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Though Thy Gifts Be Small

Give, though thy gifts be small;
Still be a giver.
Out of the little founts
Proceeds the river;
Out of the river's gifts
Gulfs soon will be
Pouring their waters out,
Making a sea.
Out of the sea, again,
Heaven draws its showers
And to the fount imparts
All its new powers.
Thus, in a cycle borne,
Gifts roll around,
And in the blessing given
Blessing is found.

Anonymous

Fall

In these months we begin to realize that the glories of summer have faded and paled into death: the trees are bereft of their leaves, which lie withered beneath naked branches; the green meadows have turned into dreary wastes. These signs must impress us with the change from life to death.

In the world of men, death also rules. Mankind falls from life to death as the leaves fall before the driving fall rains and winds. In human life also, the scythe of death is never idle. The Grim Reaper enters the homes of all men. Neither rich nor poor, neither proud nor humble, neither young nor old, are spared. All must answer his call as he pursues his cruel way. In the cities and on the farms he leaves sorrow and heartache in his trail.

There is no escape from death. Death is the avenging rod of sin. God says: "The wages of sin is death," Rom. 6:23. To the Christian,

however, he comes as a deliverer from the cares of life, leading to the bliss of heaven. To the ungodly, to the enemies of Jesus, he is a threatening, grim-visaged monster preceding endless sorrow. Jesus has removed the sting of death, which is sin. He has atoned for the sins of the whole world. There is hope for all men; for He has changed death into a gateway to glory. He says: "Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die," John 11:26. This precious promise is worth more than all the fleeting treasures, successes, and joys of earth.

Do you, dear reader, look to the blessed Redeemer for freedom from death and damnation? If not, do so today; for there is no other escape. The Bible clearly teaches: "There is none other name given among men whereby we must be saved," Acts 4:12. This is the precious Bible truth which Dr. Martin Luther restored to the world. Do you appreciate the pure Gospel? Do you treasure it highly and help to promote it with your gifts and energy?

O. C. S.

The Evidence of Experience

A doctor was discussing religion with a minister. "I cannot understand how a man like you can still believe such fables," said he. The minister replied, "Supposing you know of a remedy which consistently cured a certain sickness. Supposing this remedy had cured not only hundreds of your patients, but you as well. Would you not have confidence in this remedy?" The doctor said, "Certainly!" The minister replied, "It is just so with my faith; it rests upon experience. Others may speak

of fables, but I know what faith has done for me and thousands of others. Formerly my heart was full of unrest. I did not know why I was in the world. I had no answer for the most important of questions. Then Christ came into my life and since then I am a new creature. Now I have peace, comfort and all else that I need." Such an experience is the most conclusive answer to all doubts.

Selected

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE SACRAMENTS

We have learned from the Word of God that a Sacrament is a holy act having God's command, certain outward signs, and God's promise of grace and forgiveness. Then we also learned that the Bible speaks of two Sacraments: Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Now let us learn why God gave us these Sacraments.

Our Enemies Fill Our Hearts with Doubts About Our Salvation

We have three mighty enemies: the devil, the world, and our flesh (our wicked heart). These daily try to make us doubt our salvation. The devil came to Eve, saying: "Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the Garden?" and he said to our Lord Jesus in the wilderness: "If Thou be the Son of God. . . ." He filled Eve's heart with doubt and made her fall and tried to do the same with our dear Lord. So when a Christian hears the word of free salvation by faith in the blood of Jesus, the devil quickly comes, saying: "Yea, has God said that to you? Oh, no; that is not for you." And the wicked people also say: "You have been living in sin and shame with us, and now you think God will forgive you? That is foolish." And our wicked heart also says: "Oh, no, that is not for you." And then the Christian's heart is full of doubts and fears, and peace and joy are gone.

Now, in the Sacraments God Makes Everyone Sure of His Salvation

In His Word, God announces forgiveness to a sinner, but so often doubts arise in his heart. Then God comes in the Sacraments

and says to everyone that receives Holy Baptism or comes to the Lord's Table: "Yes, it is for you. I come to you and seal it to you. It is yours." Therefore everyone that is baptized and everyone that eats and drinks the Holy Supper can say: "Away, devil, world, and flesh, with all your lies! This good news is for me. Jesus has offered and sealed it to me in my Baptism and His Holy Supper. Salvation is mine." Indeed, the Sacraments are very precious to a Christian.

