of our Institute, has again been appointed by the board of directors to act as festival manager. Your Church bulletins and "The Detroit Lutheran" will bring more detailed information.

In these distressing times, let us all make a special effort to show our appreciation of God's blessings bestowed upon our Institute by continuing our support and attending the annual festival on June 14th.

NEW DEACONESS ARRIVES

Last fall one of our faithful deaconesses, Miss Margaret Bliefnick, had to leave us on account of ill health. She went back to the "motherhouse" in Ft. Wayne and now is in a sanatorium in that city. Our staff wishes her God's blessing for a speedy and complete recovery.

To take Deaconess Bliefnick's place in our institute, the Rev. A. Krentz, the Superintendent of the Deaconess Louise Rathke. Sister her work of mothering our handi-

coness in our missions in India. She was at home in Kansas on a year's furlough when she was informed that on account of the war she would not be permitted to return to India. Wishing to continue to serve the Lord and His Church, she accepted the position in our Institute until such a time when



Our Boys and Girls who have Bible Names. 1st Row (left to right): Noah Wertz, Paul Finks, Benjamin Kotchin and David Bromberg. 2nd Row (left to right): Peter Merutka. Esther Wirgau, Mary Ann Oetting, Ruth Fabry, and Stephen Klein.

she will again be permitted to resume her work in far-off India. Deaconess Rathke arrived on February 4th. We are happy to have her as a member of our large fam-Deaconess Association, sent us ily and hope that she will enjoy

"SPELLING-BEE" WINNERS REWARDED

The old-time "spelling-bee" is still a popular competitive interest in the school-room, especially during this season of the year. All the schools in the United States compete in an annual spelling-contest which rewards all winners from national champion down to classroom leaders in every school. All pupils in all schools from the 5th grade up are eligible to participate.

The following list includes the names of the grade winner and the word which defeated the runer-up for first place in each class: Fifth grade, Mary Ann Oetting, Australia; sixth grade, Genevieve Moeller, rationing; seventh grade, Ruth Fabry, injury; eighth grade, Raymond Much, securing. Each of these people will receive a Webster's "New International Dictionary" for a prize.

On March 27th, the grade leaders competed for school championship. After a long and spirited "battle," we found it our privilege to grant Raymond Much the award for first place in our school. Clarence Allmandinger was the runner-up."

We were ably represented in Raymond's performance in the inter-school contest downtown, and even though Raymond did not receive any of the highest awards, After the children had seen the for he was given an appropriate medal for participation, and benefitted considerably from the experience as well.

HOW TO HELP OUR COUNTRY

Our brave soldiers, sailors, and marines are fighting the Japanese. We want the United States to win the war. All the people at home can help their country. The children here at the Institute are trying to help, too.

Some of the girls are knitting an afghan for the Red Cross. Each of the girls will knit one or two blocks of the afghan.

The girls and boys are picking up tin cans. They are saving them. They will sell them and use the money to buy Defense Stamps. We are also saving waste paper, newspapers and old magazines.

People cannot buy new tires, because the U.S. cannot get rubber from the far East anymore. People must ride on busses and street-cars. The government needs rubber for tanks, cars, trucks and airplanes. The people will not buy any more tires or new cars. They must take care of their old cars. They must use them for a long time.

Some of the children here are buying Defense Stamps. We want the United States to win. We hope Japan will lose. We give our money to the government. It uses our money to buy guns, bombs, airplanes and tanks.

We must save electricity. Everyone moved their clocks ahead one hour on Feb. 9th. We get up at 7:00 now. We come to school at 9:00. We save light in the morning. We must try to remember to turn off lights.

We must save sugar. President Roosevelt told all the people not to waste sugar. Every family can buy only a little sugar every week. Bombs and powder are made from it, that is why we must save it.

Every week we have an air raid drill. We go to the basement. We walk fast. We sit in a double line in the center of the basement. We know how to go downstairs at night, too. The teachers will wake us if we have an air raid.-

The Special Class.

WHAT WE SAW IN "EPHPHATHA"

Recently our film "Ephphatha" was shown to the upper classes of Trinity Lutheran School in Los Angeles, Calif., of which Mr. Edward Dankworth is the principal.

picture, Mr. Dankworth asked his funds in our own treasury. class to write a composition on it. He sent us several of the papers that were handed in. With Mr. Dankworth's permission we are printing one of them for our read-



Deaconess Twenhafel with Her Flock of Little Boys

ENGLISH COMPOSITION THE EV. LUTHERAN INSTI-TUTE FOR THE DEAF

On January 12th and 13th we had the privilege of seeing a motion picture, showing the work of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf at Detroit, Michigan.

