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For Ascension Day

"Where I am, there shall also My servant be"
John 12:26

Where Jesus has in glory gone,
There I, His child, shall be;

There I shall rest within His arms,
And there His face I'll see.

By faith I know that this is true,
For in Him I have part;

His words "There shall My servant be"
Are locked within my heart.

ALBA WESTMARK

Pentecost

Holy Ghost, with power divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me;
From sin's bondage set me free.

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.

"All power is given unto Me . . . and, lo I am with you always." This is the word of Jesus, spoken to His followers and the leaders of the Church. Later He again spoke to believers: "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." This is a definite promise of power. Its fulfillment is dependent upon the reception of the Holy Spirit.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE THIRD ARTICLE

"I believe in the Holy Ghost"

In Luther's explanation of the Third Article we confess: "The Holy Ghost will at the last day raise up me and all the dead." Now, one will perhaps ask: "With what body will the dead come out of the grave?"

The Dead Will Rise in the Body They Had Here on Earth

Jesus says: "All that are in the graves shall hear His voice and shall come forth," John 5:28, 29. What is in the grave? The body that a man had here on earth. And that body shall rise again. Our risen Lord had the same body as our crucified Lord. Mary Magdalene knew His voice, and the disciples knew Him by the print of the nails in His hands. And as Jesus came forth, so shall we come forth in the same body that was laid into the grave. Therefore Job, and with Him every believer, says: "*In my flesh shall I see God,*" Job 19:26.

The Believers Shall Have Glorious Bodies

Our risen Lord Jesus had such a glorious body. He came to His disciples through locked doors, He could suddenly come here and there and just as suddenly be gone again. And our bodies will be like unto His body. Paul writes: "Jesus Christ shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body," Phil. 3:21. And that is true also of the believer who still lives on the Last Day at Christ's coming. Paul says 1 Cor. 15:51: "We shall not all sleep [die], but we shall all be changed." Believers shall have a glorious body, a body without sin, without spot, a spiritual body.

Rejoice in Our Living Lord

The dead shall rise again. A teaching terrible for unbelievers, but of great comfort for all believers. The unbeliever must rise again and go before God's Judgment, and therefore he must fear death and the grave. But we Christians can joyfully sing in the hour of death: "I know I shall rise again and live with Christ." And when we lay our Christian friends into the grave, we can say with Martha: "We know they shall rise again in the resurrection on the Last Day." May God grant that we always, full of faith and hope, confess: "I believe in the resurrection of the body," and say of this blessed teaching of God's holy Word: "This is most certainly true."

J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible-Study for May

Bible-Lesson: Acts 2:43, 44

"And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done by the Apostles. And all that believed were together and had all things in common."

Our lesson of the month explains further how the Christians got along in the world, or with the people in whose midst they lived. Says the inspired writer: "Fear came upon every soul." The writer wishes us to remember that neighbors of these Christians may have been some of the very people who were present in the court of Pilate and shouted against Jesus, "Crucify Him!" But now, how did those enemies treat the Christians? Fear came upon them. The people of Jerusalem,

the spectators, were so impressed they did not capture the first Christians, nor did they bother them. Furthermore, many of the spectators from the common ranks of the people were deeply impressed by the miracles which they saw the Apostles do. The sermons of the Apostles and the decent living of the Christians also helped to arouse the respect and "fear" of the citizens of Jerusalem.

"Wonders were done by the Apostles." This was a special gift and power *given to the Apostles* to establish and confirm very mightily the doctrine and teachings of the Gospel. It proved without a doubt that the doctrine which the Apostles preached came from God. Let it come to your attention that the power to do these miracles was a special gift which Jesus gave to the *Apostles*. (See Matt. 10:8.) Dear readers, do not let it shake your faith or confuse you when now and then new revival leaders travel along and boast of faith healing. They do *not* have that power to do miracles which the Apostles had. (Mark 13:22, 23.) Beware!

