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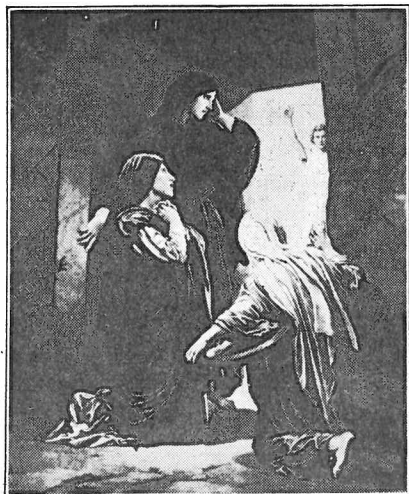
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Easter

There never was a time in the history of man when the faith-giving and faith-strengthening Easter message of the risen Savior was more needed than today. The ravages of the greatest war in history have left aching hearts and empty chairs in millions of homes. The world needs this news of our risen Lord and salvation by grace through faith as never be-



fore. Christians too are subject to frailties. They may rise to heights of enthusiasm, but they have also their times of weakness and failures in their Christian life. They must at times feel shame at their infirmities. They need to show constancy of service in following Jesus to the end. In spite of earthly changes and the tribulations of life they must continue to believe and to proclaim the most comforting of all messages: "Christ is risen"; He is the Son of God, the Lord of life and death, the one and only Savior of mankind, who in-

vites all men to the heavenly mansions to live with Him in peace.

May we pray sincerely today and every day:

Grant us that we may rise from sin,
A holy life to lead begin,
Till we, from sin and pain set free,
In endless Easter live with Thee.

O. C. S.

Easter Prayers

O Thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we render Thee most humble and hearty thanks that, when He had descended into the grave, Thou didst not suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption, but didst raise Him from the dead and set Him at Thine own right hand in the heavenly places. Grant us grace, we beseech Thee, to apprehend with true faith the glorious mystery of our Savior's resurrection, and fill our hearts with joy and a lively hope, that, amid all the sorrows, trials, and temptations of our mortal state and in the hour of death, we may derive strength and comfort from this sure pledge of an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away. Amen.

Feed the Hungry

I do not know how many of our deaf Christians who receive the DEAF LUTHERAN will read this—I believe many of you will read it, because you read all the church papers sent to you and you tell us you love to read them. When you have finished reading this, will you please take just a little more time and take your Bible and read these two chapters: Luke 16:19-31 and Matthew 25:31-46. You will find in these two lessons the

facts as to how God regards our attitude toward those whom He has laid at our door, the hungry and destitute, the crying and suffering fellow human beings in this world of ours today.

Oh, what untold misery this latest war has caused, especially in those countries where the actual fighting was done! You and I have only seen pictures and have only read about those terrible conditions, but, friends, it is all too true. Our own church representatives, including the President of our Synod, Dr. J. W. Behnken, were in Europe for two months, and they saw it with their own eyes. They are honest and truthful men, and they do not exaggerate, but they tell us that in Europe over 20,000,000 are homeless, a nightmare of helpless people, trampled under foot and wandering around from city to city and place to place. There are three to four million homeless children, almost all orphans now. This includes various countries in Europe—Germany, France, Belgium, Poland, Hungary, Austria, and others. In Berlin alone 1,000 to 2,000 persons are dying daily. A God-fearing man in Berlin, Bishop Dibelius, declares: "We do not pray for more than daily bread—we pray neither for fuel for the winter nor for the dwellings we once had.—The most meager daily bread is God's gift of grace, and the Church in this hour calls on the people to use this experience of hunger to draw close to the One who is the true Bread of Life."

The long war in China has left that country with a huge heritage of disaster and death. Up to 50,000,000 are displaced and homeless; 15,000,000 children are orphaned, sick or dying. It is estimated that in China alone 200,000,000 people need clothing.

What about India? Death needs no war to harvest India's hungry millions. One man reports: "It is not a matter of shortage, but of starvation." Another says: "Acute, war-caused distress exists today in India. Epidemics are raging. Tens of millions are destitute. Almost every child bears the marks of famine and disease."

