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To Help Is to Gain

If your heart is full of sadness
And your life is full of care,
Help to bear another's burdens,
Some one else's troubles share;
And in grieving for their pain,
You will find your joy again.

If your life is full of labor,
Tired grow your heart and brain,
Stretch a helping hand to others
Bending 'neath life's stress and strain;
And from every loving deed
Back will come the strength you need.

Ediphone Voice Writing

Church Contributions

If you are a sincere believer in Jesus Christ, your Savior, you will support His Church with your money. God has given you His Son for a Savior, His Word, the Bible, and His Church to tell you about your salvation. You should be thankful for these gifts. You should show your gratitude and sincerity of belief by contributing to His Church. God wishes to see the fruits of your faith. In the Old Testament times the Law of Moses required of the Jews to give a tenth part of their income to the Church. In the New Testament times, in which we are living, God has not commanded us to give a certain amount; but gratitude for the salvation of our own souls and love to the Savior should prompt us to support the Church freely with our money.

Through the preaching of the Gospel, the Church helps lost, unhappy sinners to receive happiness and blessedness. It brings to them the comforts of God's Word in the trials of this life and leads them to everlasting joys in heaven. Therefore be liberal with your gifts

to the Church. Give regularly and gladly to the spreading of the Gospel, which is the world's most important business. Jesus says: "With what measure you mete, it shall be measured to you again," Matt. 7:2.

O. C. S.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE SECOND ARTICLE

"Jesus Christ . . . Crucified, Dead, and Buried"

We have seen how Jesus humbled Himself in His birth, in all His life, and also in His suffering. But He was to humble Himself still more, even unto death.

Jesus Christ Crucified

They crucified Him, that is, they nailed Him to the cross. And remember, it is the Son of God who hangs on that accursed tree. Thus He was made a curse, for Gal. 3:13 we read: "Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree." The Holy One of God — on the cross like the worst of criminals. From the highest place in heaven He steps down to the lowest place on earth. And He thus was made a curse for us and saved us from the curse of the Law. Oh, behold the Son of God become a curse for you!

Jesus Christ Dead

And on the cross He bows His head and dies. He gave up His ghost like a sinful man. And it was a death in suffering and pain. Psalm 22 describes it to us and tells us that He is poured out like water; all His bones are out of joint; His heart is like wax and is melted in the midst of His bowels; His strength is dried up like a potsherd; His tongue cleaves to His jaws; He can tell all His bones; and at

last He gives up His spirit. And still it was a wonderful death, for wonderful things happened. He died crying with a loud voice; the earth quaked; the rocks rent; the veil of the Temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose and came out of the graves after His resurrection. Therefore we need not be surprised that the centurion at the cross said: "Truly this man was the Son of God." Yes, the Son of God died on the cross and gave His flesh for the life of the world, John 6:51. He died that we might live.

Jesus Christ Buried

After Christ's death Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus came to take His body down from the cross. And they wound it in linen cloths with spices and laid it in a sepulcher (grave) that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. He who has life in Himself goes into the grave. And He did it for us. Paul says: "We are buried with Christ in Baptism," Col. 2:12. Believers therefore need not fear the grave. They sleep and rest in their graves as Jesus did.

For Me

When you think of this crucified, dead, and buried Savior, learn to say: "He loved me and gave Himself for me," Gal. 2:20. May God grant it!

J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible-Study for June

"I will speak of Thy testimonies also before kings and will not be ashamed," Ps. 119:46

Bible-Lesson: Mark 14:66-72

"And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest. And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth. But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew. And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them. And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them; for thou art a Galilean, and thy speech agreeth thereto. But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this Man of whom ye speak. And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny Me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept."

Peter had followed Jesus into the palace of the high priest. There he sat with the servants

of the high priest in the courtyard of the palace and warmed himself at the fire. Then one of the maids of the high priest, seeing Peter in the light of the fire, looked sharply at him and said, "And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth." But Peter denied before them all and said, "I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest."