Think Highly of These Sacraments

So many think lightly of them. They never think of their Baptism and never, or very seldom, go to the Lord's Table. Friend, God has given us these Sacraments for our benefit. In order that we diligently use them and become strong in faith, let us study what our Bible says of each Sacrament. May God richly bless these studies in our hearts!

J. L. S.

Lip Reading Guesswork, Says Dr. Elstad

Lip reading is educated guesswork, Dr. Leonard M. Elstad, president of Gallaudet College for the Deaf, yesterday told a meeting of the Lutheran Laymen's Fellowship at the Willard Hotel. Harold E. Hegstrom, president of the fellowship and superintendent of the National Training School for Boys, presided.

Dr. Elstad, who was recently installed as president of Gallaudet College, explained to the gathering that expert lip readers are unable to read every word from a person's lips since many words are uttered without outer mouth movements. A keen lip reader therefore learns the knack of spotting key words and filling in the thoughts, he continued.

Washington Star

Emperor Pardons

Shortly after the war ended, Emperor Hirohito granted amnesty to nearly 1,000,000 Japanese. This move, he said, was designated to unite his country "in meeting a great change in history."

The proclamation, the first of its kind in all Japanese history, pardoned 320,000 prisoners,

reduced the sentence of 37,000 others, and ordered restoration of civil rights to 600,000.

Remarkable as was this change in Japanese history, it fades into utter insignificance when compared with the world-wide amnesty God Himself declared more than 1900 years ago.

When Jesus Christ died on the Cross for the sins of the world, God proclaimed a universal pardon. The sins of every man, woman, and child who has ever lived or who ever will live were stricken from God's record book. By His suffering and death in the place of sinners, Christ had paid their debt.

"God was in Christ," the Bible tells us, "reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the Word of Reconciliation." Christ has purchased freedom for all mankind. And "if the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Hirohito may pardon his 320,000. Jesus Christ has won freedom from fear, freedom from punishment, freedom from eternal condemnation, for every member of the human family. — *Selected.*

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

St. Louis Field. — The following official acts have been performed, which either did not appear in the June number or which took place since April, 1947:

Baptisms: May 11, Mrs. Robert Lee Ellis, at St. Philip's Church.

August 17, James Lee, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. David Berry. On the same day Mr. David Berry was baptized by Pastor Derwig, his first baptism in the sign language.

July 6, Miss Alice Ann Banks, Miss Mary Hall, and Mrs. Elma Rand Hopson, at St. Philip's Church. On the same date the two hearing sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones, Clarence, Jr., and Andrew, were baptized.

May the Lord keep them in the faith in Christ, who has washed away their sins by His own blood.

Confirmations: July 13, Robert Case and Gloria Kilian, both of Oral Schools in St. Louis, were admitted into communicant membership in Holy Cross Congregation.

On June 15 and July 6, six adults were admitted into membership in St. Philip's Lutheran Church (colored), St. Louis. Two services were held because of the car and bus strike. The Rev. Andrew Schulze, pastor of the hearing congregation, preached in the first service; the Rev. George Derwig, assistant pastor of the church, preached in the second service. Pastor Gyle interpreted. The names of these new members are: Mrs. Harold

Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones and Mrs. J. T. Haynes.

Burials (members of Holy Cross, not reported previously): George Kranung, died Dec. 14, 1945, and was buried Dec. 17, both Pastors Uhlig and Gyle officiating.

Otto Bruning, died March 31, 1946, and funeral services were held on April 3.

John George Henry Roesch, died April 28, 1946, at Kimmswick, Mo., and was buried by Pastors Uhlig and Gyle at Hillsboro, Mo., on May 1.

Mr. George William Trapp, died Aug. 9, 1947, and was buried on Aug. 12. Pastor Gyle preached on Ps. 90:10-12.

Our vacation Bible school went into its third year with an enrollment of eight pupils, who finished the four-week course. There were two seniors, two juniors, two primary, and two nursery children, and all showed their interest in the teachings of the Bible about sin and the Savior. One girl was gained for the Sunday school, and thus our acquaintance with the oral children is widening. St. John's Lutheran Church at Mexico, Mo., gave \$15 toward the budget of the school. We thank them for their interest.

A complete set of pewter for the Lord's Supper was given to the St. Louis deaf by St. John's Church of Mexico, Mo. It was resilvered by a friend and dedicated at Holy Cross on Sunday, July 27. In turn, the Holy Cross voters have offered their old set to a colored mission in Tennessee.