The picture described the plight of a little deaf girl named Beverley who, because of her condition, had no friends. Upon advice from their pastor her parents sent her to our Institute. There she, and many others like her, were taught to speak, read lips, sounding out of vowels and sounds along with all the lessons children learn at school. They also have game rooms where the children spend their leisure time. There are confirmation classes for the older children and church services for all. Here the children learn to be as normal as possible. With this training they are prepared to meet life in spite of their handicaps when they leave the Institute.

Surely, if these deaf children are willing and able to praise God, how much more thankful we, who have all our precious faculties, should be.

Take my voice, and let me sing Always, only, for my King; Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from Thee. Norma Walk, 9th Grade.

-0-KIWANIS CLUB SUPPLIES **GLASSES**

Again as in previous years the Northeast Kiwanis Club supplied a number of our indigent pupils with much needed glasses. Besides furnishing glasses for our needy children each year, this Club has again and again supplied our school with equipment and other loved ones at home.

there are most grateful to the members of the Club for everything they have done to promote the welfare of our handicapped charges. May their Organization continue to prosper in the future as it has in the past and may many more handicapped become the beneficiaries of their generosity.

THIS AND THAT

Confirmation

God willing, fifteen of our children will be confirmed this year. They are Ruth Fabry, Dorothy Meyer, Betty Burgess, Donna Lee Beck, Betty Beavier, Betty Jean Smith, Dorothy Strehlow, Shirley Ery, Wilfred Oliver, Raymond Berry, Glenn Wilson, Arthur Borghardt, Clarence Almandinger, Raymond Much and Gordon Bergman. Confirmation will be held in our beautiful Gloria Dei Chapel on Sunday, May 24th, at 10:00

Confirmation Gowns

Our Ladies' Aid for the Deaf bought confirmation gowns which will be used for the first time this year. In previous years we always had to borrow such gowns from one of our congregations. We are very grateful to our good ladies for this practical gift.

Annual Festival

Our annual festival will be held on Sunday, June 14th. We hope that many parents and friends of our children will find it possible to attend the festival services.

Summer Vacation

Immediately after the festival our children will leave us to spend the vacation period at home with



Miss Emily Born, a Teacher, Assisting the Girls during the Evening Study Period.

their loved ones. Both, children and parents, have been waiting for this happy occasion since last September. How do we know? Well, we also attended school far from home at one time and we can still remember how we felt when the seemingly endless school year had finally come to a close and we were on our way to mother and father

Spring Activities

With the coming of the warm spring days, the activities of our boys and girls have moved outdoors. During the winter months the boys were kept interested and busy in the workshop making articles of wood, building birdhouses, airplanes, and boats. But as soon as the weather permitted, the walks were crowded with boys and girls on roller skates, kites were made and flown, and later outdoor games and contests were in line. All the children are again enjoying the various playground apparatus in our grove. Two new apparatus were added to our equipment. They are "a castle tower" and swings and "trapeze." These new items were presented to us by our good Ladies' Aid.

Attended Interesting Conference

On February 20th and 21st, it was our pleasure to attend the meetings of the National Forum on Deafness and Speech Pathology held at Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis, Mo. The days were spent in seeing teachers with classes of deaf children from various schools for the deaf demonstrating teaching methods, and in hearing interesting lectures on the education of deaf children. The Rev. N. P. Uhlig, missionary to the deaf in St. Louis, was an interested guest at the conference.

Visit at Fort Benning, Georgia

From St. Louis we went to Columbus, Georgia, to visit our son, Lt. J. J. Klein, who at that time was attending the Army War School at Fort Benning. Arriving at Columbus at 5:00 A. M. on Sunday, we were permitted to visit our son only one-half day, and so, Monday evening, February 23rd, found us back in Detroit at our desk.

Bus Outing

On Sunday afternoon, March 22nd, the Sigma Delta Chi Sorority, a group of girls, many of whom are employed at the Packard Motor Plant, took our boys for a bus outing. The same group took the girls out on a similar excursion last year. The children enjoy such treats immensely. Thank you, We do appreciate your girls. deeds of kindness.

