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Giving for Missions

A Christian minister in New York once said that the most pathetic gift for missions, and relatively the largest ever given in his New York church, was a five-dollar gold piece brought him by a poor widow, who, to enable herself to give it, raised chickens on the roof of the tenement, the roof of which was her abode. She had absolutely no other way of raising money, and it took her a whole summer of constant care to gather this sum. The Lord saw that this poor widow cast in more than all the rich givers in that old historic First Church.

How much are *you* giving to missions? Through the preaching of the Gospel, the Church brings to unhappy sinners the Word of God and leads them to everlasting joys in heaven. Therefore give gladly for the spreading of the Gospel, which is the world's most important business.

O. C. S.

Lutheran Chaplains All Over the World

Four hundred Lutheran chaplains are serving in the armed forces in the United States and foreign countries, and many applications for the chaplaincy come into the Army and Navy Commission's Chicago office each week. The eight-man commission, meeting in Chicago recently, gave ecclesiastical endorsement to eight additional clergymen for chaplaincy in the Army and Navy of the United States. Altogether 620 clergymen of our Synod are serving men and women of the armed forces in the vicinity of army camps and naval training stations, and an executive office with a personnel of 35 people is kept busy at 221 North La Salle Street, serving the more

than 65,000 Lutheran soldiers, sailors, and marines on their files.

Recently a Synod-wide collection was gathered to support this blessed work of the Lord, in which every member of our Lutheran Church had an opportunity to assist financially. \$500,000 was the goal set for this collection and from reports coming in, this goal will be reached. Also our Lutheran deaf and other deaf friends have helped in this God-pleasing endeavor. If you have received a special collection envelope for this cause and have not yet sent it in with your contribution, it is not too late.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE THIRD ARTICLE

"I believe in the Holy Ghost"

Everlasting punishment in hell! That we have deserved. But, thanks to God, the sinner need not go to everlasting suffering. We have a Savior, and He says: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life," John 6:47. Therefore we confess in our Catechism: "I believe in the life everlasting."

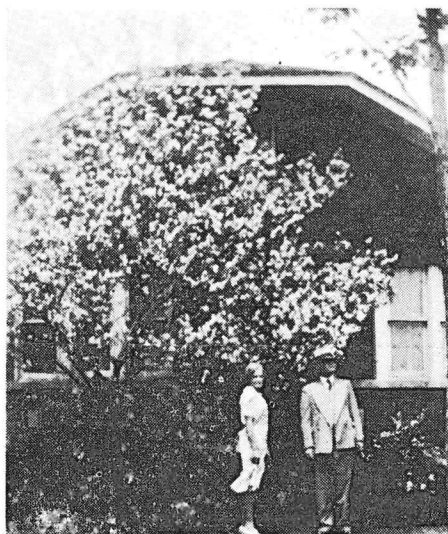
Everlasting Life Means to Be with Christ

One cannot describe this life of the believer after death more beautifully than to say with the Bible: This life is to be with Christ. For this the Christian longs and says with Paul: "I have a desire to depart and to be with Christ," Phil. 1:23. As the bride longs to be with the bridegroom, so the believer longs to be with his heavenly Bridegroom. To be with Christ who loved us and gave Himself for us, that is life indeed! It means to be with our best Friend and only Savior. We shall see

Him in whom we have believed. Like Thomas, so we shall see the print of the nails in His hands and His open side, and over and over again we shall say: "My Lord and my God!" John 20:28.

Jesus Died and Rose Again that We Might Be with Him

Before He suffered and died, He said to His disciples: "I will come again and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also," John 14:3. For this He prayed before He went to the cross, and surely still prays, saying: "Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am,"



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John 17:24. Thank Him for it! He wants us to be with Him.

Believers Shall Ever Be with the Lord

In 1 Thess. 4:17 Paul writes: "And so shall we ever (always) be with the Lord." Think of it! Forever and ever with our Lord Jesus, never to part again! And both body and soul. When a Christian dies, his soul will go to be with Christ. He said to the thief on the cross: "Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise," Luke 23:43. And that will be true also of the body at Christ's coming again. On that day "the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord," 1 Thess. 4:17.

Abide in Christ

Yes, abide in Him now, and be with Him forever. Joyfully let us confess with our Catechism: "The Holy Ghost shall give unto me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true." J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible-Study for August

Bible Lesson: Acts 3:1-3

"Now, Peter and John went up together into the Temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the Temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the Temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the Temple, asked an alms."

