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Death Destroys Not Identity

Heaven is not a strange place, peopled with strange people; but it will be home to us, with the home folks all there. If you have ever gone away to a strange city, you will recall the joy which you experienced when you returned home to meet your friends and acquaintances. You will have that same joy, only more perfect, awaiting you when you will enter the eternal home in heaven, where believing friends and relatives have gone before. Oh, what joy awaits us there! Do you not desire to be among those who will be welcomed into heaven? Then you will be diligent to learn the way home. That way is Christ, who suffered and died for your sins. Trust in Him, and the gates of heaven are open for you. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. Acts 16:31.

While we are on this earth, our knowledge of the joys of heaven is incomplete, but then we shall know perfectly even as we are known. Although our bodies may first rest in the bosom of the earth, where they will return to the dust, they will be raised on the Last Day to be reunited with the soul. Yes, the same bodies will be raised again, but then in glorified form. Then you will know and will be known. 1 Cor. 13:12.

O. C. S

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible Study for June

Acts 4:5-11

"And it came to pass on the morrow that their rulers and elders and scribes and Annas, the high priest, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest were gathered together at Jerusalem. And when they

had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power or by what name have ye done this? Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people and elders of Israel, if we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole, be it known unto you all and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the Stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the Head of the corner."

Jesus had said to His disciples: "If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you," John 15:20. In our present Bible lesson the disciples see those words fulfilled. They are on trial before the Council. But it seems strange to us in a way that this is happening so soon. Were not at one time many in Jerusalem who waited for salvation? Now that it had come, so many would not accept it. Yes, they bitterly opposed that redemption. As we read the list of names above, we see that it is the same old group — Caiaphas and others — which had opposed Jesus. The educated scribes wanted to argue with the disciples and confuse them; the rulers were men of power and wanted to use force to stop the preaching.

The charge is filed in the court, verse 7. The prisoners, Peter and John, "are set in their midst." They are asked: "By what power have ye done this?" It is well to remember that in the Jewish Court, or Sanhedrin, the officials sat in a circle. The accused prisoners stood in the center of the circle. The angry judges want to know: "Who has given you authority?" The high priest, the rulers and elders, want the prisoners to know that they had not received permission or authority from them.

Jesus had promised His disciples that in emergencies like this the Holy Spirit would

tell them what to speak. (Matt. 10:19, 20.) That gave Peter the power and courage to reply: "Be it known unto you all . . . *that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth* this man standeth before you whole [healed]. This is the Stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become Head of the corner." Dear reader, the world today is not friendly to Jesus. You may face the hour when you must speak up for Jesus or deny Him. May the Lord's promise Matt. 10:32 encourage you boldly to confess Jesus' name. A. E. F.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer a Letter to Our Heavenly Father

The Lord's Prayer is like a letter. In the first place, our Lord and Savior gives us the address. We must know to whom we should send this letter, to whom we should go with our petitions. Then comes the letter proper, seven petitions, or seven little prayers, in which we tell our Father in heaven our needs and wishes. Jesus gives us three petitions for things that concern God, and four that concern us and our fellow men. And then this letter has a beautiful close. A wonderful letter it is! Our Father has sent a letter to us, our dear Bible, and our dear Lord Jesus teaches us to send a letter to our heavenly Father. As we eagerly read a letter from Father or Mother; so let us eagerly read this letter from heaven, our Bible; and as we often write to our parents when away and tell them of our joys and sorrows, of our needs and wishes, so let us often send this letter, the Lord's Prayer, to our Father in heaven.

The Lord's Prayer the Greatest Martyr on Earth

We often pray this prayer. It is most widely used among Christians. You can hear it in almost every service and in every Christian home. Many pray it when they arise in the morning and again when they go to sleep in the evening. Yes, many pray it, although they do not believe in the blood of Jesus that cleanses us from all sins. You hear it in lodge meetings, in Christian Science temples, etc.