At our annual mission festival on July 13, the Rev. H. H. Schauland of the Omaha colored mission preached in the sign language for Holy Cross. In the evening he gave an interesting lecture about his own work and congregation. The mission offering was set aside for a new mission school for the colored in Memphis, Tenn.

F. G. G.

Chicago, Ill. — On Sunday, Aug. 10, the Lord rather suddenly took from our midst one of our faithful members, Miss Anna Goltermann, who, although living at a great distance from the church, in Lombard, Ill., regularly came to church while she was well. She had suffered a stroke some months ago, but had recovered sufficiently to get about again. It was her earnest wish to attend the services of her church again, and so she was with us on the above-named Sunday, together with some of her relatives. She had barely arrived here, when she suffered a cerebral hemorrhage. She peacefully fell asleep in Jesus at the hospital that same afternoon. Her greatest desire was to be found in the house of her God, in church, and she leaves a fine example of Christian faithfulness to the members of her church.

A recent marriage in our field was that of Mr. Richard Nelson and Lois Sjoquist, both of Rockford, Ill., who were united in holy marriage in the chapel of Our Savior Church in Chicago.

Mr. Wilfred Monson was recently received into full membership of our church by the rite of confirmation. May he receive much spiritual blessing from his association with us. The following two were received into the Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Baptism: Katherine Susanne Anderson in Chicago and Frances Irene Martin in Valparaiso, Ind. E. J. S.

Omaha, Nebr.—Again the fact was brought home to the members of our Omaha congregation that the Lord's ways are not our ways and His thoughts are not our thoughts when He suddenly took from our midst through death the fourth member of our congregation since March. On Aug. 31, while visiting friends at Wichita, Kans., Mrs. Henry Hoss met sudden death when the car in which she was riding with another deaf couple, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kaufman, was hit by a Rock Island streamliner at a crossing near Hayesville, Kans. Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman also met death. A group of deaf from Wichita and vicinity were on the way to a picnic at Seneca, Kans., when the accident occurred.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hoss were held in Omaha on Sept. 4, and a large number of relatives and friends were present. The pastor chose for his text Is. 12:1-2.

May the Lord help us all to remember how near the time of our death may be, and may we be prepared always by faith in our only Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

In June of this year our Fort Dodge, Iowa, group decided to organize a congregation and to pay part of the pastor's salary each month. The name of the new congregation is: Faith Lutheran Deaf Congregation at Fort Dodge, Iowa. The following officers were elected to serve for the rest of 1947: Mr. Keith Milard, president; Mr. W. G. Darst, vice-president; Mr. L. S. Hefley, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Raymond Myers and Mr. Lyle Lowe, elders; Mr. Chester Armstrong and Mr. Lyle Lowe, auditors. May our Savior Jesus grant His presence and blessing in all the work of this congregation.

On Sept. 14 Duane Albert, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Haines of Sioux City, was brought to Jesus in Holy Baptism. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. John Hanson and Mr. Arthur Keller. God keep this child in His grace.

Mission to the Blind.—We wish to acknowledge a gift of \$5.00 to our work from Mr. Wm. Spiegel, formerly of Fort Wayne, Ind., in memory of his sister, Mrs. Mary Kirchner, of Oakland, Calif. Mrs. Kirchner made many generous donations to our mission in the past twenty years. O. C. S.



Rev. Edwin Theodore De Laney accepted the call of our Deaf Mission Board and will work among the deaf in the Texas-Oklahoma field. He was installed at Austin, Tex., his headquarters, by Dr. J. L. Salvner on the evening of Sept. 9.

Pastor De Laney received his education at California Concordia College, Oakland, and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. From the latter school he graduated on Jan. 17, 1945. He did supply work as a student at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in New York from August, 1943, till June, 1944.

After graduation from Concordia Seminary, he was

ordained on Feb. 25, 1945. He served as pastor of congregations at Barstow and Needles, Calif., from February, 1945, till June 30, 1946.

May God richly bless his labors in his new field for the salvation of many deaf.

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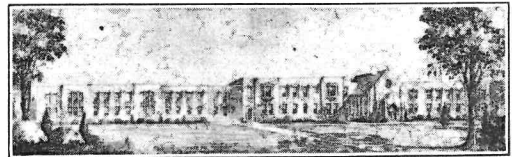
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