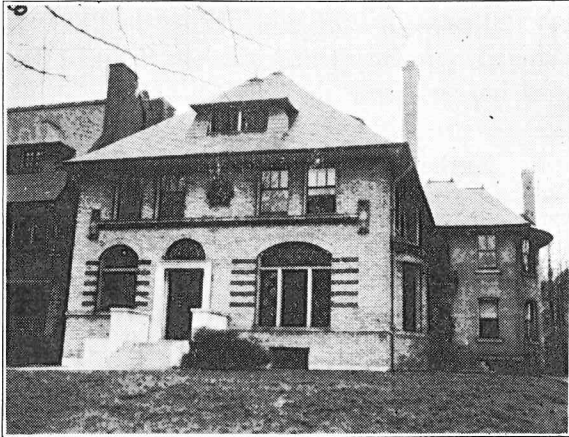
Peter now left the fire and went out into the porch, thinking perhaps that in the shadow of the porch he would not be recognized so easily. When he stepped out into the porch, the cock crowed. This should have reminded Peter of Jesus' words, but he paid no attention to this warning. Now another maid recognized him as one of Jesus' disciples and pointed him out to the servants and soldiers standing near, saying, "This is one of them." But Peter denied again that he was a follower of Jesus. While he spoke, however, they that stood by noticed the Galilean accent in his speech, and they turned on him from every side, saying, "Surely thou art one of them; for thou art a Galilean, and thy speech agreeth thereto." Then Peter, swearing and cursing, denied any knowledge of Christ, saying, "I know not this Man of whom ye speak." When he had denied Jesus the third time, the cock crowed the second time. So the words which Jesus had spoken to Peter had come true. And when Peter heard the cock crow the second time, he remembered the word of Jesus, "Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny Me thrice." Immediately he realized how great and terrible a sin he had committed against his Lord and Savior, and he wept bitterly. He repented of his sin and trusted in the Lord's mercy for forgiveness.

This story of Peter's denial is written for our learning. Since our dear Lord gave His life for our salvation and sacrificed Himself for us, we who believe in Him should freely, gladly, and fearlessly confess His name before men. Nor should we, as did Peter, seek the company of the ungodly and wicked, lest we also be tempted to deny our Lord and Savior and say, "I am not a Christian; I do not know this Jesus." And if we have ever denied our Savior or sinned against Him in any way, then let us turn to Him again in true sorrow over our sins and trust in His gracious promise of forgiveness.

E. EN.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

St. Louis, Mo.—On March 24 Rev. C. Schubkegel, the retired pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Deaf Congregation, celebrated his 80th birthday. It was a day of satisfaction for the old brother; for the mailman brought very many greetings, and a number of deaf and hearing friends visited him. His health has been



The St. Louis Chapel for the Deaf

The congregation observed the first anniversary on April 16

continuing fair. He wishes to extend his thanks through the pages of the DEAF LUTHERAN to the many friends that remembered him and sends greetings to the other missionaries.

April 16 marked the passing of one year since our chapel was dedicated. The first anniversary was observed by a service, which was followed by a social gathering that extended through the afternoon and evening. In the night gathering the *Call of the Cross* was shown, and the film that was taken at the time of the dedication a year ago.

March 17 Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Morgan and Mrs. Neval Spencer were received into membership by the rite of confirmation. In the course of the year thirteen persons have been confirmed in our chapel in three classes.

On January 28, Miss Helen Bogenpohl and Mr. Ramon Alexander were united in holy matrimony before our altar.

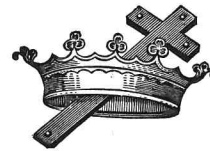
Miriam Jean Spencer, the child of Mr. and Mrs. Neval Spencer, and Linda Lucille, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Morgan, were baptized in our service January 14.

Since last October monthly services have been conducted in Decatur, Ill., where Rev. C. J. Pritz of Trinity Lutheran Church has assisted us very much, with Mr. Frank Mather, a friend of the deaf and formerly connected with the Illinois School for the Deaf. The Decatur deaf have been very appreciative. On February 18 a service was held in Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield, Ill., and by invitation a monthly service will be held there.

The southern section of the St. Louis circuit is being

served by Candidate Walter Uhlig. He serves the deaf in Memphis Tenn.; Little Rock, Blytheville, and Fort Smith, Ark.; Jackson, Miss.; New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Monroe, and Shreveport, La. We can truthfully and gladly say that the deaf of these Southern cities are anxious to hear the Word of God. While Memphis and Little Rock have for a number of years been visited by Lutheran missionaries to the deaf, the other stations were opened since March of last year. The Lord opened the doors for us, and surely we shall gladly preach the story of Christ to the deaf of the far South. N. P. U.

Detroit, Mich.—On April 7 we had a very joyful and impressive service in our church. Ten children from the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf were baptized. Five teachers and five deaconesses and three members of our congregation were sponsors. The children who received Baptism were: Donald Atkin, Richard Church, Norman Davis, Ronald Hicks, Wayne Kelly, Raymond Berry, Glenn Wilson, Norma Burns, Norma Harris, Robert Harris. These children range in age from four to sixteen years. On the following Sunday two more children were baptized, Shirley Ery and Sheilla Riddell. Two deaconesses and two members of our congregation were sponsors for Shirley and Sheilla. We are grateful that these twelve children have become children of God through Baptism. This multiple baptism shows that our Lutheran Institute is a great missionary institution. May God keep His guiding and protecting hand over these children that they may remain in their baptismal grace and finally receive eternal life and joy in heaven! N. B.



