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He Is Risen!

The Easter message, "He is risen," is one of hope and assurance. It is the culmination of Christ's work of redemption. His triumph and victory over death is also our victory. He was our Substitute and helps us to face life's trials and tribulations patiently. The glory of the empty tomb also teaches us that we, too, shall forever be at home with the Lord, 2 Cor. 5:28. While we are pilgrims and strangers here on earth and must finally leave this world, we shall live again in heaven. Christ's resurrection gives us assurance of eternal life. Jesus says, "Because I live ye shall live also." John

14:19. With St. Paul, Christians confess that they go to be with Christ and that they are willing rather to be absent from the body. All true believers have passed from death to life through faith in Christ. Jesus has changed their heart and mind. Faith in the Easter message means more than just signing a card, or joining a church, or leading a moral life, or working at church affairs, or visiting the sick. It means to have the peace of God in our soul, to rejoice that for the sake of Jesus, "who bare our sins in His own body on the tree" (1 Pet. 2:24), we are heirs of heaven. It means to have freedom from death and condemnation and, when departing from this life, to go to be with Christ. O. C. S.

Easter

All the world is happy
As we sing anew
That the Lord is risen —
The Easter news is true.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible Study for April

Acts 4:33-37

"And with great power gave the Apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and grace was upon them all. Neither was there among them that lacked; for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them and brought the prices of the things that were sold and laid them down at the Apostles' feet; and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. And Joses, who by the Apostles was surnamed Barnabas (which is, being interpreted, the son of consolation), a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the Apostles' feet."

We have now come to the closing verses of the fourth Bible chapter of our study. Our

readers will remember that the beginning of the chapter taught us how bravely the Apostles testified before the Jewish Court (Sanhedrin). The Apostles had never been frightened nor had they ever been silent. Everywhere they *continued* to speak about Jesus!

Our lesson for this month makes this clear to us again when it says: "With *great power* they gave witness." The lesson furthermore mentions that the Apostles preached especially about the *resurrection* of Jesus. (Our readers will remember that *resurrection* means the rising again of the dead body). But WHY did the Apostles speak so much about Jesus' coming forth from the grave? Friends, all our faith is built on that truth. Our religion is established on that fact. "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain." 1 Cor. 15:17. The people opened their hearts to this message. God the Holy Spirit gave His blessings to the message and the Word. Great grace was upon them *all*. In all the words and deeds of these Christians it could be seen and felt that God was with them with special gifts and blessings.

With such a great blessing of faith the Christians at once showed their love toward one another. They showed their love and charity especially toward those who were in need. They changed their feeling toward those things which they had. 1 Pet. 4:10; Haggai 2:8. Their entire feeling and attitude toward the world was changed. They now "put first things first." Matt. 6:33. They were thinking *first* of the Kingdom of God. They loved one another, as Jesus asks Christians to do. John 13:34.

They did so much charity work among themselves; they helped one another so much (for this purpose even selling their possessions and properties), that none of them lacked anything. Thus charity work among themselves replaced all signs of selfishness.

What a pity it is that the world has again been thrown into war by the greed and selfishness of people! Millions of our young men have been called to service to defend our country. May we here at home, engaged in helping make the materials, *not* forget the fellow Christians who are in want. All over the world there are needs for the spirit (soul) and the body of many fellow Christians. May the Lord find us so active in sharing the Gos-

pel and worldly things with other Christians that we shall receive honorable mention before the Lord, as, for instance, Barnabas in our lesson.

A. E. F.

The Family Altar

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." Is. 40:31.

The one thing most needed and most neglected in the world today is the family altar, or family devotions. There was a time when Christians felt the day was not rightly begun unless they gathered their family together to thank and praise God for His care and to ask His guidance for the day. They well knew the blessing that would follow.

The family altar is a divinely founded institution. The Bible lays great stress on family worship.

Abraham was an altar builder. Wherever he went he set up an altar, and the influence of that family went down to succeeding generations.

