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My Heart's Desire

Come, O Holy Spirit,
To my longing heart;
Cleanse it from defilement;
Grace Divine impart;
Fill it with Thy presence,
Nor from it depart.
Come, for I am needy,
Helpless, and forlorn,
Sad my heart and weary
And by conflicts torn;
May Thy new creation
In my soul be born.
Thus by Thine empowering,
Life will come to me
And Thy grace and favor
Set my spirit free
For a fruitful service,
Honoring to Thee.

FRED SCOTT SHEPARD

Pentecost

Jesus tells us: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," John 3:3. No man can love or obey Jesus except through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit enlightens man to know Jesus and believe in Him, to love Him, to follow Him through life and into eternity. St. John declares: "He will abide in you by the Spirit which He hath given you." 1 John 4:13. Thus by the power of the Holy Spirit man is born again, so that he repents of, and forsakes, his sins. He then has peace and joy in his soul, rejoicing that for the sake of Him who bore our sins in his own body on the tree, 1 Pet. 6:24, we have freedom from condemnation. Though our sins be as scarlet, they are made white as snow. Is. 1:18.

The Holy Spirit enlightens us and gives us faith by God's means of grace, the Word and the Sacraments. Let us therefore read His Word and attend church faithfully. O. C. S.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE FIRST PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Hallowed be Thy name"

God's name is hallowed (honored) when the Word of God is taught in all its truth and purity, and also when we, as the children of God, lead a holy life according to it.

Our Father's Name is Hallowed by a Holy Life

A father is greatly honored when his children are good and kind and obedient. So great honor and glory will be given to our Father in heaven when we walk upon the way of holiness according to His Word. Therefore Jesus also says to us believers: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven," Matt. 5:16. And in John 15:8 He tells us that His Father is glorified by our bearing much fruit, that is, by our doing much good. Therefore, as God's children, we should love and trust in Him, call upon His name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks, gladly hear and learn His Word. Furthermore, as God's children, we should honor our parents and obey them, help and befriend our neighbor in every bodily need, live a chaste (clean) and decent life in word and deed, help our neighbor to improve and protect his property and business, defend him against gossip, speak well of him, and always think the best of him, be of service to him in keeping his things, and urge his wife and servants to stay and do their duty. Thus our Father's name is hallowed and glorified. The people of this world must say: "See, those are God's children. They are different from us. The Christian faith does wonderful things."

For This Let Us Pray Every Day

Every day we should go before God and pray that His name be holy among us also. And God has heard our prayers. So many have learned, and still learn, to know His name and live unto His glory. Are you living unto the glory of His name? Oh, let us daily pray: "Hallowed be Thy name. Help us to live as Thy dear children unto the glory of Thy name. This grant us, dear Father in heaven." And it shall be so.

Live unto the Glory of Jesus' Name

Jesus lived a holy life. He knew no sin, He did no sin, He was without sin. Perfectly He kept all the commandments for us and paid for our sins with His blood. Now let us live not unto ourselves but unto Him who died for us and rose again. May everyone of us be able to say with Paul: "And they glorified God in me." Yes, pray for it daily and live unto Him, "that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

J. L. S.

Our Savior's Soul-Saving Work Among the Deaf in the East

Again and again we experience the truth of God's promise "My Word shall not return unto Me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it," Is. 55:11. This holds true also in regard to our work in the East. We spent almost five weeks and made 5,000 miles visiting the Pittsburgh, New York, and Cleveland fields, where we have 112, 122, and 146 communicant members.

Our first stop was Pittsburgh, where a new worker, the Rev. H. Rohe, was ordained and installed by Rev. Theo. Frederking in St. Matthew's Church (the Rev. Theo. Martens, pastor). May God's richest blessings be and abide with this young worker. We had intended to visit another new missionary, the Rev. H. Schauland, but were unable to do so. May God richly bless also his work among the deaf.

