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Looking to Jesus

Looking to Jesus, we can see
The Prince who taught men patiently,
Meek and lowly;
The Shepherd in Gethsemane,
The Lamb who died upon the tree
Pure and holy.

Looking to Jesus, Love we see,
Our Lord, who suffered willingly,
Scorned and slain;
The blood that gave us victory,
Christ, the Truth, who made us free,
Revealed so plain.

CHARLES WILLIAM WILSON

New Pastor at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Sunday, January 10, was a day of rejoicing for the deaf living in the South Dakota area as on that day their new pastor, Candidate Arnold Lutz, was ordained and installed at Sioux Falls.

The Rev. G. Steffen, in whose church the service took place, officiated, and the undersigned preached the sermon orally and in signs and also interpreted the service for the 18 deaf who attended. A number of hearing people also attended the service. Two other pastors from Sioux Falls assisted in the ceremony. After the service the deaf congregation gave the pastor a reception of welcome and presented him with a cash donation with which to purchase something useful in his work. A light lunch served by the ladies was very much enjoyed.

Pastor Lutz has had training in the sign-language at the St. Louis Seminary under Pastor N. P. Uhlig and was also privileged to take a month's advanced course with one of our senior pastors for the deaf, the Rev. J. L. Salvner in Minneapolis, Minn.

Pastor Lutz graduated from Concordia Seminary at St. Louis in June, 1941, and during the past year took a postgraduate course for foreign missions at this school. He attended St. John's College at Winfield, Kans., for the required number of years before entering the Seminary. For three months during the fall of 1942 he was assistant professor at the Concordia College in Portland, Oreg. Pastor Lutz's father has been missionary in India for many years and is at present stationed there.

Besides serving various stations in South Dakota, Pastor Lutz will take over two stations formerly served by Rev. W. Ferber, namely, Duluth, Minn., and Superior, Wis.

We feel confident in saying that this missionary, under God's guidance and blessing, will be successful in his undertaking and will be instrumental in saving the souls of many deaf people in his field, for the Lord's holy Word is never preached in vain. We hope many deaf will accept his preaching and teaching of God's Word and find the way to eternal joy and salvation. God grant it for His name's sake.

E. MAPPES

Faith in the Wrong Person

How often we hear a man say: "There is a member of the church who cheated me out of five dollars, and I am not going to have anything more to do with people who call themselves Christians!" But if the man had had faith in Jesus Christ, you do not suppose he would have had his faith shattered because someone cheated him out of five dollars; do you? What we want is to have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. If a man has that, he has

something he can anchor to, and the anchor will hold; and when the hour of temptation comes to him, and the hour of trial, the man will stand firm. If we are converted only to man and our faith is in man, we shall certainly be disappointed. The psalmist admonishes us, "Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord His trust and respecteth not the proud nor such as turn aside to lies," Ps. 40:4. And again he declares, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass," Ps. 37:5. And St. Paul writes to Timothy, "For therefore we both labor and suffer reproach because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, specially of those that believe," 1 Tim. 4:10. O. C. S.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE THIRD ARTICLE

"I believe in the Holy Ghost"

With joyful hearts we say: "I believe in the forgiveness of sins." Indeed, because of sin we shall die. But for the Christian death is as sleep. He furthermore confesses in the Third Article: "I believe in the resurrection [rising again] of the body."

Many Believe Not in the Resurrection of the Body

Many will laugh and mock at this teaching, as did the wise men of Athens when Paul spoke of it, Acts 17:18, 32. There were such people during Christ's time, the Sadducees, Matt. 22:23-33; there were some in Corinth in the days of Paul, 1 Cor. 15:12; and there are some today. They think it foolishness.

It Is Not Foolishness to Believe It

Look at the fields and gardens, the trees and bushes during these winter months. We know that in a short time the trees and fields will be clothed again in a beautiful green, that the bushes will sprout and the flowers bloom. If a man had never seen this nor heard of it and you would tell him that this would happen, he would shake his head in unbelief and laugh. Again, the farmer places the kernel of corn into the ground, and there it decays. If a man had never seen this nor knew why it is done, he would say to the farmer: "You foolish man,

why put the good grain into the ground and let it rot?" And doubly foolish it would seem to him if the farmer would answer: "I do it in order to get more corn." Such a man we would call ignorant or foolish, but just as foolish are they who laugh and mock when we say: "The dead shall rise again."