We believe our friends found chapter 2 very interesting because it taught us about the gift and the power of the Holy Spirit. Furthermore that chapter showed us the beginning of the apostolic, or Christian, Church. The Book of Acts has further interesting chapters, because now we shall be told about the deeds and the experiences of the Apostles.

Peter and John were some of the first to hear that Jesus had arisen from the grave (John 20:2), and these two Apostles seem to have been very close friends, especially after the resurrection. From their love of the Savior Jesus they went to the Temple at the "hour of prayer," or the appointed hour of worship. The lesson teaches us that it was the ninth hour. The Jews began to count their hours of the day with the morning, and so this was at three o'clock in the afternoon. Although the Jews had two other hours of prayer, at nine o'clock in the morning and twelve at noon, a large audience was present especially at this time. (Luke 1:10.)

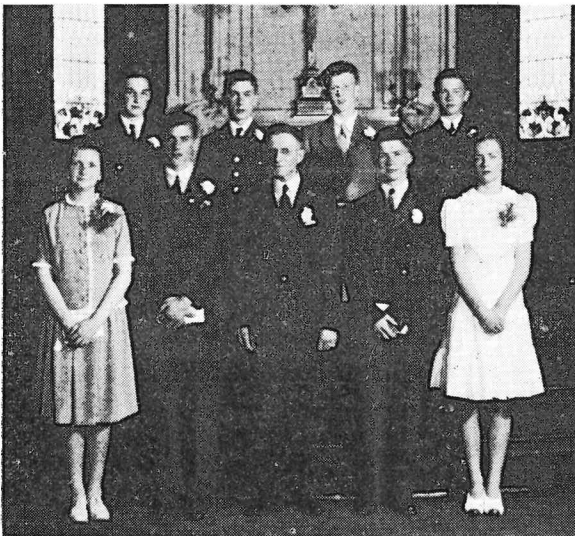
Many people were present, but the attention of the Apostles was directed to one special person, a lame man. The lesson tells us two things about him—how long he had been helpless and why he was brought to the Temple. The man was a cripple from the day of his birth. He had not been injured in an accident. He was now forty years old (see Acts 4:22) and had never been able to work or walk in God's service. Therefore, his friends carried him every day to the Temple. They placed him near the gate called Beautiful.

This was on the East side of the court into which the Jews went to pray. The second fact which our lesson mentions about the man is that "he asked alms," or begged. Since he could not work for a living, he was not ashamed to ask for help, and he asked for gifts from God's people. Being at the Temple daily, he knew that praying people give gifts of charity. Thus he also asked a gift that day of Peter and John. We shall study their answer in the next lesson.

Question: What did this man need more than help for the body? A. E. F.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Minneapolis Mission.—Two more were added to our communicant membership in Minneapolis June 13, Arnold Dreher and Lorraine Armstrong. They made a public confession of their faith and promised to con-



Confirmation Class from the Faribault, Minn., State School
Confirmed by Pastor J. L. Salvner (front center) on May 16
in Trinity Lutheran Church, Faribault

tinue in this faith unto the end with the help of God. Thereupon they came to the Lord's Table with thirty other members. May they, and we all with them, by the grace of God, stay in Jesus, the only Savior and at last be with Christ in heaven forever and ever!

June 12, Galen Earl Philips of Omaha, Nebr., and Elsa Ann Linroth of St. Paul, were married in Grace Chapel. They will make their home in Omaha, where they will attend the services of Pastor Mappes. May they be faithful members of our church there!

J. L. S.

Omaha, Nebr.—Two church weddings on successive Sunday afternoons took place in June, the first at Fort Dodge, Iowa, on June 13, and the other at Desh-

ler, Nebr., on June 20. At Fort Dodge Mr. Keith Millard and Miss Alma Alberta Kloss vowed faithfulness to each other in a public ceremony held after the regular service for the deaf. Thirty-nine deaf attended the service and wedding, and a number of hearing friends and relatives were present for the wedding. At Deshler Mr. Harry Otterman of New Kensington, Pa., and Miss Frieda Witte, a member of our Omaha congregation were joined in wedlock amid a large host of relatives and friends.

May the Lord abide with these two young couples in their new homes, and may they ever look up to their God and Savior and remain in the true faith and in constant prayer, making their requests known unto Him daily, and thus with God find happiness and peace that will remain always.

