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What God hath Promised

God hath not promised	Sun without rain,
Skies always blue,	Joy without sorrow,
Flower-strewn pathways	Peace without pain.
All our lives through.	But God hath promised
God hath not promised	Strength for the day,

Rest for the laborer,
Light on the way,
Grace for the trial,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Ghost is so called not because He is holier than the other Persons of the Godhead, but because one of his special functions is to sanctify, that is, to cultivate holiness in man.

We cannot have the Father and the Son without the Spirit. Neither can we have the grace of Christ and the love of God the Father without the communion of the Spirit. The Spirit is the abiding Representative of the Godhead in the heart of the believer. He is the omnipresent Teacher, Comforter, and Sanctifier, and all life and power of the Gospel are from Him. When He reveals Himself, the truth is all aglow, the hearts of Christians are warm, and the consciences of sinners are awakened. When He is grieved away or His light is quenched, formalism and fear, unbelief and worldliness, prevail. If we would have the grace that is in Christ and the love of God shed abroad in our hearts, we must secure the communion, or fellowship, of the Holy Spirit by constant prayer and daily study of God's Holy Word. — *Sel.*

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE SECOND ARTICLE

"From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead"

Jesus will come again with power and great glory to judge the quick (living) and the dead. For this glorious coming of our Lord Jesus Christ we Christians now wait. But let us learn more about the Judgment itself.

Jesus Will Judge Every One According to His Works

Jesus will judge you according to your works, my friend. Paul writes: "We must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad," 2 Cor. 5:10. Also read Matt. 25:31-46, and again you will see that Jesus will judge all people according to their works. You perhaps will say: "But in Mark 16:16 Jesus says: 'He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.' He says nothing of works." Indeed, only "he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath [anger] of God abideth on him," John 3:38. A man is saved only by faith in the crucified and risen Savior, without the deeds [doings] of the Law, Rom. 3:23, 24, 28. But his faith or unbelief a man shows by his works. Jesus says: "Every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt [bad] tree bringeth forth evil fruit," Matt. 7:17. A man who believes will do good; a man who believes not cannot do good. Our Savior says: "He that abideth [stays] in Me and I in him, the same

bringeth forth much fruit [does much good]; for without Me ye can do nothing," John 15:5. When Jesus comes again, He will show the faith of His followers to all the world by their works and the unbelief of the wicked by their works. His judgment will be just and right. Friend, what will your works tell on Judgment Day, of faith or of unbelief?

All the World Will be Burned Up

When Jesus will have judged all people, invited the believers to come with Him to everlasting life and commanded the unbelievers to go away into everlasting shame and punishment, what will then become of this world? Peter writes: "In that day the heavens shall pass away with great noise, and the elements shall melt away with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up," 2 Pet. 3:10. Yes, this world of ours is on the way to destruction! "The world passeth away," 1 John 2:17.

Let Jesus Be Your One and All

Jesus only! "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world," 1 John 2:15. All these things shall pass away, "but he that doeth the will of God abideth [stays] forever," v. 17. Believe in the only Savior, Jesus Christ, serve Him in love, and on Judgment Day Jesus will say also to you: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," Matt. 25:21. May God work this in you by His Holy Spirit, the Gift of Pentecost!

J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible-Study for June

"God . . . will have all men to be saved,"
1 Tim. 2:4

Bible-Lesson: Mark 16:15-18

"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

When the Son of God suffered and died on Calvary, He thereby made atonement for

the sins of the world and obtained forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation for all mankind. And the salvation that Jesus won is offered to the whole world through the Gospel. Salvation is received and made our own by faith in Christ, by believing in Jesus, our Savior. We can do nothing, nor need we do anything, to earn this salvation; Jesus has done all that had to be done when He gave His life on the cross for the sins of the world. The risen Savior, appearing to His disciples, said to them: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." It is faith in Jesus which saves us, faith which is created in our hearts by the Gospel and by Baptism.

And since God "will have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth," Jesus commanded His disciples before His ascension into heaven to bring to the whole world the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation procured by Him. He gave to them the great missionary command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The glad tidings of salvation should be made known to all men, so that all might be saved. And to strengthen the disciples in this difficult task, Jesus promised to be with them and to confirm their message by signs and miracles.

