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### Calvary

Oh, the blood from the nails on Calvary  
Of my dear and precious Lord!  
Oh, the hands that were pierced on Calvary  
Of my dear and precious Lord!  
The nails in the hands on Calvary  
Were mine, and I wounded Thee!  
For the blood from the hands on Calvary,  
Dear Lord, have mercy on me.

Oh, the head that was crowned on Calvary  
Of my dear and precious Lord!  
Oh, the thorns in the crown on Calvary  
Of my dear and precious Lord!  
The crown of thorns there on Calvary  
By me was platted for Thee!  
For the blood from the thorns on Calvary,  
Dear Lord, have mercy on me.

Oh, the wound in the side on Calvary  
Of my dear and precious Lord!  
Oh, the spear in the wound on Calvary  
Of my dear and precious Lord!  
The spear in the wound on Calvary  
By me was thrust into Thee!  
For the blood from the wound on Calvary,  
Dear Lord, have mercy on me.

Oh, the cross, the red cross on Calvary  
Of my dear and precious Lord!  
Oh, the blood on the cross on Calvary  
Of my dear and precious Lord!  
The cross I have raised on Calvary!  
The blame shall be all on me;  
But the blood from the cross on Calvary  
Has washed me, and I am free.

JOHN THEODORE MUELLER



### He is Risen

Miracle stupendous!  
The tomb is rent.  
Power tremendous,  
From heaven sent,  
Has brought the dead to life.

God's seal is given  
The work of His Son;  
The grave is riven,  
The victory won;  
And there's an end of strife.

All ye that mourn  
Rejoice this day;  
Your loved ones borne  
To the grave away  
Shall rise as He arose.

And ye shall live  
Beyond death's river,  
Where Christ shall give  
His saints forever  
Triumph o'er all their foes.

R. B. PEERY

EMPTY pews are so much deadwood and are probably also evidence that there is deadwood in the congregation. "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it."

### A Comforting Promise

God tells in Psalm 91, verse 16: "With long life will I satisfy him." We receive much comfort out of that promise. This does not mean a short life down here — seventy years, eighty years, ninety years, or one hundred years. Do you think that any man living would be satisfied if he could live to be one hundred years old, and then have to die? Not by a good deal. Suppose Adam had lived until today and had to die tonight; would he be satisfied? Not a bit of it! Not if he had lived a million years and then had to die.

We are always coming to the end of things here — the end of the week, the end of the month, the end of the year, the end of school days. It is end, end, end all the time. But, thank God, He is going to satisfy us with long life; no end to it, an endless life.

Life is very sweet. We never like death. We like life. It would be a dark world if death were eternal and, when our loved ones die, we were to be eternally separated from them. Thank God, it is not so; we shall be reunited. It is just moving out of this house into a better one; stepping up higher and living on and on forever. Jesus says: "I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?" John 11:25, 26.

O. C. S.

### William S. Knudsen

It is not generally known, but Lieutenant General W. S. Knudsen is an old friend of the deaf. While living in Detroit a few years ago, he presented \$40,000 to the Lutheran School for the Deaf there.

His ability to use the sign language was brought out in a recent press dispatch which follows.

"Big Bill Knudsen did something the other day which amazed even his friends. They had not suspected that he could talk in deaf-mute language.

"Lieutenant General Knudsen was inspecting war plants, accompanied by other Army officers. He dropped in at the Reynolds Metal Company, Louisville, Ky., where approximately 25 per cent of the employees are deaf-mutes.

"By shifting the lunch period, the management gathered all the workers to hear a talk from Knudsen.

The foreman told him about the deaf-mutes, adding as a jest, 'You'd better talk to them in sign language.'

"But it was no jest to Knudsen. To the amazement of the foreman and the Army officers, he broke into the sign language and carried on a discourse with his hands. The officers gasped, then applauded.

"Later, individual workers were brought up to meet Knudsen, and he stood around talking with them in the sign language.

"By finding war work for these handicapped workers, Reynolds Metal Company has increased their earnings from \$17 a week to \$40 plus."

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### Studies in Luther's Catechism

#### THE THIRD ARTICLE

*"I believe in the Holy Ghost"*

The dead shall rise again. This is the plain teaching of our Bible. And our God can raise the dead, for "with God all things are possible," Matt. 19:26.

#### All the Dead Shall Rise Again

In Luther's explanation of the Third Article we confess: "The Holy Ghost will raise up me and all the dead." The Bible teaches that. 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. Again He tells us that on Judgment Day "before Him shall be gathered all nations," Matt. 25:32. No matter what you believe, you will rise again.

#### All Will Rise Again on the Last Day

Of the believer the Lord Jesus says: "I will raise him up at the Last Day," John 6:40. Therefore Martha said of her dead brother: "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the Last Day," John 11:24. On that day all will rise again, for 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. All will rise again in the same hour, not some today and the rest one thousand years later. At the Last Day all the graves will be opened and the dead will come forth, the sea will give up the dead that are therein, and death and hell will deliver up the dead which are in them, Rev. 20:13. The believer and the unbeliever will arise at the same time.

### Some go to Everlasting Life, Some to Everlasting Punishment

On the Last Day all will rise and go before Christ's judgment seat. And He will separate them from one another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats; and He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Those on the right hand He will invite to go with Him to everlasting life and those on the left hand He will send away to everlasting fire. Read Matt. 25:31-46.

### Believe in Him Who Died and Rose Again and Live Forever

Jesus promises: "He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?" John 11:25, 26. Come, believe in Him "who was delivered [given into death] for our offenses [sins], and was raised again for our justification [forgiveness]," and live forever.

