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### Another Year

Another year! —  
O Father, let it be  
Not just another year,  
But one so full of Thy sweet rest  
That, leaning on Thy kindly breast  
With ardent, childlike trustfulness,  
The heartbeat of Thy faithfulness  
Resounds Thy love to me.

Another year! —  
Dear Savior, let it be  
Not just another year,  
But one so full of service true  
To Thee and to my neighbor, too,  
Of love with rich profusion given  
As if already earth were heaven  
And glory dwelled in me.

Another year! —  
Good Spirit, let it be  
Not just another year,  
But one so full of unity  
That no more schisms here can be;  
That, holding to Thy precious Word,  
We all be one in Thee, dear Lord,  
As in eternity. JOHN THEODORE MUELLER

### 1944

Another year draws to its end. The past twelve months have brought severe trials to the world. Many hearts have become weary and discouraged because of the stress and strain. All of us have become older and are one year nearer the grave. Do you feel that you are growing old with the passing of time? Has your enthusiasm of earlier years disappeared? Are you becoming indifferent toward your future and filled with weariness toward everything? That is not the Christian attitude.

God has better things in store for His people. His Word can give you a new interest

in life. In the remaining years of your earthly pilgrimage transfer your attention to the future home which He has prepared for you. His description of the new country and its inhabitants is beautiful beyond description; it will excite your admiration. We are told of streets of pure gold, of gates of pearl, of a river of the water of life, of a sea of glass like crystal. Rev. 22:1; 21:21; 4:6. All that earth can find of splendor is brought into the picture to heighten your conception of the glories of heaven. You will be at home forever with your loving Savior, free from sorrow, sin, and death. St. Paul teaches, "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face," 1 Cor. 13:12. And St. John declares, "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away," Rev. 21:4.

In the new year, study the way to the heavenly Canaan. Keep Christ and His atoning blood before your eyes. You will then pass the years in joyful expectancy of better things to come. O. C. S.

### Staying at Home These Winter Nights?

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### Studies in Luther's Catechism

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

God hears every prayer offered in the name of Jesus. We have God's word and promise for that. Therefore

#### Pray Not Doubting, but Believing

James writes: "Let a man ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord," James 1:6, 7. And our Lord and Savior says: "All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive," Matt. 21:22. A true Christian, therefore, prays not doubting, but trusting in God's mercy and power. A Christian will not say: "I will try prayer. Perhaps prayer will help." No; he will pray as that leper who came to Christ, saying: "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean," Matt. 8:2; or as the centurion whose servant was sick, saying: "Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed," Matt. 8:8. Come, pray not doubting, but believing, and God will richly bless you.

#### Pray for All People

For whom should we pray? In 1 Tim. 2:1 we read: "Prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men." Pray for yourself in all bodily troubles, as did the blind man near Jericho, or for mercy and forgiveness, as did that humble publican; pray for your friends and relatives, as so many did while Jesus walked on this earth; pray for your pastor and your church and all Christians, as Paul so often urges us to do; pray for our President and Congress, for your governor and legislature, and for all that are in authority, as our Bible tells us; pray also for your enemies, as

Jesus did on the cross. If you see anyone in trouble, pray for him. Especially pray for him if you see him still in sin and on the way to everlasting damnation. Pray for everyone, pray for all!

#### Let the New Year Be a Year of Prayer

Did you pray during the old year? Surely everyone of us must confess with shame: "I have been very lazy in prayer. So often I forgot to pray," and then should pray: "Lord Jesus, forgive me and wash me from sin in Thine own blood. Help that the new year be a year of prayer, and so be a richly blessed year for me and all people. Amen." May God grant it for Jesus' sake! J. L. S.

### THE BREAD OF LIFE

#### Bible Study for January

##### Bible Lesson: Acts 3:17-20

"And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers. But those things which God before had showed by the mouth of all His prophets, that Christ should suffer, He hath so fulfilled. Repent ye, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you."

"What shall I do with Jesus?" is the important question which every living person *must* answer. God has created man. God has made the world and still provides the food we need. God has sent Jesus to save all from sin. He earnestly desires all to be saved. But man, alas, can reject God's mercy. The mistake which the Jews made is clearly expressed in a verse of the last lesson, where the words are found "Ye denied," "desired a murderer," "and killed the Prince of Life." But in addition to this the Jews are told (v. 17), "Through ignorance ye did it." That ignorance indeed was no excuse for the breaking of the Law. These Jews should have known that the Lord had before this said to Moses (Lev. 5:17), "If a soul sin . . . though he wist [knew] it not, yet is he guilty and shall bear his iniquity." The sins of the people in this audience, therefore, were great, and Peter, who is preaching, perhaps can see from the action of some that they are beginning to understand their guilt. Also the ignorant rulers are mentioned, meaning that they all did not from the Word of God fully

understand the person, the deeds, and the ministry of the Messiah. 1 Cor. 2:8.

As Peter wants them to know their guilt, he also wants them not to despair of being saved. He therefore brings to their attention (v. 18) that Jesus, by the eternal will of God, had suffered for the sins of the world. By His death on the cross they all were saved. So they should accept the redemption and salvation of Jesus, and should no longer trust in their own righteousness. He encourages them to repent of their sins with the deepest sorrow of their heart and with a changed feeling toward Jesus, so that their sins might be blotted out from before the eyes of the Lord.

Then there will come for you "the times of refreshing," that is, happiness and comfort in the Church and finally salvation at the end of the world, when God shall send Jesus "to judge the world in righteousness." Acts 17:31.

