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A Night Without a Dawn

If Christ be not divine,
Then lay the Book away,
And every blessed faith resign
That has so long been yours and mine
Through many a trying day;
Forget the place of bended knee
And dream no more of worlds to be.

If Christ be not divine,
Go seal again the tomb;
Take down the Cross, redemption's sign;
Quench all the stars of hope that shine;
Forget the Upper Room;
And let us turn and travel on
Across the night that has no dawn.

Living on Crumbs

It is said that Rev. William Arnot was once the guest of a friend who had a favorite dog. The animal would come into the room where the family was sitting at the dinner table and would stand looking at his master. If the master threw him a crumb, the dog would seize it before it got to the floor. But if he put the joint of meat down on the floor, the dog would look at it and leave it alone as if it were too good for him.

"So," said Mr. Arnot, "there are many Christians who are satisfied to live on crumbs, when God wants to give them the whole loaf."

God offers His grace so bountifully that many people think it is not all meant for them. His promises are so rich, so all-inclusive, that our sinful nature is inclined to hesitate in accepting such great gifts. The Lord offers His blessings of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation because He wants us to accept them. Come boldly to the Throne of Grace! Come

to the spiritual feast which God has prepared for you through the work of Christ, your Savior! Come, for all things are now ready! Take not only the crumbs. There is an abundance for all.

Let us, then, learn to pray sincerely with all true Christians, "Lord, increase our faith."
O. C. S.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE SECOND PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Thy Kingdom Come"

Our Lord and Savior teaches us to pray to our Father in heaven: "Thy kingdom come." What is this kingdom for the coming of which we pray?

It Is Not the Kingdom of Power

God's kingdom should come. One perhaps will say: "Why this prayer? Does the mighty God not rule over all the world?" Indeed, "the most High liveth forever; His dominion is an everlasting dominion. He does according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants [people] of the earth: and none can stay [stop] His hand or say to Him, What doest Thou?" Dan. 4:34, 35. Our heavenly Father rules with power over all things from everlasting to everlasting. All people are in this kingdom, and we need not pray for the coming of it.

It Is the Kingdom of Grace

For what kingdom, then, should we pray? Jesus came, saying: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand," Mark 1:16. In His parables He speaks of this kingdom again and again. In Matt. 13 He explains the

parable of the tares, or weeds, among the wheat, saying: "The good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the Wicked One." Not all people are in this kingdom. The children of this kingdom are those who believe in Jesus and His blood for the forgiveness of sin; the children of the Wicked One are they that believe not. And it is all God's wonderful grace that we believe and are saved. Paul therefore writes: "By grace are ye saved," Eph. 2:5, 8. We have not deserved it. It is not of works. Grace, and grace alone, rules in this kingdom. Are you a believer? Are you in this kingdom of grace?

It Is also the Kingdom of Glory

From the Kingdom of Grace we believers enter the Kingdom of Glory. Of this kingdom Paul speaks in Acts 14:22, saying: "We must through much tribulation [trouble and sorrow] enter into the kingdom of God." Peter calls it "the everlasting kingdom" and says we are called unto His "eternal glory." All the children of the Kingdom of Grace here upon earth should be brought into the kingdom of everlasting glory in heaven.

Now Pray Always: "Thy Kingdom Come"

Are you interested in God's kingdom in the hearts of men? Are you waiting for the kingdom of everlasting glory? Then pray, daily pray, as Jesus teaches us: "Thy kingdom come."

J. L. S.

The Deaf in India

An article by Cornelius Goenziner appeared recently in *Just Once a Month* based on a study of "A Statistical Survey of the Present Educational Condition of the Infirm, the Deaf-mutes, the Blind, and the Feeble-minded in India," made by Kalidas Bhattachargee, principal of the school for the deaf at New Delhi. Mr. Bhattachargee, a normal graduate of Gallaudet College, founded a school at Behampur, Bengal. During the past ten years he has been working very hard to awaken an interest in the education of the handicapped in India.

This survey showed that there are 203,895 deaf in India, according to the 1931 Indian census. Of these 61,757 are between the ages

of 5 and 15, but only 882 are attending schools for the deaf. Of the 26 schools for the deaf only 7 are supported entirely by the government. The rest receive some government aid but depend primarily upon charity. There is surely a large field for work among these people.

Wisconsin Times

It is better —

To be cheated than to cheat.

