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A Prayer

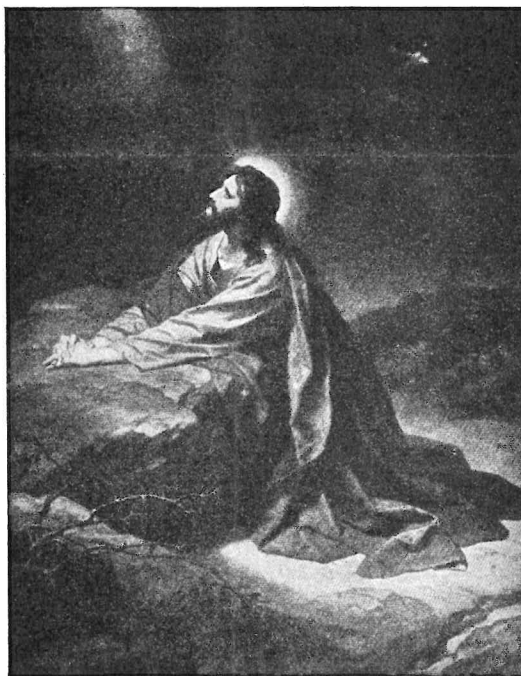
Keep me from fretting, Lord, today
About my lightened purse;
An empty soul, an empty mind,
Are infinitely worse.
Keep me from dwelling, Lord, I pray
Upon tomorrow's bread;
But grant my brother's need shall find
I thought of him instead.

MAY CARLTON LORD

Lent

With the Lenten season our thoughts turn in love and reverence to Him who came, suffered, died, and rose again to be our Redeemer. Let us employ this season of Lent to improve our knowledge and appreciation of His great sacrifice, for the Bible says: "All we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way," Is. 53:6; "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us," 1 John 1:8; "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," Rom. 3:23. Our sins separate us from God. Isaiah declares: "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you," Is. 59:2; and St. Paul solemnly announces: "The wages of sin is death," Rom. 6:23. God in His great mercy has provided a way out for man by coming down to earth in the form of His son Jesus Christ and dying on the cross for us. Therefore Christ is the sinner's only hope. Jesus solemnly explains: "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil," 1 John 3:8. And St. Luke teaches: "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under Heaven

given among men whereby we must be saved," Acts 4:12. Also St. John informs us: "But these things are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that, believing, ye might have life through His name," John 20:31. Therefore we see that God's way of salvation is this, that we accept

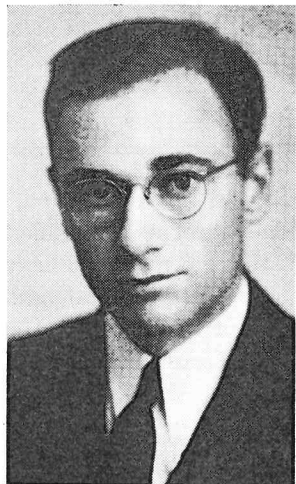


Jesus as our own personal Savior, as a gift of God, absolutely free. There is nothing that we need or can do to save ourselves. St. Paul teaches: "By grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast," Eph. 2:8, 9. And St. John tells us: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him,"

John 3:36. Let us, then, employ this season of Lent to learn this lesson of the one thing needful more thoroughly and to have a greater interest in the spiritual welfare of those about us.

O. C. S.

Rev. C. Bremer to Chicago, Ill.



The Rev. C. Bremer, formerly of Akeley, Minn., was installed as pastor for the Deaf and Blind on December 14, 1941, in the Illinois Home for the Deaf, Evanston, Ill. Rev. O. C. Schroeder of Chicago officiated at the installation service. Pastor Bremer as a student at the St. Louis seminary received training

in the sign-language and is well qualified to serve the deaf. He will also assist Rev. Schroeder with the printing of literature for the blind.

May the Lord, who has chosen Pastor Bremer for this glorious work in His kingdom, grant His rich blessings upon all his labors!

Rev. W. Westermann to Memphis

After many years of successful work among the deaf in the Pacific Northwest, Pastor W. Westermann of Seattle, Wash., has accepted the call to the Memphis, Tenn., field. He will serve the deaf in a territory formerly covered by the Rev. W. Uhlig, which will take him into a number of the Southern States.

