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### Ascension

Since Christ has gone to heaven, His home,  
I, too, that home one day must share;  
And in this hope I overcome

All doubt, all anguish, and despair;  
For where the Head is, well we know,  
The members He has left below  
In time He surely gathers.

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### Is This Your Need?

The hearts of many today are weary with worry, grief, doubts, and fears. The source of these misgivings is spiritual, not political. Are you living day after day without giving a thought to God or your soul's salvation, ignoring the fact of death and final Judgment? Are you blind to the need of deliverance from sin, and death, and Judgment? Has the Savior no part in your plans and your life? Do you regard Him merely as a wise man, but not as your personal Savior? If you do, that is the cause of your sorrow, worry, fear, and unhappiness. Look upon the Savior; see His grace, power, love, and protection. Read His heartening promises of forgiveness, hope, and eternal life. Become Bible-centered and Bible-absorbing, and the Holy Spirit will bestow upon you His gifts of hope, faith, joy, and peace. Jesus assures you: "If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," John 8: 31, 32. O. C. S.

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### The Size of a Christian's Heart

The heart of a Christian should be twenty-five thousand miles in circumference. A heart smaller than that is not large enough because it is not world-large.

### Pentecost Prayer

Now do we pray God the Holy Ghost  
For the true faith, which we need the most,  
And that He defend us when life is ending  
And from exile home we shall be wending.  
Lord, have mercy!

Shine in our hearts, O most precious Light,  
That we Jesus Christ may know aright,  
Clinging to our Savior, whose blood has bought us,  
Who again to our true home has brought us.  
Lord, have mercy!

Thou sweetest Love, grace on us bestow,  
Set our hearts with heavenly fire aglow,  
That with hearts united we love each other,  
Of one mind, in peace with every brother.

Lord, have mercy!

MARTIN LUTHER, 1524

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### Studies in Luther's Catechism

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### Christians Love This Prayer

One day a deaf member of our Church, who had gradually lost also his sight, came to his pastor, saying: "I wish I could again read my Bible." His pastor thereupon sent for the alphabet of the Moon embossed type for the blind, brought it to him, and in a short time he learned the letters by means of the sense of touch. His pastor, however, had another sheet for him and asked him to read it. With his left hand he read the letters, and with his right hand he spelled to his pastor, as follows: "O-u-r F-a-t-h-e-r w-h-i-c-h a-r-t—" Here he stopped, and with a face beaming for joy he signed to his pastor: "Oh, it is the Lord's Prayer." It was like meeting an old friend. Eagerly and joyfully he then read all of it. So all Christians know and love this prayer, the Lord's Prayer.

### Our Lord Teaches Us This Prayer

It is a wonderful prayer! And it cannot be otherwise, for it is the *Lord's* prayer. The Lord Himself taught us this greatest of all prayers. Luke 11:1-4 we read that one day His disciples said to Him: "Lord, teach us to pray." And He answered: "When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven," etc. And, again, in His Sermon on the Mount He taught this prayer, saying: "After this manner, therefore, pray ye: Our Father," etc. It is the prayer from our dear Lord Jesus, who loved us and gave Himself for us.

### It Is a Prayer for Every Need

Are you concerned about the glory of God's holy name? Are you interested in missions, and do you want to see more and more, learn to know Him who died for all and arose again? Do you see the evil desires and plans of the devil and the wicked world and the evil heart, and do you want to see them broken and hindered? You pray for all of that in the Lord's Prayer. You daily need food and drink, health, work, good government, etc. Jesus did not forget these things in this prayer. Again, we daily sin much and deserve nothing but punishment. See, Jesus puts in a prayer for forgiveness. Are you perhaps worried about the many temptations in this world? Jesus thought also of that. Or have you trouble anywhere? He teaches you to take it all to the Lord in prayer. All that you need for body and soul is mentioned in this prayer.

Pray it every day in the name of Him who shed His blood for you!

J. L. S.

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

### Bible-Study for May

Acts 4:1-4

"And as they spake unto the people, the priests and the captain of the Temple and the Sadducees came upon them, being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them and put them into the hold unto the next day. Howbeit many of them which heard the Word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand."

