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Thine Is the Power

Thine is the power! Hear Thy children, Lord,
By Thine almighty mercy, help afford;
Send Thou Thy Spirit, set our hearts on fire;
To build Thy Church, do Thou our souls inspire.

Thine is the power! God of hosts above,
Fill Thou Thy children with Thy wondrous love;
Oh, give us strength to work while it is day!
And as we labor, let us watch and pray.

Thine is the power! God of love and grace,
Let us with quiet patience run our race,
Let us go out into a sin-cursed world
And bear the banner of Thy truth unfurled.

Thine is the power! Keep Thy children, Lord,
Oh, let us grow in knowledge of Thy Word!
Through all the days of life be Thou our friend,
And keep us firm and faithful to the end.

PAUL E. KRETZMANN

Pentecost

By the preaching of God's Word the Holy Spirit rouses dead souls to spiritual life. The Pentecostal admonition of St. Peter and the other Apostles stirred the enemies of Jesus to flee from the terror of God's wrath to Jesus, their Redeemer.

God's Word is a stirring challenge also today to faith, obedience, and action. It rouses from spiritual stupor and fills the heart with spiritual life and vigor. The preaching of the Gospel has at all times stirred men to action.

It is the purpose of the Holy Spirit, by the preaching of God's Word, both Law and Gospel, to lead sinners to repentance and a joyful faith in the Redeemer. Gloom, fear, doubt have no place in the believer's heart. Joy follows obedience to the Gospel, or trust in the Savior.

To properly welcome the Savior into our hearts and lives, we must learn God's Word. Without it the Holy Spirit cannot bring us the Savior's blessings or work miracles in our lost and despairing souls. If you neglect the Word of God and church services, you are hindering your own salvation. Come to church regularly.

O. C. S.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE SEVENTH PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

"But Deliver Us from Evil"

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ teaches us to pray to our heavenly Father for help in every evil (trouble). And Luther in his explanation tells us of different kinds of trouble, troubles of body and soul, property and honor, and, at last, death.

Go to Your Heavenly Father in Every Trouble of Body

Often we are in bodily trouble, as sickness, pain, suffering. We all know these troubles. And in every sickness or other trouble of our body our dear Savior teaches us to pray: "Deliver [help or free] us from evil." Always let us seek the Lord in the troubles of our body; yes, let us always seek Him first. Chiefly people with bodily troubles came to our Lord Jesus. Most of the wonderful works of our Lord were deliverances from such troubles. He healed many sick, helped the lame and blind, and also many others. So every sickness and pain should drive us to our heavenly Father and His Son, our great Helper and Healer. Then also all these bodily troubles work together for our good. Rom. 8:28.

Go to Him for Help also in Troubles of Your Soul

Troubles of the soul are greater than those of the body. If we are not delivered from the troubles of our soul, then we shall be lost, while we may still go to be with Christ although we have a sick and weak body. The greatest trouble of our soul is sin. With it all other troubles and sorrows have come into this world. Also from this greatest of all troubles our Savior helped so many people, saying: "Be of good cheer; thy [your] sins be forgiven thee." Therefore with all your sin daily flee to the Lord Jesus, crying for mercy and saying: "Deliver me."

Then there are many temptations of the devil, the world, and the flesh (our wicked heart). We have learned of their evil plans in the Sixth Petition. When the devil tempts, when the world calls and invites, when the wicked heart urges to go on the way of sin, then hurry to your heavenly Father and pray: "Deliver me." And, again, this world is full of the devil's lies and false teachings, with which he tries to destroy our soul. How necessary that we every day pray this petition! May our many sins and the many temptations urge us to call upon Him who loved us and gave His only-begotten Son into death to be the Savior of all men!

In Every Trouble Forget Not Your Heavenly Father

Oh, so often we do forget Him, and then we worry and find no peace. Go to your heavenly Father in every trouble of body and soul. Give it all into His hands, and all will be well. All worry and fear will pass away, and your heart will be filled with peace and rest that only Jesus can give.

