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### Come, Holy Ghost

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,  
Vouchsafe within our souls to rest;  
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid  
And fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

To Thee, the Comforter, we cry,  
To Thee, the gift of God most high,  
The fount of life, the fire of love,  
The soul's anointing from above. — *Sel.*

### Pentecost

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He promised to send the Holy Spirit, who would teach the disciples to understand His work and give them a strong faith and courage to carry it on in the entire world. No longer would He be seen among them, but His work would go on. After ten days of waiting, according to that promise, on Pentecost Day, the Bible tells us, came a sound from heaven as of a violent wind. Parted tongues as of fire settled upon each of them, and they were filled with the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:4. This day may well be called the birthday of the Christian Church. The disciples bravely faced the hostile Jews and preached repentance and faith. St. Peter told them that with wicked hands they had crucified Christ, Acts 2:23. On that day three thousand were baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins.

Christians today likewise have become temples of the Holy Ghost. By the preaching and teaching of God's Word the Holy Spirit continues to enter the hearts of men, so that they see their ancient and innate wickedness, their utter sinfulness, and the glories of Christ's redeeming grace. No man can change

his heart by his own power; this is the work of the Holy Spirit through His means of grace, the Word and the Sacraments. May we, therefore, diligently use these means whereby He creates and sustains spiritual life in us.

O. C. S.

### A Trip to Springfield, Ill., St. Louis and Fulton, Mo.

In April the writer went to St. Louis for a meeting with Holy Cross Congregation in regard to the calling of a pastor. In the Sunday morning service we preached and in the afternoon conducted a meeting, in which Rev. E. Mappes of Omaha was unanimously called. We just received word that also he had to return the call because of the greater importance of his present field. The ladies' aid met the same afternoon, and we addressed also them in words of encouragement and admonition. May the good Lord and chief Shepherd of His Church soon grant us a consecrated pastor for St. Louis.

The next day we met Pastor N. Uhlig at Springfield and attended the sign class. Three members of this class are in the graduating class and our Board of Missions has sent calls for the three. Tuesday we spoke to about thirty-five young men at the St. Louis Seminary. These attend the sign classes there, and we showed them the great need and blessedness of our work among the deaf. Our Board has placed three requests for vicars from St. Louis. May the gracious Lord hear our prayers for workers so sorely needed in our work.

On Wednesday we visited the Fulton State

School with Mr. Gyle, who, by the way, has accepted a call as missionary at large and has charge of the St. Louis field until the vacancy has been filled. A field will then be assigned to him. We addressed the assembly at the school, showing them what a great blessing a school for the deaf is, then preached to five deaf at the State Hospital in the afternoon and attended Mr. Gyle's classes, taking over the confirmation class. In the evening, services were held with fifteen adult deaf of the city. During our stay at Fulton we enjoyed the hospitality of the school, for which we want to say a hearty "Thank you." God is manifestly blessing Brother Gyle's work, for which we render due thanks unto Him.

Thus the good work goes on and on. At all times and in every place the word of salvation by faith in Christ's blood is preached and taught, and thus many deaf are brought to Christ. Thanks to God for it! And may He continue to be with us, graciously grant us more consecrated workers, fill all our missionaries with love and zeal for this blessed work, strengthen the faith of our deaf Christians, and grant us all His Holy Spirit that we may live not unto ourselves, but unto Him who died for us and rose again.

J. L. S.

## Studies in Luther's Catechism

### THE FOURTH PETITION

*"Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"*

In His sermon on the Mount our Lord Jesus says: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things (food, drink, clothing) shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:23). Christ's kingdom first always! When Jesus had met the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob, His disciples came with food from the city and said: "Master, eat." Then He answered: "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me and to finish His work" (John 4:34). The chief thing in this world is God's kingdom and work, not food and drink and clothing. Therefore Jesus also first teaches us to pray that His name be hallowed, that His kingdom come, that His will be done, and then: "Give us this day our daily bread."

