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Thee Will I Love

Thee will I love, my Strength, my Tower;
Thee will I love, my Hope, my Joy;
Thee will I love with all my power,
With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.
Thee will I love, O Light Divine,
So long as life is mine.

Thee will I love, my Life, my Savior,
Who art my best and truest Friend;
Thee will I love and praise forever,
For never shall Thy kindness end.
Thee will I love with all my heart,
For Thou my Bridegroom art.

Thee will I love, my Crown of gladness,
Thee will I love, my God and Lord,
Amid the darkest depths of sadness,
Not for the hope of high regard,
For Thine own sake, O Light Divine,
So long as life is mine.

Going to Church

Exodus 20:8: You will remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. (Free translation.)

Go to church *every* Sunday. No weak excuses change the THIRD COMMANDMENT. Sickness or an emergency are the only excuses from church. What will people say on Judgment Day? "I didn't go to church, God. Summer was too hot. Winter was too cold. Fall was too rainy. Spring was too nice. Sorry." Yes, many people will be sorry, very sorry. God is not interested in weak excuses. Do people tell their boss that? No! Do they tell God that? Yes! Silly; right?

Church helps *us*; it does not help God. We do three things in church. First, we worship Christ. We praise Him, the only God. We confess Him the only Savior from sin. We honor His power and glory. God wants us to do that *every* week.

Second, we thank Him. We thank Him for His earthly gifts. He has given us life, clothes, job, family, friends. We thank Him for these gifts. We also thank Him for His blessings to our souls. Jesus has taken away all our sins. He has told us about forgiveness. He has given us eternal life. He keeps us in faith. Truly He has given us many spiritual blessings. We want to thank Him *every* week.

Third, we learn about Jesus in church. God wants

our faith to grow. God does not want us to remain babyish or childish in faith. He wants us to grow up. We want a strong faith, not a weak faith. Satan lies in wait to destroy our faith in Christ. Hearing God's Word makes our faith strong. The devil is happy when we miss church. Satan helps us find excuses to stay away from church. We need church. Missing church is like missing a good dinner. We will go to church *every* week.

(Selected from "Christianity Is . . ." G. K.

Self-Righteousness

It is a fraud of Satan that men believe they can save themselves by good deeds from the wrath of God and eternal damnation. God demands holiness and perfection. All man's good deeds are imperfect.

The Bible tells us of the proud Pharisee who boasted: "I am not as other men." Luke 18:11. He felt no need of forgiveness, but he desired the praise of men for his outwardly good life. He measured himself not by the all-perfect God, but by imperfect man. He merely pretended to honor God. It is true that he avoided some misdeeds, but he neglected the chief commandments, love for God and his neighbor. Many men today likewise are proud and boastful about their religious life, while in fact and truth they are not real Christians.

We must be humble before God; we must repent of and confess our daily mistakes and shortcomings. The publican knew he was a sinner. He smote upon his breast in sorrow and prayed: "God be merciful to me, a sinner." Luke 18:13. He realized that he had misused God's grace, and he appealed for pardon. To such God is pleased to give grace; He leads them back to Himself. Are we penitent sinners, or are we proud and boastful, offering only lip service to Jesus, our one and only Savior? O. C. S.

The First Letter of John

CHAPTER II (Continued)

(Translation of Kraus, edited by Professor Franzmann)

Little children, it is the last hour. And as you heard that Antichrist will come, so now many antichrists are here. But they did not belong to us. Because if they belonged to us, then they would have remained with us now. But they went out from us so that it would

be plain that they do not belong to us. And you have the anointing (oil pouring) of the Holy One. And you all know that. I did not write you because you didn't know the truth, but because you know it, and because you know that every lie is not of the truth. Who is a liar except (only) the man who denies Jesus is the Christ? That man is the Antichrist (who denies the Father and the Son). Everyone who denies the Son has not the Father either. What you heard from the beginning, let that remain in you. And if that remains in you (which you heard from the beginning), then you will remain in the Son and the Father. And this is the promise which He announced to you — the eternal life. (Verses 18-26.)

