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My Savior

My Savior's hallowed name
Is sweet as heav'nly manna;
His blessed Word inspires
A jubilant hosanna.

His all-sufficient grace
Abounds o'er my transgression,
His holy, precious blood
Is my supreme possession.

Uplifted on the Cross,
He claims my whole attention;
His death, His life, is mine,
His glorious ascension.

To work and wait for Him
Shall be my one endeavor,
That when He comes again
I may be His forever.

W. M. CZAMANSKE

False Christians

Merely attending church services on Sunday does not make us Christians. Christianity is not something that comes out of cover for a Sunday and then disappears for the rest of the week; it is a part of daily life. Daily practice of love in the home, office, workshop, and in all contacts with fellow men is important in spiritual life. St. Paul teaches that knowledge of many languages, understanding of all mysteries, generous gifts to the poor, even bodily sacrifices, are vain and worthless when love is missing. 1 Cor. 13:1-3.

If you believe in Jesus as your own personal Savior, love for Him and your fellow man will prompt you to be kind, patient, even-tempered, thinking and planning no evil against anyone. You will not be proud nor self-seeking. St. Paul reminds all believers:

"Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph. 4:32.

A Christian does not merely go to church on Sunday; during the week he promotes spiritual life at the family altar, giving a religious touch to his home life, and bringing God's blessing into the family. Do you keep in touch with God daily through prayer and the study of His Word? O. C. S.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE SIXTH PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Lead Us Not into Temptation"

We have three strong enemies: the devil, the world, and our flesh (wicked heart). These always seek to tempt us and to lead us into sin. Therefore our dear Lord Jesus teaches us to pray daily: "Lead us not into temptation."

Pray that God Would Guard and Keep You Against Temptations

Luther tells us that these our three enemies want to "deceive" us, take away the things that are good and give us bad things in their place. This they did to Judas. They took away his Jesus and gave him a little money. They try always to do this, and often they succeed. People think they have received good things from them, and, behold, they have lost the good, and have only bad things. They think they have peace with God by their good works, and in their last hour they have no peace. They think they have heaven, but at last find themselves in hell. They are deceived.

And our enemies do this chiefly by false teaching. Luther says they want to "seduce (lead) us into misbelief (false belief)." The devil always tries to fill the world with his lies, and the world eagerly helps him, and, oh! so many are deceived. As he came to Eve with his lie, saying: "You shall not surely die," and deceived her, so he and all that are his come with their lies, saying: "There is no God," or, "The blood of Jesus does not wash away sin," or, "There is no devil and no hell," or "It will make no difference if you sin," and so deceive many people, and then drive them to "despair," so that they lose all hope, like Judas. Read Matthew 27:3-5. He went and hanged himself, and so they led him "into other great shame and vice (sin)." That always is the devil's aim. You know what happened to David and to Peter. David became an adulterer and a murderer, and Peter shamefully denied his Lord. Oh, how they rejoice when they succeed in leading a Christian into sin and shame! Therefore be careful, and pray always that God would guard and keep you.

Pray That God Would Help You to Win the Victory in Temptations

Temptations will come, for we are still in this wicked world, and there will always be sin and trouble. The devil also will be about us day and night with his lying and murdering. And our wicked heart wants us to listen to these temptations. Pray God that, when they assail (come against) us, "we may finally overcome and obtain (win) the victory." And He will give us the victory through His Word. Let us meet our enemies and their temptations with the Word of God, and we shall overcome them. Three times Jesus answered the devil's temptations with these words: "It is written," and the devil had to leave Him.

Therefore Pray Always, and Love the Word of God

Every day pray this little prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," and your heavenly Father will guard and keep you. Do not sit down with the wicked people, and do not love the world, but continue in the Word of Jesus, read it daily, gladly go to church and learn it. and you shall win the victory. J. L. S.

A Centennial Celebration

In this year of our Lord 1947 our beloved Synod will celebrate its 100th anniversary, having been organized at Chicago, Ill., in April, 1847.

Appropriate arrangements are being made by committees of Synod for a truly fitting and God-pleasing celebration of this important event in the history of our Lutheran Church.

Every congregation, also our Lutheran deaf congregations, will be asked to join in carrying out a program of thanksgiving to God for His guidance and blessings showered upon us during the past century. Not only with our lips shall we sing His praises, but with our hearts and hands and with our gifts of gratitude and with a heartfelt prayer for future blessings will we come before our God, who has done great things for us.