May God crown his work with success also in this new field!

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE THIRD ARTICLE

"I believe in the Holy Ghost"

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and His cleansing blood? Do you live unto Him who loved you and gave Himself for you?

If not, listen: He died also for you and wants also you to be saved. But if you believe, remember, it is not enough once to have believed in Christ and once to have lived unto Him. No; Jesus says: "He that shall endure [stay] to the end, the same shall be saved," Matt. 24:13.

Many Stay Not in Faith to the End

One day when Jesus had preached, "many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him," John 6:66. Judas, one of the Twelve, first followed Jesus and did His work, preaching and healing, and then turned against Him and sold Him for thirty pieces of silver. Of young Demas, Paul, had to write: "Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world," 2 Tim. 4:10. Also today many "for a while believe and in time of temptation fall away," Luke 8:13. Many have been baptized and have renewed their baptismal promise in confirmation, but again have left us, having loved the world and the things of this world. Oh, let us watch and pray! The devil, the wicked world, and our own evil heart daily seek to rob us of our faith.

Only the Holy Ghost can Keep Us in True Faith

We have three mighty enemies. Therefore it is a great wonder when a Christian continues in true faith to the end. With man this is impossible, but with God also this is possible. It is the work of the Holy Ghost, as we confess in our Catechism: "The Holy Ghost has kept me in the true faith." If the Holy Ghost would not keep us in Christ, we should soon fall away. Peter therefore writes: "Ye are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation," 1 Pet. 1:5. And Paul says: "He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ," Phil. 1:6. How comforting to know that the Holy Ghost is with us and keeps us weak Christians in our Lord Jesus to the end!

The Holy Ghost Keeps Us in Faith by the Gospel

As God daily gives us food and drink to keep us alive, so He gives us His precious Word, the sweet Gospel, to keep us in true faith. And this life-giving and strengthening word we find also in Baptism and the Holy

Supper. Only by this Gospel the Holy Ghost keeps us in Christ Jesus to the end. Neglect this Gospel, and your faith will grow weak and at last you will lose it. Therefore daily take your Bible and diligently read it, regularly go to the house of God and learn this Word of Life, often think of God's mercy sealed to you in your baptism, often come to the Lord's Supper, and you will continue in true faith to the end. May God grant it!

Glady Hear and Learn the Lenten Story

Again we are in the blessed Lenten season. Let us again and again read the story of our Savior's suffering and death for our sins. Let us attend every Lenten service with other Christians! Then we shall stay in Christ, and forever we shall sing the praises of the Holy Ghost, saying with our Catechism: "The Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. This is most certainly true."

J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible-Study for March

"He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost,"
Mark 1:8

Bible-Lesson: Acts 2:1-4

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Ten days had passed by after Jesus' ascension into heaven. Again the disciples were assembled in one place to pray and to worship. It was the day of Pentecost, one of the three great church festivals of the Jews, also called the Harvest Feast. The word Pentecost means "fiftieth," and this festival of the Jews was called the day of Pentecost because it fell on the fiftieth day after the Passover.

On this day of Pentecost the disciples were assembled for worship and prayer, most likely in the upper room of the house where they had prayed and worshiped on the previous

days. It was about nine o'clock in the morning.

Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. It was like the noise created by a violent storm, coming down from the skies and centering in the house where they were gathered. It was a sign from heaven which was to attract their attention. And while the disciples wondered about the meaning of this great noise, there suddenly appeared*unto them cloven (divided) tongues like as of fire, and these flaming tongues of fire sat upon each of them.

What was the meaning of these strange signs and wonders, of the noise from heaven, and of the flaming tongues of fire? Now Jesus was fulfilling the promise which He had made to His disciples, namely, to pour out His Holy Spirit upon them. Now the real miracle of Pentecost was coming to pass. The disciples were all filled with the Holy Ghost, filled with miraculous gifts of the Holy Ghost. They began to speak with other tongues (languages) as the Spirit gave them utterance, that is, the ability to speak languages which were new and strange to them. Having received the gift of the Holy Ghost, they were equipped with power from on high for their great calling of preaching the Gospel to all the world. No longer were they afraid of the enemies who had caused Jesus to be put to death, for the Holy Spirit gave them boldness and courage and ability to proclaim the Gospel of their Lord and Savior.