J. L. S.

Uniform Practice in Communing Guests

(Continued from April Issue)

Benefits of Uniform Practice in Communing Guests

A guest wishing to partake of the Lord's Supper perhaps comes from a distant church, from some other State. Again we ask: Why commune here now? How long since the last

Communion? With what regularity does the would-be guest commune in his home church?

You will find plenty of people who want to go to your Communion table to create good feeling, to make a good impression in the new place. Find out the motive for communing. After all, you are shouldering the responsibility.

Ask for, and demand, a Communion-record card, showing the standing of your guest in his own church. Incidentally, when your members go away from home, be sure you issue them such a card. They are of great importance in many instances — accidents, sickness, etc. It takes about three minutes of your valuable time to fill them out properly. There is no excuse for not doing so. It avoids unpleasant complications in many instances.

To find out about these matters, do not hesitate to ask questions of your guest. Why should you feel reluctant to ask those vitally important questions? Your guest wants vitally important things from you!

Some pastors are afraid they may offend the guest. The sincere Christian, who knows his ground and understands the meaning and importance of the Holy Supper, will never feel offended when you ask him. On the contrary, he will realize that the pastor is sincerely concerned about the welfare of the soul entrusted to his ministration.

The lax Christian is thereby called to a halt, to stop and consider. The weak Christian is helped to a better understanding of this sacred matter.

The whole procedure tends to bring home to our people the importance and sacredness of the Lord's Supper.

Never should a guest be admitted to the Lord's Supper without these safeguards for himself and the pastor in question.

Conclusion

When we have communed such a guest, after having satisfied ourselves that as far as can be ascertained the guest is a worthy recipient of the Lord's Supper, we should not fail to notify his own pastor of such a Communion.

Every pastor, at least supposedly, keeps a Communion record of every individual, and such a notice will be a welcome help to keep his records straight and up to date.

We should not find such procedure hard or difficult. We should not consider it needless, bothersome, or useless. After all, brethren, we are dealing with vitally important and sacred matters. We are dealing with precious, blood-bought souls, entrusted to our care. Therefore, most assuredly, we should exercise care to bring about a uniform practice to do God's work in an orderly and God-pleasing manner. Pastors are *stewards* of the *mysteries* of God, such as *watch for souls*, such as *must give account*.

REV. W. WESTERMANN
Memphis, Tenn.

News Bits from All Around

Our congenial and hard-working Executive Secretary of the Board, Dr. J. L. Salvner of Minneapolis, Minn., still makes those flying trips around to various parts of the field, wherever he is needed. Recently he was in St. Louis, Mo., and Springfield, Ill., to ascertain what prospects there are to obtain some new workers among the deaf from this year's graduation classes at these two seminaries. God grant that his efforts were a success.

Besides attending to many other duties, Pastor Salvner is again working on a revised edition of the Catechism for use in our deaf work. We all wish him strength and blessing from on high.

Rev. J. C. Beyer of St. Paul, Minn., who served in the Deaf Mission for a number of years prior to 1943, has been called again by our Board. Although he has not yet been assigned to a definite field, he made a survey of the Oklahoma-Texas field during the month of March. Our Board is considering the placing of a worker in that field as soon as possible.

From Pastor Frederking at Cleveland, Ohio, comes word that they are anxious to start building operations for their new church this summer. We sincerely hope they can.

The St. Louis, Mo., congregation, Rev. F. G. Gyle, pastor, sold their property of combined chapel and parsonage, acquired several years ago, and are now worshipping in the

beautiful Nolte Memorial Chapel, connected with Grace Lutheran Church, until they can build a new house of worship.

Out in Portland, Oreg., the members of Hope Lutheran Church have spent a considerable amount for the renovating of their church roof. Yes, those things must be done.

Also in Omaha members of the congregation have elected a committee to plan for the interior decorating of their church and the renovating of the floors in the near future. They wish to have this all finished when they celebrate the 10th anniversary of their church next February.

E. M.

Ephphatha Conference

Our conference of Lutheran pastors for the deaf will be held at Sioux City, Iowa, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Seventh and Jennings Streets, from June 6 to 10. God grant His blessing upon this meeting.

