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### Believing

Someone asked Luther, "Do you feel  
That you have been forgiven?"  
He answered, "No; but I'm as sure  
As there's a God in heaven."  
For feelings come, and feelings go,  
And feelings are deceiving.  
My warrant is the Word of God;  
Naught else is worth believing.

### What Luther Said

Dr. Martin Luther, the great Reformer, through whom God preserved for us the clear and pure teachings of the Bible, had this to say concerning himself and his teachings: "I ask you to refrain from using my name and rather to be known as Christians, not as Lutherans. Who is Luther? The doctrine which I preach is not mine, nor have I been crucified for anyone. What is there in me, poor, decaying bag of corruption that I am, that should induce the children of Christ to be called after my worthless name? Not so, my friends. Let us be called Christians."

Again, Luther wrote: "By the grace of God I am so great a fool or madman as to defend this cause of Christ and of the Bible so long with so much fortitude and with so much firmness (which you call obstinacy), in the face of so many dangers of my life, so much hatred, so many traps laid for me; in a word, in the face of the fury of men and of devils. I have not done this for money, for I neither have money nor desire it; nor have I done it for honor — that I could not obtain in a world so enraged against me. But since it must be, I had rather be battered to death than to give up this cause for Christ and for the salvation of blood-bought souls, who otherwise would have been damned."

*Messenger, Jehovah Church*

### New Pastors for the Deaf Called

Our Board reports the following: Rev. Walter Uhlig has accepted the call to Los Angeles, Calif., and will be installed some time toward the end of September to fill the vacancy left by Rev. G. H. Ferber, who accepted a chaplaincy in the United States Army.

Candidate John C. Streit has accepted the call to Oklahoma City and is receiving further instructions in Chicago. He will be installed some time during the first part of October.

We pray the Lord to grant His blessing upon the labors of these two men, and may God in His wisdom give us more such able and willing workers in our Lutheran Deaf Mission.

### THE BREAD OF LIFE

#### Bible-Study for October

Bible-Lesson: Acts 2:24-29

"Whom [Jesus] God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning Him, I foresaw the Lord always before My face, for He is on My right hand, that I should not be moved. Therefore did My heart rejoice, and My tongue was glad; moreover, also My flesh shall rest in hope, because Thou wilt not leave My soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou hast made known to Me the ways of life; Thou shalt make Me full of joy with Thy countenance."

Jesus, the Savior, is true God, and He is almighty. That was the study in our last lesson. (We still are interested in having readers write us how many miracles Jesus performed.)

We see in our October study that Jesus did the greatest miracle when He came out of

the grave. He promised (John 2:19) that He would do this, and it was fulfilled. The verses before us describe and explain the resurrection of Jesus more fully.

God the Father, who had "approved" Jesus (September Lesson, v. 22), the righteous God, who delivered Jesus *into* death (Rom. 8:32), He also delivered Jesus *from* death. . . . "God having loosed the pains of death." With the "pain of death" Peter refers to the torment of the soul. This can be found also in Ps. 18:5 and 116:3. And understanding the pain of the soul, the Apostle gives the picture of the loosening of the cords and bands of death and the loosening from them — the making free of the soul. Jesus had indicated this agony of the soul, saying, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death," Mark 14:34.

Those terrible chains which held others in death could not hold Jesus. He was too powerful, and He arose from death. He said: "I am the Resurrection and the Life," John 11:25. His body and soul were made free from the bands of death. God's divine justice and demands were satisfied. Therefore death could not hold Him. He was loosed from death, and He arose again.

However, not only the spirit of Jesus but also His holy body came out of the grave before death could make any marks on it. . . . "Thou wilt not suffer [let] Thine Holy One to see corruption." Jesus in all His suffering in death had before His eyes and in His mind to do the will and the work of the Father, John 4:34; 17:4. "He is at My right hand." . . . The Father stood by Him and supported Him in His work, and therefore the Evil One, Satan, could have no power over Him in death — He arose again.

To show the cheerfulness with which our Lord Jesus looked forward to His death and the end of His work of redemption, the Apostle goes back, v. 25, and mentions David's words of Ps. 16:8-11. — *Question*: What was Peter trying to prove to his Hebrew audience thereby?

"Death does not end everything." Jesus proved that. It is a truth that brings fear to the non-Christians. On the other hand, to the Christians, to you, dear reader, the resurrection of Jesus is the *comforting* truth that you

need not be afraid now of the time when the Lord will take you out of this world.

Rom. 8:1. "There is, therefore, no condemnation to them which are in Christ."

