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### Garden of Gethsemane

Gethsemane is the name of the place  
Where Jesus went to pray;  
He left His disciples to watch and wait  
While He went farther away.

When Jesus came back to where they lay,  
He found a sorrowful sight:  
All His disciples were sleeping  
Instead of praying that night.

Three times He found them sleeping  
While He was praying for grace.  
Because of that lonely hour,  
Some day we shall see His face.

Written for the vacation Bible school  
by DELLA JUNG, 12 years of age

### The Rev. G. W. Gaertner Honored

Some months ago in 1942 the American Bible College conferred upon our fellow worker the Rev. G. W. Gaertner of Oakland, Calif., the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in recognition of his writing of the "Compend of Signs."

In spite of various efforts the editors have not been able to secure definite information on the matter, but we offer our belated congratulations.

O. C. S.

### Deliverance

Mr. Spurgeon, the famous British clergyman, once made a parable. He said: "There once was a tyrant who summoned one of his subjects into his presence and ordered him to make a chain. The poor blacksmith—that was his occupation—had to go to work and forge the chain. When it was done, he brought it into the presence of the tyrant, and was ordered to take it away and make it twice the length. He brought it again to the tyrant, and again he was ordered to double it. Back he came when he had obeyed the order; the tyrant looked at it and then commanded the servants to bind the man hand and foot with the chain he had made and cast him into prison.

"That is what the devil does with men," Mr. Spurgeon said. "He makes them forge their own chain and then binds them hand and foot with it and casts them into outer darkness."

My friends, that is just what every sinner is doing. But thank God, we can tell them of a Deliverer. The Son of God has power to free sinners from their guilt and to break every one of their fetters if they will only come to Him. Isaiah taught many years ago: "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed. All we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Is. 53:5, 6. And St. Paul teaches: "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea, rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." Rom. 8:33, 34. O. C. S.

## Studies in Luther's Catechism

### THE THIRD ARTICLE

*"I believe in the Holy Ghost"*

"If a man die, shall he live again?" Job asks in chap. 14:14. Many will quickly answer: "No; the dead will not live again." But we Christians joyfully confess: "Yes, I believe in the resurrection [rising again] of the body."

### We Believe It, Because the Bible Teaches It

Job, chap. 19:26, sings: "Though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." Our Lord Jesus says: "The hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice and shall come forth," John 5:28, 29. Of the believer He says: "I will raise him up at the Last Day," John 6:40, 44, 54. Paul in his Letter to the Romans writes: "He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken [give life to] your mortal bodies," Rom. 8:11. The whole Bible teaches that the dead shall rise again. And if anyone does not believe in the resurrection of the dead, we say, as Jesus said to the unbelieving Sadducees: "Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures [Bible]." Believe the Bible and say: "I believe the dead shall rise again."

### We Believe It, Because God Is Almighty

The angel said to Mary: "With God nothing shall be impossible," Luke 1:37. Therefore we confess in our Catechism: "I believe in God the Father Almighty." God, who made Adam of the dust of the ground, also can raise our bodies from the dust of the grave. And Jesus, the Son of God, did raise the dead. He met a funeral coming from Nain to lay to rest the body of the only son of a widow, and He brought the young man back to life; He went into the house of Jairus, whose daughter had died, took her by the hand, and she lived again; He came to the grave of Lazarus, who had been dead four days and, as Martha said, had begun to stink, and by His mighty word He called him out of the grave. And then Jesus Himself arose from the dead. If anyone does not believe that the dead will rise again, then we say, as Jesus said to the Sadducees: "Ye do err, not knowing the power of God," and confess: "I believe my God can raise the dead."

### Rejoice in the Crucified and Risen Savior

During these Lenten days we are on the way to the cross of our suffering Savior. He so often spoke of His suffering and death for the sins of the whole world; but, remember, always He added these words: "and the third day He shall rise again," Matt. 20:19. So in this world of wars and suffering and sorrow let these words of our Catechism be our comfort: "I believe the Holy Ghost will at the Last Day raise up me." J. L. S.