Cur Caretaker Leaves

Robert Smukal, our caretaker for nigh onto five years, bade us goodbye on the 31st of March. He gave us faithful service these many years, and we felt reluctant to let him go. However, since Bob wants to serve his country in one capacity or another, we felt that we should not prevail upon him to

stay with us. We wish him the Lord's blessing in whatever he may do. Our new caretaker is Mr. Rav Axtell.

Passion Plau

On the 12th of March our teachers, the Misses Emily Born and Nancy Lundwall, took the older boys and girls downtown to see the Passion Play. Seeing the play brought the passion story of our Lord much closer to the hearts of the children.

Knitting for the Junior Red Cross

For some time a class of girls was learning to knit for the Jr. Red Cross. They were doing very well at it and enjoyed the work. At present this activity is not being carried on. We hope, however, that it can be arranged to resume the work in the fall.

Miss Tessmann Visits Sick Mother

Several weeks ago, Miss Bertha Tessmann, one of our good cooks, was called to the sickbed of her mother in Wisconsin. The mother is in a hospital, suffering from a broken hip. Miss Tessmann stayed away one week. Upon her return she reported that her mother was getting along satisfactorily.

Annual Meeting of Association

The annual meeting of our Institute Association will be held on Wednesday, June 17th. We hope that all member pastors with their congregations' representatives will find it possible to attend this important meeting.

Our Film Ephphatha In Demand

Our motion picture, Ephphatha, is almost constantly on the road, going from coast to coast, and film should communicate with us. There are no fixed charges for the use of the picture.

Easter Holidays

Quite a number of our pupils were privileged to spend the Eas-Those whose homes are at not too great a distance went home, othrelatives.—All our children were ter baskets filled with Easter candy and colored eggs, the gifts of the Eluta Club, Zion Y. P. S. of Zion, and the Salem Lutheran Mission Group. Our good Institute Ladies' Aid provided the ice cream for the Easter dinner. all who remembered our handicapped charges so kindly, we say "Thank you" and a "God Bless You."

Recent Visitors

We always welcome visitors. The following were some of our Dear Sir: recent guests: Mrs. Mierau with a troop of Girl Scouts, the Pastors of Valparaiso University, Re-

grades of Salem Lutheran School, Detroit, The Detroit Teachers Conference, Zion Ladies' Aid Soc. Detroit, Trinity Ladies' Aid Soc. from north to south. Anyone of Wyandotte, Mich., Dr. Paul F. wishing to book this interesting Miller of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Mrs. L. B. Buchheimer, Mr. Fred J. Jest of East St. Louis, Ill., Rev. and Mrs. J. Kempf of Arlington Heights, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Schoenknecht, Mrs. H. Sawatzki, Howard Bleser and Miss Olga Rupprecht of Saginaw, Mich., Mr. ter. holidays away from school Edward Wolf of Capitol University, Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Julius Kausler of Sheboygan, Wis., Mrs. ers spent the days with friends or H. Kohn of Alpena, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schultz of Mondovi, pleasantly surprised with Eas- Wisconsin, and many others from Detroit. We are very grateful for the kind offerings the group visitors and others made to our Institute. May our dear Lord bless them most abundantly.

> Trinity in Buffalo Appreciates our Film "Ephphatha"

> Concerning our film, Ephphatha, Pastor F. T. Ruhland of Trinity Church in Buffalo, N. Y., writes as follows.

I am returning to you by Railway Express the films you sent me of Greater Detroit in the interest last week. We showed the films last night to a rather small but deemer Ladies' Aid Society of very appreciative group of people. Flint, Michigan, Trinity Young The free-will offering taken at the Married Club with Pastor and time amounted to \$21.50, which Mrs. G. Otte, Detroit, the upper amount will be forwarded to you

through the regular Synodical channels

I wish to state that the films are very instructive and show in a very convincing way not only the great difficulties, but above all the wonderfully blessed results of your work. My people were deeply impressed by what they saw and heard. I feel confident that you will in future receive more tangible proofs of our interest in your work.

Thanking you for your kindness in loaning us this fine film and asking God's choicest blessing upon your splendid work for Christ and His kingdom, I am

> Sincerely yours, (Signed) F. T. RUHLAND

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