### Pray for Food, Clothing, and Work

The word "bread" in the Lord's Prayer does not only mean what we call bread and eat in our home, but, as Luther says, it means "everything that belongs to the support and wants of the body." And the first thing that the body needs is "food and drink." That we see so plainly in Europe and Asia today, where people are starving because of very little or no food. Then we also need "clothing, shoes, house, home," to protect our body from heat and cold, from wind and storm, from rain and snow. Oh, how people in Europe today need clothing! It is good and right that we send them food and clothing. Let us thank God that He daily gives us all these things so richly (much). And, furthermore, God wants us to work for these things. Therefore we ask Him for "fields, cattle, money, goods." With this prayer we therefore ask God for work and for His blessing upon our work.

### Pray for Christian Friends and Good Government

These good things, as food and clothing, we enjoy really only in a Christian home. When we pray for daily bread, we therefore pray for a "pious spouse," that is, a Christian husband or wife who believes in the crucified Lord Jesus. How blessed if husband and wife together pray, study the Word, and go to church! That is a happy home! And then what a blessing to have "pious (Christian) children, pious servants" who love the Savior of sinners. For such a Christian home we pray when we pray for daily bread. But all these blessings we can enjoy only if we have "pious and faithful rulers, good government." What a blessing good government is we can learn from people that had or have bad government. Think of the Germans and the Japanese and the people of other countries who could not enjoy their daily bread under their cruel rulers.

### Daily Pray for These Blessings

All these blessings belong to the support and wants of the body. Daily let us go to our heavenly Father and ask Him to give us these blessings in the name of Jesus, who loved us and gave Himself for us.

J. L. S.

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

### Bible Study for June

Acts 5:33-39

When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them. Then stood there up one in the Council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the Law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the Apostles forth a little space, and said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves; who was slain, and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered and brought to naught. After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him; he also perished, and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed. And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men and let them alone; for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to naught; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it, lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

In the past Bible study we have had much discussion about the two disciples John and Peter in court. They gave a fine defense of themselves and by their preaching and miracles proved that the Holy Spirit was with them. (They testified that Jesus was their Savior.)

In our June lesson we can very well ask: "How did the members of the court feel about it? What impression did they get?" The action of the court was disappointing: "They were cut to the heart and took counsel to slay them" (v. 33). Instead of agreeing to the Gospel plea of the disciples, they raged with anger. It made them angry to be convicted of having sinned. So they made plans how "this time for sure they might kill the disciples."

However, during the great excitement in the court one of their own members asks for the floor. His name is Gamaliel. He is a leader in the Council. He is called a doctor of the Law. He has carefully studied the Old Testament. (Paul was a pupil of Gamaliel.) He asks that the Apostles be put forth a little space.

Our lesson now quotes the quieting words of calm advice that Gamaliel gives: Take heed what ye intend to do with these two men. Don't hurry.

Gamaliel argues that if the Apostles are

false prophets, the movement they have started will collapse. He calls the attention of the Council to two men, named Theudas and Judas of Galilee, who at one time had caused disturbances. Although Theudas had 400 followers, he soon was attacked and destroyed by the Romans.

With Peter and John the same will happen, says Gamaliel, if the movement they have started is merely a human design. (Matt. 15:13.) However, if the Lord God has called and appointed these men and does His miracles through them, you members of the Council cannot overthrow it.

While these words are a warning to the enemies of Jesus, they are a comfort to His followers. All who accept Jesus as the Savior and confess His name have the assurance that God is on their side. Rom. 8:31-39.

His words and His kingdom will progress. Is. 55:11. Let us believe it. With God and Jesus we shall have the victory. 1 John 5:4.

A. E. F.

## IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

*Minneapolis Mission.* — Sally Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carman Richie, was brought to Christ through Holy Baptism in our service on May 5 and thus was received into the fold of our Good Shepherd Jesus. May He keep her now and forever in His grace and kingdom!  
J. L. S.

*Omaha, Nebr.* — Eleven pupils from the Council Bluffs, Iowa, school were confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Omaha on May 5. Our gracious Savior Jesus Christ keep them all in the true faith unto life everlasting.

