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Trinity

Lord God, the Father of us all,
Who hast created great and small,
We offer praise to Thee this day,
For Thou hast been our Guide and Stay.

Lord Jesus, who Thy life didst give
That we with Thee in heaven might live,
We thank Thee for the bitter pain
Thou didst endure our souls to gain.

To Thee, the Holy Ghost, we pray,
Enlighten us, so that we may
Through faith a holy life begin
And ever shun the paths of sin.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Be glory, laud, and honor given
Until we join the saints in heaven.

A. J. HUFNAGEL

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE SECOND ARTICLE

"Jesus Christ, Suffered under Pontius Pilate"

The Son of God a humble babe in swaddling-clothes! The Son of God living in a manger on hay and straw! This we learned in our last study. Not only at His birth, however, but all His life He was poor and humble.

Jesus Christ, Meek and Lowly in Life

This Jesus Christ grew up in the humble home of a carpenter in the despised city of Nazareth. To one who wanted to follow Him He once said: "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head," Matt. 8:20. He also was hungry, thirsty, and tired, John 4:6, 7. And this poor, and hungry, and thirsty Jesus was the Son of God and showed forth His glory, John 2:11. He healed the sick, cast out devils, raised the dead, stilled the wind and the waves. Jesus the mighty Lord, but also a poor, humble man!

Jesus Christ Suffered

"Suffered" — this one word describes Jesus' whole life. He was the great Sufferer. Hardly had He been born when He had to flee, for King Herod sought to take His life. When He came to His own people, teaching and preaching and doing mighty works, they received Him not; the scribes and rulers sent officers to take Him; they took up stones to cast at Him, thrust Him out of the city, and led Him up a hill that they might cast Him down headlong; and many other things they did unto Him. His life was a life of suffering. But, again, in all that suffering we see the glory of the Only-begotten of the Father. The officers who were to take Him returned to the Pharisees without Him, saying, "Never man spake like this man." When they sought to cast Him down from that hill, He passed through the midst of them and went His way. Indeed, He is the Son of God, but He was "despised and rejected of men, a Man of Sorrows, and acquainted with grief."

Jesus Christ Suffered under Pontius Pilate

Especially the last days and hours of Jesus' life were days and hours of suffering. We see Him in the Garden of Gethsemane lying on the ground and praying, and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground; Judas shamefully betraying Him into the hands of sinful men, who take Him and lead Him away to the high priest's palace; Peter three times denying Him and the servants of the high priest smiting Him, spitting upon Him, and mocking Him; the Jews falsely accusing Him before the Roman governor, who at last gave Him into the hands of the soldiers, who scourged Him, crowned Him with thorns, spat upon Him and buffeted Him, and then

laid the cross upon Him and lead Him away. And, O wonder, this Sufferer was the Son of God! When the soldiers came to take Him, He met them and said, "I am He," and they all went backward and fell to the ground; Peter cut off the right ear of the high priest's servant, and Jesus touched his ear and healed it.

Jesus Became Poor that We Might Be Rich

Why all this poverty and suffering? Paul gives us the answer, saying: "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor that ye through His poverty might be rich," 2 Cor. 8:9. Thanks and praise be to Him for His great love now and forever! J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible-Study for May

"He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth," Is. 53:7

Bible-Lesson: Mark 14:60-65

"And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest Thou nothing? What is it which these witness against Thee? But He held His peace and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him and said unto Him, Art Thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am; and ye shall see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of Power and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes and saith, What need we any further witnesses? Ye have heard the blasphemy; what think ye? And they all condemned Him to be guilty of death. And some began to spit on Him and to cover His face and to buffet Him and to say unto Him, Prophecy; and the servants did strike Him with the palms of their hands."

The high priest had called witnesses to testify against Jesus, but their testimony did not agree. They were false, lying witnesses. Therefore Jesus did not answer them. Even when the high priest stepped forward and asked Jesus to answer the charges which the witnesses had made, He held His peace and answered nothing. The lies which they had spoken did not deserve an answer.

When the high priest realized that the Council could not condemn Jesus to death on the testimony which had been given by the false witnesses, he asked Jesus the direct question: "Art Thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed [God]?" To this question Jesus could

not remain silent, and He answered, "I am." Yes, He was indeed the Christ, the Savior, the Son of God, who had come to save even them who were now plotting His death. And because they rejected Him, He tells them that they shall see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of the power of God and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then He will come as the Judge of the world, and all who did not believe in Him will be filled with terror at His coming.

The high priest, hearing the answer of Jesus, rent (tore) his clothes to give the impression that he was deeply shocked by Jesus' answer. Jesus claimed to be the Son of God! That was blasphemy, he said. They all heard Him make the claim. There was no further need of witnesses. And when the high priest asked the Council, "What think ye?" they all condemned Him to be guilty of death.