Christians and non-Christians pray it. Therefore, as Luther says, it is the greatest martyr on earth. Many pray it and know what it means; others use it making vain repetitions as the heathen do; and, alas, also we Christians often pray it thoughtlessly! When a Christian has prayed it, he often must confess: Again I have taken God's name in vain and broken the Second Commandment.

Learn to Pray It in Spirit and in Truth

Friend, do you use this prayer? Do you know it? If not, then take your Bible, study and memorize this most beautiful prayer as we find it in Matthew 6:9-13. Every Christian should know it. However, he should not only know it, but also understand it. In order to get a better understanding of it, we shall now take up this prayer in our "Studies in Luther's Catechism." May God bless these studies and grant that we daily pray it in spirit and in truth unto the glory of Him who died to save us and taught us this prayer of prayers!

J. L. S.

Seven Things We Can Know from God's Word

1. Our own sinfulness. Rom. 7:18: "I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing."
2. A wonderful Savior from that sinfulness. 2 Tim. 1:12: "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him, against that day."
3. An overruling providence. Rom. 8:28: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God."
4. That our prayers are answered. 1 John 5:15: "And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him."
5. A certain resurrection. John 11:24: Martha said unto Him, "I know that He shall rise again in the resurrection at the Last Day."
6. We shall finally be like Christ. 1 John 3:2: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is."

7. That we have a heavenly home. 2 Cor. 5:1: "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." O. C. S.

A Kind Word for Our Workers in the Schools

A number of people are consistently doing good work for the religious welfare of our pupils. They do not seek or make first-page news. As a matter of fact, they have had little or no publicity at all. Maybe that is the way they want it.

Every Saturday morning a number of clergymen, assisted by several of our teachers, meet with the pupils who wish religious instruction. Father Fenelon is in charge of the work among the Catholic pupils. He is assisted by the Misses Sauser, Coffman, and Scheringer. The Rev. J. L. Salvner and the Rev. R. F. Cordes, assisted by Miss Sabins, instruct the Lutheran children, Missouri Synod. The Rev. H. O. Bjorlie, assisted by Miss Bjorge, instructs the Lutheran children of the American Lutheran Conference.

Those pupils completing the required work under their respective pastors are confirmed in churches in the city each spring. This religious training of the pupils is an important part in their preparation to meet life's problems, and the workers deserve commendation.

Minnesota Companion

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Minneapolis Mission.—Our Pastor Lutz left Minneapolis on April 16 for St. Louis, Mo., and April 22 he was joined in holy marriage to Miss Juanita Becker. While he was away, our ladies—and also the men helped—cleaned, painted, and varnished the parsonage, and thus gave a hearty welcome and pleasing reception to the happy couple.

They returned May 1, and on the evening of May 4 members and friends of Grace Church tendered them a reception. And it was a grand surprise. Grace Ladies' Aid met in the church basement at 7:30 for their regular meeting, which also Pastor Lutz attended. Mrs. Lutz begged to be excused and promised to come for lunch and meet the ladies. After the close of the meeting Pastor Lutz left to call her. In the meantime more than one hundred deaf streamed into the basement of our church. When Pastor and Mrs. Lutz

appeared, they were greatly surprised to see the basement filled with so many deaf. All extended their best wishes. In an informal meeting Mr. Lyle Hansen, president of Grace Church, wished them God's richest blessings in behalf of Grace Congregation, Mrs. C. Gruber, president of our aid, spoke in behalf of our ladies, and Mr. Fred Armstrong, vice-president of Grace Oral Society, said a few words in behalf of the oral deaf, each one handing them a gift of money. Twenty deaf from St. Paul also had come, and Pastor Cordes addressed the bridal couple on behalf of Calvary Church for the Deaf, St. Paul, and presented them with a beautiful drum table. And finally Pastor Schupmann of Immanuel Church also spoke a few words of greeting and well-wishes. May our dear Lord Jesus abide with them in their home and grant that they both be a blessing unto many deaf! J. L. S.