These People Do Not Want It to Be True

The thought of the resurrection makes people tremble. If the dead rise again, they must go before God, and then what? The governor Felix therefore trembled and told Paul to go when he spoke of the rising of the dead and the judgment to come, Acts 24:15, 25. And because people do not want that to happen to them, they ask their friends to cremate (burn to ashes) their dead body. They say: "The dead must not rise again."

Believe in the Resurrection and Rejoice in It

Martha rejoiced in it when her brother had died. She joyfully said: "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection on the Last Day." Our hope of the resurrection is sure, for it rests upon the sure Word of God, as we shall see. Let us rejoice and thank God for this precious teaching. J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible Study for February

Bible-Lesson: Acts 2:37, 38

Now, when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

In several lessons we have already studied the Pentecost sermon. It is a great sermon. It had wonderful results. The preaching about Jesus caused many people of the audience to ask this question: "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" The question shows that the Holy Spirit had stirred up the people so that they were not satisfied with themselves. They wanted help for their soul. They were spiritually hungry. Therefore, they asked: "What shall we do?"

In the audience were many people who were no longer satisfied with the proud teach-

ings of the Pharisees. Many people realized that before this they were taught man-made rules. They were *spiritually hungry* to find solid ground on which to build. They wanted spiritual certainty and truth. They asked: "What shall we do?" The preaching about the crucifixion of Jesus had brought these people to realize that Christ died for sinners such as they were. Many hearts were no longer proud and self-confident. "What shall we do?" they say.

This, then, is the highest and most important point in the sermon—the Holy Spirit by the preaching of the Law makes people feel that they are *lost*. But after the Law follows the sweet Gospel in every Christian sermon. The preacher answers: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." Peter tells them that, if they are sorry for their sins, believe in the Savior, and will accept that Sacrament which Jesus instituted (Baptism), their sins will be forgiven, *they will be saved*. Mark 16:16. Truly that is a wonderful sermon. The way to heaven is made clear to them.

Dear reader, think it over, are we as spiritually hungry for the Gospel and for salvation as we should be? Or is our heart filled with love of the world? 1 John 2:15. A. E. F.

Concordia Publishes New Edition of the New Testament

A literary event of major importance in Lutheran circles has just been announced by Concordia Publishing House in St. Louis. A new edition of the New Testament, entitled *The Concordia New Testament with Notes*, has just been placed on the market. The revision was made by Dr. J. T. Mueller of Concordia Seminary.

This announcement will be welcomed by all Lutheran students of the Bible—by pastors, teachers, Sunday school workers, students at college, and men in service—because the new edition combines a number of unique advantages seldom found within so brief a compass. Besides bringing the complete text of the King James Version, the new volume makes the following information available to its readers:

Each page brings copious notes on the text, some pages having more notes than text; each book of the Bible is preceded by a historical description of the book, based upon sound Biblical scholarship; instructions are given in connection with each chapter as to how its contents can best be applied to Christian life; a harmony of the Gospels brings a comprehensive outline of the life of Christ; a series of maps and chronological tables afford valuable aids for the intelligent use of the Scriptures.