Immediately the members of the Council and the servants showed their hatred and contempt of Jesus by spitting upon Him and by covering His face and striking Him and saying, Prophecy; that is, tell us who struck Thee.

See how Jesus, the Son of God, humbled Himself so deeply and permitted Himself to be falsely accused and condemned. And this He did for love to you and me, so that we might be declared holy and righteous in the sight of God.

E. EN.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

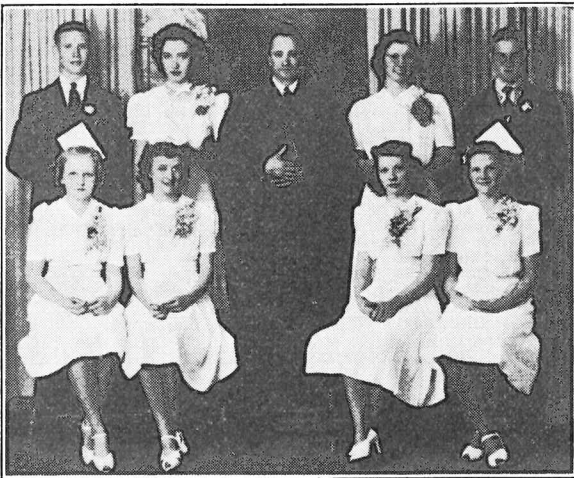
Detroit, Mich.—On March 10 a group of eight young people, who attend the State School at Flint, became members of the Lutheran Church through confirmation. They were confirmed in a special service. In our regular service on the Sunday before, the class was examined. They showed that they had a good understanding of the chief doctrines of the Bible. The following are the members of the confirmation class: Louise Behrendt, Elaine Johnson, Virginia Johnson, Marjorie Johnson, Delaine Yonkers, Mary Unkovich, Fred McCall, and Robert Heinze. May the Lord, who has promised, "I am with you always," guard and keep until the end these new members in the faith which they have confessed.

On March 19 our congregation in Detroit was saddened by the death of Mrs. Bertha Geikow. She was a faithful member of our congregation. As long as her health permitted, she attended divine services every Sunday. But, on account of illness she was not able to come to church during the last few months of her life. Mrs. Geikow was one of the first pupils to attend the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf in Detroit. She

often spoke of her school-days and rejoiced in the fact that as a child she was privileged to receive daily instruction in the Word of God. In her Christian life and service she set an example which all true Lutherans should follow. She died in the faith which she professed. Her body was laid to rest on Good Friday in New Baltimore, Mich.

Another faithful member of our church died on March 8, Mr. Herman Burose. He died in the Lutheran Altenheim, Monroe, Mich., where he lived for a number of years. He received a Christian burial on March 11.

On Easter Sunday four adults were received into membership with our congregation in Detroit. The members of this class were: Wm. Zeh, John Toulouse,



Confirmation Class in Flint, Mich.

Standing (from left to right): Fred McCall, Delaine Yonkers, Rev. Borchardt, Louise Behrendt, Robert Heinze. — *Seated*: Elaine Johnson, Mary Unkovich, Virginia Johnson, Marjorie Johnson

Sigfrid Jorgensen, and Victor Doucette. Mr. Doucette attends our services in Mount Clemens but was confirmed with the group in Detroit. We hope and pray that these newly confirmed will become faithful, staunch and active members of our congregation.

The dedication of all the new buildings of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf will take place on Sunday, May 12 at 3 P.M. The buildings to be dedicated are: the chapel, the administration building, the girls' dormitory, the kitchen and dining-hall.

N. B.

Milwaukee Mission. — Christoph Preikschat, oldest member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church for the Deaf, was laid to rest on April 3, 1940. In spite of his advanced age of 82 years, he showed his great love for God's house by walking a long way to services. On Good Friday neither pain, weakness, nor cold weather could keep him away from the Lord's Table. This was the last service he was able to attend. His pastor paid tribute to his faithfulness by basing the funeral address on the words of Ps. 26:6-8. What one of our member said after the funeral, "We will miss him in our services," is true. May every one follow the good

example he set for us. Where people have true love for God's house, there is always a good attendance.

Three new members were added to our congregation on Palm Sunday, Miss Christine Berg, Miss Grace Dubratz, and Mr. Stanley Osburn. May God give them strength to keep their promise of faithfulness!

On February 18 a memorial service was held in honor of the former pastor, the Rev. Fred C. Gade. On this occasion the newly installed light fixtures, placed in his memory, were dedicated to the service of God. These modern and highly efficient fixtures have added immensely to the dignity of the services and incidentally to the eye-comfort of the deaf. Memorial Wreath contributions from members of Ephphatha Conference were increased fourfold by deaf members in order to make this fitting memorial possible.

In the last quarterly meeting of voters the resolution was passed to increase salary payments from \$15 to \$40 a month.

