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### Prayer for Ascension Day

O King of Glory, Lord of Hosts, who didst this day ascend in triumph far above all heavens, we beseech Thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us the Spirit of truth, promised of the Father, O Thou who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen. *Selected*

### Trust

The Psalmist asks, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? . . . Hope thou in God." Ps. 42:5. To the Christians there is no ground to be cast down. They have a living, risen, and ascended Savior. All their necessities, difficulties, and trials merely exercise their faith in the power of the Son of God. There is never a time when they may not hope in God. Whatever their need, however great their difficulty, they are secure in Him. Though at times to all appearances help is impossible, yet it is their privilege to hope in God, and

this hope, it will be found, is not in vain. In our Lord's own time help will come. Such has been the experience of all true believers. The Psalmist adds: "For I shall yet praise Him." Ps. 42:5. More prayers, more exercise of faith, more patient waiting, and the result will be abundant blessing.

God has knowledge of, and has foreseen, all the needs of all His children. He does not leave them to be tossed about by the winds of chance and fancy. In our Lord Jesus are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Col. 2:3). We must, however, come to Him as lost and guilty sinners to find in His Word all that our soul needs, pardon and life, through His name. We must know His will and do it as His disciples and servants. Moreover, Jesus says: "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth; but I have called you friends" (John 15:15). Therefore:

Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Flee the world that would deceive us  
And to sin our soul allure.  
Ever in His footsteps treading,  
Body here, yet soul above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, abide with me;  
Savior, lead, I follow Thee.

O. C. S.

### Georgia Governor Uses Signs

Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia is the only chief executive of a State who can talk the deaf language fluently. Arnall, who was brought up with two deaf boys as neighbors, has become the hero of physically handicapped people all over the country. — *Washington Merry-Go-Round*.

### A Few Days with Our Chicago Missionaries

Sunday, March 24, we spent with Pastor Schroeder, editor of our periodicals for the blind and also missionary to the deaf. First we held a service in the Illinois Home for Aged Deaf, then went on to the home for the blind, where Pastor Schroeder ministers to three deaf-blind, bringing them the Word of Jesus and His salvation; from there to a rest home, where we spoke of the suffering Christ to two hard-of-hearing men; and then to another rest home, where we visited another deaf-blind woman who wears a white glove on which the letters of the alphabet are printed, and touching these letters one can spell out words and tell her the story of Jesus and His love. While visiting these people, the words of Jesus came to our mind: "To the poor the Gospel is preached." What a blessing that we are able to minister unto them! Indeed, our mission is a blessed work! In the evening we went with Pastor Schroeder to Chicago Heights and ministered to a few deaf.

In the afternoon we preached to 24 colored deaf in Pastor Carter's church, a church for colored. This group is being served by Pastor Scheibert. After the service a meeting was held in which we touched upon church attendance, instructions preparatory to Holy Communion, contributions, and the like. Yes, the Gospel of salvation by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ is also for them! Then for three days we were on our way with Pastor Scheibert to Fort Wayne, South Bend, and Kankakee. In every city we preached and then had a meeting encouraging the deaf in their serving the Lord Jesus, who died for them.

The following Saturday and Sunday we went with Pastor Bremer, who also works among the blind, especially taking care of our Lutheran Library for the Blind. Over the week ends he goes to Delavan, Wis., and other cities to minister unto deaf. At Delavan we enjoyed the hospitality of the school during our visit there, for which we are very grateful. Pastor Bremer has between 40 and 50 children in his classes, which he conducts on Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday morning about forty of the boys and girls went to our

local church, which is very much interested in our work there. The writer preached the sermon and then had a few words of encouragement for them after the service. In the afternoon a service was conducted with 24 adult deaf and also a meeting after the service, in which we encouraged them to go on in the work of our Lord who loved us and died for us on the cross.