I wrote these things to you about those people trying to deceive you. And you have the anointment you have received from Him. It remains in you. And you need no one to teach you, except as His anointing teaches you about all things. And it is true and is no lie. And exactly as it taught you, remain in Him. And now — little children — remain in Him so that, when He appears, we can have trust and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. If you know He is just, then know also that everyone who does right is born from Him. (Verses 27-29.)

CHAPTER III

See what great love the Father has given us, so that we receive the name "children of God!" And we are! Because of this the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Dear friends, now we are the children of God. But now it does not yet appear what we shall be. We know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him exactly as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him makes himself pure, exactly as that One is pure. (Verses 1-3.)

Everyone who sins also breaks the Law. And truly sin is Law-breaking. And you know that that One appeared to take away our sins. And no sin is in Him. Everyone remaining in Him does not sin. Everyone who sins has not seen Him and has not known Him. (Verses 4-6.)

Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does right things is just, as that One is just. He who sins is from the devil. Because the devil sins from the beginning. Because of this the Son of God appeared — to destroy the works of the devil. Everyone born from God does not sin, because His seed remains in him. And he cannot sin, because he is born from God. By this appear the children of God and the children of the devil. Everyone who does not do right things is not from God; also everyone who does not love his brother. Because this is the message which you heard from the beginning, that we ought to love one another; and not as Cain, who was from the Evil One and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because his works were sinful, and his brother's works were right. (Verses 7-12.)

(To be continued.)

To keep the Gospel, you must give it away; if not, you will lose it. — *Silent Visitor*

FIELD GLEANINGS

Akron, Ohio — On April 28 our Ladies' Aid gave a most successful social. After the enjoyment of a splendid dinner the Ladies' Aid gave a well-performed dramatic play and ended the evening with movies. Over 100 deaf people turned out, and the social appeared to have been a success in every way.

Cleveland, Ohio — Chester Warner Clark was born on February 25, 1888, and died on April 30 at the age of 62 years. He was fatally injured when he fell from a tree in front of his home. He was married to Ethel Doudt and is survived by his wife and two sons, Kenneth and Wendell, also by one grandson, Rodney; two brothers, and one sister. About two years ago he was received into our church by Baptism and confirmation, and has proved himself to be a faithful member. He is sorely mourned by his wife and children and will also be missed by a large host of friends who attended his funeral, held on May 3 in Stryker, Ohio.

On May 20, in Bayard, Ohio, Mr. Richard Weitz and Miss Marjorie Ann McClain entered into holy wedlock. The ceremony took place in the home of the bride. Mrs. Bernice Adams was matron of honor and Mr. Frederick Crawford the best man.

On June 3, the first wedding in our new Christ Church of Cleveland, Ohio, took place. In a private, but beautiful, church wedding, Miss Patsy Giering was married to Mr. David Ostrander. The attendants were Miss Danilla Kumar as maid of honor and Mr. Paul Potoskey as the best man. — May God richly bless these newly married couples so that all will remain faithful to Christ and also to one another!

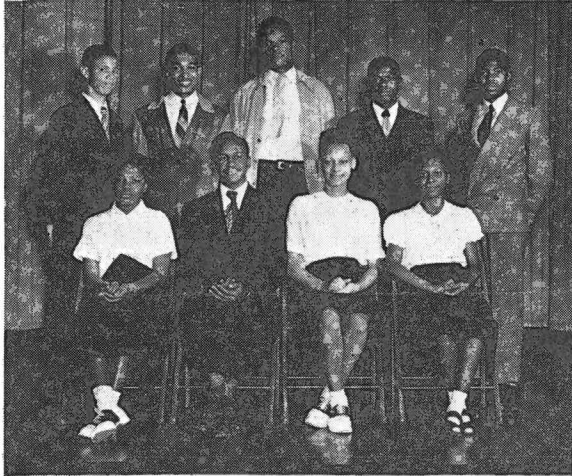
The following persons were added to the membership of Christ Church in Cleveland: In January, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Brandes and Mrs. Joan Laro, previously confirmed, became members. And on June 4, in a Baptism and confirmation service, Jeanette Dunham, Rose Tummino, and Gertrude Jean Sayre confessed the faith in the Triune God and promised faithfulness to God and the Church unto death. — May God cause our new members to grow in grace and strength to remain faithful to their vow.