M. E. A. M.

Minneapolis Mission. — Herman Nageler, another charter member of our church, has joined the heavenly throng. He passed away on March 17. He had been ailing for a long time after an automobile accident several years ago. He and his wife were confirmed by the pastor in 1907. It is interesting to note that, when they took instructions preparatory to confirmation, he had a German Catechism before him and his wife an English one. He was born in Germany and attended a school for the deaf there. Thus both were instructed at the same time. March 15 he partook of the Lord's Supper with his wife. During his long illness he always had an offering for his church when his pastor came to visit him and to tell him of Jesus. Tuesday, March 19, he would have been 82 years old. The burial took place on Wednesday, March 20. His wife, two daughters, and nine grandchildren, and we all with them, may rejoice in this fact that he knew Jesus, the only Savior, and died in Him. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them," Rev. 14:13.

J. L. S.

Golden Gate Missions. — On Sunday, March 3, an attendance of ninety-eight was pleasantly surprised by the visit of the Hon. President J. Behnken at Oakland on the occasion of the Call-of-the-Cross conferences held in the Bay area. In his message to us he stressed the honor and privilege we have in working with the Lord in His kingdom. This Easter we again could draw from our instruction classes such as had completed their studies of the Christian doctrine. This year we preached to the largest Easter attendance we had since we began our work in the Bay area. One hundred and thirty came on a rainy day. The following children were baptized: Richard Thomas Oxley, Thomas Henry Bull, and Adolph Franklin Hartmann, Jr. May this day be ever a memory of their greatest privilege! Deaf parents in this District have been very conscientious in enrolling their hearing children in the local Sunday-schools. We have some 22, and two of them are now Concordia College students. The son of one family became a member of one of our hearing churches,

and by his efforts he has led a goodly number of non-churched people into the kingdom. Mrs. Eugene Sullivan was received by the act of confirmation. Mr. Henry Miller and Mrs. A. Hartmann joined the mission by receiving Holy Baptism. A group of this year's graduates from the State School living in Oakland received Baptism: Mr. Arlie Taylor, William McClendon, Albert Ingraham, Elsie Paxton, Betty Hartmann, Lorene Goldsmith. Betty Hartmann and Elsie Paxton took part in the services. The hearing parents of some of these children and the deaf who attended found great pleasure in the fact that these children could answer and sign so well the chief parts of our Christian doctrine. We were unable to complete the instruction of a number of others and agreed to continue after Easter both in San Francisco and Oakland with the instruction classes. Owing to the long service on Easter Day, we held a special Communion service, in which 63 attended. The men's club of Zion Lutheran Church, where we hold our services, was host to our group, and it was not till late in the night when the party broke up, which is sufficient proof that both had an enjoyable evening. By request of the Blind School the missionary will take up his work at that institution again. Our schedule is a very heavy one on Sundays. Three services in three important cities of the West each Sunday, and the attendance is very encouraging. At present Oakland has 82 members; Deaf School, 40; San Francisco, 42; San Jose, 10. Before closing our best wishes for the Lord's blessing are extended to Fred Patrick and Loyse Wilson, whom we united in wedlock in San Jose.

G. W. G.

Kansas City Mission. — Pilgrim Congregation is pleased to announce that under the Lord's blessing a church site has been purchased. A number of congregations and individuals assisted our congregation in gathering the needed funds. This made it possible also to obtain the ground at less than one third of its former valuation. The location, or address, is 3801 Gillham Road. Some time will be required to complete the plans for the chapel and parsonage.

Mr. Wm. Baier and Miss Wilma Hall made a public confession of their faith on Easter Sunday and became members of our Church. Through all kinds of weather these friends came most faithfully during the winter months to be instructed in the chief teachings of the Bible. Incidentally, our Easter Sunday attendance was the largest we have ever had. Would it not be God-pleasing if all these Easter visitors would come every Sunday in the spring and summer also!

In Colorado Springs it was our privilege to have most of the scholars of the State School worship with us in the Lutheran church on April 7.

In Kansas City Mr. Wm. Gordon and Lucille Richardson were united in holy matrimony on April 4.

A. E. F.

Mission for Blind and Deaf. — On March 31 we received another request from 27 deaf living across the State line to serve them. This group has had no opportunity to go to church since 1935. We hope to comply with this request.

Candidate Bremer, who received an appointment by our Board to help out in the Indianapolis field and to

do secretarial work for our Mission to the Blind, on March 29 accepted a call to a hearing congregation in Minnesota. We wish him the Savior's blessing in his new field of labor.

The war has not interfered with our work among the blind except in Central Europe. Our periodicals for the blind serve approximately 6,000 individuals and groups of blind in nearly all the States of our country and in the provinces of Canada, in England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, the West Indies, the Philippines, the Fiji Islands, South Africa, China, Egypt, Palestine, Germany, Holland, Poland, Estonia, Iceland, Syria, India, Japan, Greece, and Italy.

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