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The New Year

The psalmist declares: "As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more," Ps. 103:15, 16. These words remind us of the vanity of all earthly life and glory. The year 1940 has now passed into eternity and so all the years of our life will soon be over. Our stay on this earth is brief and full of sorrow. In His great love for us Christ came into the world to save us, to bring us eternal life. He desires that all men live with Him in glory forever. In John 10:27, 28 He says: "My sheep hear My voice; and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life."

Christ offers to all believers an unspeakably beautiful life with Himself in heaven. The psalmist thus testifies of it: "In Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore," Ps. 16:11.

Having redeemed us by His innocent suffering and death, He desires that we should be His own and serve Him in everlasting blessedness.

May the Holy Spirit grant us grace earnestly to resolve to serve Jesus in the new year and follow Him, so that we may inherit eternal life and receive and hold forever the blessings of His cross and death. O. C. S.



And Wise Men Still Seek Him

The joyous Christmas season is past again. How we long to see it come, and how we hate to see it go! In Spirit we have followed the example of the shepherds who hurried to Bethlehem to see the new-born Savior, and we have rejoiced with aged Simeon that we have seen the God of our salvation.

And now a new season begins. January 6



is the festival of Epiphany. Epiphany means appearance. "The kindness and love of God, our Savior, toward man appeared." Epiphany is the day that was first celebrated as Christmas; it is also known as the day of the three kings, referring to the coming of the Wise Men to find and worship the Christ-child.

The Bible calls the men who sought Jesus at the time of His birth in Bethlehem wise men. And men who seek Him in 1941 are also wise men. Those who do not seek Him are not

wise; they are unwise; yes, they must be considered foolish.

Why do men so many hundreds of years after His birth still seek Jesus? Because they realize the greatness of their sins and know that no mere man could possibly save them from their sins.

And why are men who seek Jesus wise? Because Jesus is the only One who can help them and because there can be no true happiness without Jesus. When Mary and Joseph finally found the twelve-year-old Jesus, His mother told Him, "Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing." Until a man has found Jesus, he must be "sorrowing"; he cannot be really happy. Every man must confess and say to Jesus:

I need Thee every hour,
O gracious God and Lord.

We need Him throughout our entire life and especially when we must pass through the valley of the shadow of death.

Friend, if you have been living without Jesus and acting as though you had no need of Jesus, will you not stop and think of the eternal welfare of your soul before it is too late? Be wise. Seek Jesus while He may be found. Seek Him in His house. Seek Him in His Word, "the Gospel, which is able to make thee wise unto salvation which is in Christ Jesus." J. A. C. B.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE SECOND ARTICLE

"Jesus Christ—the Third Day Rose Again from the Dead"

Christ is risen. He is the Son of God. His Word is true. Therefore we rejoice in our living Savior. But there is another reason for rejoicing.

His Name Is Jesus; That Means Savior

Before Christ was born, the angel said unto Joseph: "Thou shalt call His name *Jesus*; for He shall save His people from their sins," Matt. 1:21. And at the birth of Jesus the angel said to the shepherds: "Unto you is born a Savior," Luke 2:11. And on the eighth day, the day of His circumcision, His name was called *Jesus*, Luke 2:21. He came to save.

He Is Risen. His Work is Finished

In the house of Cornelius, Peter preached of this Jesus of Nazareth, whom the Jews slew and hanged on a tree, and then added these words: "Him God raised up the third day and showed Him openly," Acts 10:39, 40. God raised Him up and then sent an angel to roll away the stone and thereby declared to all the world: "Jesus has fully paid for your sins, and therefore I let Him come out of the grave and go free." When you pay a debt, you ask for a receipt. So on Easter Day, God gave us a receipt by raising up our Lord Jesus. "He was raised again for our justification," Rom. 4:25. By raising Him from the dead, God declared us just.

Without the Risen Christ No Salvation

How terrible if Christ had not risen! Read the fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians, and you will learn how necessary the resurrection of Jesus is. Paul writes: "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain, ye are yet in your sins," v. 17. If Jesus still is in the prison of death and the grave, then our sins are not yet paid for, and we cannot rejoice in the name of Jesus during the new year. But now, thanks to God, He is risen. Come, begin the new year by looking at the empty tomb, and you will rejoice in His precious name all through the year, although the whole world be at war; for through the risen Christ you have peace with God.