On this trip we visited, and preached to, deaf in many cities: Brooklyn, Newark, Baltimore, Washington, D. C., to 96 deaf; Pitts-

burgh, Buffalo, Rochester, to 73 deaf; Cleveland (two services), Akron, Findlay, Lima, Dayton, Westerville, Columbus, to 287 deaf. Then we addressed also the assembly at the Columbus School, attended by about 300. Thus we reached about 600 deaf, also showing them the aim of our work, the need of preaching Christ Crucified, of attending services regularly, of prayer, and of giving towards the support of Christ's soul-saving work among the deaf. With Pastor Possehl we also went to Philadelphia and Boston in the interest of our work.

We visited also a number of schools: Lexington School for girls in New York City; White Plains school for boys; the Maryland school in Frederick; and Gallaudet College for the Deaf in Washington, D. C., with Pastor Possehl. He has 27 boys and girls in his classes and 29 Lutheran students in Gallaudet College under his care. We also were in the P. S. 147, New York City, and in the Newark school. God willing, he will begin classes also in these schools in fall. With Pastor Rohe we went to the Edgewood, Pa., school, where he has 8 children in classes, and also to the Rochester school, where he hopes to organize classes this fall. With Pastor Frederking we visited the Cleveland and Columbus schools, in which he has 75 in his classes. Then we also paid a visit to the East End Cleveland school, where he hopes to begin work in fall, as also in the Dayton school. May God grant it. God is opening one door after another to our workers in the East. To Him be all glory and thanks!

There are several things we should like to mention. In New York City one of our deaf ladies takes Pastor Possehl to the White Plains school every Thursday in her car, and then she and another of our deaf ladies take over classes and thus assist our missionary. In Cleveland Pastor Frederking's wife and sister and another lady are instructing classes with him. In the Columbus school, Arthur Anderson (by the way, the writer confirmed him in North Dakota, years ago, and enjoyed the Anderson's hospitality while in Columbus) and his daughter and several members of the Bible class conduct Sunday school every Sunday for Pastor Frederking. In the Home for Aged Deaf in Westerville we find a young deaf-blind man

who is bringing Christ to a paralyzed deaf-blind man, reading Luther's Catechism in Braille with him and instructing him, thus also helping our missionary. All these are working for Christ. May all deaf in every place in all parts of our far-flung mission be eager to work for Christ!

Furthermore, we were pleased to see the vested choir of five ladies of our New York congregation sign hymns very impressively. They render hymns in signs in every service and meet every Tuesday for practice. They now know about 40 hymns. Fine work! Also students of Gallaudet College regularly beautify the service by signing hymns, as do deaf ladies in services of other cities. Again, all for Christ! That is the right spirit!

In New York and also in Cleveland our deaf are ready to purchase lots on which to erect churches unto the glory of our Savior's name. May God bless them in their efforts!

To defray the expenses of our trip, the Baltimore group after the service had a special collection, which amounted to \$7, and the Columbus Lutheran Sunday school of the Ohio school handed us an envelope containing \$5. Besides we received \$2 from friends of our mission. Hearty thanks to all!

Again we must mention the kind help our pastors and their congregations are giving our missionaries, offering their churches and all facilities, also their cars, in order that our workers may make many calls, or taking them around themselves, inviting them into their homes, etc. May our good Lord reward them!

J. L. S.

Dictionary of Signs

From time to time parents and others request information on the use of the sign language. There has been a demand for a book on signs. Dr. Long's *Dictionary of the Sign Language* was the invariable answer, but for some years the book has been out of print.

A third edition of this popular book has now been announced, and interested parties may secure a copy from Dorothy Long Thompson, 306 South 57th Street, Omaha, Nebr. The new volume contains 224 pages and 500 illustrations. There is an exhaustive index, which makes it possible to find the sign desired. The price of this book is \$4.00.

So All Would Know

"Will you write on here?" a sailor asked one of the members in the church after an evening service. "You can write so well."

"What shall I write?" said the member.

"Write these words: 'I love Jesus—do you?'"

The man wrote that on a card, then he asked: "What will you do with the card?"

"I'll take it to ship and nail it over my little cabin door. There everyone will see it and know that I am a Christian. Otherwise I might be afraid to say so."