With the beginning of a new chapter in our Bible study, it is good for us to review a

few facts about the Book of Acts in general. Our Bible students will be pleased to keep in mind that Luke is the writer. While Luke in his Gospel has given the fine proof that Jesus is the Savior of all people and that His Gospel is for all people, in the Book of Acts (1) a story of the Apostles is given. (2) In the Book of Acts we are learning about the wonderful "march of victory" of the Gospel from Jerusalem, the center of Jewish people, to Rome, the city which was then the metropolis of the world. We shall mention the time, or year, of the writing later. Or we should be pleased to have our readers send a card and say what year, in their opinion, the Book of Acts was written. However, the most important lesson which Luke wants to teach us in the Book of Acts is (3) that we are all justified before Almighty God only by faith in Jesus Christ. For that teaching the writer gives many examples. Let us continue, then, with our lesson and note that no human works, or deeds, but only faith in the redeeming work of Jesus Christ saves sinners.

The fourth chapter of Acts is divided into two major parts. The first part is verses 1-22. Of this section we shall discuss the first four verses. During the entire sermon in the third chapter we did not notice any disturbance. We wondered what had become of the enemies of Jesus. But here they appear! The same crowd. The priests came. They were in the Temple to do the sacrificing duties. (Leviticus 3.) The captain came. It was his duty to be watchman in the Temple. (2 Kings 11:4.) The Sadducees came. All these people were very angry because the Apostles were talking in public speech in the Temple. But most of all they were angry because their sermon was about *Jesus*. The Sadducees were wild with anger because the Apostles preached with proof that Jesus had arisen from the dead, and that some day all the dead people would arise out of their graves. (The Sadducees had always denied the resurrection of any dead; see Matt. 22:23.)

In verse 3, therefore, one of the first arrests of the Apostles takes place. However, the Holy Spirit by the preaching of the Gospel was already working in the hearts of the audience. V. 4: "Many of them which heard the Word believed."

*Question:* In remembrance of April 9 and verse 2, it appears that the Apostles mentioned what important fact about Jesus in their sermons?

A. E. F.

### A Sure Way to Happiness

The shortest, surest way to all happiness is this: Make it a rule to thank and praise God for everything that happens to you, for it is certain that, whatever seeming calamity comes to you, if you thank and praise God for it, you turn it into a blessing. Could you, therefore, work miracles, you could not do more for yourself than by this thankful spirit; for it needs not a word spoken and turns all that it touches into happiness.

### IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

*Minneapolis Mission.*—Frederick Newton, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong, was baptized in Grace Chapel on Palm Sunday, April 2. "Be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission [forgiveness] of sins," Acts 2:38. J. L. S.

*Omaha Mission.*—On Saturday, April 8, Mr. Ray E. Burgess and Miss Frances I. Dalbey, both of Omaha, were united in holy wedlock at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Mr. Roy Sparks and Mrs. Galen Philips were attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess intend to live in Omaha, and both have expressed their desire to become affiliated with our Lutheran Church.

God bless their future life together! E. M.

*St. Paul Field.*—Marvin Kuhlman of St. Paul is in the hospital over a month. While working, he had an accident. His right leg bone was pushed away from the bone socket, and part of the socket was broken. His pastor told him the words of Jesus: "Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee," Matt. 9:2b. That brought quieting comfort to his troubled soul. And our Lord Jesus is also healing Mr. Kuhlman's broken bone, having given the doctors the wisdom to arrange everything in such a way that the wounds can heal properly. We confidently trust that our almighty Lord will continue to comfort his soul and also bring his body back to good health.

Miss Doris Holst was received into the membership of our St. Paul congregation. May God's Holy Spirit evermore strengthen her Christian faith and life by His Word and Gospel.

C. D. Anderson of Austin, Minn., has been very sick. Our Lord Jesus through His minister has also brought cheer to him, especially by that wonderful story of making Lazarus alive again. Find it in your Bible in John, chapter 11, and read it again. Mr. Anderson is ready to depart for the heavenly home whenever his Lord calls him. That Lord Jesus solemnly promises

every believer in Him, "Because I live, ye shall live also," John 14:19.

Miss Augusta Rubenhagen of St. Paul enjoyed the Easter service very much. She is over 75 years old, but came to church regularly for many years until her leg was broken in a fall last year. For months she was in St. John's Lutheran Hospital and at home before she recovered enough to come back to church. Her pastor brought Christ's Word to her regularly in the hospital and her home. However, she loves God's house best of all and regretted nothing more than that she was unable to go to church. The first words she said to her pastor in the hospital on the morning after her bad accident were, "Now I can't go to church." Because she loves the Word of Jesus so much, our loving and kind Lord after about a year brought her back to church again.

