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Prayer for Our Country

Dear God, our country needs Thee
To help and heal and bless,
To give the rulers wisdom,
To grant to right success,
To feed her many millions,
To keep her always free,
To lead them in the way of Christ,
Where they may walk with Thee.
Grant pardon, peace, and power;
Protect her by Thy presence,
Dear God; then show Thy favor
Through every future hour.

Speech and the Deaf

In an article, "The Child Handicapped by Deafness," Superintendent A. C. Manning of the Western Pennsylvania School says:

Academically the deaf child receives a tenth-grade education or more if he is mentally able to take it. This training includes, in addition to work done in the regular public schools, special instruction in speech and speech-reading. In other words, oral methods of instruction are pursued except in cases where the child is not able to learn orally. The development of speech in a deaf child who enters school without it is a most difficult task. Fluent, natural speech in such cases is exceedingly rare, but understandable, usable speech, though it may be somewhat monotonous, is a valuable asset to any deaf person, and every reasonable effort is made to develop it. In cases where the development of intelligible speech is not possible, manual methods are used.

(By way of parenthesis let me say that the majority of the deaf people whom you see going along the street manualizing to each other have been taught orally and possess usable speech. Their talking on their hands simply means

they are going the way of least resistance, for it is easier for them to converse in this manner than it is to talk orally and to read each other's lips. In conversation with hearing strangers they will very probably resort to pad and pencil. At home among their friends as well as at work many of them use oral speech. They use principally manual methods because in large groups speech and speech-reading are not practicable.) — *Kentucky Standard*.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE SECOND ARTICLE

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

From our Holy Bible we have learned that Jesus will come to judge every one according to his works, which show either his faith or his unbelief. Now, when shall that be?

No Man Knows the Day or the Hour

There always have been people who have set the day of Christ's coming to Judgment and have deceived many people. And people try it again and again, and many believe them and are deceived. The truth is that no man can foretell the day of Christ's coming. Our Master says: "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only," Matt. 24:36. How foolish, therefore, for people to set a date for Judgment Day and how foolish to believe them that do so!

The Day of Judgment Will Come Suddenly

No man knows the day or hour of Christ's coming. Therefore that Day will come as a surprise to many. Mark 13:36 tells us that

Jesus will come "suddenly" and find many sleeping, that is, not ready to go with Him, as we read of the five foolish virgins in Matt. 25: 1-13. Again, Jesus says: "As a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth," Luke 21:35. As an animal is caught in a snare, or trap, when it thinks not, so the Last Day will come upon people when they think not. When our dear Lord Jesus will come again, He will find many upon the way of sin, living in drunkenness and shame, despising the word of salvation, doing the works of the devil, and then they will cry out "to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb," Rev. 6:16. Yes, suddenly that Day shall come, as lightning. In Matt. 24:27 we read: "As the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth unto the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be." Paul writes 1 Cor. 15:22 that "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye," Judgment Day will be here. And Peter tells us: "The days of the Lord shall come as a thief in the night," 2 Pet. 3:10. A thief comes when people least think of him; he gives no warning; he tells not what hour he will come; he takes people by surprise. So the Last Day will come.

Stay in Jesus and His Saving Word

Jesus may come any moment. That ought to urge us diligently to read our Bible at home and gladly to learn the Word of God in church, so that at His coming Jesus will find us in the true faith and upon the holy way. May God grant it by His Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus, our only Savior! J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible-Study for July

"I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," Matt. 28:20

Bible Lesson: Mark 16:19, 20

So, then, after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the Word with signs following. Amen."

On the fortieth day after His resurrection Jesus led His disciples out of Jerusalem to the

Mount of Olives. It was on this occasion that He commanded them to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, and promised to be with them and to confirm their message with signs and miracles. And when He had spoken to them, He lifted up His hands and blessed them. He bestowed upon them that blessing which He had purchased on the cross and brought with Him from the grave: forgiveness of sins, life, and eternal salvation. This blessing He also bestows on all His disciples, all His Christians, to this day. Whenever you think of your Savior, remember that He blesses you with this same blessing.

And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them and taken up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. Thus did the Son of God, who once was born in Bethlehem, who lived on earth in poverty and lowliness, who suffered and died on the cross to redeem the world, return to His Father in heaven. Now He "sits at the right hand of God." To Him, the God-Man, now is given all power and authority in heaven and on earth; as God-Man, He now makes full and continued use of His divine majesty and power; He rules heaven and earth; He is the Head over all things. Especially does He guard and keep and govern His Church on earth, His beloved Christians. He makes all things work together for their good. Because He rules, no harm can come to them. Though He has ascended into heaven and is no longer visibly present on earth, He is nevertheless near us with His grace and blessing. Our life and all things that in any way affect our life are in His mighty hands, and He guides all things unto our salvation.

