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Savior

Savior, lead my way	When my end is near;
Till the end of day;	Take me home
Be my light	When I cease to roam;
Through the long, dark	Savior, let me stand
night;	Then at Thy right hand.
Calm my fear	Amen.

CLARA STATTNER

men, who feared God, prayed, and gave alms, are told in the Bible to turn to Christ for salvation. Without Him men remain spiritually dead in sin, groping in darkness, hopelessness, and despair. May we learn this lesson anew during the Lenten season. O. C. S.

Lent

"Behold we go up to Jerusalem." At the end of this journey occurred the most momentous event in the history of the world and man's liberation. How few among the children of men realize the blessings of Lent. The Lenten story should increase our faith, intensify our hatred of sin, and increase our desire for a Christlike life. It again brings to our mind the stupendous price paid for our salvation. Sin dragged the holy Son of God down from heaven and nailed Him to the cross. If men do not accept Jesus and His work, they are deluded by Satan to believe that they can save themselves; however, the Bible says: "They, being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God, for Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness to everyone that believeth" (Rom. 10:3-4). And again we read: "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9).

It is another delusion of Satan to believe that there are ways to heaven outside of Christ, that sincerity is sufficient in matters of belief and doctrine. There is but one golden link running through the Bible from cover to cover, and that is salvation by Christ. Even devout

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE THIRD PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Thy Will Be Done on Earth as It Is in Heaven"

The good and gracious will of God is that all people be saved (1 Tim. 2:4) and walk in the way of holiness (1 Thess. 4:3). For this we pray, saying, "Thy will be done."

His Will Should Be Done on Earth as It Is in Heaven

His will is being done in heaven. The angels hallow His name. They sing His praises and live in holiness, doing His commandments. Also the saints in heaven, who died trusting in Jesus and His all-cleansing blood, do the will of God in heaven. Yes, God's will has been done in them. By His Word and Spirit, God began faith and a new life in them and kept them in the true faith unto the end, and now they have everlasting salvation. With the holy angels they live before Him in the beauty of holiness, gladly doing His commandments. Now, as His will is done in heaven, so it should be done on earth. This is our prayer.

We Pray that It Be Done Among Us Also

Do not think that God's will, or wish, will not be done if we pray not. Our Catechism says: "It is done without our prayer." If the

doing of God's will depended upon our prayer, then little of it would be done, for we pray so little. And if we pray, we so often pray carelessly. You ask: "If His will is done without our prayer, why then pray?" "That it may be done among us also." We intend to say: "O dear Father in heaven, let Thy will be done among us, and save us."

This Prayer Is Very Necessary Because of Our Enemies

We have three mighty enemies who do not want God's name to be hallowed nor His kingdom to come among us. These are the devil, the wicked world (people), and our flesh (sinful heart). The devil always is about us with his lying and murdering, day and night, and will not let us have peace. He was in the garden with Eve, in the wilderness with Jesus, and is in the world with us, always walking about as a roaring lion seeking to destroy us (1 Pet. 5:8). Besides, we still are in this wicked world that always wants to lead us away from Jesus and is always planning and working, calling and tempting, mocking and despising. The children of the world do not want us to be saved. Then, too, we still have flesh and blood, our sinful heart, which always wants us to go the way of sin and not the way of Jesus.

Daily Pray Earnestly Against These Enemies

Come, let us earnestly pray, "Thy will be done," against the devil, the world, and our flesh, that we and many others may be saved and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible Study for March

Acts 5:22-25

But when the officers came and found them not in the prison, they returned and told, saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety and the keepers standing without before the doors; but when he had opened, we found no man within. Now when the high priest and the captain of the Temple and the chief priests heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow. Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom we put in prison are standing in the Temple and teaching the people.

A question arises from our Bible study of this month — "How much courage have we in confessing our faith?" Are we ready to confess our faith and our church membership in difficult moments and places?

Our lesson informs us that the officers went to the prison to bring out Peter and John and to take them before the Council. The prosecution was to continue because the Apostles had preached the Gospel and performed miracles in the Temple. A larger group was assembled in the "court" now because the high priest had called together the Council of the children of Israel. The Jewish Council, or Sanhedrin, consisted of 70 members. Besides the Sanhedrin there were two courts: one in the outer court gate of the Temple and the other in the inner, or beautiful, gate. Each had a membership of 23 judges. Therefore if all these, too, were present, there were assembled 116 judges.

