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Prayer

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

The Christian Church

The Church of Christ represents everything that is noble, charitable, and elevating. It stands for the power and message of God to guide and bless humanity. It brings to people the Gospel of Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation for body and soul, for time and eternity.

Science, commerce, arts, and mechanical inventions cannot provide protection for the soul of man. The Church provides it in God's Word and the Sacraments. It is a citadel of security in our distresses and needs. If the soul of man is crushed with sorrow, it renews fading hope and revives spiritual energy, making the bewildered soul conscious of God's love and protection. It is, therefore, the greatest institution on earth. Christ Himself is the Cornerstone and Head of the Church. Even the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. Therefore support the Church with your mental, spiritual, and material gifts to the glory of the blessed Redeemer.

O. C. S.

The Difference in the Attitude of the Public Toward the Blind and the Deaf

The great difference in the attitude of the general public toward the two classes, each with a desperate handicap, has often been remarked — the public is immediately incited to

deepest sympathy in all cases of blindness, but the deaf do not affect the public in that manner; rather the reaction toward them is one of irritation or amusement.

A leading educator of the deaf, who has a slight impairment of hearing, comments on the unsympathetic attitude of the public toward his deafness as follows:

"By audiometer test my deficiency in hearing is about 10 or 15 per cent, and this slight loss should not give any very great inconvenience. As a matter of fact, however, it does give a great deal of inconvenience. When I go to the theater or to a lecture, I hear everything with perfect distinctness except the point of a joke or an argument. At the table, when all are talking, I lose track; and when I ask for repetition, instead of saying things distinctly, there is a raising of the voice, and inevitably, in thus raising the voice or shouting, there is slurring of consonants; and while my ears are almost pained with the shrieking of vowels, I am still unable to understand the point, whereas a person with speech can speak to me in an ordinary tone, and I can hear without difficulty.

"Again, when people repeat they show impatience. My very best friends do this, and very frequently I choose to let myself out of the conversation rather than to interfere with the pleasure of others.

"If I were seriously hard of hearing, the difficulties would be much augmented, and I can understand to an extent the limitation of those who cannot hear at all. So long as deafness incites no sympathy in our work, we shall have great difficulty in making people understand our problems." — G. M. McClure, in *Kentucky Standard*.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE SECOND PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Thy Kingdom Come"

Jesus teaches us to pray: "Thy kingdom come." With these words we pray that many more become members of His Kingdom of Grace and at last enter His Kingdom of Glory in heaven.

God's Kingdom Comes Without Our Prayer

We should pray: "Thy kingdom come." However, "the kingdom of God comes indeed without our prayer, of itself," as our Catechism says. His kingdom will come; many more people will turn from sin and trust in our crucified and risen Lord Jesus and will go into His Kingdom of Glory, even if we do not pray. Why then pray?

Pray "that It May Come unto Us Also"

Surely we want the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost to live in our hearts and then bring us to everlasting glory in His heavenly kingdom. And, furthermore, we do not want our friends and neighbors to remain in the kingdom of the devil and to be cast into everlasting fire with him and his angels. No; we want them to become God's dear children by faith in Christ and to live with Him in glory forever. Yes, we should pray that His kingdom "may come unto us also."

Pray This Petition for Missions in All the World

With this prayer we pray for our work of missions among people in North and South America, in India and China and Africa, among the Indians and Negroes in our country, and also for our missions to the Deaf and Blind. The devil still rules in many hearts; many still serve sin and are on the way to everlasting damnation. Oh, let us pray that His kingdom come and spread in every place. If all our Christians, also you and I, daily would lift up our hearts and hands to God and cry out: "Thy kingdom come!" then all our church work and missions would be still more blessed as God promises, and His Kingdom of Glory would come quickly.

Daily and Diligently Pray: "Thy Kingdom Come"

Christian reader, will you more diligently pray with us for the coming of His kingdom?

Will you pray that many more sinners may learn to know Him who loved them and died for them? Oh, come, Jesus wants us so to pray and promises to hear us. May God grant us this unto the glory of His kingdom among all people!