The marvel of the new edition is that all of this material, comprising more than 800 pages, has been compressed into a book of pocket size, measuring $4\frac{1}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{4}$. Various kinds of bindings have been made available, the cloth binding being priced at \$2.00. Additional information may be secured by writing to Concordia Publishing House in St. Louis, Mo.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Minneapolis Mission.—Again the young people of Trinity Church (Rev. O. Volz, pastor) gave a Christmas party for the boys and girls under our care at the Faribault School. First we had a Christmas program in which all the students of the school took part. The collection amounted to \$8.97. After the service all went to a hall where the young people had arranged games for all and then served a dinner to all present. Our boys and girls every fall look forward to this party. They enjoy themselves and regret it when the time has come to go back to school. Hearty thanks to the good young people of Trinity and their pastor. May God richly bless them for it! At the school we have about sixty children under our care. Pastor Cordes of St. Paul and Miss Sabins, domestic science teacher at the school, help us every Saturday in the instruction of these boys and girls.—December 27 we had a Christmas program also in Minneapolis. Our twelve children of the Minneapolis Oral School for Deaf and children of deaf parents took part. Mr. Erxleben, teacher of Immanuel School, played the organ while we sang Christmas carols, which were also rendered in signs, and Mrs. Petra Howard of Minneapolis acted as interpreter. We thank both of them most sincerely. An offering of \$10.18 was taken up in this service. May we all ever rejoice in the Savior born for us sinners!

Robert B. Whiteaker and Irene Williams, hearing daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gruber, were united in holy wedlock December 19. May the little Lord Jesus, born also for them, be the chief joy and delight in their home!

William Coffman, 84 years of age, fell asleep in Jesus, January 4, and was laid to rest January 6. For several years he had been confined to his home and was

regularly visited by his pastor. He always rejoiced to get a message from God's Word. Usually we gave him the sermon of the preceding Sunday. Whenever we did not do so at once, he always signed: "Now pray!" thus asking us for a service. His soul now is with Christ and his body rests in the grave until the great resurrection morn. Who dieth thus, dieth well.

J. L. S.

Kansas City Mission.—The past holiday season was very inspiring to Pilgrim Congregation, Kansas City, not only because we were permitted to celebrate the birthday anniversary for the first time in our chapel but also because a number of friends publicly confessed their faith in Jesus. Like the shepherds and the Wise Men, nine friends came to the Lord's altar and joined the Church. Eight of the adults and two children were baptized. The first person ever to be baptized in our chapel was James T. Lang, whose father, as building commissioner, had issued us the building permit in 1941. The entire Fred Murphy family was baptized. Likewise Mr. and Mrs. Milton S. Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bellamy and Mildred Miller. Mr. Bernard Goetting of the group had been baptized in infancy.



Mr. Fred Burkhardt

It is pleasant to note that nearly one half of all members gave a gift to the Lord at Christmas, in a special way. Particularly inspiring was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Dan Haas of Atchison, Kansas, in the amount of \$25. It was marked "Thank Offering." That, when the lady has been a victim of painful rheumatism for a number of years, is wonderful.

In connection with the Christmas evening worship the Kansas City members presented a most inspiring pageant: "The Birthday of a King." A. E. F.

Omaha, Nebr.—On the evening of December 24, at 6:30 P. M., the marriage of Mr. Keith Stinger and Miss Mina Andrews, both members of our Omaha congregation, took place at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Mr. Gene Andrews, brother of the bride and Miss Louise Rishel, cousin of the bride, served as witnesses. Mr. and Mrs. Stinger are making their home in Omaha, where both are employed. May the dear Savior Jesus, whom we worshiped and adored at the manger on that Christmas Eve, be their constant Guest in their home and grant them many joys and blessings. E. M.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—The Indiana Home for the Deaf is now fully occupied. We minister to a sizable group at this institution. On December 16 Mr. J. Howard was baptized and received into membership at the home.

In December the deaf, the blind, and their friends contributed \$261 toward our work. About \$80 was received too late to be acknowledged in the January *Messenger*.

A reader of our periodical sent us this message with holiday greetings. "Articles which I copy from your magazine are read from pulpits and at radio microphones. They reach Sunday school teachers and are printed on front pages of newspapers. May the dear Lord bless all who make this magazine such a help."

Mr. Fred Burkhardt of Lafayette, Ind., 70 years of age, has been a faithful member of the Lutheran Church and a good contributor during his entire life. O. C. S.

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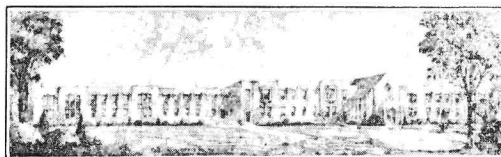
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