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As a Vapor

Morning and afternoon and night —
Time runs along
Swiftly 'twixt dawning of the light
And evensong.

Today, Lord, let me do Thy work;
'Tis all I ask.
The night comes on, let me not shirk
My present task.

Springtime and summer-time and fall,
Then winter's here;
It is but in a trice we'll call
This yesteryear.

Then let me sow good seed, dear Lord,
In time of spring;
And let the fall, as a reward,
Rich harvest bring.

Youth, middle age, threescore and ten,
And life is past.

I pray, dear Lord, say to me then,

"Well done," at last. KARL KRETZMANN

What Do You Think of Jesus?

God's angel announced at the birth of Jesus: "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord," Luke 2: 11. John the Baptist, speaking of Him, said: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," 1 John 1: 29. God the Father at the baptism of Jesus spoke from heaven, saying: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased," Matt. 3: 17. His friends confessed: "We believe and are sure that Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," John 6: 69. Jesus Himself said: "I am the Resurrection and the Life; He that be-

lieveth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live," John 11: 26.

Is Jesus unto you also the mighty Son of God? He is inviting you today through His Church, wishing to give you His blessings, forgiveness of sins and life everlasting, which He has won for you through His innocent suffering and death. Follow His invitation! Believe His precious promises! Read them often in your Bible and go to church, where you shall learn more of your wonderful Savior. He says: "He that despiseth you despiseth Me, and he that despiseth Me despiseth Him that sent Me," Luke 10: 16. O. C. S.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE SECOND ARTICLE

*"Jesus Christ . . . Obedient unto Death . . .
Highly Exalted"*

Jesus Christ Obedient unto Death

In our last studies we learned how Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. And why did He thus humble Himself? For you and me. We confess in the explanation of the Second Article: "He has redeemed [saved] me, a lost and condemned creature [person], purchased [bought] and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own." Memorize these precious words! Make them your daily prayer and confession of faith and your hope and stay in your last hour.

Jesus Christ Highly Exalted (Set on High)

Is the work of salvation really finished? Crucified, dead, and buried! It seems sin, death, and devil have won the victory. Oh, no, my friend, they have not. In our Creed we are taught to confess also: "He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead." And in the explanation of the Second Article we therefore confess with Luther: "That I may live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true." Our Savior, who went into death for us, now is Lord over all. "God hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow of things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father," Phil. 2:9-11. And Eph. 1:20-22 we read of Him who died for us: "God raised Him from the dead and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; and hath put all things under His feet and gave Him to be the Head over all things to the Church." Yes, He has won the victory — He is Lord over all!

Rejoice in This Lord over All

The words of our Creed "He descended into hell . . . to judge the quick and the dead" urge every believer at all times to rejoice: "My salvation is sure! It is finished! I know I am saved!" In order that we shall rejoice more and more, we shall study these words of the Creed in several articles. May God grant us this joy, which no man can take from us!

J. L. S.

Ephphatha Conference

Ephphatha Conference will meet, D. v., October 4 to 8 in Grace Church, Minneapolis, Minn., the Rev. John Salvner, pastor.

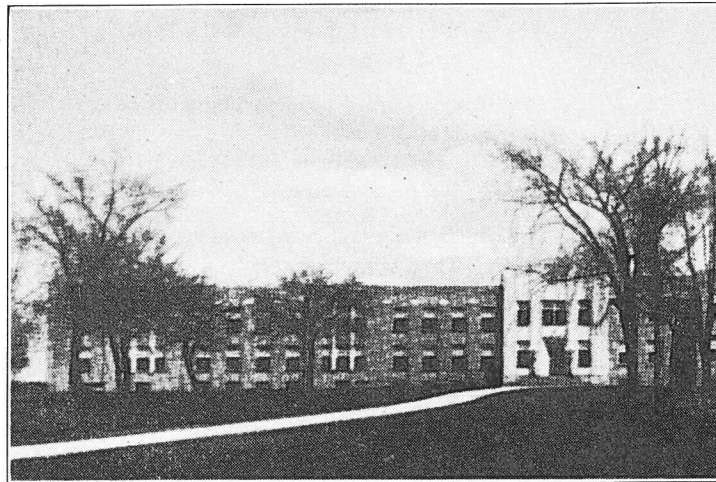
E. EICHMANN

THE BREAD OF LIFE**Bible-Study for August**

"Christ also suffered for us," 1 Pet. 2:21

Bible-Lesson: Mark 15:6-15

"Now, at that feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired. And there was one, named Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection. And the multitude, crying aloud, began to desire him to do as he had ever done unto them. But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews? For he knew that the chief priests had delivered Him for envy. But the chief priests moved the people that he should rather release



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Barabbas unto them. And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye, then, that I shall do unto Him whom ye call the King of the Jews? And they cried out again, Crucify Him! Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath He done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify Him! And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged Him, to be crucified."