J. L. S.

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

### Bible-Study for April

Bible Lesson: Acts 2:42

And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread and in prayers.

When God the Holy Spirit makes people Christians, the new members are *not* immediately transferred to heaven. One of the reasons why God lets Christians remain in this sin-filled world is that He has work for Christians to do. Jesus says: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and *glorify your Father*, which is in heaven," Matt. 5:16. It was so with the first Christians from Pentecost Day. The Bible lesson says: "They continued *steadfastly* in the Apostles' doctrine." This doctrine which the Apostles were *teaching and preaching* was what they themselves had first learned from Jesus. The teaching was not an idea of the Apostles. Jesus had given it to them, and now the Apostles by the power of the Holy Ghost preached this doctrine of salvation to the people, and the people "continued in it," that is, they accepted it in true faith. They con-

tinued in this teaching "steadfastly." They gave their complete, constant, and continual attention to the soul-saving thing which they had learned.

Secondly, the Lesson teaches, "they continued in fellowship." This refers to the fact that the early Christians in peaceful agreement met and listened and learned more about God's Holy Word. In faith and love and charity they also brought of their possessions. They met together; they worked together. What an encouragement to us all!

"They continued in the breaking of bread." They celebrated Holy Communion as Jesus Himself had instituted it for their benefit. Confessing that they were *not* perfect, but were sinners, who needed the forgiveness of Jesus, they often received the Holy Sacrament. "They continued in prayers." This indicated that they often used that privilege which we have to take our needs to the Lord in private prayer and in public worship.

*Continue; be steadfast*—that is the key word of this lesson. This is the month of Palm Sunday and Good Friday and Easter. It is a time for Christians to thank their Lord. At the same time we cannot forget that many in the past on Palm Sundays joined the Lord's Church only to drift away later. May you, dear reader, follow the example of the *faithful* Christians of the lesson. Rev. 2:25.

A. E. F.

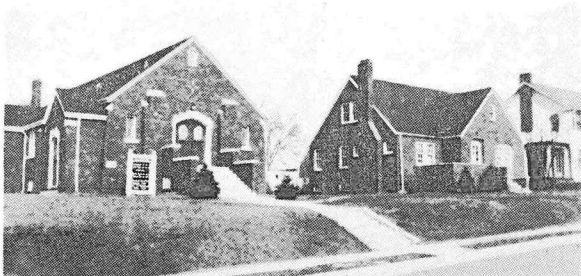
## IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

*Minneapolis Mission.*—Saturday, February 20, Elmer Loeffler, a member of our oral group, and Phyllis Jean Roberts were married in Grace Chapel. May they in their home delight themselves in the Lord, and He shall give them the desires of their heart, Ps. 37:4.

Last December we laid to rest a member of our St. Cloud Mission, Mr. Oscar Duea, and February 22 another member was called to the heavenly home, Miss Kitty Chisholm. For some time she had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. A. Weber at Paynesville, who always brought her with them to our St. Cloud services. Burial took place February 25 at Paynesville. "The wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord," Rom. 6:23.

February 13, Mrs. Mildred Miller, hearing daughter of Mrs. L. Benham, passed away at the St. Peter State Hospital. Whenever we visited the deaf patients there, we visited also her and told her of Jesus, the only Savior. She was buried in Minneapolis, February 15. May the Risen Lord Jesus be the mother's comfort! J. L. S.

*Omaha, Nebr.*—On February 21 Bethlehem Lutheran Deaf Congregation at Omaha celebrated the fifth anniversary of its church with a joint service for deaf and hearing people in the afternoon and a luncheon and program in the evening. Rev. W. G. Ditzen, super-



Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf and Parsonage at Omaha, Nebr., E. Mappes, Pastor

intendent of the Lutheran Home for the Aged in Omaha, was the speaker, and the undersigned interpreted the service for the deaf. About 90 deaf and 30 hearing friends attended.

During the program the congregation surprised the pastor and his wife with a cash gift for their wedding anniversary, which happened to fall on that day. It was also the pastor's birthday, and the members also remembered that occasion with an appropriate card of greeting and well-wishes.

We praise God, from whom we have received many blessings in the past, and ask His divine presence and guidance for the future of our congregation. We hope that many more deaf friends will make this their church home, in which they may worship and serve the Lord their God with other fellow Christians.

On April 4 a group of five adults who have been gathering regularly during the past months to study the Catechism will be accepted into membership of Bethlehem Lutheran Church by confirmation. The following will confess their faith on that day: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Carter, Mr. Elvin Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Teater.

The children's confirmation will take place on Palm Sunday, April 18, in the afternoon. Thirteen pupils from the Council Bluffs school and two from the Omaha school will make their vow before God's altar. E. M.



Rev. Arnold Lutz  
Pastor for the Deaf in  
South Dakota and Minnesota

*Mission for Blind and Deaf.*—At a recent meeting of the deaf in La Fayette, Ind., we were pleased to greet two old friends, Harry Rogers, an engineer, and Harold Kyle, a former Purdue University student. They are both engaged in defense work. We hope to see them at our services.

We ministered privately to seven deaf-blind in the Chicago area. A hearty welcome awaits us at each visit.

A reader of the *Messenger* in Kansas wrote: "I enjoy reading my *Lutheran Messengers*. They are very good magazines, explaining everything so well." Another wrote: "Your magazine is a very fine periodical; the subject matter is invariably instructive and helpful. We need this spiritual food very much." O. C. S.

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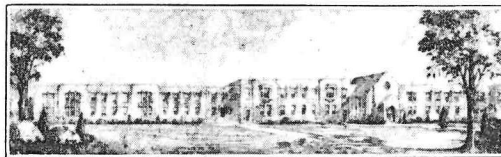
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