Thus we spent blessed days with the Chicago brethren. Going thus from place to place and in every place seeing deaf gather to learn the Word of Jesus, one's heart overflows with thanks to our Lord that He fifty years ago led our Church into this blessed work of bringing the sweet Gospel to the deaf and deaf-blind! May our gracious God continue to be with us all and bless our Mission unto the glory of His name and the salvation of many blood-bought souls among the deaf! And may He fill us all with love and zeal to do more and more and to bring His saving Word to many more deaf in our country and in all the world!

J. L. S.

*Do you want wages or a gift?* "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 6:23.

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

### Bible Study for May

Acts 5:26-32

Then went the captain with the officers and brought them without violence; for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned. And when they had brought them, they set them before the Council: and the high priest asked them, saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? And, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine and intend to bring this Man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other Apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Our Bible students, in our lesson for May, find the Apostles in trouble again. Their liberty had not continued long because (after their release from prison) they had again pub-

licly preached the good news of Jesus, the Savior. In consequence of this they were arrested once more. Brought before the Council, they were commanded to give an explanation.

Let us take notice especially of two words of the high priest. He asked (verse 28): "Did not *we* forbid you to preach!" This is another case of the old, old, story — people think themselves more important than God. We think of the words that forbade Daniel to pray (Dan. 6:7-13). But no enemy of God and of God's program of salvation has ever been able to stop God. "We ought to obey God rather than men."

Notice their second statement, their accusation: "You have *filled* Jerusalem." The doctrine of the Apostles was that Jesus is the Savior of sinners (see verse 20 also). The high priests and their followers did not like this teaching. But in addition they feared that the people would become more and more angry with them because they had crucified the Lord. Their guilty conscience was worrying them. It comes to our attention, however, that indirectly the high priest gives them credit for a great work for Jesus — "Ye have *filled* Jerusalem." In spite of all interference the Apostles had told many people about the way to heaven. "We ought to obey God rather than men," they say.

Continuing the study of our lesson, we find a yet more courageous and clear confession of the Apostles' faith — "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus." — God, the Father of Abraham and Isaac, *our* mutual Father, He raised up Jesus and exalted Him with His right hand to be a Prince of Peace and a Savior. They say: "Our heavenly Father, who gave the more than three hundred promises in the Old Testament that the Messiah should come, He now has shown His approval of the work of Jesus. He raised up Jesus. Surely you — the members of the Council — should not have put Jesus to death."

God exalted Him. The Jews had expected the Messiah to be an earthly Leader and King among them. They had visions of seeing Jesus rule with great power. But God the Father shows that Jesus was the Messiah and Savior in a spiritual sense — the Savior of souls. God exalted Him, not as a military

Leader, but as the spiritual Prince of Peace. The Apostles are convinced therefore that they ought to preach in His name and publish the laws of the spiritual kingdom of Jesus.

Verse 32: "We *are* witnesses." We also have received for our work the gifts of grace of the Holy Spirit, who bears witness through the Gospel we proclaim on earth.

The Apostle in our lesson also makes it clear to us again that repentance and remission (forgiveness) of sins go together. Jesus Christ (verse 31) is authorized to give forgiveness of sins to Israel and all people who repent of their sins. — This message of peace and pardon by Christ is still the most important task for all Christians to publish. May the Lord grant us courage to *continue* this work of the Apostles individually and in our congregations.

A. E. FERBER

## IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

*Milwaukee, Wis.* — For the third time this year it is our sad duty to report the death of a faithful member. Mrs. Minnie Zarling of Sheboygan passed away suddenly on Feb. 25 at the age of nearly 76 years. Only the day before she had attended our services in Sheboygan and received strengthening of faith from the preaching of Christ's Gospel of grace and forgiveness. Thus she was ready for an unexpected end. Jesus says, "Be ye ready also." The undersigned spoke words of comfort and encouragement at her funeral on Feb. 28. Thus another dear member has gone to her rest in heaven.

On Palm Sunday three persons were confirmed in our church for the deaf in Milwaukee, namely, Mrs. Stanley Lucas, Mrs. Minnie Dahlke, Mr. Raymond Krause. We pray that God may keep them faithful to Himself and His Church unto the end.