"All that believed were together." We learn here that the first Christians were not only interested in pure Gospel preaching. They were also very careful to have a God-pleasing fellowship with the other Christians. They may not all have lived in one large apartment house. The inspired writer wishes to show us, however, that, since these Christians all believed in the same Savior Jesus, they were brought into closest fellowship with each other. They did not only *love* the same Jesus. They also *carried out* this fact in their daily life as individual members of Christ's Church on earth. What an encouragement this is to all our congregations as well as individual members to peacefully and cheerfully work together and to co-operate with one another for Jesus' sake. A. E. F.

Ford Uses Handicapped

Henry Ford has on his pay roll some 11,800 "handicapped" men and women. Among those employed are 54 deaf, 24 blind, 1,200 with one eye, 800 with very much impaired vision, 80 with one arm or none, 21 with no hands, 12 with no legs and 29 with one leg.

From *Nautilus Magazine*, Feb., 1942

It Is Hard Sometimes

To apologize.
 To take advice.
 To face a sneer.
 To avoid mistakes.
 To keep out of a rut.
 To forgive and forget.
 To shoulder deserved blame.
 To subdue an unruly temper.
 To accept just rebuke gracefully.
 To begin over.
 To admit error.
 To be charitable.
 To keep on trying.
 To obey conscience.
 To profit by mistakes.
 To make the best of little.
 To recognize the silver lining.
 To follow Scriptural direction.

Two Rules

There are two good rules which ought to be written on every heart:

1. Never believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it to be true.
2. Never tell even that unless you feel that God is listening while you tell it.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Detroit, Mich.—Since the beginning of the year 1943 it has pleased God to take two faithful members of our Toledo congregation from this vale of tears. On January 2 Mrs. Caroline Schipple was called to her heavenly home. Mrs. Schipple was ill for over a year before her death.

About one month later, on February 12, Mrs. Theresa Schwartz died suddenly and unexpectedly. At the time of her death she was at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Meinzer, in Upper Sandusky. The news of her death was a great shock to the members of our congregation. She is survived by her husband and two daughters.

"In the midst of life we are in death."

Ignatius Basile and Ruth Parish were united in marriage on February 20, 1943, in the home of their pastor. May the Lord bless them with a long and happy married life. N. E. B.

St. Paul Mission.—In the school for deaf at Fari-bault, Minn., we have about 65 children in our Lutheran classes. Since last fall the undersigned has been assisting Pastor Salvner in teaching two of the seven classes. One class is being taught by Miss Florence Sabins. Through the Bible stories of the chief teachings of the Bible as found in Luther's Small Catechism

the children are learning the true way to heaven. They learn to know their sins and also the Savior Jesus, who saved us sinners.

In St. Paul four adult deaf are being prepared for church membership. On Wednesday evening they meet at the parsonage and greatly enjoy studying the truths of God's Word, which show the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Divine services are held every Sunday morning at the church in St. Paul. The other places served monthly by the missionary are: Austin-Albert Lea, Minn.; Mason City and Waterloo, Iowa; Lake City and Winona, Minn.; La Crosse, Eau Claire, and Black River Falls, Wis. Waukon, Iowa; Chippewa Falls and Turtle Lake, Wis., are served several times during the year.

At the end of March the writer made a trip of eight and a half days into Western Canada, where he had been a resident missionary for six years before coming to St. Paul. On this trip he served deaf in the cities of Regina and Saskatoon, Sask.; Calgary, Alta.; Winnipeg and Inwood, Man. The sermon on our Savior's agony and capture in Gethsemane was preached to 72 deaf people, the Lord's Supper was given to 13 members, and a number of calls were made. The preaching again showed the great love and mercy of our heavenly Father in sending His only Son to save us from our sins and thereby giving us life everlasting. May everyone of us continue to believe this precious truth and in such faith receive the eternal happiness prepared for us by Christ's life and death and resurrection. "Christ died for all that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves but unto Him which died for them, and rose again." 2 Cor. 5:15.

R. F. CORDES

Midsouth Field.—The work of the Lord's kingdom in the Middle and the Deep South is going forward; slowly, yes, but is going forward.