In their opinion this formidable array of authority and power was sufficient to crush the Gospel of Jesus and the Gospel preachers. Possibly they were saying to one another: "This time we are going to teach these Apostles such a frightful lesson that they will never again speak a word for Jesus." But "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh" (Ps. 2:4). "The wicked plotteth against the just and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him." (Ps. 37:12-13). The Lord at this moment laughed at the high priest and all the members of the Council. Verse 24 brings the information that these Gospel haters are now beginning to be a torture and an embarrassment to one another. When the guard comes and tells them that the prison is empty and that the Apostles are in the Temple again, they become very confused and begin to doubt and accuse one another.

However, the high priest, the captain of the Temple, the chief priests, and the other members of the Council were shocked and confused especially by the words: "The men whom we put in prison are standing in the Temple and teaching."

Nearly every time when people escape from a prison, they run away for fear that they will be captured again, but these Apostles did not run away. With the courage born of faith

they were preaching and teaching in the Temple, where the high priests had the greatest authority.

If sometimes you hear hateful words spoken against you, the people who love Jesus and the Bible, remember that thereby Satan seeks to frighten you. Do not get discouraged. Do not feel surprised if the world hates you (1 John 3:13). In the end the Christians will win. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31.) A. E. F.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL



Minneapolis, Minn.

W. C. Gran, blind theologically trained dramatic reader. He is an enthusiastic reader of our Braille literature and an alert supporter of our entire Mission for the Blind.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—According to the U. S. Government census, there are 1,942 deaf-blind in our country. Lutheran magazines for the blind have about 300 deaf-blind on their mailing lists. The deaf-blind especially appreciate our literature in Braille and Moon type. A reader in Florida wrote to us last week: "I enclose \$5.00 as an offering toward the publication of the *Herald*. For the past 12 years I have been a reader of this splendid magazine. Circumstances have shaped themselves so that I have become deaf and a total shut-in. From morning till night the *Herald* becomes a most trustworthy friend, giving courage, hope, and strengthening faith in God's love and mercy in Christ. I am sincerely thankful for the privilege I have had of reading your Christian literature." O. C. S.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Since our last report the following baptisms have taken place: Mr. Irvin A. Burton was baptized on Sept. 30, 1945, in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Fremont, Ohio. Florence Jean Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jackson, was baptized on Nov. 22, in St. Philip's Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio. James Lee Fetters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Fetters, was baptized on Jan. 11 in St. John's Lutheran Church, Dayton, Ohio. May these newly baptized children of God abide in the faith of their Savior, Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Susie Bohnert, born Jan. 14, 1876, passed

away in her sleep on Dec. 28, 1945, at the age of almost 70 years. Born in Europe, she came with her parents to Cleveland, where she became a lifelong resident of this city. She was married to Mr. George Bohnert 48 years ago. This union was blessed with three daughters: Mrs. Bessie Collins, Mrs. Carol Graf, and Mrs. Florence Pinta. She is survived and sorely mourned by her husband, three daughters, two grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned, who preached on Luke 2:29-30. May God by His holy Word comfort husband and children and guide them to eternal life through faith in the Lord Jesus.

In a beautiful church ceremony on Jan. 12, Mr. George H. Clum and Mrs. Della Buck entered the holy estate of matrimony in Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio. The parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Adams, were witnesses, and many relatives and friends attended the service. We wish the newly married couple the blessings of God for time and eternity.