A. E. F.

### **Lutheran Library for the Blind Dedicated**

After some delay, owing to making necessary repairs, the parsonage-library building of the Lutheran Mission for the Blind, located at 11251 Homewood Ave., Chicago, was dedicated to the glory of God on November 28. The Rev. O. C. Schroeder officiated, assisted by the Rev. C. Bremer, assistant librarian.

The library contains 600 volumes of religious Braille, Moon Type, and New York Point books. About 60 volumes are added each year by volunteer transcribers. These books are sent as a free loan to sightless in America and in many foreign countries. No postage is required for this in the U. S. A. O. C. S.

### **He Honored the Emperor**

It is said that Alexander the Great had a favorite general to whom he had given permission to draw upon the royal treasury for any amount. On one occasion this general had made a draft for such an enormous sum that the treasurer refused to honor it until he consulted the emperor. So he went into his presence and told him what the general had done.

"Did you not honor the draft?" asked the emperor.

"No; I just refused until I had seen Your Majesty because the amount was so great."

The emperor was indignant. His treasurer said that he was afraid of offending him if he had paid the amount.

"Do you not know," replied the emperor, "that he honors me and my kingdom by making a large draft?"

Whether the story be authentic or not, it is true that we honor God when we ask for great things and accept His promises of temporal and eternal blessings which were procured for us through the holy life and the innocent suffering and death of our blessed Savior Jesus Christ.

O. C. S.

### **God's Thoughts and Man's Thoughts**

We read in the Word of God: "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are My ways your ways, saith the Lord," Is. 55:8.

God's thoughts are pure and perfect. God thinks, and His thoughts are always correct. When the divine mind moves, it moves under the infinite searchlight of divine perfection. Man thinks, too, but man is finite, limited. He therefore must think under great difficulties. If God is alone correct, the closer man gets to God, the better able will he be to see and understand, and, therefore, the more correct will be his thoughts.

God's ways and thoughts are holy. No sin ever polluted His holy mind or darkened His divine eye. Man is sinful. His nature is polluted, his very thoughts and desires are sinful. In his sinful and polluted state he needs a regeneration of his life, by the power and work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings a divine revelation to his mind and leads him into all truth.

God is infinite in love and mercy. Man is full of selfishness, inclined to hate and to seek revenge. Man needs to be brought in harmony with God. Through faith in Christ Jesus he can think with God, walk with God, and talk with God. Then the sweet music of heaven will be in harmony with that which fills his own soul.

O. C. S.

### **IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL**

Cleveland, Ohio. — On October 3 Miss Ruth Jones of New Castle, Pa., and John Haldie of Warren, Ohio, were married in the home of the minister. The ceremony was witnessed by the bride's sister, Miss Edith

Jones, the groom's mother, and by Mr. George Henry. We wish the couple God's blessings in their married life.

On November 19 Miss Charlotte Schwagler of Buffalo, N. Y., passed away after a brief but fatal illness. She had been visited in the hospital by Vicar H. Rohe and Rev. R. Krueger, a local pastor, who also conducted the funeral service, while Mrs. Landgraf interpreted for the deaf. Miss Schwagler leaves to mourn her very aged parents of 90 and 85 years, also five sisters and two brothers. Her passing is also much felt by her many friends among the deaf. Her faithful presence in church, her readiness to help, and her loyal support will be greatly missed. May our deaf people follow such a good example and remain true to our God.

Since the arrival of Vicar Herbert Rohe we have been able to give certain cities more attention with monthly services, while previously we could serve them but once in two months. We also have resumed regular services in Cincinnati, Ohio, and have preached occasionally in certain cities which heretofore had no services. In February of 1943, we also began a mission in Monongahela, Pa., where we have satisfactory attendances, and the deaf there love to receive the Word of God and the preaching of our Savior Jesus. THEO. FREDERKING

**Minneapolis Mission.**—Richard Elmer, born August 14, 1943, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Loeffler, was baptized in our service on November 28 and so was made a child of God. "Baptism works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare."—*Luther's Catechism.* J. L. S.

**New York.**—On Reformation Day, October 31, four young people came before the altar of their Savior to pledge faithfulness to Him alone. Those making their vow are Miss Dorothy Cadwell, Miss Georgia Hardin, Mr. Robert Dach, and Miss Edith Allerup. The class was reminded that the theme of the Reformation, "The just shall live by faith," should always be foremost in their minds. The choir added to the beauty of the service by rendering several very beautiful selections. It is our prayer that, as these young people march onward on life's journey, their lives will be such that others will want to join them in their march with Christ to their eternal home in heaven.

Also on October 31 the Lutheran Guild of the Deaf celebrated its thirtieth anniversary. The Guild organized thirty years ago with the purpose of being of service to Christ and their fellow men. Greetings were extended by several of the other deaf organizations in New York City for the wonderful work which the Guild has done in the past. Greetings were also extended by Mr. Oscar Rehling, president of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Newark, and by Mr. William Martini, president of Martini Lutheran Church for the Deaf at Baltimore. A large number of the deaf from Baltimore were present for this joyful occasion. May God continue to bless the work of this organization.

On November 21 Miss Hazel Lee was confirmed in our mission in Newark. May God keep her in true faith, give her courage for this life, and finally take her to Himself in heaven. F. P.

### To Our Subscribers

It has been our custom to retain the names of our subscribers on our lists for two numbers after the subscription has expired, so that the subscriptions could be continued without interruption in case a renewal came in late. We were very happy to follow this plan at extra expense, but we are now unable to continue this policy because of present conditions.

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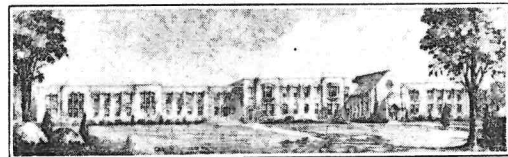
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