Omaha, Nebr.—A class of 16 pupils from the Council Bluffs, Iowa, School, 8 girls and 8 boys, were received into membership of the Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 7. The service was held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Omaha. The following are the members of the class with their home address: Eleanor Adams, Jamaica; Beverly Becker, Boone; Odessa Brown, Burlington; Cletus Calta, Iowa City; Darlene Darrah, Newton; Orval Harrison, Nevada; Eva Hoult, Anthon; Robert Kephart, Wilton Junction; Marvin Milligan, Baxter; Emma Pope and Richard Pope, Burlington; Clifford Rieper, Sioux City; Shirley Smith, Des Moines; Gerald Stevens, Mason City; Willis Tudor, Perry; and Delores Tuttle, Cherokee; all of Iowa.

Eleven of the class also received Holy Baptism. About 110 deaf attended the service and also a number of the parents of the children.

On Tuesday, May 9, Ambrose Elliott, a colored boy of West Des Moines and a pupil of the Council Bluffs School, was received into membership of the Church by Baptism.

May our heavenly Father keep these new members of His Church in His grace and in true faith unto life everlasting! E. M.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—After four years of regular visits and instruction periods Mr. A. Lincoln, a deaf-blind resident of Chicago, was confirmed and given Holy Communion. It is always a joy to find and instruct such spiritually neglected and physically handicapped children of God and to lead them to the one true source of comfort and hope, the Savior Jesus Christ. When we visited Mr. Lincoln, invariably we found him reading our Lutheran Moon-type *Herald*. May he continue in the true faith unto life everlasting.

In Damascus, Syria, we have five readers of our Lutheran Braille *Messenger*. Last week we received a letter from them, dated 1943, in which they expressed their sincere appreciation of our periodical and stated that they await each copy with eagerness. It is a great joy for us to know that these afflicted Christians are united with us in the one true faith and appreciate the service which our Church is rendering to them.

The following are a few additional excerpts from recent letters.

From *Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*: "Your magazine is truly most enjoyable and helpful. Appreciate it very much and my blind friends also are much pleased with it."

From *Australia*: "The February issue of your magazine was splendid. There are fine articles in it, which sow good seed. I do not want to part with any of my copies. They are too useful and helpful to me."

From *Chicago*: "I want to thank you for the many beautiful articles in the *Messenger*. I enjoy reading all of them."

From *Minnesota*: "I have been an interested reader of the *Lutheran Messenger* for many years. I find it a great source of comfort and inspiration with its fine subject matter. I hope it may continue for years to come."

From *South Dakota*: "The *Messenger* gives me a great deal of comfort, and I look forward to every copy."

From *Philadelphia*: "I hope your magazine will continue as long as I live; for it keeps me close to the Lord and the Lord close to me. Glad you are living to put out such a paper."

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"Since moving to B.C., I have taken instruction from Rev. B. and on December 26 last I was received into the fellowship of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church according to the form of converts. In these days of so much compromise it is good for us to be tolerant to persons, but never to principles. I can say from the bottom of my heart that I have found the true faith. Now it is my desire to serve the Church because of deep gratitude to God."

O. C. S.

School for the Deaf in Jerusalem

From *The Teacher of the Deaf*, published at Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England, we learn that the school for the deaf at Jerusalem now has twelve pupils, all boys. The school was established by an English lady, Miss Mary F. Chapman, who is assisted in her work by Miss Walden. Miss Chapman is now collecting funds for a building for girls. The sum of \$6,000 has already been collected.

The Wisconsin Times

WORK carefully; work prayerfully; but leave the rest to God.

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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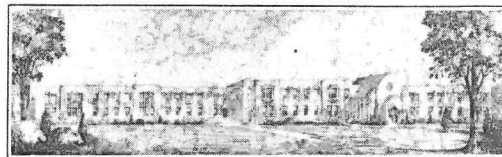
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