THEO. FREDERKING

Oakland, Calif.—On Sunday, Feb. 3, the members in Oakland dedicated their church, and thus they began the Fiftieth Anniversary of our Deaf Mission work by naming their chapel Memorial Chapel for the Deaf. The church was purchased from the Augustana Synod, and it is one of the best-located churches for such work as we conduct. No one needs to transfer from any bus or car to reach this downtown chapel, across the street from a public park. The entire renovating and remodeling of the chapel and of the social hall was the work of expert craftsmen among the deaf, who won the praise of the community and many visitors. The deaf worked for one year on the alterations and yet so arranged their work that no services were ever interrupted. This was no easy task, since we were also permitting another group of hearing people to use our chapel. The Rev. M. Engel, who served this field at one time, was the speaker, while Rev. A. Jonas of Seattle, who studied his signs here at Oakland, interpreted the sermon. The Rev. W. Uhlig of Los Angeles interpreted other portions of the service, and the local pastor interpreted the hymns. A reserved section seated some sixty hearing friends, and some two hundred and twenty deaf attended the service. Mrs. H. Lembke, president of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, presented the congregation with a check of five hundred dollars. Miss M. Engel and Mrs. N. Davis rendered the hymn "Now Thank We All Our God." W. Hamnerlund and N. Davis, the first two pupils we instructed in the State School and ardent church workers, joined with Mrs. E. Hartman in the doxology, while the hearing sang. The excellent brass-work cross, candleholders, missal stand, and altar plaque, weighing each fifty pounds, are the work of Mr. E. Hartman, who made them from scrap brass gathered by the deaf. The work of remodeling was directed by Mr. Ed. Brodrick, a carpenter, and Mr. G. Hinman. The painting was under the direction of Geo. Fromm, L. Claver, and McAllister. The Aid Society assisted in all the cleaning. The members are indeed grateful to God, who has put into the hands of these alert Christian

workers an unusual piece of church property. Together with the Memorial Home for the Deaf which we conduct, we have half a block of unobstructed property on Grove Street in a metropolitan center, where the deaf can reach it easily.

G. W. G.

Milwaukee, Wis.—During 1945 only one member in our field received Christian burial. But during the first month of 1946 two members were called to their heavenly home.

George Nance of Kenosha died suddenly of a heart attack on Jan. 17, only a few hours after his son had returned from Marine service in the South Pacific. Five years ago Mr. Nance was instructed and baptized. He proved his love for his Savior by his faithful attendance at our services and by his regular giving for the support of the Church. He always expressed his appreciation to the pastor for the sermon. Such sincere appreciation for the good news that Jesus came into the world to save sinners is a great encouragement to the pastor. Mr. Nance was given Christian burial on Jan. 19. On Feb. 4 he would have been 60 years old. May God comfort the widow and her son with the truth that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

Augusta Wenzel, a member of our church since the time of organization more than 45 years ago, died rather unexpectedly on Jan. 22 at the age of nearly 81 years. Like faithful Anna, Mother Wenzel also "served God with prayers night and day" (Luke 2:37). She certainly was faithful and sincere in her daily devotions, her prayers, her Bible reading, and her study of God's Word. She could recite many portions of God's Word from memory. During her long life she experienced the truth expressed by the Psalmist in Psalm 90, verse 10. Six of her children preceded her in death, two sons having been killed in separate accidents. But God's Word, which she so diligently used, sustained her. Yes, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all" (Ps. 34:19). On Jan. 25 she was laid to rest, and she is now awaiting the great Day when her Savior will raise her, together with all believers, to eternal life.

On the following Sunday a memorial service was held in our church for the Deaf. The pastor based his sermon on the text found in Prov. 14:32; "The righteous hath hope in his death." May the memory of our faithful members who have departed encourage us all to live for Jesus so that we may die in Him.

M. E. A. MUELLER

St. Louis Mission.—In its meeting on Sunday, Feb. 3, Holy Cross Congregation unanimously resolved to call Rev. A. T. Jonas of Seattle to take over the work in the St. Louis field and also in the Seminary, where sign classes are conducted for the purpose of preparing young men for our missionary work among the deaf. That makes this call very important, especially now when so many workers are needed. At the present time there are two sign classes, attended by seventeen students. In the morning a service was held, attended by 47, of whom 37 came to the Lord's Table. May our good Lord Jesus, the Chief Shepherd, graciously grant them a pastor again and also supply the other fields.

In the same service, Emma Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Gyle, born Jan. 22, was brought to Christ in Holy Baptism. May our dear Lord bless her and keep her in His grace. Mr. Gyle, while attending the Seminary, has been taking care of the St. Louis field and conducting the classes in the Seminary, since P. Uhlig moved to Jacksonville.

J. L. S.

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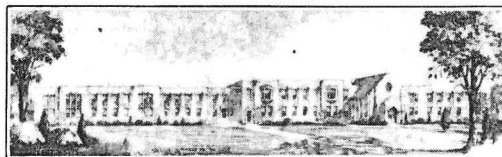
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