A. E. F.

## Studies in Luther's Catechism

### THE THIRD ARTICLE

*"I believe in the Holy Ghost"*

David writes: "Blessed is he whose transgression (sin) is forgiven, whose sin is covered." Ps. 32:1. Therefore blessed is he who can confess in the Third Article: "I believe in the forgiveness of sins," and then with Luther in the explanation of this Article say: "In which Christian Church the Holy Ghost . . . forgives all sins to me and all believers." Let us now study these precious words of our Catechism.

**The Christian says: "I believe in the forgiveness of sins"**

Forgiveness is not a matter of feeling or of seeing, but of believing. Every Christian believes it, even though he does not feel it or see it. He says: "I believe." However, we do not say: "We believe," but "I believe." The "I" is all-important. It is not enough to know that David and Peter and others have forgiveness. No, I must know that I have it. I need forgiveness, for I have sinned and daily sin much. Blessed is he, therefore, who can confess: "I believe in the forgiveness of sins," and, "The Holy Ghost forgives all sins to *me*." Do you belong to this blessed people?

### Forgiveness of Sins, What Does That Mean?

Let us learn that from one of the parables of Jesus. In Matt. 18:22-27 He tells us of a servant who owed his king ten thousand talents, about ten million dollars. And when the servant had not to pay, the lord commanded him and all his to be sold and payment to be made. The servant then fell down at the feet of the king and begged for mercy. And blessed was that man! The king had pity upon him and forgave him all his debt. He let him go free, free from debt, free from punishment.

We are this servant. Our sins are as a large debt before God. And we have nothing to pay for our sins. We are lost. David says: "If

Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities (sins), O Lord, who shall stand?" Ps. 130:3. If we would stand before God, our sins must be forgiven, must be covered. All we can do is to fall down before God and cry for mercy. O what joy, if God would say: "Your sins are forgiven! I declare you just and free!" Christian reader, you know God has done this to you again and again. In every church service we confess our sins, and our pastor announces forgiveness to us in the name of Jesus, the Savior and Friend of sinners. Therefore the Christian joyfully confesses: "I believe in the forgiveness of sins." Is this your confession? Then blessed are you.

### Forgiveness of Sins the Greatest Blessing on Earth

Is there anything greater than the forgiveness of all sin? Perhaps the treasures of this world? Jesus says of them: "Moth and rust doth corrupt (destroy), and thieves break through and steal." Matt. 6:19. Perhaps the wisdom of this world? God says: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise." 1 Cor. 1:19. Perhaps glory and honor in this world? God says: "All the glory of man is as the flower of grass." 1 Pet. 1:24. But forgiveness of sins makes truly happy in this world of trouble and sorrow, of war and bloodshed, and gives everlasting happiness in heaven. Therefore let this

confession be your greatest treasure and wisdom and glory: "I believe in the forgiveness of sins." May God grant it for Jesus' sake.

J. L. S.

WHENEVER you meet a person for the first time, find out which church he attends; if none, invite him to yours.

### IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

*Kansas City, Mo.* — The prayers and hopes of members and friends of the Kansas City congregation were fulfilled when on July 12 Pilgrim Chapel was formally opened in the name of the Triune God.

Representing the Lutheran Board of Missions to the Deaf, Rev. John Schumacher of St. Paul, Minn., officiated in the key ceremony and in the opening. The cross was carried into the chapel and placed on the altar by Wm. Dickinson, President. The Rev. Ernest Mappes of Omaha preached the first festival sermon to the "silent" assembly. Rev. J. Schumacher preached the second sermon for the joint audience, with Rev. Mappes interpreting. Many letters of greeting and congratulation had been received and were read in the service.

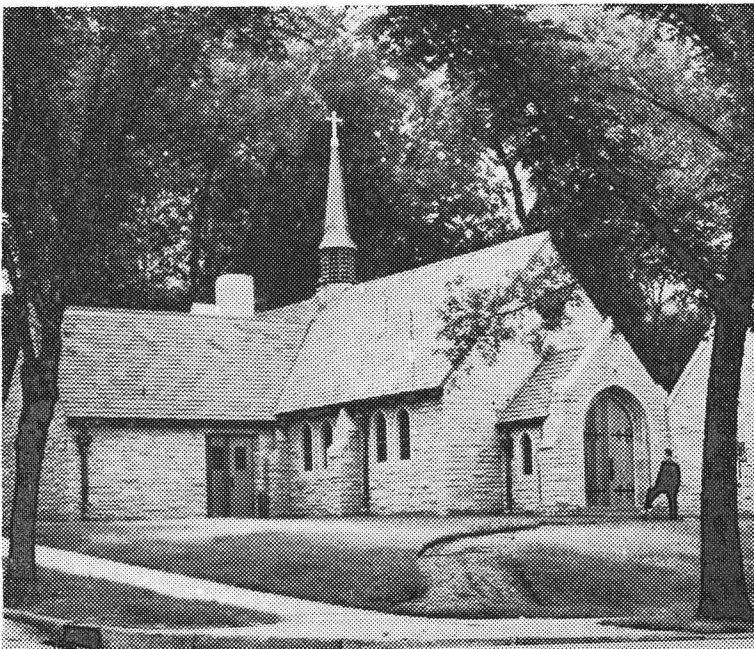
The chapel is of Gothic architecture, designed by the Rev. F. R. Webber. Mr. U. C. Ramey of Kansas City assisted us in the capacity of supervising architect during the construction. Much study was devoted in advance to the needs of a congregation that worships in the expressive sign language. Thus various lighting phases and other features are built into the edifice.