Christ Is Risen. Also We Shall Rise Again

Of every believer the risen Christ says: "I will raise him up at the Last Day," John 6:40, 44, 54. What a glorious hope! Jesus is risen, and now all who die in His name shall rise again. If He were not risen, our hope would be buried with Him. Paul says: "If Christ be not raised, then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished," 1 Cor. 15:18. Now, He is risen, and therefore, "as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive," v. 22.

Joyfully Begin the New Year in Jesus' Name

The words "The third day He rose again from the dead" and Luther's explanation, "even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity" urge us to begin the

new year with joy and peace in our hearts through the risen Lord. May it be a blessed new year in the name of Jesus, our risen Savior!

J. L. S.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Cleveland, O. — The picture accompanying this news item shows our flourishing Sunday-school of Columbus, O., which Mr. Arthur E. Anderson leads every Sunday morning. Mr. Anderson is an instructor at the Ohio State School for the Deaf and serves our parish also as a lay reader at the Westerville Home for the Deaf. We are very grateful for the good work Mr. Anderson does to educate the deaf for Christ and for heaven.

On November 9 Miss Marie Krause of New Castle, Pa., was married to Mr. Albert Mizner of Williamsfield, O., in the home of the bride, Pastor Frederking performing the ceremony. May God continually bless this couple for the glory of Jesus!

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. La Manna, Carole



Evangelical Lutheran Sunday-School
State School for the Deaf, Columbus, Ohio

Elizabeth, was baptized on November 16 in Zion Lutheran Church of Columbus, O. On the following day Allen Casimir Brzeski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Casimir Brzeski, also was baptized in the name of the Triune God. May these remain children of God by faith in Jesus and at last surely reach heaven!

In Akron, O., monthly services for the deaf were begun last fall, and so far we have had very satisfactory attendances. Akron happens to have quite a deaf colony, very many of which work in the rubber industries. We trust that our good Lord will bless our Gospel work also in this city, and we ask our readers to pray also for this new work as well as for all our ministers and teachers of the deaf, so that the Christians may be kept with Jesus and others may be won for the Savior.

T. F.

Kansas City. — In an impressive church wedding in Kansas City, on November 17, Mr. Robert L. Gaunce of Kansas City and Martha B. Case of Osawatomie, Kans., were united in holy wedlock. Also married in Kansas City, November 9, were Mr. Wm. Seeser of Mount Vernon, Mo., and Miss Mabel L. Chance of

Warsaw, Mo. This was the eighth couple to come to the pastor in 1940 to have the marriage solemnized by the pastor. We sincerely congratulate all these friends.

It is the privilege of the pastor to preach every first Sunday of the month at the Kansas School for the Deaf in Olathe. A large audience always awaits us in the chapel. In Colorado Springs, Colo., where we have services by appointment and where we have a Lutheran church, the pupils often assemble with us in the church. On Sunday evening, November 24, 130 of them were present. In these services a number of faithful adults always worship with us also.

We were saddened by the death of two faithful members early in October. Mr. Joe Loucks of Frankfort, Kans., passed away on October 4, and Mrs. Mary Hamby (Lawder) passed away in Kansas City on October 5.

Looking forward to the new year with its many opportunities, the missionary hopes that all our members and friends in this territory will find it their greatest happiness of 1941 to worship and walk with Jesus. We hope to have many opportunities to tell you about this Savior in our services.

A. E. F.

St. Louis, Mo. — The angel of death on August 2 took Marie Ziel, 14-year-old daughter of our members Mr. and Mrs. J. Ziel. She was fatally injured being struck by an automobile near her home. She was given Christian burial August 5.

Jane Jeannette, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Goff, was baptized June 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Keim became the proud parents of a baby girl, November 25.

Miss Lola Hainstock and Mr. Walter Schilling were united in holy wedlock at our chapel September 12. They reside in East St. Louis.

On November 10 Miss Hulda Kerckhoff and Mr. Harry Roesch of Imperial, Mo., were married at our chapel. They live at Imperial.

Since the beginning of this year monthly services are being conducted in St. Charles, Mo. Detroit school graduates will remember Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pundmann, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Meyer, Mr. Theo. Dennigmann and Norman Hollrah, all residents of St. Charles.