We find that the attention of our deaf friends here at service is deep and sincere. They do show an interest in the Word of Life. At the present time our field extends from Memphis east to Knoxville, Tenn., south to Birmingham, Ala.; Atlanta, Ga.; New Orleans; west to Little Rock, Ark.

There are about 4,000 deaf in this field, whom we try to serve. The attendance in the various State schools has been fine, and we hope that soon regular classes can be arranged there. The deaf of the South are not unchurched but are, almost without exception, members of some Church.

In Memphis, headquarters are established at Trinity Lutheran Church. Here we have our greatest number of services, and here we have had some of the first fruits.

On December 26 a very good friend and member of our Trinity Mission was called to his eternal home. Mr. Turner Williams had been ill for a long time and was confined in the hospital for many weeks. He was always more than glad to see the pastor come, and his greatest concern was to hear more about Jesus and his home in heaven. He could hardly wait for the call from his Lord to come home. He fell asleep in Jesus on the morning of December 26 at 3:15 A.M. We laid his tired body to rest in God's acre December 28. A large attendance of both deaf and hearing gave testimony of the esteem in which he had been held. While we miss

him greatly, we know him to be perfectly happy in that home so eagerly longed for.

May his example lead many other deaf to follow in the same way. W. A. W.

Oklahoma City Mission.—Many of our deaf members at Oklahoma City and also such as formerly attended our services here have moved to Tulsa, Okla., where all of them secured employment at the Government plant. Reliable reports indicate that there are approximately 150 deaf living at Tulsa at present. Since last December we have been holding regular monthly services at Tulsa, and we are still trying to find the most suitable time for services in order that a regular date may be set.

With the good spring weather, more of the deaf here in Oklahoma City are bringing their youngsters to church. It's good to see more of the seats filled.

In the past our services here were held in the church basement of Zion Church. We are now meeting in the Lutheran servicemen's center, a few doors to the west of the church. In co-operation with the other Lutheran churches in Oklahoma City, Zion has made arrangements for the use of the assembly hall of Carver Chiropractic College as a Lutheran servicemen's center. It has been newly decorated and furnished. We hold our service in one corner of the room.

Regular monthly visits are made to the State school for the deaf at Sulphur. J. C. S.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—In the past weeks we addressed several appreciative groups of Christians on our work among the deaf and the blind. We received their promises of prayerful and financial support. Rev. M. Reinke's group was especially interested, since he is the grandson of Rev. Augustus Reinke, the founder of our Missions for the Deaf.

A native minister in Cairo, Egypt, wrote that he is using our *Messenger for the Blind* to good advantage in his religious instruction of twelve blind children.

The Chicago chapter of the Red Cross has donated three Braille typewriters to our Mission. The market value of a Braille writer is \$60. Many thanks to the kind donors!

A Chicago *Messenger* reader wrote to the Editor: "The many readers of the Braille *Messenger* are so grateful and very proud to have such a fine magazine. I cannot tell you how very much I appreciate the many grand articles, the comfort they give me, and the great enjoyment they afford me. I want to thank you also for the fine sermons you printed. Am enclosing a small gift."

"Dr. James L. Smith of Faribault, Minn., for many years a prominent leader of the deaf, passed on to his reward last October 19. He matriculated to Gallaudet College from the Minnesota school. Following his graduation from Gallaudet in 1883, he returned to the Minnesota school as teacher and editor of the school paper, *The Minnesota Companion*, in which capacities he served for half a century. A few years before his retirement from the profession he was promoted to the principalship of the school, a deserved honor.

"The deaf have suffered an irreparable loss in his passing." — *Ohio Chronicle*. O. C. S.

Chinese Schools for the Deaf

Sixteen schools for the deaf in China are providing education as usual. This is possible because of help from America. The Rochester School for the Deaf students and faculty have helped.

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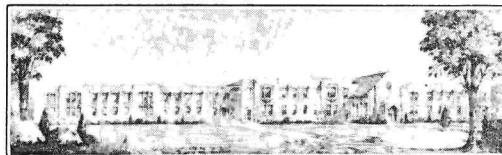
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