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**Martin Luther**

Luther! In this dark age of doubt and fear,  
Amid the dire complacency of all our lives,  
We need a voice, a spirit, and a mind like thine;  
We need courageous men to face this uncourageous  
time.

Thy voice did sound through all the earth  
As doth the roaring and the surging of the sea.  
Thy mind did flash to earth the truths of God,  
And from those truths there sprang religion free.  
Thy spirit did upset an easy age  
And showed to men, confused in mind, the Christ  
of Galilee.

Our world today doth lack great men like thee;  
Small minds are at the helm; and forth they pour  
Through all the earth the elements of strife and  
war.

We need today a voice, a spirit, and a mind like  
thine. EMMANUEL HOOVER, in *The Lutheran*

### Training

Long weeks and months of training are necessary to make a man a good soldier. Likewise men need to be trained spiritually for the battle against the foes of their soul: Satan, the wicked world, and their own evil nature. The weapon with which they fight their spiritual battles is the Word of God.

In September our ministers to the deaf, as a rule, organize Bible and confirmation classes,

in which they teach the Word of God; they present facts from the Bible which must be learned to make men acquainted with the words of the Gospel of Jesus; for Christianity is not a matter of feeling, but of truth and facts. Join these classes and urge your friends to do likewise. You can render them no greater service. Jesus asks this question: "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36.

O. C. S.

### "It Would Make Your Heart Sick"

Recently a Christian layman who carries mail in a neighborhood which lies within his parish confided to his pastor: "Pastor, if you knew the type of reading matter which I am placing into the mailboxes of *our own members* day after day, it would make your heart sick." This statement of a consecrated layman, who evidently knows whereof he speaks, may well give us pause.

If the Lutherans of America participate proportionately in national averages also in their reading habits, they are reading well over 12,000,000 magazines a month. And if the observation of our Christian mailman is true, then very much of this mass of printed matter which is entering the homes of our members day after day is injurious to Christian faith and detrimental to Christian life.

How important, then, that we seek to counteract the corrupting influence of this flood of worthless literature which is finding its way into our homes by replacing it with wholesome, helpful, Christian books and periodicals! Our Church has made ample provisions so that all of its homes can be well supplied with

books and magazines which *build* rather than destroy.

Our Concordia Publishing House in Saint Louis reports that more and more of our laymen are writing for Christian books and periodicals and are asking for the *Concordia Home Catalog*. Their example needs to be emulated by more and more, until every home in our Church is known by the *Christian* books and periodicals which one finds upon its reading table. How much more cheering and more auspicious for the future of the Church would our mailman's report have been if he could have said: "Pastor, if you knew the type of reading matter that I am placing into the mailboxes of our own members, *it would do your heart good!*"

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

### Bible Study for October

Acts 4:17-22

"But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

We have seen discussions now and then about the question "What is the greatest human power in the world?" Is the lust and desire for military dictatorship the greatest power? Is human loyalty or hope the greatest power to incite people to deeds and activity? No! *Love* is the greatest source of power in the world! When men and women come to understand that "God is Love" (1 John 4:8) and that for *love* God sent Jesus to save us (1 John 4:9; John 3:16), then in *love* and thankfulness and by the power of the Holy Spirit men and women are able in this sin-darkened world to tell others about the Savior Jesus.

The question which shall be the greatest power in the world, love or hatred, has been argued since the date of 33 A. D. The Jewish rulers and the high priest and others say: "That it [the news of the miracle and preaching] spread no further . . . let us threaten

them." Peter and John say: "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." These two disciples remember here what Jesus said, Matt. 10:32: "Whosoever, therefore, shall *confess Me before men*, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven." One thousand nine hundred and eleven years have passed since the disciples were told to stop talking and preaching about Jesus. It is scarcely necessary to ask whether love or hate won. Christians know that by the Lord's blessing and the courage and love of Christians the Gospel, the good news about Jesus, has spread to many "corners" of the world. Also when our soldiers in the southern Pacific come to islands, the natives of many show them the chapels which were built by missionaries and native Christians. Moved by the power of the redeeming love of Christ, Peter and John, with the other disciples, confessed the name of Jesus wherever they went. The scribes and Pharisees could not prevent it that other people received the news. The Church *grew and is growing today*. May all our readers say with Peter and John: "We cannot but speak." "For the love of Christ constraineth us." 2 Cor. 5:14. A. E. F.