Let us continually praise our wonderful Savior for His great goodness. May we, both pastors and people, always hear, learn, study, remember, and believe the precious Gospel: "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7. R. F. C.

*Milwaukee, Wis.*—In the space of a little more than six months three aged members of our Milwaukee congregation have been given Christian burial. August Sprender died September 23. On January 31 he would have been 81 years old. Only a little more than a year before he departed this life he retired from his trade as a barber. During the last year of his life his health failed rapidly, and his eyesight was impaired. He appreciated the regular visits of his pastor, who ministered to his spiritual needs with Word and Sacrament.

Otto Langner departed this life on March 14 after a six weeks' stay in the hospital. He was a member of the first confirmation class of eight deaf to be entered into the church record in 1898. During all these years he remained faithful to his Savior and his Church. On May 20 he would have been 74 years old.

John Nimmer passed away somewhat unexpectedly on Easter Monday. Until last Christmas, Father Nimmer's pew was never vacant. He was usually the first one to greet the pastor, take his place in the pew, devoutly fold his hands in silent prayer, then read the hymns to be signed during the services, or read his church papers. He always had an encouraging word for the pastor about the sermon that had been preached. Since Christmas he was too feeble to leave the house. No matter at what time of the day the pastor called on him, Father Nimmer was reading either his Bible, *Der Lutheraner*, *The Lutheran Witness*, or some other devotional or theological book. As a result of his love for reading any kind of Lutheran literature that he could lay his hands on, Father Nimmer was a man of faith, and like Simeon of old could say, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." On Good Friday the pastor preached to him Christ Crucified and communed him privately. He expressed the wish that the Lord would call him home soon. His wish was granted. He is now with his Savior Jesus, whom he trusted, loved, and served. On April 2 he was 80 years old. M. E. A. MUELLER

*Cleveland, Ohio.*—A very beautiful church wedding took place on March 19, in Akron, Ohio, when Miss Marguerite J. Baker of Tiffin, Ohio, was married to Mr. Marriion H. Hedden, formerly of California. The bridesmaids were two sisters of the bride, the Misses Mary and Edna Baker, also Miss Evelyn Frankhart, the best man was Mr. Milo Schwartz. We wish the new couple God's abundant blessings for this life and the next.

The following baptisms have taken place: Carol May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle D. Chamberlain, was baptized February 13 in Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Louise Chamberlain and Arthur E. Anderson being witnesses.—Shirley Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Clauss, was baptized February 20 in Cleveland, witnessed by Miss Olive Carpenter, Mrs. Margaret Stevens, and Frank Hren.—Nora Louise, daughter of



Mr. P. Day

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lankenau, was baptized March 19 in Akron, Ohio, Flora Spahr and Florence Etnire being sponsors.—Theresa Bertha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cassese, Jr., was baptized April 9 in Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Clauss serving as witnesses for the godparents, Philip Schwartz and Mrs. Dorothy Meinzer.—Joseph Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jackson, was baptized April 9 in Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jackson witnessing.—We wish these various newly baptized children the abiding grace of Jesus that they keep faith in Jesus unto their death.

T. FREDERKING

*Mission for Blind and Deaf.*—In our instruction of the deaf and the deaf blind we are using Pastor Salvner's Questions and Answers on Luther's Catechism. We find this material to be concise and helpful.

While visiting and speaking at schools for the blind, the librarian of a State school informed us that the teachers and older pupils read our Braille *Messenger* regularly and that the periodical has been a blessing to the entire school. We have 3,300 names of blind on our mailing list for Lutheran literature, but do not know the exact number of readers. It seems one of our magazines at times is read by 40 to 60 blind persons.

The picture is of Mr. P. Day, radio singer of Sioux City, Iowa, and his seeing-eye dog. Mr. Day stopped in to visit with us on his way to South America, where he is accepting a radio contract. In our conversation he volunteered the information that our Braille *Messenger* is a great blessing to him and to the whole world of the blind.

O. C. S.

### 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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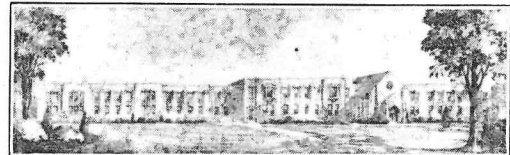
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