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

### Bible Study for March

Bible Lesson: Acts 2:39-41

For the promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord, our God, shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

The first promise of a *coming* Messiah, which God gave to our first parents in Paradise, was universal (included all) in its meaning. Every time the promise of a Savior (Jesus) was given throughout the days of the Old Testament, it was always a promise which spoke of a Savior who would save *all* the people of all time. So it is that in our lesson the preacher wants to make it clear to the audience that this promise of *salvation by the death of Jesus* is intended for them also. But it is not only meant for the *adults*, it is there also for the *children*, says he.

Our readers will remember that especially by Holy Baptism everlasting life is offered to children. See again Acts 2:38: "every one." Matt. 28:19: "all nations."

Then the lesson goes on: "The promise is to *all* that are *afar off*." This is one of the many verses of the Bible which shows that the religion and salvation of Jesus was not only for the people living in and around Jerusalem, or in Palestine. God's interest and love is for all people of the human race. "As many as the Lord our God shall call." God wishes that all who hear His message and accept Jesus be fellow citizens with the saints and be His own. "For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now, therefore

ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God," Eph. 2: 18, 19. "Save yourselves," means "Be free, or safe and sound," from the unbelieving Jews, who were walking contrary to God's Word. Here we Christians of today must remember also that we must be separate from the unbelieving people, or their false teachings will surely mislead us. (Note 2 Tim. 4: 10; 1 John 2: 15.)

And now comes for all a fine example and encouragement: "three thousand gladly received the Word and were baptized. When the message of salvation by Jesus is brought to you, may you also gladly receive it and always believe it.

A. E. F.

### Everything All Right

A man fell out of a window in a high building, forty stories from the ground.

When he was falling past the third floor, he saw a friend at the window and waved to him and called: "Everything is all right so far."

The story isn't true. It is too foolish to be true.

But here is a story that is just as foolish; only it is true.

A man lived in sin many years; and when he was warned that he should turn to God, he said: "I'm getting along fairly well. Everything is all right so far."

A lady was too careless to go to church. She loved other things more than God, and they kept her away from church. But when someone warned her, she laughed and said: "Oh, it isn't so bad. Everything is all right so far."

But what will the end be?

### A Love Story

The noon whistle blew, and the workers sat down to lunch; then some went to a beer tavern, others lay in the shade and told stories. But one of them sat by himself, pulled a New Testament out of his pocket, and read it.

"Must be a love story," said one of those near by. He said it to make fun of the man, for he knew what it was.

"Ah, yes, a love story," said the other, "the story of the greatest love that ever was, the love of God to us sinners."

### IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

*Minneapolis Mission.*—Sharon Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rolsey Folland, born September 4, 1942, was baptized into Christ January 19. May she continue in her baptismal grace unto the end!

January 23 Gottfred Griepentrog and Eva Lundquist were joined together in holy marriage in the pastor's home. May our Savior Jesus be their Guide on their journey through life, and it will be a happy journey with a happy ending. J. L. S.

*Omaha, Nebr.*—Two infants were baptized in Omaha during January, Robert Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dey, on January 22, and Joyce Adeline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loris E. Merrill, on January 30. The Lord keep them in His grace.

A group of 19 deaf attended our service held at Webster City, Iowa, on January 24 in spite of 12-below-zero weather. Nearly all of these live in Webster City. When the weather is more pleasant, we hope to have up to 30 deaf at the services.

Bethlehem Lutheran Deaf Church in Omaha is five years old on February 20. A fitting celebration is planned for Sunday, February 21. An account of this celebration will appear next month. We thank God for His blessings in the past and pray for these blessings to continue upon us in the future. E. M.