The command to preach the Gospel to every creature was given not only to the apostles, however, but to all the disciples. It is a command given to the whole Church, to every Christian. Jesus wants you and me and all believers to preach the Gospel, to lead men to their Savior, to point out to them the way to heaven by faith in Christ.

What a glorious privilege this is! The Lord has blessed us richly with His Gospel. He grants us untold opportunities to lead men to the Savior. Gladly and willingly we should take part in proclaiming the message of salvation. And the Lord will also be with us in this work, even as He was with the first disciples, and will bless our every effort in bringing lost souls to Him.

E. EN.

God had a book written especially for you. We call it the Bible. Are you reading it every day?

Good Will Come from This

Once there was a miner who was a good Christian. When something happened that did not feel good, he would say: "Praise the Lord! Good will come from this."

One day he came to work early, laid his lunch down on a rock, and talked to the other men, who were ready to start work. While he was busy talking to them, a dog came and ran away with his lunch.

The other men would probably have cursed the dog if this had happened to them. But this miner only smiled and said: "Praise the Lord! Good will come from this."

They laughed at him and thought him queer. They went down into the mine to work. The others took their lunch along; but this miner had to come up and eat at a restaurant, for the dog had taken his lunch.

While he was eating, the mine caved in. Some of the miners died. If the dog had not taken his lunch, this miner might have died, too. Good did come from it.

Notice

Ephphata Conference (Lutheran pastors for the deaf) meets, God willing, from August 1 to 5 at Detroit, Mich., in the newly built school and church for the deaf, Rev. N. Borchardt and his congregation having extended the invitation to this group last fall.

I Hit Him Hard

One day a man heard Missionary William Carey preach to some Brahmans of India. The Brahmans are the highest class of India. They are supposed to be holy and better than all others. They are much like the Pharisees in the Bible.

"Why do you preach the Law of God so hard to these people?" the man asked Carey.

"I am like one who finds his neighbor asleep when his house is on fire," said the missionary. "I hit him hard, to warn him of his danger and help him get out."

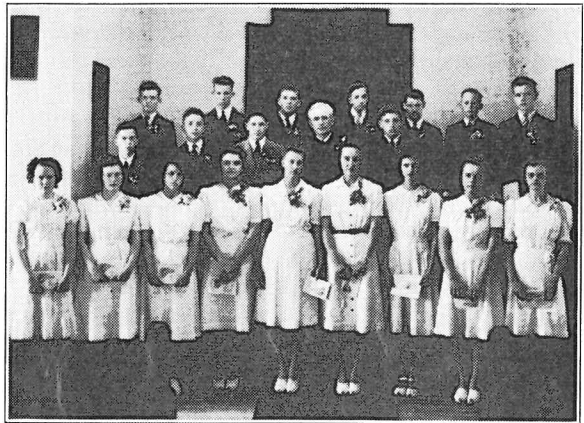
THE only people who can have "no time for church" are those who have no time to die.

You can laugh your way into sin, but you can never laugh your way out.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Minneapolis Mission.—February 14 Harvey Mattson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Mattson of Dawson, Minn., and Elsie Graumann were married in the pastor's home. On April 30 Fred H. Pape and Ruth Nason, a member of Grace Church, were united in holy matrimony. May Jesus be their Guide through life to everlasting life in glory!

Ernest Gerard, for many years a patient in the Fergus Falls and Willmer State hospitals, passed away April 10, trusting in Jesus, as we sincerely hope. The pastor visited him once more April 3 and again told Him of Jesus, who loved also him and rose again. He then confessed his faith in this Savior of sinners. He would have been 75 years of age May 3. Our risen Lord says: "He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live," John 11:27. J. L. S.



Pupils from the Iowa and Nebraska State Schools for the Deaf, Confirmed by the Rev. E. Mappes on May 4

Left to right, bottom row: Agnes Severance, Arvada, Wyo. Gwendolyn Amos, Shubert, Nebr. Elaine Johnson, Hastings, Nebr. Augusta Maas, Charter Oak, Iowa. Eloise Martinson, Harcourt Iowa. Jean Smith, Danbury, Iowa. Constance Gillotte, Omaha, Nebr. Ruby Christian, Mason City, Iowa. Opal Bredehoft, Battle Creek, Nebr.