J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible Study for August

Acts 5:12-16

And by the hands of the Apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. And of the rest durst no man join himself to them; but the people magnified them. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women) insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks and them which were vexed with unclean spirits; and they were healed, every one.

In continuing our Bible study, our readers may wish to keep in mind that also in this fifth chapter God's Word teaches us that we are justified and saved by faith in Jesus Christ alone. Our lesson this month teaches us about the conditions existing among the early Christians and the miracles which the Apostles did.

In verse 12 the phrase "signs and wonders were wrought" means that miracles were done. Let us always remember that this was a *special* gift which Jesus gave to the disciples when He called them. Matt. 10:8. It also must be repeated that the purpose was that God hereby proved the *truth* of their teaching and preaching. Let us also take notice that the early Christians were gathered together in Solomon's Porch of the Temple. It was at this place that Jesus passed much time (John 10:23), teaching and resting, because the porch was wide and spacious and "it had a sheltering roof over it."

Verse 13 is also before us for special explanation: We may at first thought be puzzled about the words "the rest," "durst," "and magnified." With the "rest" are meant the unbelieving Jews. "Durst not join themselves to them." They were worried, because they understood from the case of Ananias and Sapphira that they could not join the believing Christians, unless they really and sincerely repented in their hearts. "They magnified

them"—the disciples. They respected the Apostles for the blessings they had received and the Christian life they were living. The Apostles themselves were not proud. They gave all credit and honor to Jesus. The chief priests dishonored the disciples, but the people understood that they were Christ's messengers. Of all the sick that were brought it is said: "They were healed, *every one*," v. 16.

The Church increased in number. "Believers were the more added to the Lord." These people believed that the Apostles were preaching the true Word of Jesus. We are impressed by the fact that special mention is made of the women. They also, with the men, are the heirs of the grace of everlasting life. 1 Pet. 3:7; Gal. 3:28. A thrilling meeting was taking place in the Temple, in Solomon's Porch. But how long? A. E. F.

Ephphatha Conference

God willing, our Lutheran pastors for the deaf will meet for their annual conference in Pilgrim Lutheran Church at Kansas City, Mo. (Rev. A. E. Ferber, pastor), from Oct. 5 to 9.

This conference is very necessary and productive of much good fruit for our God-given work among the deaf.

May the Lord's blessing rest upon this conference and upon our deaf congregations everywhere. E. M.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Fargo, N. Dak. — St. Peter's Lutheran Mission for the Deaf of Fargo has taken another forward step by joining the North Dakota District of the Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States in the District's regular meeting, held in Wahpeton, N. Dak., from May 22 to May 25. Mr. Frank Kohlroser, secretary of the congregation, was St. Peter's first delegate to the District convention.

It is impossible for our groups of deaf in North Dakota to have their own Sunday schools in every place where a few deaf and their hearing children are located, but Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller, after a service held for them in their home, told their pastor that they are anxiously waiting for the opening of the local Missouri Synod church in the proposed near-by location, so that they then will be able to send their children to a Sunday school confessing a faith the same as their own.

In both the North Dakota and the Montana schools we have finished another successful year. Mr. Glenn Harris, the new superintendent of the Montana School

for the Deaf and the Blind, has been very kindly disposed toward our work and has given valuable help on various occasions. The present enrollment in the Montana school is 28. Of these, 27 are from the deaf department and one from the blind department of the school.

New places opened in Montana are Valier, where services were conducted in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ryan during the month of July, and Havre, where to the present time Miss Mercedes Mayberry has been our only communicant member. The Flaskerud brothers, who have until now had services conducted for them in Harlem, volunteered to come the extra distance to Havre, to save their pastor the extra time and trouble involved in the trip to Harlem. It is hoped that a few other deaf from a distance will also be able to come to Havre.

The "big day" for our Devils Lake group was May 13, the day on which a class of four children were



Confirmation Class, Devils Lake, N. Dak., May 20, 1945

Top row, left to right: Charles Tellinghusen, Fargo, N. Dak.; the Rev. W. Ferber. Bottom row, left to right: Frances Snow, Werner, N. Dak.; Janice Fresonke, New England, N. Dak.; Vernice Larson, Grand Forks, N. Dak.

confirmed. They were: Vernice Larson of Grand Forks, N. Dak.; Janice Fresonke of New England, N. Dak.; Frances Snow of Werner, N. Dak., Charles Tellinghusen, of Fargo, N. Dak.

