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Prayer

In the morning and the evening
I will raise my thoughts to Thee;
Lord of Life and all creation,
Let Thy blessing rest on me.

Do Thou prosper my vocation,
Give me strength to do my part;
Lord of Light, direct my footsteps,
Keep me always pure in heart.

As the needle of the compass
Guides the lost to find the way,
May my life be an example
Shining brightly every day.

To Thy Church, O Christ, my Savior,
I will always faithful be;
To the call for loyal service
She can always count on me.

Trust God

A certain man was worrying about the future life, because he did not trust God's promises. He and a friend were walking along a double-track railway when they heard a train in the distance. The friend wanted to get off the track, but the man who could not trust God said, "No; stay where you are. That train is coming toward us and is on the other track. The company has an invariable rule." "I see," said his friend, "you trust the railroad company more than you trust God. And yet God's ways are more unfailing than those of any human concern."

Men often delight in putting their trust in human promises and institutions. They frequently regard the promises of God too lightly. God has, however, always been faithful to His word. He is eternal and almighty, He will keep His promises both for time and eternity. God has promised and given His own Son into

death for the salvation of men. Surely He will also remember His other promises.

Let us, then, not be slow to take God at His word. Let us confess with Isaiah: "I will trust and not be afraid," Is. 12:2. O. C. S.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Did you begin the new year with prayer? So many began it with eating and drinking, with dancing and playing, and God was not in their thoughts. Christians began it with prayer, and they will give themselves to prayer all through the year. May these studies in the Lord's Prayer help us in this.

Christians May Pray Anywhere

Paul writes 1 Tim. 2:8: "I will, therefore, that men pray everywhere." You may pray in your home or shop or office; you may pray while walking on the street or sitting in a train or bus or streetcar. God is everywhere; therefore you may pray anywhere.

Christians Pray in Secret

God tells us especially of two places where Christians should love to pray. In Matthew 6:6 Jesus tells us: "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet [private room], and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father, which is in secret." Often He went up into a mountain where He could be alone with His Father in prayer. So we Christians should pray much in secret. Let us go to a place where we can be alone with our heavenly Father, and then make our wishes known to Him. Do you often pray in secret? Do it during the new year!

Christians Pray with Others

Christians will also gather for prayer and Bible study with their loved ones, both in the morning and in the evening. This we call family prayer or worship. Can it be found in your home? And then Christians come together in church for prayer, saying with David: "In the congregation I will bless the Lord," Ps. 26:12. Do you gladly go to church for prayer with others?

Let the New Year Be a Year of Prayer

Our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us, was much in prayer. Let us follow Him during the new year and make it a year of prayer. Often pray alone in your room, daily pray with your friends and relatives at home, regularly pray with others in the house of God. May God grant it unto the glory of our Savior's name!

J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible Study for February

Bible-Lesson: Acts 3:20-23

"And He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you; whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy Prophets since the world began. For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A Prophet shall the Lord, your God, raise up unto you, of your brethren, like unto me; Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever He shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass that every soul which will not hear that Prophet shall be destroyed from among the people."

In the sermon of our text lesson the preacher (Peter) has very earnestly taught the audience that it is necessary to become *humble* in heart and that they repent of their sins. But the speaker also tells the audience the promises of God to those who *do* repent of their sins and accept Jesus as the Savior. It appears as though Peter is repeating God's thoughts of Is. 57:18. "I have seen his ways and will heal him; I will lead him also and restore comforts unto him." Therefore, says Peter, "in the times of refreshing" (v. 19) "*He shall send Jesus Christ.*" Because (Acts 17:31) "He hath appointed a day in the which He will *judge* the world in righteousness." This will be a day of joy and salvation for *Christians* and not a day of terror or shame, because

Christians *know* the way to heaven through Jesus, as "was preached to them" before and after His death and resurrection. However, Jesus as the living Savior has ascended into heaven, as we know from Acts 1:9. "Heaven received Him until the time of restitution." Jesus is on His glorious throne of majesty and power at the right hand of God, Eph. 1:20 (the fact which we confess often in the second article of our Creed). All those blessings, says Peter, will be yours if your repentance is sincere.

