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Through Peace to Light

I do not ask, O Lord, that life may be
A pleasant road;
I do not ask that Thou wouldst take from me
Aught of its load.
I do not ask that flowers should always spring
Beneath my feet;
I know too well the poison and the sting
Of things too sweet.

For one thing only, Lord! dear Lord! I plead:
Lead me aright,
Though strength should falter and though heart
should bleed,
Through peace to light.
I do not ask, O Lord, that Thou shouldst shed
Full radiance here;
Give but a ray of peace, that I may tread
Without a fear.

I do not seek my cross to understand,
My way to see.
Better in darkness just to feel Thy hand
And follow Thee.
Joy is like restless days, but peace divine
Like quiet night.
Lead me, O Lord, till perfect day shall shine
Through Peace to Light.

Adelaide Anne Procter

The Fruits of Faith

Jesus, our blessed Savior, warns all professing Christians: "Every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire," Matt. 3:10. If all the life of a tree goes into the leaves, there will be no fruit. Not so much what a man says as what he does in obedience to the will of Christ that is important. Mere words are not acceptable to God, but deeds of love to Him and mankind prove our faith. The deeds of the world and Satan are poison-laden fruits. One fruit of the

Spirit of God is sharing the life-giving message of the Gospel with others. We must assume our duties as Christians. We cannot do just as we please. God's will, not our likes and dislikes, should govern our deeds. We need to sacrifice, not to indulge in, our own desires. We ought not to be absent from church services. We ought not to neglect gifts to the Church. We ought not to neglect prayer or to be lazy and disinterested in the Word of God and the works of His Church. God is not mocked. Are you a good tree bearing good fruit? Or is all your service to Christ only formal and without true love for Him?

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Kansas City Mission

By the preaching of the holy Gospel progress is being made continually. After several years of preparatory preaching the first group



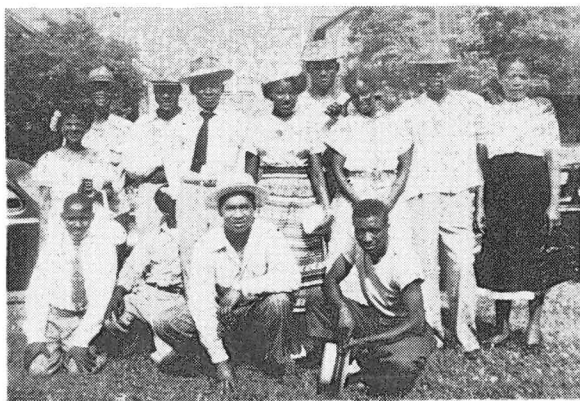
of the Colorado and Wyoming School for the Deaf, Colorado Springs, Colo., is thus shown being baptized into the Kingdom of Jesus, in the new Immanuel Lutheran Church there.

This is also the first group Baptism in this new church.

The girl being baptized is Miss Barbara Wissler, who is also a candidate student for Gallaudet College this fall. Others in the group are, from left to right, Albert V. Jones, Jr., Donald D. Baumgardner, the Misses Rose Clawson and Elsie Burbach. If one could see through the beautiful art-glass window above the altar, one would have a wonderful view of Pikes Peak. (Psalm 121.) The new Immanuel Lutheran Church is directly across the street from the school. In view of the fine interest of Pastor Walter Enge and the wonderful cooperation of Dr. Alfred Brown, superintendent of the school, we are looking forward to all kinds of favorable developments in the future.

It has been our privilege to become associated with a number of young people at the Kansas School, with weekly meetings during the semester. Also we have had the pleasure to contact a number of friends from the Missouri School, while they are at home for their vacation days. This summer thus has found more young people than ever before, often coming to the house of God on Sundays.

In addition to our associations with our white friends, we have had fine responses from our Negro Christians. The picture shows a



group of Negro Christians who worship with us every fourteen days. The average attendance is nearly 15. Five of the friends on the photograph are pupils from various schools. Three friends are communicants, and several more will be confirmed soon.

We are grateful to our heavenly Father for the privilege of bringing the holy Gospel to all these friends in this territory. A. E. R.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Fourthly

What Does Such (this) Baptizing with Water Signify (mean)?

In our last study we learned that also in Baptism we are "justified by faith, without the deeds of the Law." Perhaps one will here say: "Well, then I may do as I please. I am baptized, and therefore 'justified by faith, without the deeds of the Law.' Why then try to do good? It is not necessary." Our Bible, and also our Catechism, teaches us that this is all wrong. Paul says: "How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein? Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?" And our Catechism teaches the same in its answer to this question: "What does such baptizing with water signify?" Let us study these words of the Catechism in order that we baptized Christians hate sin and do much good.

"The Old Adam Should Be Drowned and Die"

Adam was the first man. God made him good and holy, but he fell into sin. And now all people are born in sin and have a wicked heart. God says: "By one man's disobedience many were made sinners." Rom. 5:19. This sin in us we call "the old Adam," or "the old man," or "flesh." Paul writes: "I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing." Rom. 7:18. As Paul, so also we still have "flesh," or the "old Adam." But now we are baptized with water. That should teach us that this old Adam in us should be drowned and die, just as a man drowns and dies in water. The old Adam is full of "evil lusts (wishes)," loves sin and wants us to sin, keeps us from doing good, and always urges us to do evil. Therefore we Christians must say with Paul: "O wretched (troubled) man that I am!" Rom. 7:24. Dear Christian, you are baptized with water, the old Adam should be drowned.

