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### God in the New Year

The God of the ages your Refuge  
No matter how mighty the foe,  
Though dangers and evils surround you  
And threaten wherever you go;  
His truth is your shield and your weapon,  
A shadow upon your right hand,  
A rock of eternal reliance,  
Though desert and weary the land.

P. E. K.

### The New Year

1944 has passed into history. We have all traveled another year through life toward eternity. It is a serious matter to reach the end of another milestone on the way we are journeying, because the most solemn issues of our eternal happiness are related to the goal which we reach. God alone knows and directs whether or not 1945 will be our last mile on the road through life. Nothing is more certain nor more solemn than the passing of time and the approach to eternity, for it will be either an eternity of joy or an eternity of regret and shame.

In the face of the many heartaches and miseries of the past year experienced by millions through the ravages of war, death, and destruction, Christians find comfort and hope in the precious promises of the dear Savior, who assures us, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

Faith in the redeeming grace of God through the merits of Jesus gives the believer hope, pardon, peace, adoption into God's family and His heavenly mansions, where the tribulations and trials of earth are ended; for St. Paul teaches: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also has ceased from his own works, as God did from His." Hebrews 9:10.

O. C. S.

### On Our Way in Oklahoma and Texas

November 10 we boarded the train for Oklahoma City and arrived Saturday evening. There we were greeted by our Missionary Streit and his little Johnnie. On the morning of the 12th services were held in the service center of Zion Church, the Rev. J. F. Schultz, pastor. Twenty-two deaf attended this service, and the offering amounted to \$19.55, five dollars of which were given by one member, which is his weekly contribution for his church.

The evening of the same day we went with Pastor Streit to Dallas, Texas, by train. There we have one member, with about 300 deaf living in the city. For the service we met in Pastor Poellot's church, nine deaf attending. Offering: \$1.40. Here we met Mr. John Woolhouse and his wife. He used to live in Minnesota and was confirmed by Pastor W. Ferber. After the service we took the train for Houston. Also here we have one member. The deaf in the city number about 300. During the day we again visited some of the deaf and in the evening we had a service with eight deaf in the Christian day-school of Trinity Church, the Rev. O. Harms, pastor. The offering was \$3.85. After the service we boarded the train for San Antonio. About 60 deaf live in the city. After having called on a number of deaf during the day, we held a service, eleven deaf attending, in the beautiful little chapel of our Lutheran Service Center, of which Pastor A. Hoyer is in charge. An offering of \$2.50 was taken up. We have no members here. The same evening we left for Austin, where we finally secured a room in a tourist camp. In the afternoon we visited the State School of Texas, which is attended by about 450 boys and girls. Both Supt. Wright and Principal McIntyre gave us a hearty welcome. Mr. Mc-

Intyre asked us to address the assembly, about 170 boys and girls attending. After the service the president of the Christian Endeavor Society handed us an envelope with \$5 for our work, for which we render hearty thanks. Here we also called on old friends of ours, Mr. and Mrs. Blattner. Mr. Blattner was superintendent of the North Dakota School when we instructed classes there. We surely were glad to see them again after many years. In the evening we conducted a service with eight deaf in the Lutheran Service Center, of which Pastor Koepke is in charge. Offering amounted to \$2.80. In Austin we have three members. We had intended to leave for Fort Worth that night, but our train could not come through because of a freight-train wreck. Again we had to take refuge in a tourist camp. The next morning we left for Fort Worth. Again we made several calls, and had a service with seven deaf in Pastor Victor Behnken's church. Collection: \$2. Thus in Texas we preached to 43 adults and 170 students of the Texas School. May God's richest blessings rest upon our visit there. Thanks to our good Lord for His kind protection on our way.

Saturday morning we arrived in Oklahoma City and made ready for the next day, the mission festival day of our Oklahoma City group. Thirty-nine deaf came to this mission service. The collection amounted to \$34.05 in mission envelopes, of which \$25 were given by the member mentioned above, and \$12.26 in the loose offering, five dollars of which were the weekly contribution of this member who manifests such great love for the work of Jesus. After the service the Dorcas Society, a group of ladies of Zion Church, served a free dinner to all the deaf, for which we are very grateful. This society was organized to sponsor our work among the deaf there. After dinner movies of our Mission in India were shown. Then the writer addressed the Oklahoma Sunday School Association for fifteen minutes. Thereupon a special meeting was held with eleven of the thirteen members, and we urged and encouraged them to do the work of the Lord with still greater love and zeal unto the glory of our Savior's name.