Columbus, Ohio — On May 28, in Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio, a class of eight pupils of the school became full members by Baptism or confirmation, namely, Pauline Case, Clarice and Marjorie O'Dell, Betty Swisher, Earl Martin, Glen Murphy, Earl Van-Kirk, and Wayne Hulsmeyer. We owe especial thanks to Mrs. C. Strong, who on three Sundays of each month taught this class faithfully and made its confirmation possible. May God keep these new members also in His grace unto their end!

T. F.

Memphis, Tenn., November 23, 1949 — The following persons, after a course of instruction, were confirmed in Trinity Lutheran Church, Memphis, as members of the Deaf congregation: Mrs. Frances Bradbury, formerly of Massachusetts, Mrs. Laverne Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Myers. After another course of instruction, another class was confirmed in the new Chapel for the Deaf at Trinity, bringing the total to seven for the year.

April 9, 1950—The following were confirmed: Mr. Glenn Johnson, Mrs. Luther Stack of Little Rock, Ark., and Olathe, Kans., and Miss Rosie Mae Thompson, formerly of Indianapolis, Ind. May the Lord of the Church keep them in faith unto life everlasting.
W. R.



Class Baptized and Confirmed on Sunday, March 5, Tennessee School for Deaf, Colored Division

Seated; 1. to r.: Aline Davis, Elvin Cannon, Dorothy Hitkins, Charlyne Coyar. Standing; 1. to r.: Rufus Johnson, Wm. Leftwich, Billy Fitzgerald, James Allen, Wm. Barr

Knoxville, Tenn.—This class has been faithful in attendance at the service in school and at every session of the class for instruction. During all the years I have gone there, the attendance has always been 100 per cent. I feel this is a real record. The interest and attention never varied. Another thing which has been a keen joy



Class Baptized and Confirmed Sunday, March 26, 1950, Tennessee School for the Deaf, Knoxville, Tenn.

to me was the fact that the entire staff has always been very co-operative, friendly, and helpful. The staff has always joined in every session of the class. The teachers made it a point that the children knew their lessons when the pastor came on his monthly visits. They went over the assignments with the children during the month. May God keep these children in His grace unto the end.
W. A. W.

St. Louis, Mo.—Baptized, March 26, at Nolte Chapel, St. Louis, Robert Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Yemm, born January 29, 1950; sponsors, Gerald Rohlfing and Gale Norman Yemm, his uncles. May he grow in knowledge and love of his Savior. Confirmed, May 28, at Nolte Chapel, Miss Maude Coombs of Collinsville, Ill., a lip-reader who was introduced to our church and to the sign language by Mr. Walter Maack, a Collinsville neighbor. May the Holy Ghost continue to guide her and keep her with her Lord and Savior. Ps. 48:14. To be confirmed into membership at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, St. Louis, July 16, 1950: Mr. L. H. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Muriel Weaver. May the same Holy Spirit, who has called and enlightened them by the Gospel, increase and strengthen their faith and love.

Called to their Lord: January 11, Mr. William E. Fahien (see April DEAF LUTHERAN); February 21, Mr. William Kerckhoff, father of Mrs. Hulda Roesch; February 8, Mrs. G. N. Mauger, mother of Mrs. F. G. Gyle; March 17, Mrs. C. Piotraschke, mother of Miss Virginia and Mr. Norman Piotraschke; all died in the faith after long and serious illnesses. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Rev. 7:17.