The chief priests and the elders of the Jews had taken Jesus before the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, and had accused Him of forbidding to pay tribute to the Roman emperor and of establishing a rival kingdom among the Jews. Therefore they demanded of Pilate that he condemn Jesus to death. When Pilate, however, questioned Jesus about the charges which the priests and the elders had made against Him, he soon realized that Jesus was innocent and that the priests and the elders

had delivered Him for envy. Therefore Pilate, not willing to condemn an innocent man, sought to set Jesus free.

A welcome opportunity to set Jesus free now presented itself, so Pilate thought. Pilate had the custom to release to the people at the Passover one prisoner, whomsoever they desired. And at this time the people reminded him of this custom and demanded that he set free a prisoner of their choice. Pilate had a notorious prisoner, a rebel and murderer, called Barabbas, who had committed murder in an insurrection (rebellion) which had occurred in the city. And Pilate offered the people the choice between Jesus and the murderer Barab-

priests and elders meant to do away with Jesus, to silence Him forever. But God the Father, whose ruling hand we cannot fail to see amidst all this wickedness, meant to put Him to death that mankind might be redeemed.

My friend, think of what the boundless love of God has done for you! The holy Son of God was condemned that you might be set free. E. EN.

Six Minds

1) *Mind your tongue:* Don't let it speak hasty, cruel, or wicked words.

2) *Mind your eyes:* Don't permit them to look on wicked books, pictures, or objects.

3) *Mind your ears:* Don't let them listen to wicked speeches, songs, or words.

4) *Mind your lips:* Don't let strong drink pass over them to excess. Don't let the food of the glutton enter between them.

5) *Mind your feet:* Don't let them walk in the steps of the wicked.

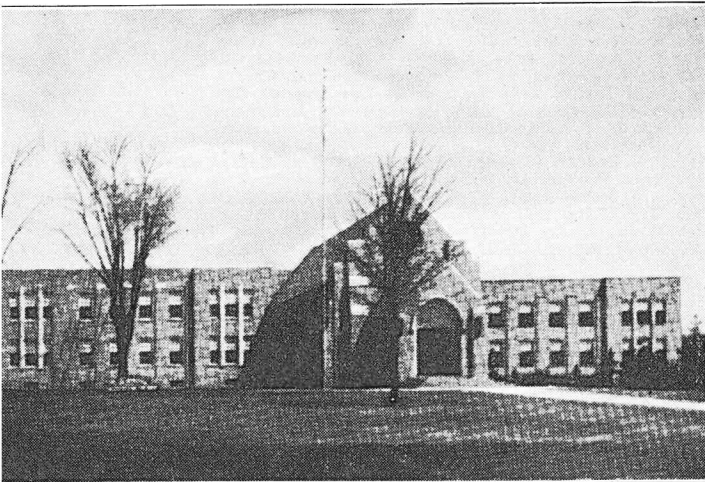
6) *Mind your heart:* Don't permit the love of sin to dwell in it. Don't give it to Satan, but ask Jesus to make it His home.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—For over a year we have been serving an appreciative group of deaf and deaf-blind at the Illinois Home for the Deaf here in the city (Hyde Park). Mr. and Mrs. Kiesner, the Superintendents, have given us splendid cooperation. They report that the deaf look forward to our meetings and derive much benefit from them.

We receive from 70 to 100 communications every month from the blind or their friends. Many of them contain statements such as this: "Your magazine has arrived in due time, and we are most grateful to you. It is a blessing for the afflicted to have folks like you and yours who care." By the very nature of their affliction the blind have a great opportunity to develop the inner life. May our publications continue to be of service to them! O. C. S.