May the members of this class always remain true to their Savior as they have promised.

This parish must also report two deaths. On Dec. 22 Mrs. John Kasberg (Lempi Harju) died in the Dickinson hospital, while on Feb. 1 Miss Laura Melby died in her home near Badger, Minn. Both of them had been reliable members of our mission and had come to the Lord's Table as often as they had an opportunity to do so.

In Fergus Falls the Rev. W. Ferber officiated at a nice church wedding on June 26, when Miss Marie Slegers, formerly a housemother for the younger girls in the Devils Lake school, was given in marriage to Wm. Grewe, one of our dependable members of the Fergus Falls group. May God give them His blessings for their married life. W. F.

Mission for Blind and Deaf. — While visiting our various preaching stations, we gratefully observe the accomplishment of God's promise that His Word shall not return unto Him void. The power and blessing of

Gospel preaching become more and more apparent in the lives of many deaf. Often we are permitted to see genuine spiritual awakening, true heart sorrow for sins, consecration to Christ, and a better life ensuing.

Our blind friends tell us: "I enjoy and appreciate the *Messenger*. When I have finished reading it, I pass it on to a blind friend, who also enjoys it. I am indeed thankful for such wonderful and inspiring literature. From cover to cover its light shines down on my dark and gloomy path, banishing sorrow. You are indeed lending a helping hand to weak and weary blind folks." (*Texas*.)

"In appreciation of the splendid *Messenger for the Blind*, I am enclosing a bank check for \$10. I enjoy every copy very much. May God continue to bless the good work you are doing." (*Connecticut*.)

"Please accept this small contribution as a very meager expression of my heartfelt appreciation for the *Lutheran Messenger*, as it comes to me month after month.—It would be hard to say which of the various sections is my preference, for they all carry their various spiritual messages. With its wide and varied contents, you can be sure that much of it always pleases all of its readers.—I wish to express my appreciation to all who have any part in preparing and sending our magazine, and may God continue to bless you all in the future as He has in the past." (*Minnesota*.)

O. C. S.

Cleveland, Ohio.—A beautiful church wedding took place June 16 in Cleveland when Miss La Verne Standish was married to Mr. Samuel Keirns. Mr. Charles Sands, uncle of the groom, gave the bride away, the bride's sister, Louise Treese, having been the matron of honor and Mr. Robert Morris the best man. Other attendants were Miss Janette Keirns and Mr. Alfred Clauss. We wish the couple God's abiding blessing for this life and the life to come.

A new mission was begun in Napoleon, Ohio, in the vicinity of which lives a group of scattered deaf. Rev. Christian Schmidt and myself have been serving this station, and on July 8 we were pleased to find 15 deaf at the service.

We also began a new lip-reading church school of eight children who attend the East Cleveland School, and each week the pastor and Mrs. Frederking taught these children until the school was dismissed.

We had the sad and painful duty to lay to rest the remains of Mrs. Minnie Lowry of Akron, Ohio. One week after a fatal operation she passed away July 27 and was laid to rest August 3 in Columbus, the home city of her relatives. Mrs. Lowry was the wife of Mr. Garnet Lowry and the mother of Pfc. Paul Lowry and of Miss Jane Lowry. Since the soldier son was among the armed forces in the Pacific, the family postponed the burial for one week, hoping, however without avail, that the son might be present at the funeral. Mrs. Lowry is survived and greatly mourned by her husband, her son and daughter, her aged mother, four sisters, two brothers, and one granddaughter. Services were held in Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, the pastor preaching on Rev. 2:10: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life."

T. FREDERKING

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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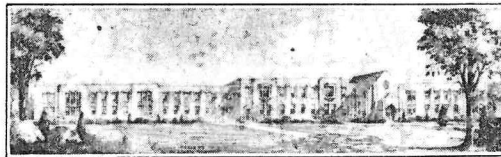
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