Rev. C. Schubkegel's health is fair, and he takes good care of himself. He still is able daily to take a brief walk but would gladly quit his residence on earth for a place with Jesus in heaven. He now is in his 81st year and cannot attend services any more. But he still takes an active interest in the progress of the Deaf Missions.

A beginners' class and an advanced class are working at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, studying the sign language. Among the students of the advanced class we were glad to note Mr. De Laney who has acquired a fine knowledge of it from Rev. Geo. Gaertner of California.

We are conducting a class at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., for the first time this year, since Springfield has been visited regularly since February. About thirty students have signified their intention to learn the sign-language and are showing great interest. The class was begun at the request of Mr. W. Menzel of

Hartford, Conn., student at Springfield. The interest at both seminaries assures new workers for future work.

Decatur, Ill., deaf have shown great interest in our services, which now have been held monthly since October, 1939. Rev. C. J. Pritz, who was instrumental in having us come to Decatur, has resigned his pastorate on account of impaired hearing, and Rev. G. Albers has taken his place. He, too, has been very helpful to us.

The missionary has been invited to address the entire school at Jacksonville, Ill., once each month in assembly, giving them a talk on character-building, and to conduct services every third Sunday of the month for the school in the chapel. This opportunity for service is greatly appreciated and was gladly accepted.

The De Soto deaf were transported to Flat River, Mo., on the last Sunday of October to attend the Bible rally conducted there by all the Lutheran churches of the vicinity. The missionary addressed the deaf and the hearing people. De Soto deaf appreciate the help of Rev. W. Dierking, in whose church monthly deaf services are held.

Holy Cross Church of St. Louis elected its officers for 1941. These are R. Burmeister, president; W. Maack, vice-president; Ramon Alexander, secretary; W. Lambur, treasurer; W. Viets and W. Hemminghaus, elders; R. Burmeister, W. Fahien, Ed. Kurtzeborn, trustees; Theo. Wrausmann and O. Krumm, ushers; W. Lambur, choir-leader.

Rev. Walter Uhlig, serving the southern section of our field, now preaches regularly in Mobile, Ala., Monroe, La., and Fort Smith, Ark., besides serving Memphis, Tenn., Little Rock and Blytheville, Ark.; Jackson, Miss.; and New Orleans and Baton Rouge, La.
N. P. U.

Minneapolis Mission.—Our forty-five boys and girls of the Faribault school again were given a Christmas party by the young people's society of Trinity Church (Rev. O. Volz, pastor). First we all assembled in church for a program in which all, large and small, took part. "Silent Night," "Come Hither, Ye Children," and "Beautiful Savior" were sung by the teachers of Trinity School and signed by some of our deaf. The pastor based his brief address upon the angel's Christmas message: "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord," Luke 2: 10, 11. After the service all went to Trinity School, where games were played, and then a good dinner was served to our boys and girls and their pastor, and also to some of the adult deaf. With us were also seventeen blind boys and girls from the School for the Blind, who are under Pastor Volz's care. At seven o'clock the little ones were taken back to School, while the others stayed for some more games with the young people of Trinity Church. They also had a gift for every one, a wood plaque with these words: "The Lord is my Shepherd." May God bless Trinity Young People's Society for their kindness and interest in our deaf and blind boys and girls! A hearty "Thank you" to all! J. L. S.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—By special request we met a fine group of deaf in Kalamazoo, Mich., on

December 8. They have invited us to serve them regularly. We hope to comply with their request.

An early Christmas greeting from Mr. Carlos Luiz, Lisbon, Portugal, was received on December 3. Mr. Luiz reports that he receives our magazine regularly and derives much benefit from it. We hope that he will be able to interest other blind in his country in the only true way to salvation, through faith in Christ Jesus.

A reader in California sent us this message: "I receive more real good out of reading your magazine than I do out of all the other books that I read. We blind should be more grateful for what the Board of Missions does for us."
O. C. S.

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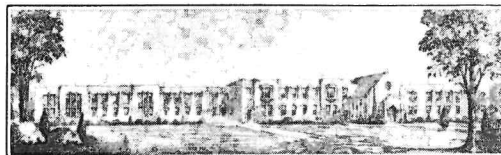
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