E. M.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Omaha, Nebr. — On March 20 Mrs. Oscar Treuke, member of our Omaha congregation, departed this life rather suddenly after an operation a few days previous. Apparently improved as a result of the operation, pneumonia set in, and in spite of all that doctors and nurses could do, she was called to eternal rest according to God's gracious will.

Funeral services, attended by a very large number of deaf and hearing friends, were held on March 22.

Mrs. Treuke was a teacher at the Omaha school for many years and a member of our congregation since 1923.

Lord, "so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

The following six members were received into the Church by confirmation in March: At Lincoln, Nebr., on March 16, Mr. Berton Leavitt, Mr. Donald Collamore, and Miss Loreen Robb; at Fort Dodge, Iowa, on March 23, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Darst and Mrs. Keith Millard. All except Mr. Leavitt were baptized also.

God grant all of them His grace and keep them in true faith unto eternal life.

Services were held for the first time at Fairbury, Nebr., on March 30, with 14 deaf in attendance. We hope to serve this station as often as possible in the future.

E. M.

Mission for Blind and Deaf. — Mrs. Susan Miller, a faithful Christian at the Indiana Home for the Deaf

in Brookston, departed this life in the last month, to be with Christ. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord," Rev. 14:13.

Our readers among the blind tell us:

"Am sending you ten dollars to express to you, in a small way, my appreciation of your splendid publication. It isn't much, but it will help in the good work." Illinois.

"I enjoy the *Lutheran Messenger* more than ever, for I joined the Church in December. I am happier than I have been for many years. I pray that the Lord will bless you in the good work you are doing for the blind." Pennsylvania.

"I enjoy reading your magazine very much, especially the editorials, which I read also to my friends." Trinidad, Br. W. Indies. O. C. S.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The following baptisms have taken place recently: Nancy Leigh Abbott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Abbott of Akron, on Feb. 13, was baptized in her home, the sponsors being Mrs. Carl Seebach, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Biltz, and Miss Grace Seebach.

Kenneth Russel Brandes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Brandes of Cleveland, was baptized in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the sponsors being Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Runge.

Philip Oliver Cassese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cassese, of Cleveland, was baptized on Easter Day, April 6, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the sponsors being Mr. and Mrs. Lester Davis.

May God keep these children in the grace of Christ so that all may, at last, surely enter eternal life, saved through Jesus. T. F.

Oakland-San Francisco.—Since we have our own chapel, we are able to enjoy services on such occasions as are commonly observed among the hearing. Our Good Friday Service witnessed a Communion attendance of seventy, and on Easter an additional forty communed. At the Easter services the following were received into membership: by the act of confirmation, Mrs. Ada Quinn and Mrs. R. Johnston; Mr. Thomas Fromm, by transfer; Mrs. W. White, Mrs. D. Gough, Mr. V. Grubbs, and Miss Dalrene Becher, by the act of Baptism. The central location of our chapel makes it very convenient for the members of the San Francisco mission to attend at all special services. The Aid Society has completed the altar vestments, according to the liturgical colors, with Mrs. M. Brownrigg in charge. The Aid Society meets twice a month. The first meeting is for business; the second is devoted to Bible study, with the use of Cathedral film slides, which are contributing greatly to a better Bible knowledge. The young people also meet twice a month, and on one of the evenings they are taking, in film strip, a course through the Bible, in a connected study, from Genesis to the birth of the Lord. They have found this course of great value. The Young People's Society has an active dramatic society. Three repeat performances had to be given their staging of the Founding of the Deaf Mission. The scenes were the work of George Daniels and H. McAllister. Mrs. L. De Wolfe has become a resident in our Memorial

Home for the Deaf, and the Home, under the management of the deaf themselves, is a successful and paying undertaking. Recently Mr. Frye, a contractor, donated some additional cement work about the premises of the church, which adds to the appearance of the grounds and buildings. G. W. G.

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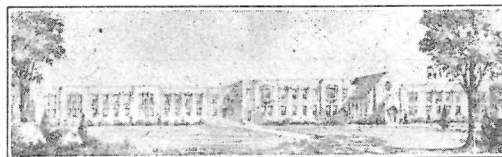
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