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## If We Believed In God

If we believed in God, there would be light  
Upon our pathway in the darkest night.

If we believed in God, there would be power  
To foil the tempter in the sorest hour.

If we believed in God, there would be peace  
In this world's warfare, ever to increase.

If we believed in God, there would be joy,  
Even in tears, that nothing could destroy.

If we believed in God, there would be love  
To heal all wounds and lift the world above.

Lord Christ, be near us, that, beholding Thee,  
We may believe in God and be set free!

JESSIE W. GIBBS

## Bible Doctrines

Sin is the cause of all sorrows and sadness in this world. All men suffer because all men have sinned. The miseries of life — illness, pain, enmities, strife, jealousies, murder, theft, deceit, gossip, and death — are the results of sin. "The wages of sin is death," Rom. 6: 23.

Some men try to excuse, cover up, or hide, their sins; others try to atone for them by good deeds. The Apostle John tells us: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," John 1: 9. And, again, he says: "If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin," 1 John 1: 7.

Only the blood of the innocent Son of God is powerful enough to remove our guilt. If you accept His sacrifice in faith, you are free from the wrath of God and eternal damnation. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved," Mark 16: 16.

Do you desire peace with God, joy, hope, and everlasting life, then look to Jesus only, and dedicate your life to Him who died for your salvation. There is no other way.

O. C. S.

## Studies in Luther's Catechism

### THE SACRAMENTS

We have learned to know our sins from the Ten Commandments, which we have not kept. Then we learned the wonderful story of Jesus and His love. And during the last months we studied the Lord's Prayer and learned how to pray in everything. But so easily doubts arise in our hearts, and we ask: "Did Jesus really pay for my many sins? Have I really peace with God through this Jesus? Will He hear my prayers?" In order to make strong our faith in Him and His promises, He comes to us with His Sacraments.

### What IS a Sacrament?

The word *Sacrament* we find not in our Bible, just as the word *Trinity* is not found in the Book. But these and other words the Church uses for doctrines taught in the Book of Books. A Sacrament is a holy work and has to do with most holy things of God. It therefore is not invented by man, but given of God and must be commanded by Him. The Church cannot make new sacraments, such as confirmation, marriage, etc., which are not means of grace.

A Sacrament must have not only God's command, but also an outward sign or signs, as water in Holy Baptism and bread and wine in the Holy Supper. And with them must be

connected a precious promise of God. "In a Sacrament there are two things, a sign and the word, the promise of grace." Therefore confirmation, marriage, etc., are no sacraments, as some say. For in these there are no outward signs and no promise of forgiveness. Nowhere in our Bible do we read: "If you are married or if you are confirmed, then you have forgiveness." A Sacrament therefore is a holy act in which we find God's command, certain outward signs, and God's promise of grace and forgiveness.

### How Many Sacraments Are There?

Our Catechism tells us of two: the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and the Sacrament of the Altar. They are commanded of our Lord Jesus. Of Baptism He says: "Baptize all nations," and of the Lord's Supper: "This do in remembrance of Me." In both we have outward signs: water in Holy Baptism and bread and wine in the Holy Supper. And in both we have God's promise of forgiveness. In Baptism He says: "Be baptized, and wash away thy sins," and in the Lord's Supper: "Take, eat and drink, this is My body and blood, given and shed for you for the remission of sins." Our Bible, and therefore also our Catechism, know of only two such Sacraments — Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

### Thank God for These Two Sacraments

Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper are seals of God's forgiveness and make us sure of our salvation in Christ Jesus. Let us thank God for them.

J. L. S.

### The Triennial Assembly of Our Church

The Centennial Convention of our Synod was held at the Palmer House in Chicago, July 20 to 29. It was a mission-minded gathering. Resolutions were passed for expansion on all fronts in our missions at home and abroad. In gratitude for God's undeserved blessings during the past one hundred years, our Church gave thanks in several services, the largest of which was held at Soldier Field, July 27. The festival sermon was delivered by the Rev. J. W. Behnken, D.D., who was re-elected for his fifth term as President of the Missouri Synod. He spoke on the text: "For

unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required," Luke 12:48 b.

A five-thousand-voice adult choir and a two-thousand-voice children's choir was on the program.

A separate Board for the Blind was elected, and a new Board for the Deaf was also chosen.

The sister synod of Wisconsin and many other groups and individuals sent greetings. Gov. Green of Illinois and Mayor Kennelly of Chicago also were present to show their interest.

O. C. S.



Dr. J. W. Behnken

### IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

*Minneapolis, Minn.* — Mary Margaret Horgen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Horgen, was baptized in Grace Church on Saturday, May 17.

Juliane Adele Hastings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hastings of Duluth, was baptized during the church service at Duluth on June 29.

By Baptism these children have become members in Jesus' Church. May the Holy Spirit keep them in true faith in Jesus!