Our hearts should be glad. We should be thankful. Our fervent prayer for the future is that the Lord may continue to abide with us with His grace, with His Word, with His light, His blessings, His protection, and His love.

You will have the opportunity to hear and learn more of this Centennial celebration from your pastor, and we sincerely hope that all our members will rejoice that they can be partakers in this Synod-wide celebration.

E. M.

Lincoln Was Right

One day a delegation came to President Lincoln. The spokesman, speaking for the committee, addressed the President: "We trust the Lord is on our side, Mr. Lincoln."

"I do not regard that as essential as something else," replied the President. The visitors looked horror-struck, for they knew the President was a religious man.

"I am MOST concerned," Lincoln continued, "to know that we are on the Lord's side." Lincoln was right. The right side is not necessarily your side or mine, but God's side.

In matters of religion let us not say: "This is what I think," but rather: "This is what God says." Then we can be sure that we are on His side.

He Turned Off the Alarm

No doubt, you've done it yourself: turned off the alarm and then went back to sleep. It's a bad habit and can sometimes lead to disaster.

But do you know that God has placed an alarm clock into the breast of every man, woman, and child? Walk past the streetcar conductor without paying your fare, and your heart will throb with the vibrations of that tiny alarm. — Tell a lie, and — clank! you will hear the warning gong!

Unfortunately it is possible to get into the habit of shutting off the alarm in our sleep, too. Some people have shut off the alarming voice of conscience so often that they can lie, cheat, steal, get drunk, or do any other wicked thing without ever hearing the alarm go off.

Others have stayed away from church for years, have gone with the world, have neglected to pray, have consistently refused to hear the pleadings of the Gospel — until they have become utterly unconscious of the sound of the alarm.

Don't turn off your conscience in your sleep. Listen to it! Heed its warning! And then, by all means, get up! "It is high time to awake out of sleep," says St. Paul, Rom. 13: 11. "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation," 1 Cor. 6: 2.

Andrew's Good Example

"He first findeth his own brother Simon and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ" (John 1: 41).

"What did you preach about on Sunday?" was the question once asked of a city pastor.

"I preached about Andrew," was the reply, "and, do you know, I found him a most interesting character!"

"What was there about him that was so remarkable?"

"Well, I do not suppose you would call him a great man, but the significant thing about him was that every time he is mentioned in Scripture he was introducing someone to Jesus."

This was certainly a beautiful occupation, and yet it does not call for any wonderful talents. It is work that any one of us can do.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Omaha, Nebr. — On December 18 Mr. Floyd Neeley of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Miss Betty Schwake of Independence, Iowa, were united in holy wedlock in the Lutheran church at Independence. Mr. Paul Schwake and Miss Joanne Schwake were witnesses. The young couple will make their home in Cedar Rapids, where Mr. Neeley is employed and where they both have the opportunity to attend the services of Pastor C. Schleicher every month. God grant them continued happiness.

Six new members were added to our Omaha congregation on December 22, four adults by confirmation and two by transfer. Those confirmed were Mrs. Albert Johnson, Mr. Ira Orr, Mr. Lester Anson, and Mr. Leonard Eggleston. The two other new members are Mrs. Ira Orr and Miss Mildred Kurtz. The latter came to us from the local Cross Lutheran Church. Having lost her hearing some years ago and therefore being handicapped to worship in her former church, she decided last fall to take up the study of the sign language under the tutorage of the pastor's wife and since then has been making fine progress. She is now able to understand most of the sermon and is beginning to feel at home with us. Our prayer is that God will keep these new members in the true saving faith.

Mr. D. G. Schurkamp, 87 years of age, passed away at his son's home in Omaha after a short illness on November 13. Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned at Fremont on November 16. Mr. Schurkamp at one time lived in Sioux City and attended our services regularly there during that time. E. M.

Kansas City Mission. — With the Lord's blessing the Gospel preaching has made progress in our midst since the last report. This year the class of Bible students at the Kansas School for the Deaf is the largest in our history. 72 pupils meet with the pastor weekly to study the Bible. In Kansas City we are privileged to conduct weekly Bible classes with 33 children from the public schools. All our young friends are showing a wonderful interest in the story of Jesus, their Savior. In addition to these weekly classes we are privileged to conduct chapel services at the Kansas school and the Colorado school, and the attendance and enthusiasm of our friends is wonderful. In our Denver mission we were pleased to welcome as a member Mr. Charles Gibson, a Negro Christian. Mr. Gibson is an enthusiastic Bible student and also takes a very fine part in the support of the Lord's work. At Herington, Kans., Baby William Pauley and at Kansas City Danny Goetting were baptized and received into the Kingdom of Jesus.