We feel we must have three meals a day for our physical welfare, but many think nothing of refusing to feed their spiritual life, the most important of all. Why this sad difference? It must be traced to the growing spirit of worldliness and indifference to sacred things, which is so marked a feature in the life of the present age. Even our Christians are so much occupied with secular things, so fully absorbed by the dizzy whirl of worldly pleasures, and so generally running here and there and so rarely at home; they have so little time to look into their own hearts and to think of the things which are unseen and eternal that we often wonder what the next generation will be. We almost fear that God will be practically lost to them and that His rightful place in their hearts and lives will be destroyed.

Someone has likened family prayer to the roof over a home. Every time it is neglected one shingle is removed, until in ever so many homes the children are exposed to the pelting storms of worldliness and temptation. Then parents wonder why their boy or girl is lost to home and purity and Christ.

Many a man has been shielded from the thickly besetting temptation in business, many

a careworn mother has been kept from fretting and worrying and from using the angry word, by the abiding influence of that sacred institution called the family altar. Neglect everything rather than this!

Let us ask ourselves this question, Are we doing our duty to ourselves and our families, or are we letting the world have the ruling power in our lives? This is a serious question, and one that will confront us at the Day of Judgment.

Would that in every newly started home, in every group of roommates at school or lodging house, the start might be made by at least reading a portion of Scripture and repeating together from the heart the Lord's Prayer, or rather the disciples', or Christians', Prayer.

What about *you* our deaf Christians? Will you not seek your own soul's welfare daily and read God's Word in your home and pray to Him regularly? Are you purchasing from your pastor the daily devotional booklets that are distributed by our Lutheran Church in order to establish and to keep family worship alive among our Christians? Please do so; it will help you so much and make your lives happy.

E. M.

Nazi Deaf-Mutes Give Up to Allies in Signs

With French near Belfort (U. P.).—A German battalion of deaf-mutes was captured intact near Hericourt, a divisional operations officer reported here.

The deaf-mutes formed a labor battalion and were given one of the most dangerous front assignments, because they were less likely to be thrown into panic by battle noises.

They surrendered to the French at the first opportunity, making their desires known in sign language. — *Minnesota Companion*.

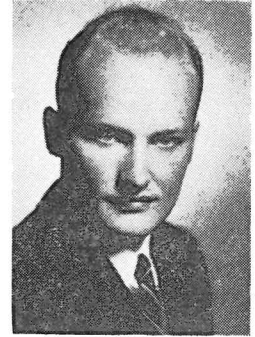
IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Portland, Oreg.—Dr. Earl Muck of Trinity Lutheran Church (hearing), Portland, Oreg., showed his kind interest in deaf work in our community by donating the sum of \$95 to help teach the children the Word of God and also to aid the adults in understanding the will of the Lord. He specified that the money should be used to purchase a slide projector and slides. Even though at this writing the materials have not been received, we know that they will be of great value and aid in teaching God's Word. Our deaf, both adults and children, together with their pastor, will always be in-

debted to Dr. Muck. We pray that the Lord will always bless and keep him for the kindness which he has shown to us.

N. W. Z.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—On Feb. 25 the newly called minister for the deaf, the Rev. Herbert Rohe, was ordained and installed in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. The Rev. Theo. Frederking preached the sermon on 1 Tim. 4:5-7 and also read the ordination ceremony, while the Rev. Dr. J. L. Salvner interpreted to the deaf. Assistants at the ordination were the Rev. Dr. J. L. Salvner of Minneapolis, Minn., the Rev. H. R. Lindke, Vice-president of the Eastern District, and the Rev. T. D. Martens, pastor of the local church. Forty deaf attended the service and after the church ceremonies gave the new pastor a reception, with a luncheon in the parish rooms. Speeches of welcome and best wishes having been made by Messrs. C. Fritzges



Rev. H. Rohe

and M. O. Wilson, gifts of silver were given to Pastor Rohe, who then expressed his gratitude and his hope for a future of many divine blessings.—After the social ceremonies Dr. J. L. Salvner, executive secretary of Lutheran Deaf Missions, gave a splendid speech, setting forth how the deaf ought to work together in prayer, in church worship, in support, and in every duty so that our work among the deaf may grow and progress.