Mr. Homer Nettleton, who lived near Duluth, was suddenly called home to heaven on May 26. Funeral services were held May 29.

After a long and painful illness Mrs. Elmer LaMora of Cloquet went home to her Savior. Pastor W. Thiele of Cloquet, who often visited Mrs. LaMora during her sickness, spoke the burial service, and Pastor Bremer signed. Both pastors preached short sermons.

May the Lord in His grace comfort the relatives of Mr. Nettleton and Mrs. LaMora with the hope that they are now with Jesus and that their bodies will rise again on the Last Day. May their deaths teach us all to be ready for death by believing in Jesus. C. B.

*Omaha, Nebr.* — In the service in Omaha on July 6 the following children were baptized: Marvin Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson; Leroy Gottlieb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Meyer; Mary Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Matthews.

Leroy Kindred Good, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Good, was baptized at Sioux City on May 11. God keep all these children in His grace.

Mr. Max Herbold, Marion, Iowa, and Miss Eva Hoult, Anamosa, Iowa, were united in holy wedlock in Trinity Lutheran Church at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on Sunday, June 29. May Jesus, their Master and Savior, remain with them in their home and guide and lead them in their life together.

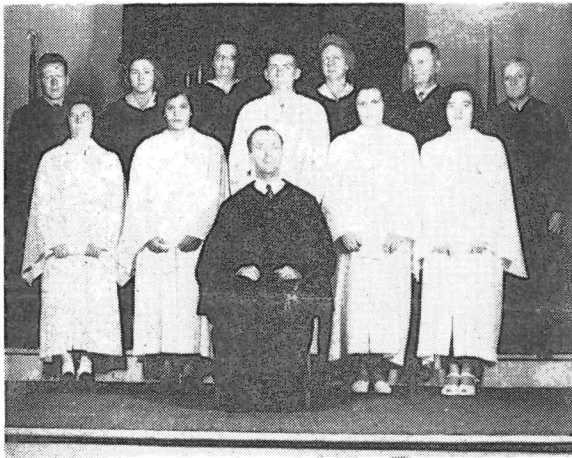
On April 27 five more adults were confirmed at Fort Dodge, Iowa. They are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lowe, and Mr. Raymond Myers. Mrs. Lowe and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowe, Elaine Adeline, were baptized.

At Sioux City, Iowa, on April 13, Mrs. Catherine Jensen became a member of Peace Lutheran Congregation by confirmation.

On May 25, six new members were added to our congregation at Des Moines, Iowa, by confirmation. They are as follows: Mr. John Hendricks, Mr. Neil Mayberry, Mr. Marvin Neuschwanger, Mr. Clem Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Godert G. Vander Hart. Mr. Thompson also received Baptism.

The Lord grant His blessing to all these new members of His Church and help that they will be a blessing unto many others to be gained for God's kingdom.

Through His mercy, God called to rest two of our charter members of the Omaha congregation during the



Rev. Frederking's Confirmation Class at Columbus, Ohio

past two months — Mr. John Steyer on May 16 and Mr. George Ernst on July 7. Both were 76 years of age. Funeral services for Mr. Steyer were held on May 18 at the First Lutheran Church in Papillion, Nebr., and for Mr. Ernst at our Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Omaha on July 10. For the latter, services were conducted by the Rev. H. Wittrock in the absence of the pastor. Pastor Wittrock is chaplain of our Lutheran Home for the Aged, where Mr. Ernst was a resident for several years. May the survivors find comfort in the fact that both fell asleep trusting in their only Savior, Jesus Christ, and that they are now at rest and peace at His side. E. M.

*Cleveland, Ohio.* — On May 25 in Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Columbus, the following were received into full membership by confirmation or Baptism: Charles C. Case, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Case, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George H. Clum, Mrs. Sara Riddlebaugh, Clifford O'Dell, Jr., Miriam Simons, Dortha Morrison, Colleen Sawyer, and Mary Wood. — On June 15, in Cleveland, Mrs. Shirley Marquis was confirmed in Christ Lutheran Church. — May all our new members keep their vow and abide faithful to Christ unto death!

On May 18, in Cleveland, Barbara Ann Keirns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Keirns, was baptized, the witnesses having been Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kaseman.

**Marriages:** On June 28, at Clayton, Ohio, Miss Ruth L. Shimer was married to Mr. Lowell M. Inman, in the home of the bride. Miss Lottie Shimer, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mr. Jack Bryant the best man.

On July 6, in Cleveland, Miss Alberta J. Francis was married to Mr. Fred J. Case, in the home of the pastor, Mr. and Mrs. John Haldie having been the witnesses. — May God richly bless these marriages for the earthly and eternal welfare of all concerned!