In Kansas City an unusually beautiful wedding took place on December 23 when Mr. Leonard J. Meyer and Miss Charlotte E. Chester were united in holy marriage. The double-ring ceremony was used, and the bridal couple exchanged vows by repeating with the pastor that beautiful part of the ceremony. Mr. Meyer is the instructor of printing at the Jackson, Miss., school. He is also a very active member of our Church. We congratulate this happy couple and also Mr. Frank Leas and Miss Vivian Hicks, who were united in marriage also in our chapel and now are living in their home at Concordia, Mo. The Christmas story was repeated with new emphasis in our worship in Kansas City on December 22

and 24. Ten members practiced Christmas carols one month before the holiday and on December 22 joined with the pastor in telling the Christmas story in the impressive carols. Also the three Baird sisters and Shirley Smith of our Kansas school Bible class participated. On Christmas Eve, in addition to the fine audience of adults, a large number of children were present. While the pastor rendered the hymns and sermon in the signs, Mrs. Ferber translated the message to the children. It was most impressive. It impresses us again that there is no limitation in the good the Church can do. A. E. F.

Sioux Falls, S. Dak. — We note the passing of Frances Reinhard, Waterloo, Iowa, on September 5, at Oakdale Sanatorium. She had been an invalid for many months, but continued to receive the Gospel of forgiveness through our church papers and visits by the pastor. God permitted her to live until the pastor arrived the same day she died and could preach to her on the words in Romans 3: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God; being justified (forgiven) freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." "The Gospel of Jesus Christ . . . is the power of God unto salvation."

In a crowded church at Joice, Iowa, on the afternoon of September 8, Miss Myrtle Bang of that town became the bride of Calvin Meester of Holland, Iowa. Their attendants were Amos Bang and Mrs. William Meester.

Received into the family of Christ through Holy Baptism were Daniel Walter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Buchholz, Jr., Waterloo, Iowa, and Mary Lou, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Schleicher. The first Baptism was performed in the service at Waterloo on October 18, with Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Peterson as sponsors. The second Baptism took place at Sioux Falls in the service October 27, with W. M. Schleicher (by Grant Daniels, proxy) and Florence Maslo as sponsors. "Be baptized, and wash away thy sins."

Lots have been purchased for a chapel for the deaf in Sioux Falls. They are across the street from the campus in front of the School for the Deaf, giving us a fine view and, more important, making it possible for the deaf children to go to church as soon as they begin school. At present our services are held so far from the school that only the older children can attend. Construction of the chapel will begin when materials are available. The South Dakota Lutheran Women's Missionary League is contributing the money for the lots and chapel. C. SCHLEICHER

Indianapolis, Ind. — Our deaf in the Indianapolis field have become interested in our Synod's plan to aid the needy in Europe. Members and friends of our mission have been bringing gifts of food, clothing, or money with them to church or to members of the committees elected in the different cities. We have "adopted" a needy family in Germany to which we now plan to send packages of food and clothing regularly throughout the winter months.

One of our members in Columbus, Ind., Mr. Casey Wright, was called to his eternal rest through a peaceful death on Nov. 22 at the age of 74. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

On Sunday, Dec. 22, we were privileged to bring Marla Sue, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred

Goss, Indianapolis, to the Lord Jesus in Baptism. Sponsors were Miss Ruth Draeger and Miss Dorothy Walsh.

During our last visit to Vincennes, Ind., on Dec. 23, we united Mr. Robert Downing and Mrs. Adeline Downing in holy matrimony. May the Lord grant them many years of happiness in their new marriage!

Two more cities, Kokomo and Logansport, Ind., have been added to our field temporarily, making a total of ten now. Lord, let Thy kingdom come to many deaf also in these cities! M. K.

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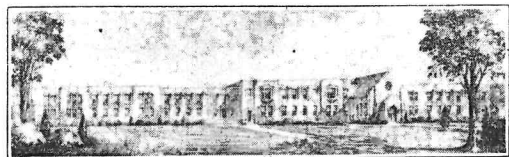
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