## Eulogizing the Bible

There is a better thing than praising the Bible, a better thing than defending it; and that is letting its message get into our souls and come out in our ways. If only the folks who stand for the Bible were living transcripts of its transforming power, this tragic world would be more inclined to give ear to its essential message.

## IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

*Minneapolis, Minn.* — Le Roy Milton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gruwell of Duluth, Minn., was baptized at the age of two weeks on August 13 in the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. His sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer La Mora of Cloquet, Minn.

Adeline Eileen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferry of St. Paul, Minn., was baptized in the name of the Triune God into the family of God on August 20. Her sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Ivar Carlson. May the Lord keep these children in His grace unto life everlasting!

Edward H. Ludwigsen, a faithful member of Grace Church in Minneapolis for many years, was taken to his



Rev. Curus Schiecnor of Sioux Falls,  
S. Dak.

eternal rest quite suddenly on Tuesday, September 5. He was over 82 years old and still had a light job at which he was working when the Lord called him. He loved the house of God and was in church on the Sunday before he passed away. He was planning on coming to the Lord's Supper the following Sunday. But the Lord had a greater blessing

in store for him. He is with his Savior Jesus. He had the splendid habit of saving all his pennies for the Lord. His body was laid to rest in the bosom of the earth September 7.

ARNOLD J. LUTZ

*Cleveland, Ohio.* — On August 25 we began a new mission in Dayton, Ohio, and to our great joy, 55 deaf people and also some hearing friends attended this first service. This new mission in Dayton was begun because 27 deaf people had signed a letter requesting our services and also promising to attend these services. We hope and pray that many deaf of Dayton will continue to worship God, as Christians should, to give due honor to the Lord and to receive the blessings of Jesus.

On August 30 Miss Marie Seebach was married to Mr. Edmond Abbott in a private wedding ceremony, held in St. John's Lutheran Church at Akron, Ohio, the witnesses being Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carney. We wish the new couple all blessings necessary both for this life and for the attainment of eternal life.

T. FREDERKING

*North Dakota Mission.* — Sunday, May 28, the little Lutheran church in Devils Lake, which the deaf have been using for their services for so many years, was filled to capacity. It was confirmation Sunday, and many parents from different parts of North Dakota had come to see their children promise their Savior faithfulness to their end. More parents had come for this confirmation than for any confirmation before this. Superintendent, teachers, and supervisors also had shown their interest in the children's confirmation and were present for the service. The children made a good confession of their faith and after confirmation received the Lord's Supper, with the older children and supervisors, who had been confirmed in former years. Most of these children will again return to school this fall and will have the opportunity to continue their studies in God's Word.

The pastor, the Rev. W. Ferber, has spent much of his time this summer in Montana.

The deaf of Montana are showing a great interest in the message of Jesus, whose blood has saved them. We have had services for the deaf both in the Great Falls school, where we are always given a hearty welcome, and in the city, where during the month of June, 25 deaf attended our services. Other cities where services were conducted in Montana are the following: Park City, Billings, and Helena. Arrangements have been made to conduct services also in Harlem and in Chinook, Mont.

The deaf of North Dakota understand that while the pastor is giving so much time to the Montana deaf, they must be patient. They are waiting for the day when they again can be served more regularly. But during the summer months we have been able to reach the deaf of all of our old stations and have been able also to have an extra service in Jamestown, N. Dak. The pastor is also pleased to report an exceptional interest in God's Word among the deaf of Bemidji, Minn.