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Omaha, Nebr.—On Easter Sunday we were happy to see a record crowd of about 70 deaf in attendance at the service in Omaha. A number of visitors from out of town were present. Why not fill the church at all Sunday services? Holiday churchgoers should become regular churchgoers and receive food for their soul regularly throughout the year.

In the Easter service Charlene Lynne, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dey, was brought to the Lord Jesus in Holy Baptism.

Mr. Alex Reichert of Gering, Nebr., and Miss Milada Houdek of Dodge, Nebr., were united in marriage at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Omaha on April 22. Mr. and Mrs. Reichert are living on a farm near Gering, Nebr. May Jesus, the Lord and Savior, remain their constant companion in their wedded life!

Mrs. Geo. Hagen and Mrs. Roy Rose were received

into membership of the Lutheran Church in Boone, Iowa, on May 11.

Our annual confirmation of pupils from the Omaha and Council Bluffs schools took place in the Omaha church on May 4. Twenty boys and girls promised faithfulness unto God on that day, fifteen from Council Bluffs and five from the Omaha schools. Ten of this class received Holy Baptism. Also Billy Amos, a brother of one of the girls, was baptized. Three girls from the Omaha school sang in signs "Thine Forever, God of Love." The church was crowded for the occasion, and a large number of hearing friends were present, among them relatives of some of the children and teachers and supervisors as well as the principals from both schools and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Welty of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. John G. Nace of Council Bluffs.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," is the Lord's command and promise. May God keep all these new members of His Church in His grace and in true faith which they confessed on their confirmation day, until He will take them into the home above, which He has prepared for all true believers.

E. M.

Southern California Mission.—Pilgrim Church of Los Angeles rejoiced on Easter not only because it is the day of the Savior's resurrection, but also because that day six people confessed their faith and were received into membership with the church. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McCullough by confirmation and the Misses Florence Brown, Frances Perry, and Elberta and Marjorie Torgerson by Holy Baptism. Miss Brown, Miss Perry, and Miss E. Torgerson had begun their studies with Pastor Gaertner at the Berkeley school.

Mrs. Laura E. Foster, one of the members of Pilgrim Church, was struck down by an automobile while returning to her home on March 28 and suffered a broken ankle and rib, from which she is, by God's mercy, recovering gradually in a Los Angeles hospital.

Since the last news from Southern California in the DEAF LUTHERAN Pilgrim Church has again moved its place of worship back to Trinity Church at West 18th and Cherry streets, where quite a few years ago the first Lutheran service in the sign-language was held in California by Pastor A. Reinke of Chicago.

In recent months two new preaching-stations have been added to our list, San Bernardino, about sixty-five miles east of Los Angeles, and Bakersfield, about a hundred miles north across the mountains. Services will, however, be held here only from time to time. G. F.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—A group of 22 handicapped persons in Hammond, Ind., have requested us to address them regularly orally and in the sign-language. We expect to comply with this request.

A reader of the *Messenger* living in New Zealand last week sent us this message:

"I feel that I must say some word of appreciation of your magazine, which comes to me so regularly each month. In these days when of necessity we are able to get very few English magazines, those which come from America are doubly welcome.

"I rejoice in the spirit of good will which expresses itself in this piece of practical Christian service, and

I pray that this same spirit may be seen throughout the whole world.

"May God's blessing rest upon you and your fellow-workers!"

A reader in India wrote: "I wish to thank you for the *Messenger*, which I receive regularly. I remember you and your work in my prayers. I teach my family of ten members God's Word as I learn it from the *Messenger*."

A reader in New York City wrote: "I thank you for the mailing of the *Lutheran Herald* over many years to my mother. She is now 97 years old and still enjoys the reading, deriving spiritual blessings from it."

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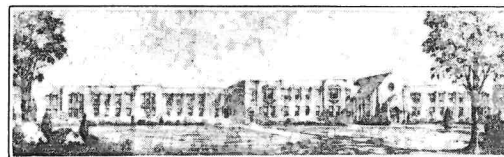
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