Regardless of gas rationing and other difficulties to be overcome to attend church services in these times, many of our deaf friends at all our preaching stations have driven many miles regularly during the past spring and summer months in order to be present for the preaching of God's Word. A few have told the pastor that they must save and be very careful how they use their gas at home in order that they may come to church every month. That is putting God and His things and the welfare of the soul ahead of other things, and God is pleased with such service. We also wish to state that the collections for God's kingdom have increased substantially at most places. God loves and blesses cheerful givers.

In contrast to the above, some members still insist on the excuse that their limited gas allowance keeps them from church, but gas seems to be plentiful for other occasions. Numerous other excuses are offered. Some members have not increased their contributions for church purposes in accordance with their increased salaries and income.

The Lord of the Church and Master and Savior of our souls cause us all to increase in faith and daily improve our Christian living. E. M.

St. Louis Field.—May 31 will be remembered by the Jacksonville, Ill., group and the members of the graduating class of Illinois School for the Deaf '43. In the morning, at the chapel of the school, the baccalaureate service was held, the 34 members of the class marching in cap and gown, led by their class supervisor, Miss Dial, Principal Archer, Superintendent Cloud, and Pastor Uhlig, who conducted the service.

In the afternoon at Salem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville a class of eight was examined and confirmed, consisting of Paul Gunther, Norman Hogan, Elwood Johanson, Richard Opseth, Leroy Raffel, Laurance von Kaenel, Shirley Ann Williams, and William Eugene Rose. The two last named were also baptized, as were Richard Sandstrom, Mary Gwen Scroggin, Alice Hottel, and Gene Childers.

Five others could and should have been confirmed and four others baptized; but since the written permission required by the school authorities from the parents had not been received, these could not be included in the list but must wait until later. This emphasizes the need of parents' co-operation with the

missionary at all times lest there be some tears and disappointments.

The following Sunday Miss Alice Williams, one of those that had to stand back for lack of the written permission, could be baptized and confirmed at the St. Louis chapel, the hindrance being removed by that time. We welcome all these new members and wish them the blessing of the Lord.

June saw the missionary go to St. Joseph, Mich., to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Teacher Wm. Herrmann. While there, he remembered how he preached monthly to the deaf of St. Joseph while in charge of the Chicago field until 1918, and visited as many of the deaf as were still there. Among them was Mrs. Moore, a deaf-blind lady, now 85 years old,



Class from Illinois School for the Deaf, Jacksonville, Ill. Confirmed (8) and baptized (6) May 31, 1943, by Pastor N. P. Uhlig

into whose hand he used to spell a message, but who had not felt the touch of his hand since January, 1918. Scarcely had he grasped the hand of Mrs. Moore, holding it for five seconds, but not yet making one sign or spelling a letter, when she broke the clasp and spelled out his name! After twenty-five years she recognized him by the touch of the hand though he had completely gone out of her life. What a marvelous thing! So we know that the messages given to these poor people who sit in total darkness will be remembered by them to the glory of God.

At St. Louis Miss Charlotte Kuhn of this city, a faithful member of our flock, and Mr. Arthur Baumeister, a member of the Indianapolis group, were married at our chapel on July 3. They will live in Indianapolis, where Mr. Baumeister is employed as a steel engraver. May God richly bless them!

N. P. U.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—There are 16 deaf living in and near Frankfort, Ind., who have had little or no opportunity to attend services. Mr. and Mrs. J. Lynch, the parents of two deaf sons, have opened their home for a deaf Bible class. Many thanks to them! We hope to meet these deaf regularly in the future.

Through Mr. Holmes, the editor of the *Ziegler*

Magazine for the Blind, Mr. Carlos M. Luiz, a blind man of Lisbon, Portugal, sent us his greetings and thanks for the *Lutheran Messenger*.

The librarian of the Missouri School for the Blind in St. Louis wrote: "Our school will be very grateful if you will continue to send us your Braille *Lutheran Messenger*. We appreciate this courtesy very much and wish to express our thanks. The pupils derive much pleasure from the reading." O. C. S.

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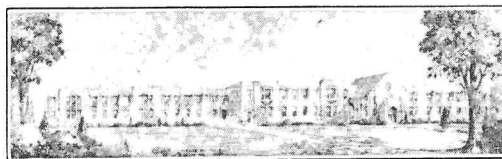
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