Minneapolis Mission.—During the last school-year at the Faribault School, Helen Plahn, of Sleepy Eye, Minn., was instructed individually by the pastor in the chief teachings of the Bible every Saturday afternoon. Sunday, June 16, she made a good confession of her faith in the presence of many hearing friends and was confirmed in Rev. Wm. C. Albrecht's church. After the confirmation she partook of the Holy Supper. She



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bas. He felt certain that the people would ask for Jesus rather than for the murderer Barabbas. But the chief priests and the elders persuaded and moved the multitude to ask for the release of Barabbas.

When Pilate asked the multitude, "What will ye, then, that I shall do unto Him whom ye call the King of the Jews?" they answered, "Crucify Him!" And when Pilate appealed to them again, saying, "Why, what evil hath He done?" they cried out the more exceedingly, "Crucify Him!" Pilate, although convinced of Jesus' innocence, now yielded to the demands of the people. The innocent Jesus was scourged (whipped) and delivered into the hands of His enemies to be crucified.

Jesus was delivered unto death that we, the guilty ones, might be set free. By condemning Jesus to death, the Jews and their

intends to return to the school in fall and join our Bible class for further study of God's holy Word. May God keep her in His grace! J. L. S.

Kansas City, Mo.—Members in this territory have often talked the question over with the pastor in summer "Why could not plans be made to get as many members as possible from the State to worship in one service together, in connection with some large picnics, where many Lutherans attend anyway?"

Accordingly plans are being made with our loyal and faithful members of Kansas to possibly have a church service before the time of the picnic at Topeka, Kansas, on the third Sunday of August. Details will be announced later.

Arrangements would be made, of course, so our meeting does not interfere with the picnic program. We agree with some of our members that it would be an inspiring occasion to have a worship with many of our members present from many parts of the State. Also in summer-time, and in connection with picnics, we remember the Lord's Word: "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God," 1 Cor. 10:31b.

An interested Kansas City radio station gave our mission a few minutes' time on their program recently. Numerous reports were received from pleased listeners, but we were quite surprised to receive a report from a Northwest Minnesota friend. Truly the Lutheran Church is a friend of the deaf, and it gives us pleasure to speak to others about our Gospel activity in the expressive sign language. A. E. F.

Detroit, Mich.—We, the members of Our Savior's Congregation, are indeed happy that we now have a beautiful chapel to worship in. We thank God, who makes the hand able and the heart willing to give for this wonderful gift. May God's Holy Spirit, through His Word preached in this new chapel, abide with all who worship in it, regenerate their hearts, and keep them with Christ their Savior.

We were saddened by the death of Andrew Salmond on Monday, May 27. Mr. Salmond was struck by an automobile on Saturday afternoon. His friends found him unconscious, and he remained in this condition until the time of his death. Funeral services were held on Wednesday evening. His body was laid to rest in Fredonia, N. Y. This sudden death should show us how necessary it is for all to be prepared at all times. May God help us to remain in true faith, so that when the time for our death comes, we may be prepared. N. B.

Chicago, Ill.—During this first half of 1940 two of our faithful members departed this life. Our oldest member, Mrs. Anna Neely, died at the age of 84 years in February, and Miss Minnie Kunstmann in April, at the age of 53 years. During the previous year the Lord had called five of our members home. May the "Lord teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom!"

In South Bend, Ind., Miss Lottie Huggart, who had been a frequent visitor at our services, passed away on May 20; and in Muskegon, Mich., we were saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Dr. Geo. D. Van Epps, who had occasionally attended our services.

Miss Alma Sir of Chicago, who had suffered a broken hip last fall and had been confined to the hospital for several months, is again able to get about without the use of crutches. Mr. Fred Schultz is confined to his home because of a heart ailment. In Grand Rapids, Mrs. Sidney Sweet sustained a broken arm during the past month.

On Pentecost Sunday we were privileged to welcome the following four into communicant membership: Ruth Santell, Ruth Walbourn, James Brightman, Jr., and Arno W. Hoffmann. May they ever remain true to their Lord and Savior! E. J. S.

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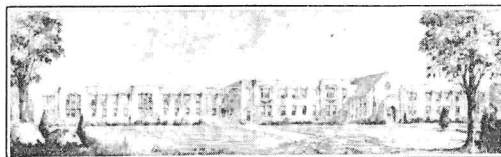
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