Numerous memorials were received for the chapel. We count 115 individuals from eleven States who kindly contributed toward our building fund, some of which also designated the following memorials for our chapel: the altar, the pulpit, the Communion rail, the cross, the Communion candles, etc. Some friends also placed a beautiful window above the altar showing Christ carrying the cross, and another window in the west gable depicting Christ healing the deaf man.

The nave of the chapel measures 17×36 feet, and the chancel 10×11 feet. We are very grateful to the Church Extension Board for granting us a loan on the project and to the many friends who assisted us. Repayments on the loan are made from saved rentals. — Also a residence for the missionary was erected.

We pray that many friends will find their Savior and His comfort and peace and pardon in the Gospel message which will be proclaimed in the chapel.

A. E. F.



*Minneapolis Mission.*—Jack Leroy Warne and Katherine Sparr, both of our oral group, were united in holy marriage August 22 in Grace Chapel. May our Lord and Savior abide in their home and make it a truly blessed home.

Harriet Ann, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Westover, was brought to Christ in Holy Baptism August 30. "As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ," Gal. 3:27. Rejoice in your baptism! J. L. S.

*Omaha, Nebr.*—Upon the request of the Board we visited the two stations in South Dakota, Yankton and Sioux Falls, during August. The deaf were very happy to have the Word of God preached to them again. Fourteen partook of the Lord's Supper at these two services. At Sioux Falls the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Van Dyke, Betty Joan, was baptized. We hope to include Mitchell, S. Dak., on our next trip to this territory.

Mr. Elvin Miller and Miss Dora Uman, both of Omaha, were joined in holy wedlock on the evening of August 26 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Omaha. A large number of relatives and friends attended the ceremony. May God grant them true happiness in their new home, and may they ever serve the Lord together.

Large classes in both the Omaha and Council Bluffs schools are again being instructed in the one thing needful unto salvation. The work began a week after the opening of school. E. M.

*Detroit, Mich.*—The members of Our Savior Congregation were saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Carl Feet, nee Caroline Marxmann, on July 7, 1942. Mrs. Feet had almost always enjoyed good health. She manifested the virtues of the two well-known sisters of Bethany. She was usually in church on Sundays, sitting at the Lord's feet and listening to His words. But she was also eager and ready to serve whenever it became necessary. Her life of serving and worshiping the Lord is an example which we should all endeavor to follow.

Mrs. Caroline Feet was born in Effingham, Ill., on August 5, 1900. She attended our Lutheran Institute for a number of years and was confirmed in 1915. In the year 1924 she was married to Mr. Carl Feet of Detroit. She is survived by her husband, mother, seven sisters, and two brothers.

"For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away," James 4:14.

On June 20 William Rose and Beryl Butcher were united in matrimony in our church. N. E. B.

*Mission for Blind and Deaf.*—The following letter has just been received from a reader of our *Lutheran Messenger for the Blind* living in England:

"DEAR SIR,

"Please, will you kindly send in future the Lutheran magazine to the above address?

"Six weeks ago I was blitzed out of my home; so am living at Marlingford with a cousin now. A month before that I had lost my only daughter, who left two

little children; so my heart is very sore just now. I prized my home although I have lived alone for several years.

"I find your magazines most helpful and comforting; so I shall be most grateful if you could still continue to send them.

"With many thanks, and praying that God will bless you in your work,

"Sincerely yours,

"E. M. H."

O. C. S.

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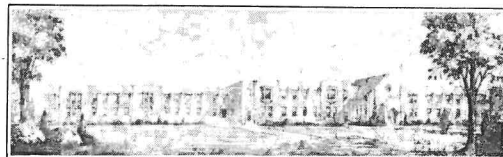
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