

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

of  
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Opheim

Trinity Luth. Church  
July 16, 1950

WELCOME by Rev. C. M. Rasmussen  
PANTOMIME, "This Is Your Life." Reader, Mrs.

Norman Hoel  
Scene I--Awaiting Your Marriage day  
Young Man, Allen Turnquist  
Young Lady, Linda Pratt  
HYMN--"O Perfect Love"--p.538 (All Sing)

Scene II--Your Wedding Day  
Bride, Linda Pratt  
Groom, Allen Turnquist  
Minister, John Hildre  
HYMN--"Crown With Thy Benediction"  
by Beverly Olson

Scene III--Family Table in Home  
Mother, Kathleen Stromme  
Father, Bobby Adams  
Children, Manley, Charles Johnson  
Gladys, Irene Turnquist  
Clarence, Mylo Guam  
Ella, Ann Rasmussen  
Melford, Paul Rasmussen  
Ole, Terry Turnquist  
Vernon, David Lura  
HYMN--"God Bless This House"  
by Beverly Olson

READING, by Mrs Norman Hoel  
HYMN--"O Happy Home"--p.537, vss.1,2,3,6  
(All Sing)

READING, by Mrs. Norman Hoel  
SHORT TALKS, by friends and relatives

READING, by Mrs. Norman Hoel  
TALK, by Rev. C. M. Rasmussen  
READING, by Mrs. Norman Hoel  
HYMN--"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne,  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,  
It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
And hope to meet again.

PRESENTATION, by Mr. J. Arnold Skofstad

CLOSING PRAYER, Rev. C. M. Rasmussen

# An Holy Estate

A MUCH used marriage service speaks of wedlock as an holy estate "not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, discreetly, and in the fear of God." If such counsel were more generally heeded there would be fewer broken homes, and more families where mutual respect, love, and understanding would bring happiness and peace.

The word "reverently" ought to be stressed in this connection. Marriage is an holy estate and should be so regarded. It was instituted by God Himself. Our Lord Jesus Christ in a singular way honored the estate by His presence at the wedding of Cana in Galilee. Those who enter marriage reverently, in the spirit of prayer and devotion, soon discover that only an intimate relationship with God can serve as a source of needed forbearance and patience. Constant fellowship with Christ in the Word and in prayer can sustain that mutual confidence and unity of spirit and of purpose.

Says the prayer with which the marriage service closes, "Give them grace always to commend themselves to each other, to cherish a due regard for each other's feelings and opinions, to be lenient to each other's faults and infirmities, just to each other's virtues and intentions." Where the spirit of this prayer is put into daily practice most of the shoals which often make the sea of matrimony rough and dangerous will be safely passed. Willingness to overlook, readiness to appreciate, determination to play the game of life together, these will go a long way in bringing happiness to heart and home.

Heavenly Father, give to Thy children grace always to regard marriage as an holy estate and so live together in love and in the unity of the Spirit of Christ, our Lord.



God Has Joined Together