Mr. Vernon Meyer and Miss Arlene Ekwall, both of Omaha, were united in holy wedlock at the Lutheran church in Lincoln, Nebr., on Easter Sunday afternoon. Norma Ekwall and George Harris were witnesses. May the Lord Jesus abide with them in their home.

Another wedding, that of Mr. Albert Johnson and Miss Mary Lou Parker of Omaha, took place at the home of the bride's mother on April 7. Mrs. Johnson has enrolled in the adult confirmation class. May God's blessing rest upon them.

Jack Lee Cooper, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cooper of Omaha, was brought to Jesus by Holy Baptism on April 24. Mrs. Nick Petersen and Mrs. Donald Dey were sponsors.  
E. M.

*Sioux Falls, S. Dak.* — Since our last report two marriages have been solemnized in the Sioux Falls field. December 15 Mr. William Giese and Miss Mabel Stewart, both of Worthington, Minn., were joined in holy marriage at our Lutheran parsonage in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hagen were witnesses.

On February 23 Miss Ruby Christian became the bride of Mr. Christ Oelberg in an evening ceremony at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mason City, Iowa. The church was filled to capacity with both deaf and hearing friends and relatives. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Thomas Christian. Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Huffman, sister and brother-in-law of the groom. Wade Moore, a member of our Mason City deaf group, was usher.

Mr. Childs Glembin, a faithful attendant at our services, passed away at Watertown, S. Dak., December 21. A memorial service was held for him after the regular service in Watertown on January 17, and the commitment service at the grave April 25. Mr. Wm. Alberda, Lennox, S. Dak., passed away on April 12. An invalid for many years, Mr. Alberda could not attend our services; but he had his name on our mailing list, and faithfully used the Christian literature sent to him. His widow states that even after he himself could no longer read, he asked her to read and sign the messages to him.

At an impressive service on January 13 the following became communicant members of our Church at Worthington, Minn.: Mrs. Virgil Rasmussen, Henry Pospisil, and Norman Hagen. They also partook of their first Communion in the same service. Mrs. Hagen and Mrs. Wm. Giese signed the confirmation hymn: "Let Me Be Thine Forever."

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Taylor, Charles City, Iowa, was baptized in their home on March 9. He was given the name Ronald George. C. S.

*Mission for Deaf and Blind.*—Our co-worker, Rev. C. Bremer, has accepted the call from our Board and the deaf congregation in Minneapolis. We regret his departure, but wish him God's blessing in his new field of labor.

A blind friend in New York City recently wrote: "I think the *Lutheran Messenger* is a very fine religious magazine. I thank you for your kindness in sending it." O. C. S.

*Fargo Field.*—On Sunday, May 12, the deaf of our group in Devils Lake, N. Dak., met for a special service, a Mother's Day service, connected with a confirmation and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Mr. Smith, the superintendent of the North Dakota School for the Deaf, had again provided the bus to transport the children from the school to the church in town. After the sermon Jimmy Ahlberg joined our group by confirmation and promised that with the help of God he would continue to be faithful to his Savior. After the confirmation he joined 17 other communicant members in receiving the Lord's Supper. The Communion set used was the beautiful set which the Lutheran Women's Missionary League has so kindly donated to us. The entire service was beautified by hymns signed by different groups of girls from the school. Miss Mary Sladek, a teacher in the school and one of our communicant members, has throughout this school year patiently worked to prepare the children for the signing of hymns for our services. Her help is heartily appreciated.

On April 18 Mr. George Moen of Bemidji died.

He was given a Christian burial by his pastor on April 22. Shortly before his death Mr. Moen had bought a beautiful Bible, and he was so anxiously waiting for his pastor to come and see his prized possession. Mr. Moen was born in northern Minnesota in 1885 and had lived in this wooded section of the State throughout his life. Through his quiet but Christian character he has been an influence for good among the deaf of his acquaintance. W. FERBER

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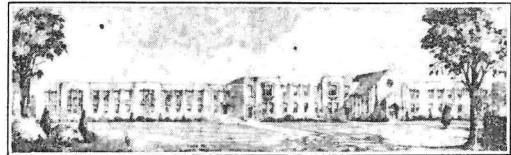
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