May God grant unto us, particularly during the trying times which have come upon us, His Holy Spirit, and fill us with boldness and courage to go forth, as did these first disciples, to proclaim to sinful men the message of Christ Crucified, in whom alone there is life and salvation.

E. EN.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Minneapolis Mission.—Again the young people of Trinity Church in Faribault (the Rev. O. Volz, pastor) gave a Christmas party, December 14, for the fifty children of the State School under our care. First we gathered in the church for a Christmas service, in which all the children took part. After the service they took us all to a hall, where games were played, a good dinner was served, and a gift was presented to every boy and girl. Other years the Christmas party was held in the

basement of Trinity School, but under God's blessing the enrolment of the school has increased to 240, and the basement has to be used for a classroom. Heartly thanks to the young people, and also to the congregation and its pastor, for their interest in our work at the State School!

Another of our members gone to be with Christ! Mrs. Mathilda Soderling, at the age of 76 years, departed this life January 11. Funeral services were held January 14. She was born, baptized, and confirmed in Sweden. She was a faithful attendant in our services and also a cheerful worker in our church. On her sick-bed she again and again confessed her Christian faith. One day we asked her: "Do you believe in this Jesus?" and she emphatically answered: "Truly." Wonderful comfort; is it not? May God grant everyone of us such a blessed end!

J. L. S.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The following baptisms have taken place since last fall. John Albert Erickson, Jr., born July 9, 1939, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Erickson, Sr., was baptized before St. Paul's Lutheran deaf church of Cleveland on October 19, 1941, the witnesses being Mr. and Mrs. Smith Johnson.

Harry August Townsend, born March 3, 1940, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Townsend, was baptized before St. Paul's Lutheran oral group of Cleveland on December 7, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jahn being sponsors.

Jackie Lee Shopshire, born November 12, 1941, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Shopshire, Jr., was baptized in their home in Akron, Ohio, the sponsors being Mrs. Otto Paulin and Mr. William Paulin.—We wish these three baptized children the abiding grace and salvation of Jesus Christ.

Our oldest member of Erie, Pa., Mrs. Agnes Greenfield, age 88 years, passed away on November 11. Burial service was held in Erie by the undersigned, and interment was made in Edinboro, Pa. She is survived by three children, Elmer Greenfield, Mrs. Hattie Meckert, Mrs. Vera Stanard, and by nine grandchildren.

May God so bless our deaf missions that we may keep with Jesus all true Christians, and also win others for Christ and for heaven.

T. FREDERKING

Oklahoma-Texas Field.—On December 23 the deaf of Oklahoma City presented their annual Christmas pageant. This year the pageant included the scenes of the angel's announcing the good news to the shepherds, the manger at Bethlehem, and the visit of the Wise Men. The pageant was so arranged that the music would interpret the signs of the deaf people without anyone speaking. The costumes for the pageant were presented to the deaf by the Dorcas Circle of Zion Lutheran Church. A capacity crowd enjoyed every minute of the production. After the pageant, the deaf gathered in the church parlors for their annual Christmas social. Nearly one hundred deaf from all parts of the State were present.

It has pleased Almighty God to call Miss Euna May Draham from her temporal home here on earth to her eternal home in heaven on December 28, 1941. Miss Draham's death was very sudden; it was due to a heart ailment. Miss Draham was born in Dallas, Texas, where she lived most of her life. She was a faithful

member in our Mission in that city for many years. At the time of her death she was 31 years old. We pray God to give abundant comfort to those who survive.

On January 16 the Women's League of Oklahoma passed a resolution to help support the program of the deaf missions in Oklahoma. This is just another indication as to the wonderful support which the hearing people in the State are giving our missions. We sincerely appreciate the interest of our hearing congregations, and we hope that it will continue to grow. F. P.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—With the help of Rev. C. Bremer we served ten cities of the former Indianapolis field in January. This field is to be divided between our workers in Chicago, St. Louis, and Memphis.

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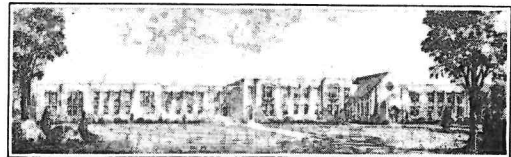
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