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As in Thy Presence

As in Thy presence, Lord, oh, let me walk
Each day beside Thee down the path of life;
Then stumbling, wavering, falling from Thee,
Thy outstretched hand will lift me up again.
As in Thy presence, Lord, oh, may I see
Thy will in all I do and seek and say,
So that the rocks the Tempter strews before me
May not be blocks of stumbling on the way.
As in Thy presence, Lord, let me abide
Forever near Thee, from all harm secure,
Content to know whatever comes is best
When Thou art there beside me, ever sure.
So guide me, keep me, hold my hand today,
My Lord, my King, my Master — all the way.

EDITH C. WALL

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE FOURTH PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Give us this day our daily bread"

In our last study we learned what is meant by daily bread. For this Jesus teaches us to pray. But so many pray not and still have enough.

God Gives Daily Bread Without Our Prayer

It is true. So many people live in sin and rebel against God, and still they have more than heart could wish. Luther, therefore, says: "God gives daily bread indeed without our prayer, also to all the wicked." And that agrees with the words of Jesus: "He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." Matt. 5:45. Oh, the wonderful grace of God! You ask: "Why, then, does Jesus teach us to pray for daily bread?"

We Should Remember that All Is from God

Luther says: "We pray in this petition that He would lead us to know it." To know what? That all we have and daily receive is from God. Jesus does not want us to forget

the Giver of all good things. So many enjoy these many good things, but never think of that kind God. They boast of their skill and power and wisdom and say: "See what I have done and made." But with all their skill and wisdom they cannot make one kernel of wheat for bread, not one piece of lumber for a home, not a cup of water to quench their thirst. Our heavenly Father must give it all. Let us never forget this, and we shall never worry about tomorrow. Therefore Jesus teaches us to pray for bread only for "this day." When we sit down to eat, do not forget Him who gives it all. Ask Him for His blessing and say:

Come, Lord Jesus, bless this food
To Thy glory and our good. Amen.

We Should Receive Our Daily Bread with Thanksgiving

Oh, so many never have a word of thanks to God for the many good things on their table! And also we so often forget to give thanks, as children forget to say "Thank you." Again and again we must tell them: "Say, Thank you." So God in His holy Word again and again urges us to give thanks. Come, let us receive every gift, also a glass of water or a slice of bread, with thanks and say:

We thank Thee, Lord,
For meat and drink
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Especially let us show our thanks by giving for His soul-saving work. Gladly give for the preaching of His Word of Salvation among all people! Do it for Him who daily loadeth us with benefits! J. L. S.

In which way is God slow? "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy." Ps. 103:8.

Heart Service

Many people who call themselves Christians are so in name only; they render mere lip service to Jesus, while their heart is far from Him; they live in many sins of omission and commission; it is so easy for them to do wrong, to become defiant, to lose their temper, to neglect the Church, to break the laws of God and man; they never realize the depth of wickedness which comes with original sin in the hearts of all men. Such understanding must come before Christ is appreciated. Until it does, men feel that they may be able to save themselves.

God knew from all eternity that we would need Him to free us from sin, that we could not save ourselves nor cleanse our depraved hearts by our own power, that we could not blot out the black record of our guilt. That is the reason God sent His only-begotten Son into this world of sin and death and laid on Him the iniquity of us all, Is. 53:6. Our heavenly Father says: "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins—return unto Me—for I have redeemed thee." Is. 44:22. The God against whom we have sinned, has blotted out these sins.

If you accept this salvation, your life will show the sincerity of your faith and the fact that you have been born again. Do not be deceived by mere moral living; understand the terrible fact of your utter helplessness, examine your heart according to the Ten Commandments, then you will quickly flee to Jesus for the grace of God, for refuge and safety from the enemies of your soul. O. C. S.

What Deaf People Can Do

There are thousands of people who have wrong ideas about us deaf people, for they believe none of us can do things as well as hearing people. It is true that lack of hearing is an unfortunate thing, but we can get along. We can engage in almost any kind of work. We can build houses, do farming, drive automobiles, and do hundreds of other things. Of course, we cannot use the telephone.

Many deaf people are skillful in their trades. They do especially well at baking, printing, painting, tailoring, farming, and such

occupations. Sometimes they are so successful as to be promoted into better positions, where they get higher wages. There are many deaf who are successfully engaged in the fine arts, such as painting, sculpturing, drafting, and wood carving. Deaf women usually work as housewives, but some are working in bakeries, laundries, as typists in offices, and as dressmakers. The few who do not get along well probably lack ability or understanding. There are many hearing people who are similar failures, so deaf people are not different from other people except that they cannot hear.