*Cleveland.*—On December 6, after the divine service, the Cleveland members and friends met for a business meeting. In this meeting the permanent name of our organization was chosen. In the place of our former name, The Cleveland Lutheran Mission for Deaf, we have adopted this new name, Christ Lutheran Church for Deaf.—The following officers also were elected: Alfred Clauss, president; Paul L. Smith, vice-president; Stuart Mahan, treasurer; Rev. T. Frerderking, secretary; Perry Stevens and Paul L. Smith, elders.

Miss Betty Jane Schwartz was married to Mr. Frank Cassese, Jr., on January 2, and has moved to Cleveland. We welcome her and also her husband and wish both many blessings of God in their marriage.

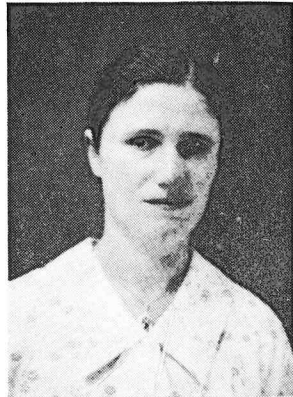
Jane Shirley Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller of Columbus, Ohio, born December 3, 1937, was on January 24 baptized in Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus. Sponsors were Arthur E. Anderson and Mrs. John Schwartz. May she stay in the grace of Christ. THEO. FRERDERKING

*St. Louis, Mo.*—On January 23 Mrs. Bessie Goggin and Mr. Fred Roglitz were united in holy wedlock before the altar of the Lord. May God bless their union.

The Christmas season brought us a number of very pleasant surprises. One was a gift of \$105 for fifty much-needed chairs from Mr. Herbert Waltke. A year ago a gift of \$100 from this Christian gentleman equipped our meeting room as a classroom with lecture chairs, blackboard, Bible picture rolls, and new lights. He has helped our cause immensely through these very generous gifts. May God bless him for his spirit.

The Necktie Workers' Organization of St. Louis, employing only handicapped people in distributing ties through the mail, has been coming forward with dona-

tions to groups serving the interests of handicapped people, such as victims of infantile paralysis, blindness, and deafness. We received from this organization a check for \$500 "for facilities improving the lot of deaf people." This was to enable us to carry out a plan of buying equipment whereby we hope to benefit many deaf. Many deaf still have some hearing left, and the modern miracle of sound amplification in radio



Rosalie Buergie  
Basel, Switzerland

enables most of them to hear many of these sounds. But these are only noises unto them until they have been educated to recognize what these sounds mean. The educational institutions for the deaf are employing hearing aids; but adult deaf have little chance to be taught to understand these sounds, but many can be taught to understand speech and use hearing aids. Not only do people hear through the ears, but it is well known that the sound-wave vibrations can be conveyed through bone conduction and through the tactile, or touch, system; it has even been contended that the vibrations are conducted through the bloodstream. It is intriguing indeed; but for the time being we must content ourselves, so it seems, with those means science has discovered until still greater discoveries have been made.

Recently, while preaching at Indianapolis, we visited Rev. E. C. Baker. He is improving and sends greetings to his many friends and hopes some time again to meet them. God grant it. N. P. U.

*Mission for Deaf and Blind.*—During the past three months we have examined many properties in Chicago for the purpose of finding a permanent home for the Lutheran Library for the Blind. Our choice has narrowed down to two centrally located buildings near elevated and surface transportation. The building will be acquired without additional cost to Synod. Rental allowances should pay off the loans within 10 to 12 years.

We are still receiving mail from foreign countries. Letters from New Zealand, Australia, England, Switzerland, and Brazil have recently arrived. From a Canadian blind friend the following letter was received:

"The Lutheran Messenger for the Blind has been a source of a great deal of pleasure and inspiration to me now for the past 12 or 13 years. The Gospel hymns

which you insert each month are also very lovely. For some time I have been using quite a number of these as solos at Gospel meetings and scores of people have told me how much enjoyment and blessing they receive from them. If it were not for your *Messenger*, I would miss a great deal. So I just want to thank you from the bottom of my soul for all this, and God bless you in your work."

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