Friends, on behalf of Europe's and Asia's hungry and homeless, sick and starving, friendless and imprisoned, naked and freezing, hopeless and helpless people and in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior,

our Church is asking you Christians to join in the blessed and God-pleasing work of collecting clothing and money to help alleviate the suffering of these millions of your brothers and sisters. It is so sorely needed right at the present time. So when your pastor asks you, "What will you do for them?" may you then with a joyful heart, and with a prayer of thanksgiving on your lips that you can help, come and bring your gifts to the feet of Jesus.

Oh, yes, by helping to feed these hungry people you will also help to make it possible to bring the Gospel of Jesus to them whereby their souls will be saved eternally.

E. MAPPES

Will "Electronic Language" Ever Aid the Deaf?

The Associated Press science editor, Howard W. Blakeslee, recently wrote a news item stating that the Bell Telephone laboratories had announced that spoken words could be made visible in green light by electronic tubes, thus forming a visible spoken language. Below we quote from his article as it appeared in a recent issue of the *Oregon Statesman*:

"The deaf can read this language. Persons of normal hearing learn to read it about as fast as a foreign language. The tubes also record this sound language on paper in permanent form.

"The new alphabet looks slightly like shorthand, but with all characters fat and some a bit fuzzy on the edges. The electronic translator draws not only spoken words, but music, noise, dialects, and bird songs. It can be made to record the motion of a human voice.

"The principle is like the one which will be used when, if ever, science makes a typewriter that will record spoken dictation.

"In this language the word 'sure' looks like a diving airplane. 'Five' closely resembles the letter z. The sound S is like a curtain of whiplashes, and the word 'sissy' is tough to recognize. 'We' looks like a tree blowing in the wind. 'You' is like a warship with a barrage balloon floating just above its bow.

"The meadowlark's song resembles the notes in a musical scale. The thrush song is similar except that its notes resemble fat, juicy slugs.

The whippoorwill's voice resembles stubby caterpillars chasing each other.

"Laughter is a row of feathers grunting and squealing at a picket fence with occasional crossbars.

"The green light language appears as the words are spoken on a small glass screen like a television picture; and for teaching deaf children, on a large screen about four feet across, where each word is a foot high."

Oregon Outlook

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE THIRD PETITION

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

The good and gracious will of God should be done. For this we pray against the evil will of the devil, the world, and our flesh. What do we want God to do when we pray, "Thy will be done"?

We Pray that He Hinder and Break Every Evil Counsel and Will

The devil, the world, and our flesh do not want God's name to be hallowed; that is, they do not want the true Word of God to be preached nor Christians to lead a holy life according to it; they do not want God's kingdom to come; that is, they do not want us to believe and to lead a godly life. Always they plan and work and seek to hinder and stop the will of God. Oh, woe to us if their will were done! Then we would be lost forever. Therefore we should earnestly pray: "Thy will [wish] be done. Hinder and break every evil counsel [plan] and will [wish] of these our enemies." Our heavenly Father must hinder them lest they deceive us as they deceived Eve; He must break their wicked plans lest they destroy us, as they destroyed Judas, one of the Twelve. If God will not stop them, then they will soon overcome us, and our work will come to naught. Therefore daily pray, "Thy will be done."

We Pray that He Keep Us in His Word and Faith unto Our End

We are so weak and easily fall, as Peter did. How quickly he three times denied his dear Lord! Therefore we should turn to our Almighty Father in prayer, as our dear Sav-

ior teaches us, and say, "Thy will be done." We intend to say: "Heavenly Father, strengthen and preserve [keep] us steadfast [standing firm] in Thy Word." If we stand firm in the Word of God, we shall overcome our enemies, as Jesus did. He met the devil and his temptations with this mighty Word, saying, "It is written." And if our Father keep us in His Word, then our faith will also be strengthened, trusting in the many promises of our heavenly Father. Therefore the devil always seeks to take this Word of God from us, thus to weaken our faith. Oh, daily let us pray, "Thy will be done." And then continue in prayer! The enemies will not rest. The nearer your end, the harder they work. We are kept only by the power of God through faith unto salvation (1 Pet. 1:5). O dear Father, keep us "unto the end."