Deaf people are as loyal to their country as other people are. We deaf people are law-abiding, self-supporting, and not a social problem. Really, there isn't anything the matter with us, and we are all proud to say that we are real Americans. *Oregon Outlook*

The Importance of Religious Books

Daniel Webster once said: "If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country, and the people do not become religious, I do not know what will become of us as a nation. If truth be not diffused, error will be; if God and His Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain the ascendancy; if the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of corrupt and licentious literature will."—It is for this reason that our Church has operated its own Publishing House for more than 75 years: Concordia Publishing House in St. Louis, where over ten million books and periodicals are printed every year.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Minneapolis, Minn.—By God's mercy a class of five children and one adult were confirmed and received into membership in Grace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Minneapolis, on Palm Sunday, April 14. Members of the class were: Olive Denley, Bernard Johnson, Carmen Voges, Richard Peterson, Donald Anderberg, and Mr. Hans Saterlund.

The children have been attending the Minneapolis School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. They were instructed by the use of lip reading only, and were confirmed by the same way. But Mr. Saterlund, the adult in the group, was instructed in the sign language. The confirmation service was conducted in both speaking and signing at the same time.

Mr. Saterlund was received into the family of God by holy Baptism, and was confirmed with the group

of children. Together they confessed their faith and made their promise to God that they would stay with Him in faith and a Christian life until death.

One of the children, Carmen Voges, was sick and not able to come to church for confirmation. The pastor and several members of the church went to her home on that afternoon. There she was confirmed while lying in bed.

In the morning service also Mrs. Saterlund confessed her faith in Jesus before the congregation and was received into membership in Grace Church. She was instructed and confirmed in another church many years ago. Now again she came to the instruction with her husband to study and review the chief teachings of the Bible. She saw how much we forget if we do not continue (always study and learn) in the Word of God.

May God give to all these Christians the blessings which Jesus earned for them, especially the forgiveness of sins. And may they continue in true faith until they enter heaven.

In the service on Palm Sunday, April 14, Verneil Rosella, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong, was baptized. On April 7, Loretta Ann, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cuskey, was baptized. Through Baptism these children were brought into the Kingdom of God. May God through Jesus forgive their sins and keep them in the faith.

A. J. L.

Minneapolis Mission. — Sally Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carman Richie, was brought to Jesus in holy Baptism May 5, and William David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Loeffler, May 12, and thus have put on Christ. May they abide in His grace unto the end!

Arthur B. Dreher and Ida M. Speth were united in holy wedlock in Grace Chapel May 18. May the Lord Jesus ever be in their home and make it a truly happy home.

June 2 Pastor Possehl of New York preached in the morning service in Grace Chapel, and in the afternoon he assisted at the installation of our new pastor, the Rev. C. Bremer, in Immanuel Church. Rev. C. Hoffmann preached the sermon from 2 Cor. 5:18-20, Pastor Salvner interpreting. The latter installed Pastor Bremer, assisted by Pastors Hoffmann and Schumacher, members of our Board of Missions, and by Pastors Schupmann and Possehl. Pastor Cordes interpreted this part of the service. After the service our ladies gave a reception for Pastor and Mrs. Bremer. May God grant our new pastor strength and wisdom for his work among us, and may he win many for Christ and His kingdom.

J. L. S.

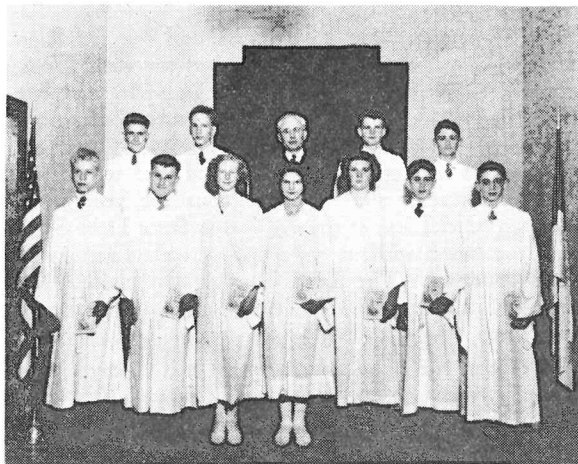
Cleveland, Ohio. — On May 19 Christ Lutheran Church of Cleveland celebrated its 37th anniversary. After the service Mr. Robert Lankenau, B. S., of Akron, Ohio, gave us a splendid lecture on "Progress." A numerous crowd came to the church and remained for the luncheon.

On May 26 a confirmation service was held in Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio, in which five pupils from the school were confirmed. Our new members are: Dorothy Rohrer, James Case, Alfred Ruetz, Robert Hill, and Wendell Clark.

On June 2, in our lipreading service at Cleveland, the following were received into membership either by Baptism or confirmation: Grace Siebert, Patterson Mitchell, David Ostrander, Fred Waltz, Paul Potoskey, Earl Froehlich, and Frank Sulz.

We congratulate all our new members and wish them all God's best blessings that they may keep the faith in Jesus for their eternal salvation, and we pray God to bless them also for their welfare during their life on earth.