Installation of the Rev. J. A. Beyer, new pastor for South Ohio, took place on June 29 in Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus. Pastor Theo. Frederking conducted the service and preached the sermon, while five other pastors assisted in the installation ceremony. — After the service, Mr. Harry Case, president of Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Columbus, gave a brief address, in which he cordially welcomed Pastor Beyer. Then he addressed their departing minister, Pastor Frederking, and in the name of the members sincerely thanked the pastor for all his past services and, to give a strong proof of their appreciation, presented to the pastor the generous purse of \$100, a gift from members at Columbus and Dayton. — The pastor then thanked the members for their very kind gift and expressed his confidence that as the members in Columbus have during the past strongly co-operated in the work of the Church, they would surely continue to work together with their new pastor for the welfare of the deaf in South Ohio.

T. F.

*Sioux Falls, S. Dak.* — Received into membership by confirmation were Mrs. Herman Buchholz, Jr., of Waterloo, Iowa, in the service there April 18, and Mrs. Ervin Hastings of Albert City Iowa, in the service at Spencer, Iowa, on April 20. Mrs. Hastings had taken all her instructions by mail.

Two daughters of deaf parents were joined to their Savior in Holy Baptism at Sioux Falls. They are Judy Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Newton, baptized May 25; and Shirley Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Van Dyke, baptized July 20. Sponsors for Judy Ann were her uncle and aunt, Richard Rich and Mrs. Fred Rich. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Larsen were sponsors for Shirley Ann.

In its convention at Aberdeen, June 3, the South Dakota Lutheran Women's Missionary League voted to postpone building of the chapel for the deaf at Sioux Falls until next year because of present high prices and to continue saving up money for it in the meantime. Our members at Sioux Falls are also holding a special collection once every three months, gathering funds to pay for the chapel furniture. C. S.

*Milwaukee Field.* — "Return ye children of men." This time we must report that the Lord of life and death spoke these words to four of our deaf members in the Milwaukee Field.

George Hebard of Kenosha was called on March 26 and was laid to rest on March 29. For a long time he

had been confined to the hospital, where the undersigned often visited him to comfort him with the Gospel of Jesus. Mr. Hebard reached the age of 69 years.

Oscar Luebke passed away very suddenly of heart attack while bowling on May 4. The funeral services were interpreted by the undersigned in Two Rivers on May 7, with a large number of deaf and hearing in attendance. At the time of death Oscar Luebke was 64 years old.

Mrs. Martha Sprague (nee Thiede) attended our services and partook of the Lord's Supper in Baraboo on June 15. On the following Thursday she passed away suddenly in the hospital at the age of 60 years. She attended our Detroit School for the Deaf. The burial took place in Wisconsin Dells on June 21. May God comfort the sorrowing husband.

Mrs. Clara Boehmke of Milwaukee was taken to the hospital on June 30, but remained in a coma until the end on July 5. She became a member of our church by confirmation in 1937 and was an active member and regular in her attendance. May the God of comfort sustain the husband, Gustav Boehmke, in his bereavement. Christian burial took place on July 8. Mrs. Boehmke was 63 years old. M. E. A. Mueller



Rev. J. A. Beyer, new minister for the deaf in Columbus and Southern Ohio, comes to Ohio with a lifelong experience among the deaf. He has preached to the deaf in the States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Minnesota, and was installed in Columbus, Ohio, on June 29, the Rev. Theodore Frederking officiating. We wish the new pastor God's great blessings in his new field of labor. T. F.

### In Memoriam

Sorrowfully we note the death of one of the outstanding charter members of Emmanuel Congregation for the deaf at Milwaukee—Mr. Paul Krueger, who fell asleep in Jesus the early morning of July 31, after a most serious operation, at the age of 72 years. He was the first president of the congregation, founded 49 years ago, a position he held many years. He is mourned by his faithful wife, one son and two daughters, as well as the deaf community throughout Wisconsin and beyond. The congregation loses a very active and faithful member of Christ's Church Militant, who always stood up for Jesus with a view of leading other deaf to know their Savior. The undersigned, his former pastor for 30 years, having visited him as a friend (in the absence of Pastor Mueller, who attended the Synod in Chicago), extends to his wife and family the comforting words of our gracious Lord, who even in adversities means well with us and says: "What I do, thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter." And He, who has promised to care for the widows and orphans, will surely care for the precious redeemed souls of the bereaved. Mr. Krueger was known also to always have the social welfare of the deaf and their betterment at heart.

Very comforting words were spoken by Pastor Mueller at the church on the deceased's final and faithful con-

fession: "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner." Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Goetsch beautifully accompanied in signs the orally sung hymns: "Nearer, my God, to Thee" and "Rock of Ages."

May we depart trusting likewise only in the merits of our one and only Savior, Jesus Christ. T. M. Wangerin.

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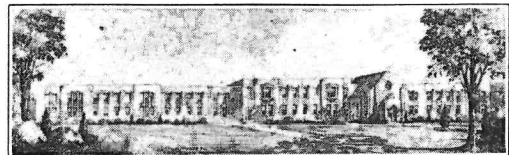
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