It is possible that at this point of the sermon Peter could notice that some of the people were already touched in their hearts and believed the words of his message. For that reason Peter calls to their attention once more that he is not speaking his own, or human, words but is repeating the promises of the Old Testament to them as being *fulfilled in Christ*. Says Peter: "Moses truly said unto the fathers, 'A prophet shall the Lord, your God, raise up unto you.'" Peter has already made it clear that Jesus is this Prophet and the Messiah. Now he pleads with the audience: "Him shall ye hear [and obey] in all things which He shall say unto you." The fact that Jesus is the *only Savior* for all time is made clear also to us in the words "Every soul which will not hear that Prophet shall be destroyed." Oh dear reader, let us all in 1944 hear (accept) this Jesus and *prepare* to meet Him again.

A. E. F.

Rivers of Blessing

All of our readers will have read with deep interest the announcement that our Concordia Publishing House in St. Louis is this year observing its seventy-fifth anniversary. There are few agencies within our Church which throughout the past seventy-five years have influenced more lives than our Church's official publication house.

Today, in its seventy-fifth year, Concordia is becoming an increasingly important factor in the building of our Church. More and more of its publications are finding their way into our churches, schools, and homes, spreading their blessings over areas which have never been reached before. May the Lord of the Church protect our Church's publication house and guide it on to ever greater fields of service in the building of His kingdom.

A Cause for Real Rejoicing

We have just been informed that the daily devotional booklets which are issued by our Church are now being printed in more than 400,000 copies per issue. That is more than one copy for every household in our Synod! Many of our congregations have availed themselves of the "continuous service" plan, thus insuring a copy of each issue for each home. The blessings of these little messengers of faith are as innumerable as they are intangible.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Minneapolis Mission.—A year ago the Board of Missions to the Deaf and Blind offered the pastor of Grace Church the appointment as executive secretary of our Mission. The appointment was made "for the purpose of helping to unify our work in the Mission, making regular visits to our various fields, and editing material for the instruction in our Sunday schools among the deaf children, as well as for the instruction of adults; in short, to help systematize our work." At the same time they "resolved also to call an associate pastor into this field upon the acceptance of this appointment." Pastor and congregation considered this appointment at length and finally came to the conclusion that the acceptance of this appointment would be for the welfare of our Savior's work among the deaf. Thereupon the pastor accepted. That was in March, 1943. May God grant him tact and wisdom and understanding for this new work. Remember him in your daily prayers!

The Board of Missions and Grace Congregation proceeded to call an associate pastor. Three times a call was sent out, but every time the call was returned. In its December meeting the Board resolved to extend the call to Pastor Arnold Lutz, who has been serving the South Dakota field for the past year. And on Sunday, December 26, also Grace Congregation called him. And, thanks to our dear Lord and Savior, Pastor Lutz has accepted. The date for his installation has not yet been set at the time of this writing. He will live in the parsonage of Grace Church, and from Minneapolis serve Sioux Falls every first and third Sunday of the month as heretofore, giving instruction at the State School and ministering to the deaf of the city and other South Dakota cities. With this arrangement we shall, God willing, carry on until fall, when we hope to place a new worker into the South Dakota field. The Minneapolis deaf know Pastor Lutz, for he spent two months here in training. Therefore we know that the deaf will give him a hearty welcome. Let us all remember him and the Minneapolis field in our daily prayers. May God's richest blessings be and abide with both unto the glory of our Savior's name and the eternal welfare of many blood-bought souls!

J. L. S.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—We take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to the many friends among the deaf and the blind who sent us



Class Confirmed in New York on Reformation Day
by Rev. F. Poschl

Front row, l. to r.: Dorothy Cadwell and Georgia Hardin
Back row, l. to r.: Robert Dach and Edith Allerup

holiday greetings. Their thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated.