Pray for All People

In all our work for Jesus, be it in this or another country, be it among the hearing or among the deaf, in all places the devil, the world, and the wicked heart are busy trying not to let God's name to be hallowed nor to let His kingdom come. Friend, therefore let us daily lift up our hands to heaven for a lost world, and cry out: "Heavenly Father in Christ Jesus, Thy good and gracious will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen." J. L. S.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Fargo, N. Dak. Field. — On Feb. 1 Everett Wilcox of Devils Lake, N. Dak., while on a visit to his relatives in the State of Washington, was hit by a hit-and-run driver and instantly killed. Everett was baptized in Devils Lake shortly after coming to the school and had been a faithful member of our Lutheran Mission to the Deaf since that time. His last request to his pastor, when he saw his pastor for the last time, was this, that upon his return to North Dakota he might again receive some more of Pastor Salvner's Bible Studies.

This winter has been a severe one in North Dakota, so that some of the places could not be reached. The work in the Devils Lake School is, however, going on quite satisfactorily.

St. Peter's Congregation had its annual voters' meeting in January, re-electing all of its old officers: M. Engen, president; O. Butenhoff, vice-president; John Kessler, treasurer; F. Kohlroser, secretary.

During the month of December the pastor could not reach the Bismarck group because of delayed trains. The deaf met in church, waited for their pastor until it was apparent that he could not come. They decided

that even if their pastor could not come, they could still give their contributions, so they took up their collection and sent it to the pastor by mail. W. F.

Omaha, Nebr.—During the month of March five young deaf people who have been studying the chief teachings of God's Word during the fall and winter months, became communicant members of our Church in this field. At Lincoln, Nebr., on March 3, Mr. Eugene Cook was confirmed; at Sioux City, Iowa, on March 10, Mr. Donald Haines and Mr. James Mount were received into membership of Peace Lutheran Congregation by adult baptism; in Omaha, on March 17, Miss Arlene Ekwall and Mr. Kenneth Matthews became members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church by confirmation, the latter also receiving Holy Baptism.

So we give praise and thanks to our dear Lord, who has led these young people in His way, and we pray Him to bless them and keep them in the true faith, which they confessed, to the end and through faith to grant them finally eternal life.

The Rev. H. H. Schauland, former pastor for the deaf at Indianapolis, Ind., was installed in Omaha as pastor of the Negro mission church on Sunday, Feb. 27. Twenty-five colored people attended this service. Pastor Schauland has since then been instructing a group of ten colored folks who are preparing for church membership. We want to say that we are sorry to have lost this energetic pastor in the work among the deaf; however, we wish for him much success and God's blessing in his new work. The colored also need the Gospel preached unto them, and with 25,000 Negroes living in Omaha, there surely is much work to be done for the Lord among these people. E. M.

Portland, Oreg.—February 17 was a happy day for Hope Lutheran Church for the Deaf at Portland, because on this Sunday five adults made their vows unto God before the altar of the Lord and became members in the church. The new members are: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moxley, Mrs. Lulu Peterson, Mrs. Floyd Skalicky, and Mr. William Gilliam.

Mr. Gilliam and Mr. and Mrs. Moxley were also baptized on that day. The congregation was so happy to receive these new members into their midst that they invited them to a welcoming luncheon in the church basement after the service. Many were the congratulations and well wishes expressed by the fifty deaf that were present.

Lord, to Thee we bring our thanksgiving, because Thou hast again done wonderful things through Thy Holy Spirit in the hearts of these people, and we pray Thee to grant them continued faith in Thee and fervent devotion to Thy kingdom and to let us all renew our vows daily unto Thee and finally to inherit our home in heaven above. We pray in Jesus' name.

N. W. Z.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—Many deaf whom we serve in this territory are devout and enthusiastic readers of Synod's devotional booklets. It would be well for all our deaf throughout the land to study these booklets with prayerful hearts; for they bring spiritual food, sustaining spiritual life and devotion to Christ and His Church.

A blind friend in Texas recently wrote: "I must say a few words in commendation of the very fine Braille magazine which you so ably edit. I regard it as one of the finest religious periodicals printed in any embossed type for the blind. I have recommended it to other blind wanting inspirational religious literature. I recognize good Bible teaching and solid Christian literature when I find it." O. C. S.

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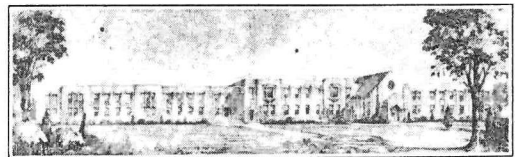
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