After the evening meal we went to Sulphur. There the Oklahoma State School is located. Here we find about 200 students. In the

school auditorium we met with about 80 boys and girls and several adults, to whom we spoke briefly. Thereupon Pastor Streit showed the movie "The Power of God," which tells of the power of the Gospel upon the hearts of men. We thank Supt. Gough and Principal Hall for their friendly and co-operative attitude. Pastor Streit preaches here once a month.

He preaches also in Tulsa once a month. About 150 deaf live in this city. We here have three members. Occasionally he preaches also in Enid to two deaf and one deaf-blind. We were not able to go there because we had to be back in Minneapolis for the following Sunday.

In the Oklahoma-Texas Field we therefore have 22 members, seventeen in Oklahoma and five in Texas. But the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the power of God unto salvation, is being preached also to others, and God's Word shall not return unto Him void, or empty, according to His promise. We believe that some of them will take up the study of God's Holy Word with our missionary. May God be with him, fill him with great love for lost souls, and richly bless his work unto the glory of Him who loved all and gave Himself for all! Hearty thanks are due also to all the pastors and their congregations for their fine co-operation. May God reward them! J. L. S.

### Studies in Luther's Catechism

#### THE FIRST PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

*"Hallowed be Thy Name"*

When we studied the Second Commandment, we learned that so often we take the name of God in vain and do not honor it by praying, praising, and giving thanks. In the Second Article of the Creed we learned to know the name of Jesus, of which Peter said, "There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved," Acts 4:12. And now in the Lord's Prayer Jesus teaches us to pray, "Hallowed be Thy name."

#### Our Father's Name

God's name we find in the Bible. In it He makes Himself known unto us, calling Himself Father, the Almighty, Jesus Christ, Savior, the Holy Ghost, the God of all grace and com-

fort. And God is what His names say. Learn to know His names from your Bible, and you will know Him.

### God's Name Should be Hallowed

God's name should be hallowed, honored as an holy thing. Indeed, "God's name is holy in itself," as Luther says. The Prophet Isaiah says: "His name is holy," Is. 57:15. Why, then, pray, "Hallowed be Thy name"? Luther says, "We pray in this petition that it may be holy among us also." God's name should be hallowed and honored, and kept holy, also among us.

### God's Name is Hallowed by the Teaching of God's Word

You glorify your friend's name by telling others of his goodness and kindness to you. So we spread the glory of our heavenly Father's name by telling people of His love and grace, His wisdom and power, or, as Luther says, by teaching the Word of God "in its truth and purity." In the home, Father and Mother do this when they teach their children the name Jesus and to pray in His name; in our Lutheran schools, teachers do it by teaching children the Word of Jesus and His love; in our colleges and seminaries it is done by teaching the Word of God and not the word of man; our pastors do it by preaching the Word of God, and that alone; our Church sends out missionaries into all the world with this Word and thus hallows the name of our Father; this our Church has done also among the deaf for forty-eight years, and so God's holy name is hallowed also among them, thanks to God. For all this we pray when we say, "Hallowed be Thy name."

### Thank and Praise God

Thank God that we have this Word in its truth and purity. May He grant that we keep this pure Word and always teach and preach it in all its fullness to all people unto the glory of His holy name!

J. L. S.

### IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

*Mission for Deaf and Blind.*—On our journey to Benton Harbor and Hartford, Mich., we stop off in Three Rivers to meet a small group of eight deaf. We are pleased to observe the interest and increasing knowledge of Bible truths of this group.

*From our readers.*—From Arkansas: "Enclosed payment for DEAF LUTHERAN. I pass on my DEAF LUTHERAN to others who need to know of such good reading. I like the DEAF LUTHERAN; it contains good reading."

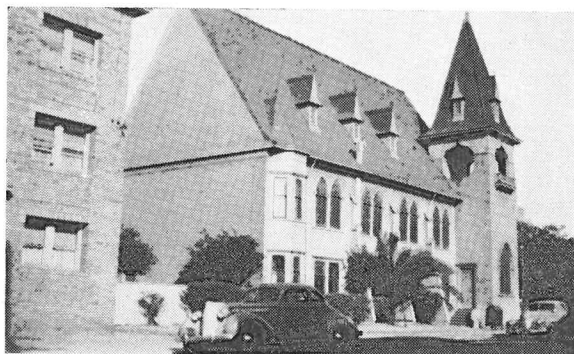
From San Juan, Trinidad: "I wish to express with pleasure my appreciation of the inspiring articles in your *Messenger*. Several blind friends and I study the magazine together."