A *Messenger* reader in South Africa sent us a donation and wrote, "This is in appreciation of what your magazine has always meant to me and to so many of my fellow blind throughout the world."

Another wrote, "Our missionary group has been enjoying your Braille *Messenger*. We read it together and find great interest in God's Word."

The deaf, the blind, and their friends, contributed \$302.18 to our work in December. Many thanks to the kind donors!

O. C. S.

Omaha, Nebr.—New officers elected in December to serve the Omaha congregation for the new year are Mr. Earl Petersen, president; Mr. Keith Stinger, secretary; Mr. John Scheneman, treasurer; Mr. George Ernst and Mr. Earl Petersen, elders; Mr. Emil Schultz, Mr. Glenn Cooper, and Mr. Elvin Miller, trustees; Mr. Oscar Treuke and Mr. Nick Petersen, auditors. These officers were installed on January 2.

A Christmas program was given by the Omaha ladies' aid on the evening of December 21. The program consisted, in the first part, of a portrayal of the Nativity scene with songs by several members and an address by the pastor and, in the second part, of a Christmas play and song by the pastor's wife, followed by distribution of sacks of candy to the children and grab bags for all adults and children. The committee also furnished refreshments. About 65 deaf and 15 children were present to enjoy the evening.

The Lord was pleased to take to His eternal home

the souls of two of our regular attendants at services in Fort Dodge and Boone, Iowa. Mr. Alvin J. Fee of Belmond, Iowa, passed away suddenly of a heart attack early on the morning of December 6, and Mr. B. F. Fagin of Boone, Iowa, was called home on December 18 after a lingering illness. May the bereaved widows find comfort in the words of our Lord: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth," and may the almighty God be with both of them and give them strength and courage for the future. E. M.

Detroit.—During the past year the Lord blessed the congregations in our field in many ways. We thank Him for His kindness and mercy and pray that He may continue to bless His children everywhere as He sees fit.

We ended the year with several confirmations. On the first Sunday in December the following were confirmed in Saginaw: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Coeur, Perry Hubbard, and Bert Tappan. In Detroit, on the second Sunday in December, Mrs. Wilbert Ewald and Mr. Leon Moreland promised faithfulness to the Lord, while on the second Sunday in November, in the services for lipreaders, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Young were confirmed. May God grant these new members of our Church faithfulness and strength to continue in faith and to live as Christians all the days of their life.—During the year 1943 seventeen were confirmed in Detroit. Eight of these were children from the Lutheran Institute. Four were confirmed in Saginaw and four in Flint.—Six marriages were performed, five in Detroit and one in Saginaw.

It pleased our omniscient God to call three members of our congregation out of this life through death. Mrs. Ella Schnabelius died in July, Mrs. Bessie Badowski in August, and Mr. William Zeh in November. Lord, "so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Six children were baptized; four of these were pupils of our Lutheran Institute.

We are happy to report that contributions for the Lord's work increased in every one of our congregations. That is as it should be. We should give as the Lord has prospered us. Also our mission festival collections were better than in previous years.

We of Detroit wish our fellow Lutherans a blessed New Year.

BOOK REVIEW

Deafness and the Deaf in the United States. By Harry Best. Published by Macmillan & Co. New York City, New York. 675 pages. \$6.50.

This is an exhaustive study on all phases of deafness and the life of the deaf. Dr. Harry Best is a graduate of Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; he is also a member of many other sociological and scientific organizations. At present he is professor of Sociology at the University of Kentucky. His book explains about possibilities of prevention of deafness, the economical and marital conditions of the deaf, their organizations, education, and religion; it gives valuable statistics and tables on all aspects of deafness and problems of the deaf. Dr. Best's book is worthy of being read and studied by every worker among the deaf. O. C. SCHROEDER

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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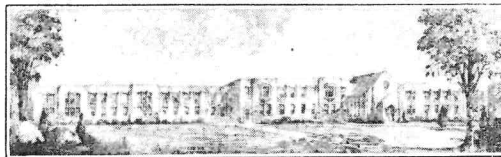
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