To lose with Jesus than to win with sin.

To pray than to grumble.

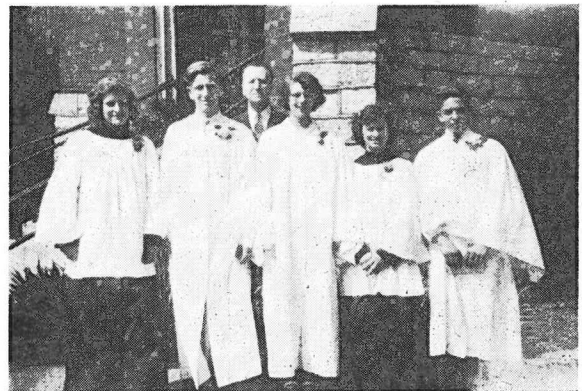
To make friends than to make money.

To marry one who loves Jesus than to marry one who is pretty and cares not for Jesus.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Mission to Blind and Deaf.—An educated group of Negro deaf-blind and blind in Chicago has requested a series of lectures on the fundamental doctrines of Scripture. Many in this group read our Braille *Messenger* and *Moon Herald*. We hope to comply with this request.

Recent letters to our office: From Canada: "I am



Columbus, Ohio, Confirmation Class

L. to r.: Lucille Schumm (singer); Herbert Schumm (confrimand); Rev. Th. Frederking; Frances King (confrimand); Hilda Bates (singer); Warren Burford (confrimand)

writing to thank you for sending me the Lutheran magazine in Braille. I cannot put into words how much I appreciate it. With being deaf and not able to see, I don't know whatever I would do if I did not trust in the Lord."

From Illinois: "Many sincere thanks for the very marvelous Lutheran Braille *Messenger*. The articles in the *Messenger* are grand, so very interesting and so helpful. My sincere wish that you may continue many

years in the wonderful work that you are doing among the blind."

From Nebraska: "I would like very much to have the opportunity of receiving the *Lutheran Messenger for the Blind*. I have heard a great deal about the magazine, and I am very much interested in receiving anything which I can get pertaining to religion. I already have a Braille Bible, and I would like to receive your fine magazine." O. C. S.

Minneapolis Mission.—For years we have been giving religious instruction in the Minneapolis Oral School for the Deaf. During the last year Pastor Lutz conducted these classes twice and sometimes three times a week. Twenty-four attended. But this year was the first time that we also had a summer Bible school. June 18—29 we had school every morning from 9:30 A.M. to 11:45 A.M., with an enrollment of fifteen. Pastor Lutz had the confirmation class, his sister, Miss Mathilda Lutz, a Christian day school teacher, taught the little ones, and the writer instructed the intermediate class. Luther's Catechism and Bible History were taught every day. May God richly bless His Word in the hearts of these boys and girls unto their everlasting salvation and the glory of our Savior's name. Parents have expressed the wish and hope that we conduct such a Bible school again next year. J. L. S.

Omaha, Nebr.—Two weddings took place in June: the first, that of Mr. Milford Humphrey and Miss Mary Martens at Sioux City, Iowa, on June 10; the second, that of Mr. Roy Sparks of Omaha and Miss Elsie Witte of Deshler, Nebr., performed at Deshler on June 17.

May our dear heavenly Friend and Savior Jesus dwell in their hearts and homes and grant them lasting happiness.

The service and the picnic at Sioux City, Iowa, on July 8 was attended by 49 deaf members and friends. They came from near and far. We were happy to see Mr. and Mrs. Willis Van Roekel of Portland, Oreg. They attend the services of Pastor Zellmer.

Mr. Roy Sparks of Omaha was accepted as a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Congregation by confirmation on Sunday, June 3. The Lord grant him steadfastness in faith. E. M.

Detroit, Mich.—In March the Lutheran deaf of Flint and other cities were saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Wm. Heck. She had many friends. Many expressed the sentiment that she had been like a mother to them. We miss her, but we are consoled by the fact that she was a believer in Christ and therefore inherited eternal life in heaven. The Lord, who does all things well, knew which was the right time and the best time for her departure. "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

May 6 was a joyful day for Our Savior Congregation in Detroit. We celebrated the fifth anniversary of our church. Pastor F. Possehl preached an inspiring sermon on that occasion. He preached in the sign language and in the oral services. Both services were well attended. After services a well-arranged banquet

was held, which was attended by over 125 guests. Mr. Walter Reiher was in charge of the arrangements.