How Can We Drown the Old Adam?

Our Catechism answers: "The old Adam in us should, by *daily contrition and repentance*, be drowned and die with all sins and evil lusts." First, by contrition, that is, sorrow for sin. Oh, we daily sin much against our dear

God and Savior, and therefore every day we ought to have great sorrow for sin. Every day we ought to say with David: "Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned and done this evil in Thy sight," Ps. 51:4. And then our Catechism says that the old Adam should be drowned by repentance, that means, by turning from sin to Jesus. Yes, every day turn to the Lord Jesus, who was nailed to the cross for your sin and then arose again, and get His forgiveness. Thus, by sorrowing for sin and turning to the cross of Jesus, the old Adam will lose his power over you, and you will more and more firmly say No to his evil lusts, and drown him.

Daily Remember Your Baptism and Drown the Old Adam

Never forget that you have been baptized with water, and for you that should mean that the old Adam in you should be drowned, that you should daily fight sin and win the victory over it more and more. May God grant this by His Holy Spirit unto the glory of Him in whose name you have been baptized!

J. L. S.

Narrow-Mindedness

A pastor is sometimes accused of being narrow-minded, because he persistently preaches that there is only one way to heaven, namely, through faith in Jesus Christ, who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6). But isn't it true that all of life is narrow? There is no room for broad-mindedness in the chemical formula. Water is composed of two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen. The slightest deviation is forbidden. — There is no room for broad-mindedness in mathematics. We cannot change the multiplication table to suit ourselves. — There is no room for broad-mindedness on the athletic field. The game must be played according to definite rules. Why, then, should there be room for broad-mindedness in religion? Broad-mindedness leads to eternal destruction. For the Lord Jesus says: "Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and *broad* is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat; because strait is the gate, and *narrow* is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matt. 7:13-14). — *Selected.*

"Ye Are the Light of the World"

Matt. 5:14

A little girl sitting in a cathedral asked her mother: "Who are those people pictured in those beautiful stained-glass windows?" "They are the saints," the mother replied. The child remained silent for some time, as if deep in thought. Suddenly she cried out: "Mother, now I know what saints are; they are people who let the light shine through." — Friend, are you such a saint? Does the light of the Gospel shine through you? The Lord Jesus says: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). — *Selected.*

Through the Second Fire

"What makes this set of china so much more expensive than the other?" asked the customer.

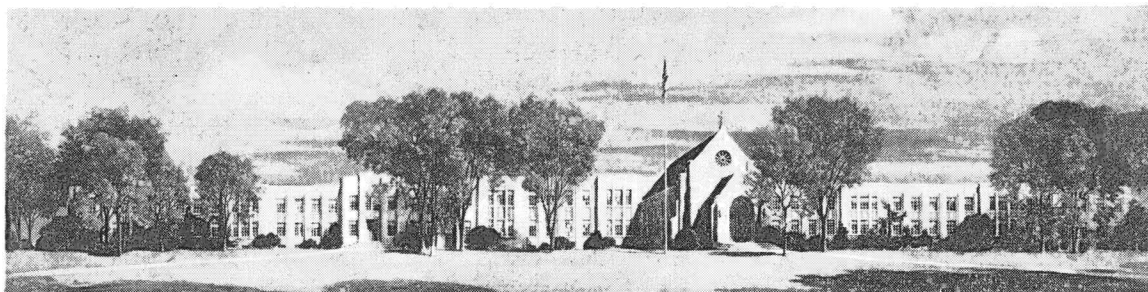
"Much more work has been done on it. It has been put through the fire twice. See, in that one the flowers are in a yellow band; in this one they are on the white background. This had to be put through the fire a second time to get the design on it."

Perhaps some of those who are inclined to think they have more than their share of suffering and disappointment are only being, like the costly china, doubly tried in the fire, that



Some residents of our Illinois Home for the Deaf, whom we meet regularly for church services. We frequently have also deaf and hearing visitors at the meetings. Mr. Hartung, the deaf-blind man shown in the foreground of the picture, tells us that he memorizes the prayers, poems, and some articles from our *Lutheran Herald for the Blind*. He recites the prayers for the other deaf before and after meals

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they may be more valuable in the Master's service.

Let us not rebel at the second breath of the flames if He sends it. It may but make us more precious in His sight.

Golden Ornaments

A certain writer says: "Christians are not golden ornaments, to be admired and praised, but golden candlesticks, to give light." These words agree beautifully with the spirit of Jesus, as expressed in the words "Ye are the light of the world. . . . Let your light shine." In order that we may shine as we should, we must be filled with oil, in other words, with the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit we are useless, our work is vain; hence the admonition: "Be filled with the Spirit." — *Gospel Herald*.

When I Am Weak, Then I Am Strong

Many times God pursues precisely the same course with us that He did with Gideon's army. He weakens our strength until we are reduced to absolute powerlessness, and then He gives us the victory. Jacob was lamed before he overcame the wrestler and got his new name. But this lameness was his strength. It meant less of Jacob and more of God. The true secret of spiritual strength is a consciousness of weakness on our own part, leading to full dependence on divine help. When we get to this point, God is ready to give us victory.

"I AM only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something; and what I can do, I ought to do; and what I ought to do, by the help of God, I will do." — LINCOLN

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