Decorations—Miss Irene Allmandinger has sewn three paraments (altar and pulpit hangings). These are the gift of our Ladies' Aid Society to Nolte Chapel of Grace Lutheran Church (hearing). The hearing people had a red set; our ladies gave the white, violet, and green sets. We thank our ladies and Miss Allmandinger for their generosity and sewing skill. The Ladies' Aid has also helped with the care of the altar linens and the silver vessels for some time, now. The parsonage has had some painting and kem-toning this spring. Thanks to the painters with celluloid collars and plastic aprons.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis—A number of students again served as workers in our local area and near by. Instructors at the Seminary were Pastor Donald Simon (now of Ohio), Missionary-elect Karl Stotik (now of New Guinea), and Student Richard Matern (now conducting summer camp in Berlin, Germany).

Pastor Victor Mesenberg was called to Des Moines, Iowa. He had one year of Sign Language with Pastor Simon. Student Reinking of Memphis needs no introduction; he first learned about Sign Language at our station in Paducah, Ky.; God willing, he will head our work at the Seminary next year. Student Luther Russert had six months of signs with Mr. Reinking and a week's review with our Master Minister; he now goes from Columbus to our Chicago congregation, till January.

Helpers in Missouri and southern Illinois were Students Simon, Stotik, Arthur Strege, Bragdon Smith, Glen Reichwald, Clarence Kuehn (missionary-elect to Guatemala), Donald Kraft, Matern, and Ernest Wentzel. Mr. George Munding, senior student, former teacher at our Detroit Institute, also preached at our monthly oral services and conducted one Sign-Language service last September. Our thanks to all these men for their help and interest in preaching to the Deaf. May they keep up the good work, and may God bless them in it.

Egyptian Field (that means southern Illinois) — A new center for our big monthly service — West Frankfort. Services are held in the afternoon (usually the third or fourth Sunday of the month). After church, members of the Egyptian Association of the Deaf have their business meeting, followed by lunch or supper. After supper we often have a picture service, with the showing of Bible stories on the screen. Other towns visited often in Egypt are Nashville and Sparta, Ill. On February 3 we baptized Colleen, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodwin (Betty Schubert) at Sparta; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Triefenbach were sponsors. At the State Hospital in Anna we visit among the forty Deaf patients; very few of them know the sign language, but nearly all can read and write; so we are able to "talk" with them about their Savior.

Thanks to the Lutheran friends in West Frankfort for the use of their basement facilities. Thanks also to the Ladies' Aid of Nashville for their work, serving refreshments after each of our Deaf services.

Fulton, Mo. — At our State School we now have 19 pupils in our Lutheran classes, divided into Advanced, Primary, and Negro departments. (Missouri public school law demands segregation.) We visit these classes twice each month during the school year. Most of the pupils are from western Missouri. We thank the school authorities for their splendid co-operation in encouraging these youngsters to attend. May God bless and keep them in His care so that they will grow up into faithful believers in their Lord, who died for them and rose again.

F. G. G.

Sioux Falls, S. Dak., May 7, 1950 — The first class of Deaf children to be confirmed in the new L. W. M. L. Chapel for Deaf at Sioux Falls was the largest class to date in the history of the Sioux Falls Church for the Deaf — thirteen girls and boys from all over South



Dakota. One hundred sixty-five relatives and friends of the children jammed the chapel to capacity for the event.

Members of the class, reading from left to right and from front to back in the accompanying picture, are: Bonnie Maxwell, Sioux Falls; Nancy Keyman, Sioux Falls; Bernice Loof, Monroe; Wayne Hespe, Milesville; Jule Larson, De Smet; Clifford Johnson, Aberdeen;

Bonnie Meier, Chancellor; Doris Rehfeldt, Hartford; Edwin Krueger, Sioux Falls; Merlin Noteboom, Corsica; Jimmy Mitchell, Watertown; Wallace Jensen, Brookings; Darlene Lottmann, Dell Rapids. C. S.

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