The ordination of Pastor Rohe divides into two parts the former large field of Ohio, western Pennsylvania, and western New York. Hereafter Pastor Rohe will serve the cities in western Pennsylvania and western New York, while Pastor Frederking will confine his work to cities in Ohio. May God give abundant blessings through the division of this field. T. F.

Cleveland, Ohio.—On Jan. 20 Miss Jean Doing was married to Mr. Robert Wells. It was a beautiful church wedding held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Josephine Lypuma was the maid of honor, and Mr. Jack Fritz was the best man, while Miss Joyce Doing and Mr. Frank Salvo were other attendants. After the ceremony there was a reception with refreshments in the church hall. May the newly married couple live in the faith of Jesus and in the service of God!

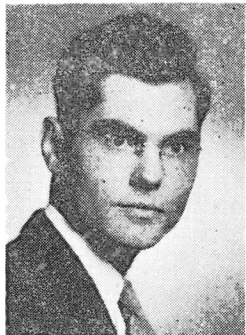
On Feb. 10 Ruby Jean Shroyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elden Shroyer, born May 27, 1944, was baptized in Zion Lutheran Church, Springfield, Ohio, the witnesses having been Mrs. Helen Shroyer, Mrs. Vera McMurray, and Mr. Bernell Shroyer.

A twin baptism took place on Feb. 18, when Jay Edgar and Judith Ann Shopshire, children of Mr. and Mrs. James Shopshire, Jr., born on Oct. 10, 1944, were baptized in the home of the parents in Akron, Ohio, while the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Shopshire, Sr., stood up as witnesses.

May God keep the newly baptized infants in the grace of Jesus for eternal joy in heaven! T. F.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Ordination and installation services of the Rev. Helmut H. Schauland were held at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Indianapolis on Sunday, Feb. 11, at 3 P. M.

The Rev. N. P. Uhlig of St. Louis, Mo., was the speaker, and the Rev. Dr. H. M. Zorn was the officiating minister. Eight other pastors assisted. Pastor Uhlig and Eugene O. Krug interpreted.



Rev. H. Schauland

Pastor Schauland is a native of Parkers Prairie, Minn., and graduated from Concordia Seminary on Jan. 17, 1945. He was married to Miss Arleda Matheny of St. Louis on Jan. 21.

At present his field comprises five stations in Indiana and one in Ohio. He also regularly instructs at the State School at Indianapolis, bringing the precious teaching of the Bible to many of the pupils of that school. He also visits the City Infirmary regularly, serving a number of deaf in that institution.

This field formerly had been served by Rev. Uhlig from St. Louis. May the Lord bless the labors of the new pastor.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—Mr. Norman Ginn, one of our deaf-blind, is ill in a Calumet district hospital. Our deaf friends in this community are invited to visit him. The deaf-blind are cut off from all things transpiring in their surroundings; they are especially in need of Christian fellowship. Such consideration for our fellow men is a Christian duty and pleasing unto the Savior. The Bible tells us Matt. 25:44, 45: "Then shall they also answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto Thee? Then shall He answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to Me."

A blind man wrote from Minnesota, "I love to say a few words of appreciation of the beautiful work that is being done for my fellow blind by the Lutheran Church. I am a reader of the *Messenger* and tell people how much we enjoy it. I would also enjoy telling them of the need of a home for blind people. It is hard for a blind person to go into an ordinary home for aged.

"I know what it means to have faith. Because of faith, blindness is just a slight inconvenience to me and in some ways a blessing. Besides my total blindness, my hearing is not good, but even that does not stop me from enjoying life."

How vastly different is this attitude from that of many other blind people, who do not know of God's redeeming grace, but are unhappy and suffering from the chill of frustration, despair, and hopelessness! The sphere of our Blind Mission should be enlarged to include many more blood-bought souls to the glory of Christ.

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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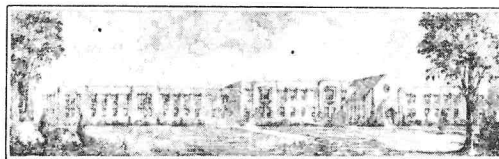
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