Joyfully we should therefore go forth, as did the first disciples, and proclaim the message of salvation through faith in Christ everywhere; for we, too, have the assurance that He will be with us and bless us. E. EN.

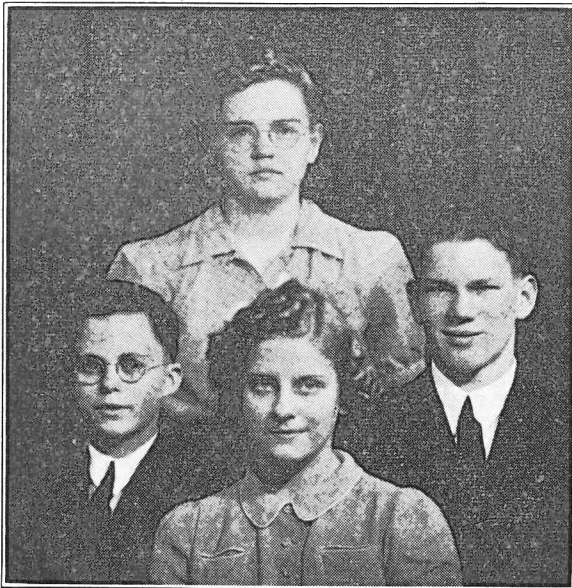
"I DON'T need to worry about dying yet," said Sam to Joe. "I am young."

Joe said nothing. But when they came past the cemetery, he pointed to the graves.

"Look, Sam, how many people died young! The graves are all sizes."

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Minneapolis Mission.— Since 1934 we have been calling on Spurgeon and Rebecca White at the St. Peter State Hospital. When on May 15 we again were there to minister unto them, we found that Mr. White had passed away on the 13th of May. Our sincere hope is that he now is with Jesus, for he always was so very attentive and nodded assent when we told him of Jesus and His love. May 5 he attained the age of 76 years. His wife, Rebecca, needs our sympathy and prayers. She is deaf, blind, and also crippled, for some time being confined to her bed. We wish our readers could see her face beam for joy when we tell her of the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. May God continue to bless our work also in the State hospitals. At St. Peter we still minister to four, at Willmar



Columbus, O., State School Deaf Confirmed by
Pastor Th. Frederking

to three, and at Anoka to five deaf and one blind person. Pray for them!

May 24 Donald Froehlich, a communicant member of our Mankato mission, and Lempi Maria Niemela of Cokato, Minn., were joined in holy wedlock at the bride's home. And on June 7 Andrew Pangrac and Olga Molin, both communicants of Grace Church, were married in Grace Chapel. May both couples take Jesus with them into their home! Then all shall be well. John 2:1-11.

June 8 Shirley Eleanor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Misbe of Little Falls, Minn., put on Christ in Holy Baptism, Gal. 3:27. May the Holy Spirit keep her and us all in our baptismal grace! J. L. S.

Cleveland, O.— On Easter Day a class of 18 colored deaf was taken into full membership of St. Philip's Church at Cleveland. The new members are: Mr. and Mrs. Murrel Garnet; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henderson; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Horace McGraw; Rebekah

Aldrige; Elsie Wynn; Mary Boyd; Katie Bolan; Grace Smith; James Albert Jones; Walter Shaw; Edward Wilson. In this service, Elizabeth Bolton was baptized with five of the new members.

On Easter Day, another class of four persons was taken into membership at St. Paul's Church, Cleveland. In this service, Catherine Ewald was baptized and confessed the Christian faith together with Nellie McLean, Ruth Webber, and Paul L. Smith.

On May 25, a class of four persons of the Ohio State School for Deaf became full members in Columbus when, in the Lutheran church, Edna Davies was baptized and three others confessed the faith with her, namely, Lucille Schumm, Richard Phillips, and Richard Weitz.

On February 17 Miss Loretta Geyer became a member of our mission in Rochester, N. Y.

May the Holy Ghost keep all our new and also our old members in the one faith that we are saved through the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ on the cross.

On May 17, Perry Stevens was married to Miss Ruth Webber in the home of the pastor, while Russel Escover and Esther Webber, the bride's sister, stood up as witnesses. May God bless the married life of both groom and bride that they may stay true to God and to one another.

In April we have begun a mission in Cincinnati, O., where we have found six communicant members of our Church. May our readers diligently pray for this new mission that we might win more for Jesus and for the Christian Church!