On May 12 James Peach and Ailie Koski were united in marriage. Robert Mercer and Lois James were married on July 7.

On June 22 we had the largest collection in the history of our congregation. This was due to the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kuehn contributed the sum of \$490.00. In the envelope which contained this very liberal gift was the following note: "This check in the amount of \$490.00 is donated as a birthday thank-offering to Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church of the Deaf. The same to start and encourage a fund whereby we all as members may in the not distant future become a self-supporting congregation." Signed: Leo H. Kuehn. This gift and the note speak for themselves. As you can gather from the note, Mr. Kuehn is a member of our congregation. He owns and operates a machine shop in Royal Oak, Mich. N. E. B.

New York City.—On May 21 St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf purchased the lots for its future church building. The lots are situated on a beautiful corner plot in a residential district in Jackson Heights, Long Island, N. Y. The site is conveniently located for transportation, being just one block away from the converging point of all New York subways. By subway it is just sixteen minutes from Times Square, and the site can be reached from all the metropolitan area of New York City within one hour. We are thankful to God for such an excellent location.

The building committee is now busy arranging the plans for the new church. Mr. Erich M. Berg, who has faithfully served as treasurer of our congregation for almost 34 years, is the chairman of the building committee. Through the loyal and faithful co-operation of all the members the program for our new church is making very nice progress.

On the evening of June 2 the entire congregation honored Pastor Possehl and his bride with a surprise banquet in one of New York's fashionable restaurants. More than 100 deaf, including our members from Newark, N. J., were in attendance. At the close of a very enjoyable evening the deaf presented to Pastor Possehl and his bride a purse of well over one hundred dollars.

On the second Sunday in June the deaf in Baltimore also welcomed the pastor and his bride by arranging a surprise banquet, at which they presented the newlyweds with a very generous purse.

Our hearty thanks to our many kind deaf friends



Mr. Eric M. Berg
Chairman of the New York
Congregation's Building
Committee

who have remembered us in our great day of joy. It is our prayer that God will lead us to serve faithfully in His kingdom. F. P.

Kansas City Mission.—"And believers were the more added to the Lord." Acts 5:14. It gives us pleasure to report that the following have made a public confession of their faith in Jesus and were accepted into membership with our Church: Atchison—Miss Edna Boose; Misses Esther Ehrlich and Mary E. Williams of the Kansas School, Mr. James Connacher of Emporia, Mr. Lee Hawkins. Luray—Mr. Walter Kistler and Mrs. Mary A. Paxton, Duluth, Kans. Miss Boose, Mary Williams, James Connacher, Walter Kistler, and Mrs. E. Albrecht of Herington, Kans., were baptized. May the Lord preserve all these friends in true, active faith. * * * The picture shows our Bible



Bible Class of Rev. A. E. Ferber, Olathe, Kans.

class at the Kansas School for the Deaf. The class has an enrollment of twenty-seven scholars and is growing rapidly. Not all were able to be present the day when the photo was made.

Two weddings took place at Herington, Kans., on May 20. The bridal couples were Mr. Victor Hildermann of Topeka and Miss Velma Reich; Mr. James Connacher and Miss Sarah Kickhafer. We extend congratulations to all. We are also very much pleased that Mr. and Mrs. Hildermann are very helpful to us in holding services again at Topeka, Kans., and Mr. and Mrs. Connacher are helping much for services to be resumed at Emporia, Kans.

Our Bible class in Wichita, Kans., is meeting very enthusiastically through the summer. Meetings are held on Sundays when the pastor is not able to be in the city for the usual worship. Miss Mina Munz is the teacher, and Mr. Vernon Meyer is the president of the Wichita group of Lutheran Christians.

Mr. Fred Bruns, the father of Wilbur Bruns of our Colorado missions, was fatally injured while on the way to work on June 20. One of the last words to his family that morning, when leaving home, were: "Sunday we will go to church." The distance was forty miles, and these friends were there regularly. We will miss this faithful worshiper in our midst. May the Lord comfort the family. A. E. F.

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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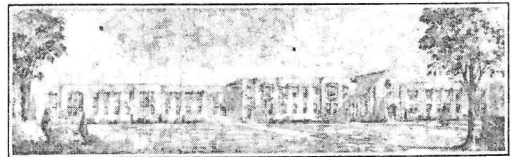
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