

BERTHELSEN, Holger

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Last Rites For Rev. Berthelsen

REV. HOLGER BERTHELSEN

Funeral services for Rev. Holger Berthelsen, a former pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church here, were held on Wednesday afternoon at Bethany Lutheran Church in Viborg, with Rev. K. R. Jensen officiating. Rev. John M. Jensen of Spencer, Ia., a long-time friend of the Berthelsens, delivered the sermon, and Dr. Hans Jersild, a former pastor of Bethany Lutheran here and now President of the United Evangelical Luth. Church, spoke for the Synod. The Bethany girl's quartet sang three numbers. Interment will be at Racine, Wis.

Holger Berthelsen was born in Racine, Wis., on April 25, 1896, the son of Andrew and Emmalina Berthelsen. He was baptized by Rev. N. V. Holm, and was confirmed on April 23, 1911. He was in the service during World War I, and after his discharge graduated from the Academic-Pro-Sem. department at Dana College, and later attended the University of Wisconsin for a short time. He then enrolled at the Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary in Minneapolis for three years and was ordained in 1928.

Rev. Berthelsen received a call from Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, Wis., where he served until the fall of 1934. On April 25th, 1931, he was united in marriage to Miss Clara Rehwoldt. To this union were born two children, Arthur and Priscilla. Mrs. Berthelsen passed away in August, 1934. In the fall of the year Rev. Berthelsen accepted a call to Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Royal, Ia. On December 17th, 1935, Rev. Berthelsen and Miss Ruth Jensen were united in marriage. They made their home in Royal until 1943, when Rev. Berthelsen was called to do home mission work in San Leandro, Calif. As a result of that work, he organized the Faith Lutheran Church there. In 1947 Rev. Berthelsen was called to

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He is survived by Mrs. Berthelsen and son, Arthur, and daughter, Priscilla. Also, one brother, Arthur of San Diego, Calif.