St. Paul, Minn.—Shortly before her death Mrs. Fred J. Beltz gave a cross-and-crown emblem, which was fastened to our green altar cover, in memory of her husband. The emblem is made in such a way that the cross cannot be separated from the crown. This reminds us Christians that, if we wish to wear the crown of glory in heaven, we must during our earthly life look up in true faith to Jesus, who hung upon the cross to win the heavenly crown for us.

And now Mr. Elwyn Beltz and Mrs. George Peacha have planted two evergreen trees in front of Calvary Church in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Beltz. We appreciate these gifts in memory of these faithful members of our church.

We wish to record the baptism of Darlene June Strasser, Lawrence Allan Schoenberg, and Jo-Ann Darlene Yvonne Mackey in St. Paul; Wanda Karen and Harriet Elizabeth Fisk at Black River Falls, Wis.; Melroy Jon Hansen at Rochester, Minn.; and Karen Kay Christian at Mason City, Iowa. May they all remain true to their baptismal vow to the end of their earthly life!

Miss Luella M. Johnson, Mr. Howard Fisk, and

Mr. Albert Nutter, Jr., were confirmed in Black River Falls, Wis.; Mrs. Georgia Wickmann at Eau Claire, Wis.; Mr. Elvin Sveen at La Crosse, Wis.; Mrs. Rudolph Peterson at Albert Lea, Minn.; and Mrs. Caroline Rickabough, aged eighty, deaf and almost blind, at Decorah, Iowa.

Miss Ruth Christiansen and Mr. B. Fassbender were united in marriage at Shennington, Wis. May our Savior be their constant House-guest!

Miss Helen Elwood and Mr. Walter Mundt passed away at the Northern Wisconsin Colony at Chippewa Falls in the firm faith in Christ Jesus, as we confidently believe.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. C. and Miss M. Christiansen of Galesville, Wis., at the death of their husband and brother, as well as to Mr. Herman Hanson of Winona, Minn., at the death of his wife. Miss Myrtle Fuller of St. Paul died following an operation and was given Christian burial. J. A. C. B.

Sioux Falls Mission.—On Easter Sunday evening Mr. Delos Nellis of Sioux Falls became a member of our group by the rite of confirmation. May Jesus, the Chief Shepherd, watch over him and lead him into the eternal sheepfold! Mr. Oscar Overdick also was to be confirmed; but owing to severe complications in his legs, it was necessary for him to return to the hospital the Wednesday before Easter. Special arrangements will be made for his confession of faith and confirmation.

During the past year the Bible class every Thursday evening was well attended. We appreciate the fact that six of our regular members were faithful visitors to these classes, and we hope that those who have not as yet joined our Church but nevertheless attended every Bible class lecture will be finally guided into our midst.

Our deaf here were shocked by the sudden death of Mr. Olof Olson on November 8, 1939. A heart attack caused his sudden passing. He was the president of our church and a very faithful member. We miss his presence in services, but we know he is richly blessed in his heavenly home through Christ, his Savior.

Our Easter service in Sioux Falls showed a record attendance. Fifty deaf were present for the Easter service and to witness the confirmation service. The same evening almost the entire communicant membership partook of the Lord's Supper. May God continue to bless the work here and help us to continue in the truth that makes us free. A. T. J.

Minneapolis Mission.—April 16 Arthur Bren of Hopkins, Minn., departed this life at the age of 49 years, 3 months, and 22 days. He had been ailing for almost two years. His wife and three small children mourn his early departure, as also his mother, four brothers, and three sisters. May God comfort them and uphold them with His everlasting comfort from His holy Word! The funeral address was based upon the words recorded in John 11:11-15. Mrs. Fawcner and Miss Smith and the pastor rendered in signs the hymns "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and "Rock of Ages," which Pastor Claussen sang, accompanied by Mrs. Claussen on the organ. Mr. Bren was confirmed in 1935 by the Minneapolis missionary and since then had been

a faithful member of our mission. March 27 he once more partook of the Lord's Supper with his wife. His body was laid to rest April 19 to await the glorious resurrection day. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord," Rev. 14:13. J. L. S.

IS IT TRUE?—A man was once asked how he was able to give so much for the church and still have so much left. "Oh," said he, "as I shovel out, He [God] shovels in; and the Lord has a bigger shovel than I have."

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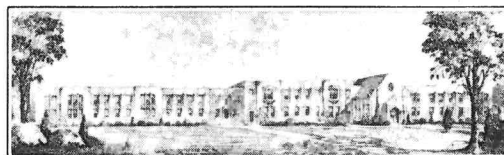
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