T. F.



The above is a class of pupils from the Iowa School for the Deaf at Council Bluffs, confirmed by Rev. E. Mappes on May 5

Reading left to right, front row: Gerald Baker, Kellerton, Iowa; Dean Dommer, Unionville, Iowa; Mercedes Cantril, Jefferson, S. Dak. (formerly of Ottumwa, Iowa); Betty Ames, Marshalltown, Iowa; Charlotte Osborne, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Leroy Rickabaugh, Des Moines, Iowa; Jerry Taylor, Nevada, Iowa. Back row: Floyd Norris, Sioux City, Iowa; Vernon Jones, Des Moines, Iowa; Rev. Mappes, Robert Dunnington, Sioux City, Iowa; Don Harrison, Nevada, Iowa

Oakland-San Francisco. — The following were received into membership at Oakland by transfer from St. Paul: Geo. Pehlgrim and Carl Pehlgrim. Also Hattie Pehlgrim, now Mrs. C. Hagerty. Thelma Mayes of Omaha was also received into membership and was married to Geo. Otto Pehlgrim. Since we have our own chapel, our young people's society has met twice a month. The first Friday of the month we gather for Bible study and for business. On the third Friday of the month each member brings a friend for a study of one of the Cathedral Colored Slide Bible Stories and a social evening. The results have been very fine. The Aid Society meets twice a month. We have found this a very fine way of meeting strangers. Miss I. Lynch, a very capable person, is able to chaperon the young people on the social evenings, and the Aid Society is an up-to-date, self-starting and regulating machine, so that the pastor need not always be present. We have also installed, as we had planned, a public address system. This may strike many as being very odd for a church for the deaf. However, its uses should be looked into. We have a very large four-way unit, installed by a local broadcasting company. Fifteen minutes before our services we can run continuous organ music, also during the offering and after the service. This is very fine for the children of the deaf

and the visitors, also for some who do hear in our circles. The unit also allows a hookup for the rear benches, with a microphone at the reading desk, in order to benefit any hard of hearing when speech is used in the service. We are also connected with our very excellent tower from which we can broadcast chimes. For convention purposes the address system can reach the people in the lower hall. We have not found this idea novel at all, but of such excellent use on many occasions that it is mentioned for the benefit of others. Everett Miller, Sylvia Perkins, Mrs. G. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gough, are in our Catechism class for the summer. Mr. G. Matson and Mr. A. Kleinfeldt of San Francisco have refinished the furniture for our Memorial Home at Oakland, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Hammerlund have, as we had expected, proved themselves very capable in management. We have a waiting list of applicants who would like to move to this comfortable home. Throughout the year we instructed 52 children at the California State Deaf School and continued without interruption with four services every Sunday. The Lord has greatly blessed these hard-working and faithful deaf in their efforts for His kingdom.

C. W. G.

Mission for Blind and Deaf. — Mr. Harry Draves, a deaf friend in La Porte, Ind., departed this life in February to be with Christ. He was a kind, Christian gentleman who always greeted us cordially. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. H. Draves and her family.

Our blind friends report to us: "I greatly enjoy reading your *Lutheran Messenger*. It is a great blessing to me." — *Belfast, Ireland.*

"Thank you very much for the magazine. I like it very much. I enjoy especially the hymns." — *Minnesota.*

"I have in my congregation a seventeen-year-old boy. He is happy to receive your *Messenger* and reads it eagerly." — *Wisconsin.*

"I want to thank you for your very fine magazine. It is a wonderful Christian periodical, and I appreciate it very much." — *Georgia.*

O. C. S.

Kansas City, Mo. — Since our last report two marriages have been solemnized in the Kansas City field. On April 13 Mr. George Dietz and Miss Eva Adams of Denver, Colorado, were united in holy marriage in St. John's Lutheran Church there. On May 23, Mr. James O. Mount of Sioux City, Iowa, and Miss Josephine S. Lynn of Kansas City exchanged their marriage vows before the altar of Pilgrim Chapel. All are members of the Lutheran Church. We believe a word of appreciation is in place because our members make their plans to have their weddings performed in God's house. Surely, the Lord will bless them for their faithfulness, as He has promised.

With fine co-operation at the schools, the season of religious classes was ended after a very successful semester. Confirmations will be reported later. However, we should like to report here that two boys, with their parents' consent, most earnestly desired Holy Baptism. Thus Larry and Thomas Pratt, Jr., were baptized into the Kingdom of Jesus at Wichita, Kansas, on June 2.

A faithful member and enthusiastic worker in the

Kingdom of Jesus — Mrs. Fannie Scott (Laughlin), fell asleep in Jesus on May 15. Having been afflicted several months, Mrs. Scott was a most patient and cheerful sufferer. She testified wonderfully of her faith in Jesus, who had died also for her sins on the cross. The pastor saw her a few hours before her death, at which time she voiced a wish that the Gospel might be brought also to certain friends who have not accepted the Savior.

Mrs. Scott was a charter member in the Kansas City field. She was acquainted with many of our pastors. Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

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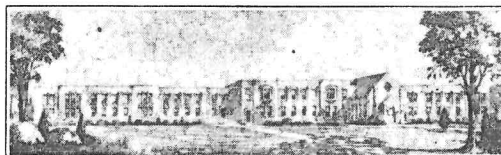
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