From Illinois: "Enclosed a gift in appreciation of your fine magazine, the *Messenger*."

From Texas: "We read your article in the *Missionary Journal* and are enclosing \$212.70 to help with the work."

O. C. S.

*Oakland-San Francisco.*—The long-felt need for a church in Oakland has been met. We have dedicated it as follows: The Lutheran Memorial Chapel for the Deaf, a memorial to the Savior, who urged this work in Mark 7:32, a memorial to the Rev. Augustus Reinke, who started this work in our Synod fifty years ago, It is a splendid downtown property, seating easily two



hundred. No person need transfer cars or bus to reach this church, three blocks from the shopping district, directly across from a very fine city park in an apartment house area. An excellent social hall is on the first floor, and God's further blessing has enabled us to have the adjoining house of nine rooms to be the Memorial Home for the Deaf. The members have done a fine piece of work struggling to overcome fund shortages to purchase. You can judge for yourself from the picture. We want you to see it as it is now, and next month we will show it to you again with its remodeled dress.

G. W. G.

*Minneapolis, Minn.*—On Sept. 24 in Superior, Wis., Betty Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson of Superior, was baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. On Oct. 29, Joyce Maureen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gulbranson, was baptized in Duluth, Minn.

On Nov. 11 in Minneapolis, Minn., four children were brought by their parents to the home of the pastor for Baptism. The children were: Eugene Charles and Richard Dorrance, both sons of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Warne of Minneapolis; Wayne Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Warne, also of Minneapolis; and Nancy Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Fry of Los Angeles, Calif.

Robert Barry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Whiteaker, was baptized on Dec. 6 at the home of the parents and grandparents.

We thank God, who through Baptism has given to these children faith in their Savior, Jesus Christ, and made them children of God. May these children, when they grow up, stay with Jesus in the family of God, and at last receive life everlasting through faith in Jesus, our Savior.

ARNOLD J. LUTZ

*Sioux Falls, S. Dak.*—Last September a re-arrangement was made in the stations served by the Twin Cities and Sioux Falls pastors, in order to secure more efficiency in their work among the deaf of Minnesota and Eastern Iowa. Ten stations were placed into the Sioux Falls field. They are Sioux Falls, Big Stone City, Watertown, Aberdeen, Mitchell, and Yankton in South Dakota; Montevideo and Albert Lea in Minnesota; and Mason City and Waterloo in Iowa. Church services are held three times a month at Sioux Falls, and once a month in the other cities.

Sunday School is being conducted again at the State School for the Deaf at Sioux Falls; there is an average attendance of about twenty pupils. On Thanksgiving Day, when a joint interpreted service was held with Faith Lutheran Congregation, nine of the pupils of the Senior Sunday School class very beautifully signed the hymn, "Now thank we all our God," in unison. On December 10, the last Sunday before the Christmas vacation, the pupils of the Intermediate and Senior Sunday School classes took part in presenting a special Christmas worship for the deaf. After the regular opening service, the Christmas Gospel was read, the children signed their hymns and recitations and a Bible doxology in praise of the birth of the Savior. Then the pastor gave a short address, and the entire congregation joined in signing "Silent Night."

Four of the students at the State School are studying the main truths of the Bible as explained in Luther's Small Catechism, preparing themselves to be received as communicant members of the Lutheran Church by the rite of Confirmation sometime next spring. Four adults, one each at Russell, Minn., and Sioux Falls, Watertown, and Redfield, S. Dak., are also preparing themselves for Confirmation. Our prayer is that God will give all these people grace to understand what they study and to believe what they learn.

Church work has been begun among seven deaf men at the State Hospital at Yankton, S. Dak. This work is quite varied, because only three of the men both see and sign. One of the others can sign well, but does not see; two others can read but not sign; and the seventh does not read or sign.

God has also led us to find an enthusiastic group of ten deaf at Worthington, Minn., sixty miles east of Sioux Falls. Services for them started Nov. 5 and will be conducted, God willing, twice a month. Because of convenient train and bus connections, it is possible to get to Worthington more often than to other cities. Ten deaf have been attending these services.

C. SCHLEICHER

## 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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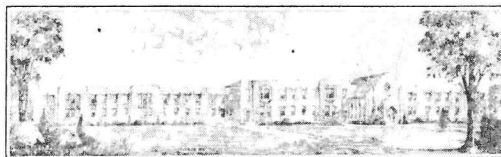
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