During the past seven years the undersigned has instructed and prepared 46 adult deaf for confirmation and Baptism in this field. Of this number three have died and received Christian burial. Three have broken their promise to God by severing their connection with the Lutheran Church. We thank God that all the others are still with us and active in the work of the Church. "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

M. E. A. MUELLER

*Minneapolis Mission.* — With thanks to God we can report that Grace Congregation has a pastor again. Pastor C. Bremer of Chicago, who has been taking care of our Lutheran library for the blind and also ministered to deaf in several cities, has accepted the call. Pastor Lutz will leave us the end of April, and Pastor Bremer will be with us by the beginning of June. God willing, the installation will take place June 2. May God be with Pastor Lutz in his new

field of labor in India and bless his work. And may it be His will that someday he will be ministering to deaf there. And may God's blessing be with Pastor Bremer in his work among us! Let us remember them in our daily prayers!

J. L. S.

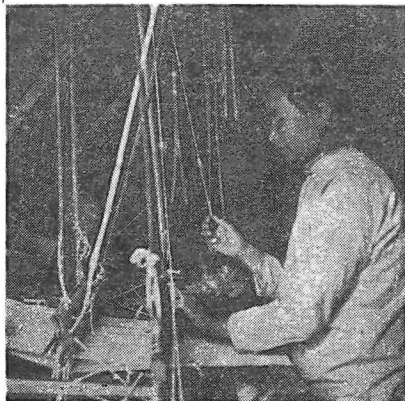
**Cleveland, Ohio.**—Christ Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio, in its annual business meeting, elected the following officers: Robert Morris, president; Alfred Clauss, vice-president; Theo. Frederking, secretary; Stuart Mahan, treasurer; Paul L. Smith, H. Crittle, Samuel Keirns, Bernard Marquis, and Walter Juhnke, elders.—Our new church constitution was adopted before our legal incorporation. It was also decided to pay each month during 1946 a definite sum toward salary, toward missions, and toward local expenses. To carry out our budget, weekly envelopes in all cities have been distributed, and a great improvement has taken place by these measures.

In Columbus, Ohio, our church work has also shown great improvement. For this reason we have been conducting two services each month in our Capital City. Our Columbus mission also has adopted our new constitution and has chosen "Holy Cross Lutheran Church" for its name. It is now an organized congregation and has elected the following officers: Harry Case, president; Francis Foster, vice-president; Steve Benedict, secretary; John Riddlebaugh, treasurer; Arthur E. Anderson and John Schwartz, elders.

On March 10, in Columbus, the following became members in an adult Baptism and confirmation service: Mrs. Steve Benedict, Mrs. Francis Foster, Mrs. Carl Bowman, and Mr. Fred Case.—On April 7, in Akron, Ohio, Mr. Edmond T. Abbott was received into full membership. We wish these five members the abiding grace of Christ that they may be blessed on earth and obtain eternal life.

T. FREDERKING

**Mission for Blind and Deaf.**—Mrs. M. Linne-weber, one of our faithful Christians at the Brookston Home for the Deaf, departed this life on Dec. 24 to be with Christ. Just two days before her death, we



visited with her and spoke to her about Jesus and the Christian hope for eternal glory. She again confessed her faith in Jesus, her Savior; with a cheerful heart she trusted in Him also during her last illness. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Ps. 116:15).

Mrs. E. Kleinhaus, a former teacher at the Rochester, N. Y., School for the Deaf, is a new resident at the Home. She enjoys very much the services and Bible class conducted for this group.

Our magazines for the blind and our library books have readers in many countries—in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and islands of the seas. Here is a picture of a Chinese girl, a reader of our *Messenger*.

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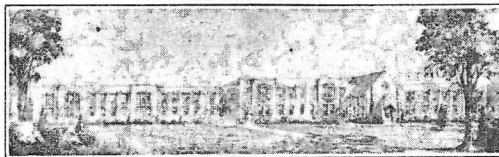
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