We are pleased to be able to report that two of the deaf who in former years have attended our services in the State Hospital in Fergus Falls, Minn., have recovered enough so that they could return home. May God be with them and continue to improve their health. Carl Ellistead, who for many years has regularly attended our services in the institution and always was ready to offer a helping hand to make arrangements for services, has passed on to his Savior.

In Grand Forks, N. Dak., Mrs. Clarence Pettit was confirmed on Wednesday, September 6. Mrs. Pettit took part of her confirmation instruction by mail, answering several hundred questions in writing. The rest of the instruction was given in the presence of the entire Grand Forks group, partly in Mrs. Pettit's home, partly in church. During the course of her instruction she has



Class confirmed by the Rev. W. Ferber at Devil's Lake, N. Dak.,  
on May 28, 1944

Top row, left to right: Everett Wilcox, St. John; Vernon Peterson, Lund's Valley; Nels Nelson, Leeds; Pastor W. Ferber, Fargo; Glenn Newland, Driscoll; Herbert Miller, Anamoose; Raymond Grade, Kief. Seated, left to right: Leone Loritz, Hebron; Marlys Hektner, Jamestown; Sadie Rode, Casselton; Mardella Keller, Dodge; Dorie Mae Greenwalt, Devils Lake; Emma Liedtke, New Leipzig; Joyce Wooten, Bismarck. — All of North Dakota

thus helped the deaf who already were confirmed to re-view parts of the Catechism. It is hoped that her interest will arouse the desire in other deaf also to be confirmed and come to the Lord's Supper to receive Jesus' body and blood as a token of God's grace and forgiveness. W. F.

*Mission for Blind and Deaf.*—While in Northern Michigan during the latter half of August, it was our pleasure to meet many old friends among the deaf and to greet also several new acquaintances.

Four services were conducted, and twenty-eight calls were made, with private instruction in God's Word. In addition, forty-one letters were answered and manuscripts prepared.

Following are a few excerpts from letters received in our office.

*From London, England:* "Death and destruction have been very near many times. Just a fortnight ago another blind man and I were on a bus, when a flying robot bomb exploded in front of us. All the windows were shattered. It is wonderful the way I escaped, and I thank God for His protection.

"All the copies of the *Messenger* which you so kindly sent reached me safely. The articles you print are really beautiful and helpful. They are a great comfort to me. It is a great work which you are doing among the deaf-blind and blind. My prayer is that the Lord may grant you strength to continue the work so that I may receive the magazine for many years to come."

*From Wales:* "I am glad and extremely obliged to you for the *Messenger*. When I have finished reading it, I pass it on to a friend, who also enjoys it greatly. With every kind thought and the prayer that God continue to bless your work, P. D."

*From Illinois:* "Enclosed please find \$5.00 from my blind sister. She asked me to write and tell you how much she enjoys the *Messenger*."

*From Texas:* "Enclosed please find \$11.00. I thank God that our Church is active in the distribution of this fine literature and that we have good Christians to carry out this work. May the merciful Savior grant you continued happiness and blessing to do your work!"

*From Illinois:* "A blind man in our locality has been reading your *Messenger*. Your magazine, together with the Lutheran Hour broadcast, prompted him to attend our services, and he now feels that this is the Church which he and his wife and two children should join."

*From Pennsylvania:* "Our superintendent of the home gave me your DEAF LUTHERAN to read. I was very much interested. It is truly most helpful. I wish to become a subscriber."

*From Georgia:* "I certainly enjoy reading your *Herald* and *Messenger*; they are instructive, elevating, and inspiring. Please continue to send them to me."

*From England:* "I have not received my magazines in the past two months. Please send them. They are such a help and comfort to me in these troublesome times."

*From California:* "I read the *Messenger* and find it most helpful." 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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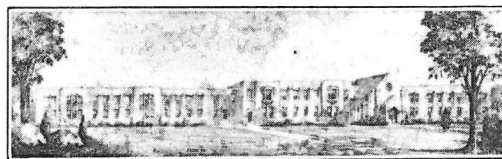
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