Blessings of the Printing Press

"By the invention of the printing press John Gutenberg conferred a greater blessing on the world than Christopher Columbus by the discovery of America," said Dr. C. F. W. Walther. The Church can multiply these blessings by constantly expanding its growing ministry of print. Our members can receive an ever greater measure of these blessings by cultivating the habit of reading the wholesome, helpful literature which their Church is publishing.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Omaha, Nebr.—Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Cooper of Omaha were united with Bethlehem Lutheran Deaf Congregation by Baptism on March 31 in a private service. They had been studying the chief teachings of our Bible since early last fall. God bless these new members of His Church and keep them in the saving faith.

On March 25 the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Millard, Roberta Kay, received Holy Baptism in the service held at Fort Dodge, Iowa. The Lord Jesus grant His abiding grace unto her.

Our Omaha ladies' aid joined the Lutheran Women's Missionary League a year ago and since then has sent in some fine contributions for missions, gathered by the use of "mite boxes." Our April meeting of the aid was held at the Omaha Lutheran Old People's Home, and a shower of canned goods and dried fruits was given to the Home.

The Sioux City, Iowa, ladies' aid society is also doing some fine work although it is still young. Larger tasks will be taken up in the future.

Our Sioux City congregation, which was organized in January of this year, is now contributing five dollars monthly toward the pastor's salary. The members are making use of the envelope system, and collections have improved over the past. The communicant membership there is only 16, but they are doing well. E. M.

Cleveland, Ohio.—In the Easter service for our St. Philip's colored deaf in Cleveland three young people were baptized and received into full membership, namely, Helen Smart, Juanita Lumpkin, and Eugene Johnson. We now have 21 full members in our colored congregation, and we expect God to make more very anxious to confess the faith and to receive the blessings of full membership.

On April 7 Sarah Alberta Shroyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Shroyer, was baptized in Zion Lutheran Church, Springfield, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Shaffer serving as sponsors.

On March 21 Paul Westley Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Chapman, was baptized in Findlay, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dindal and Dr. J. L. Salvner being the witnesses.

May these five newly baptized persons all remain in the true faith of Jesus and also live holy lives to the glory of His name. T.F.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—The month of March was a month of special church services in the Pittsburgh area. The deaf in each of the nine stations now newly arranged in the Pittsburgh area were busy welcoming the undersigned as their new pastor. The new pastor is indeed grateful for the many gifts and kindnesses extended him at these introductory services. We pray that the Lord in His great love and mercy will bless the many deaf in this area and their new pastor.

In three of our stations, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, and Rochester, N. Y., we were honored and delighted by a visit of Dr. Salvner of Minneapolis. We are thankful to him for his wonderful sermons. They shall never be forgotten.

Sunday, March 25, was a day of special joy for the people in New Castle, Pa. On this Sunday, after the regular church service, Roy Hemphill of Butler, Pa., and Florence Saunders of East McKeesport, Pa., exchanged their holy marriage vows and became husband and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Crawford were the witnesses. We are happy for the newlyweds and wish them the Lord's richest blessings for a long and happy married life. H. ROHE

Mission for Deaf and Blind.—Mrs. E. Shaum, one of our faithful members at the Indiana Home for the Deaf, departed this life in the past month to be with Christ. Just a week prior to her death she received Holy Communion with the other residents of the Home. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord," Rev. 14:13.

On March 7 we held a transcribers' meeting at the Lutheran Library for the Blind. At this time we have about 25 transcribers living in the Chicago area. The meeting was well attended. We had as our guest also Mrs. Bonstil, who taught Helen Keller physics and astronomy.

In his address to the transcribers the Editor emphasized the fact that "the soul of charity is charity for the soul." Pastor Bremer read an essay on the reports furnished to our transcribers upon the completion of a manuscript. Mrs. Bremer served a fine luncheon. Thanks to all who helped to make this meeting a success!

In the past weeks our Army and Navy Commission sent us a request to supply 200 war-blinded soldiers with Lutheran Braille literature. The loss of sight is a terrific blow to the morale of these young men. They need the comfort which the Gospel of Christ alone can give. O. C. S.

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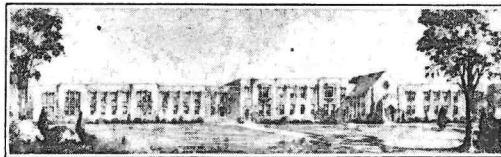
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