T. F.

St. Louis Field.— A number of baptisms can be recorded. On Feb. 9 Carolyn Ann Keim, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Keim; June 1, Ralph Harry Alexander, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Alexander. On May 25, at Jacksonville, Ill., four members of the confirmation class were baptized, namely, Jane Bourland of Alton, Ill., William Harvey of Springfield, Ill., and Ruth and Harold Keller of Jacksonville.

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Daisy Meyer of St. Charles, Mo., on Feb. 5, with burial there on Feb. 8. She was the wife of Mr. Wm. H. B. Meyer. After an illness of several weeks an operation failed to save her, and she went to her Savior and rest at the age of 58 years.

Mrs. Mathilda Campbell passed into life at St. Louis on April 4 at the age of almost 83 years. After an accident in August, 1939, she has been bedfast. She, too, rejoiced to see her Savior. She was buried April 7.

Mr. Louis Henke died at his home near Staunton, Ill., on May 26 and was buried by Rev. Benning, in whose parish he resided. He was confirmed at Detroit in 1887 and attended the Jacksonville, Ill., school for a number of years. He, too, trusted in his Savior, who has now called him home.

A group of sixteen persons was confirmed at Salem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, Ill., on May 25, comprising a class of twelve from the school there and one adult of Jacksonville and a class of three adults from Springfield. The names are: Elsie Backer, Burnside, Ill.; Ruth Bagosy, Bloomington, Ill.; Jane Bour-

land, Alton, Ill.; Douglas, Harold, and Percy Burris, Springfield; Bernice Damske, Chicago; William Harvey, Springfield; Harold and Ruth Keller, Jacksonville, Ill.; Edna Lohrenz, New Holland, Ill.; Edith Larsen, Moline; Ruth Macher, Kankakee, Ill.; Dean Seebach, Springfield; Marie Sodermark, Chicago; and Harry Storm, Crystal Lake, Ill.

A class of three orally instructed pupils of Gallaudet Deaf School of St. Louis was confirmed June 15. The names are June Marler, Lois Rohlfing, and Evelyn Winston. These, together with Evelyn Batz of the same school, who was confirmed orally by us last year, form the nucleus of the oral group of our St. Louis deaf congregation, and for this group regular oral services will now be held.

Our congregation plans soon to complete the alterations and equipment of our chapel property. The St. Louis Lutheran churches have been very kind in helping us get the funds that will give us the classroom equipment for the instruction of deaf children orally and the much-needed recreation room, which is obtained



Confirmation Class at Jacksonville, Ill.

by remodeling the spacious stable in the rear of our property.

May 18 the service was conducted entirely by a number of students from the sign-language class at Concordia Seminary. Students Th. De Laney and Willard Koch delivered addresses, while other members of the class signed the hymns, lessons, and prayers. We are very much gratified at the interest shown by these students as well as those at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, where a class has been studying diligently under the tutelage of the St. Louis missionary.

The fortunes of life took Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schilling and Mrs. W. Maack to Cincinnati, O., and John Stahl to Grand Rapids, Mich., but brought us again Mr. and Mrs. Neval Spencer from Kansas City.

N. P. U.

Detroit.—During the past few months four different groups became members of the Lutheran Church in the Detroit area through confirmation. On April 13 the following adults were confirmed in Detroit: Mrs. G. Behrendt, Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Howell Stottler, and Arthur Zimni. On May 4 the following were confirmed in Saginaw: Mrs. T. Corcoran, Mrs. Henry Ott, and Louis Schultz. This year we had the privilege of

having the confirmation of the class from the Lutheran Institute of the Deaf in our church. The following were confirmed: Elmer Burgess, Norma Burns, Robert Butler, Vita Fontana, Robert Harris, Richard Halle, Robert Merrit, Dorothy Ohlberg, Lorraine Schoenberg. This class was confirmed on May 25. On June 1 the class from the Michigan State School was confirmed. This school is in Flint, Mich. The members of this class were: Richard Klett, John Ressimann, Ruth Parish, Ailie Koski.—On May 11 Carroll C. Wood, Jr., and Carole Sue Wood, the twin children of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wood, became members of Christ through Holy Baptism. We pray that the Lord may keep His guiding and protecting hand over the new members of the Church and these baptized children.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—During May we met in Hammond for the first time a group of 22 handicapped persons (deaf, blind, etc.), preaching orally and in the sign-language. A similar group of 26 in Gary has now requested our services. We hope to comply with this request also.

A *Messenger* reader has informed us that she is leaving \$1,000 to our work in her will. Another reader sent us a donation with the remark, "I like your editorials the best of anything in the *Messenger*." Another reader, in New Jersey, sent a contribution saying, "I want to thank you for the *Messenger*. It has been a great blessing to me."

O. C. S.

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