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*Ephphatha, that is,  
Be opened.*

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## The Abiding Christ

The month of May brings us the last of three great Christian festivals, Pentecost, on its last Sunday, followed by Trinity Sunday on the first Sunday of June this year. Then the festival half of the church year has been completed, and we enter the non-festival half with its Sundays after Trinity that take us to Thanksgiving and Advent.

"Time marches on," they say. It does. And so does the chance we have to labor in the work of the Lord. Let us appreciate that fact also and "work while it is day."

But One never passes on and that is the eternal Christ. He is with us today and tomorrow as He was with us yesterday. His praises are sung, and His work is remembered, in the first half of the church year. But He is with us and is the center of our interest also in the second half of the church year.

We were reminded of the three great festivals, Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost, and the fact that Jesus really is the great Subject in them by the following poem, received from one of our pastors of the Deaf and written by one of his members, Nellie Clarabelle Jackson. It seems to belong to the Christmas season, but it takes into account the entire story of His life which resulted in the "great Gift of God," the Gift of the Holy Spirit, whose coming we celebrate at Pentecost and whom we never could have nor would have received if the great Gift of God at Christmas had not been given us.

So we publish the poem here so that others, too, can enjoy it. It shows that the writer was filled with joy at the great Gift of God, Jesus.

## The Great Gift of God

Little Baby Jesus, oh, how small He lay,  
Yet how great the power,  
God gave Him this day;  
Far from His heavenly home,  
He came to dwell among strangers.

### CHORUS

Hail Him! Hail Him! Prince among men,  
Halleluiah! Halleluiah! Halleluiah!  
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him King!  
Halleluiah! Halleluiah! Halleluiah!  
Amen.

Little Baby Jesus, smiling so sweet,  
Wisdom and courage and might,  
To overcome all trials He will meet;  
God the Father! God the Son!  
God the Holy Ghost!  
These Three are One!

Dear blessed Jesus died on the cross,  
Arose from the grave,  
To save those who were lost.  
All glory to His precious name!  
Jesus has arisen, He has ascended,  
To His heavenly throne, whence He came.

NELLIE CLARABELLE JACKSON

## Report on Midwest Regional Conference

Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Omaha, Nebr., was the meeting place for the first Midwest Conference of Lutheran Pastors and Lay Members of the Deaf on October 16 and 17. Five pastors and nine lay delegates attended the meetings on Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday afternoon. There also were a large number of

visitors present. About sixty people registered during the two days.

Most of the business at this first meeting was organizational, such as discussing and adopting a constitution and the election of our first officers. The officers elected were: president, Nick Petersen, Omaha; vice-president, George Dietz, Den-



**Officers of Midwest Regional Conference**

L. to r.: George Dietz, vice-president; Nick Petersen, president; Marvin Neuschwanger, secretary-treasurer

ver; recording secretary and treasurer, Marvin Neuschwanger, Des Moines.

A very inspiring and instructive essay was read by Mrs. Eva Wear, member of our Deaf congregation in Kansas City. Her topic was "Stewardship." She stressed the fact that all we have has been given to us by God and we are now to be stewards of all our possessions. Five main points were mentioned in her essay: stewardship of time, mind, influence, health, and money. The conference passed a resolution that the editor of the DEAF LUTHERAN be approached on the possibility of printing this essay, either in its entirety or in part, in this paper.

It was decided that the conference henceforth meet in the fall of every year, next year's meeting to

be held at Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Kansas City, Mo.

Special mention must be made of the fine inspirational address given by Pastor R. Cordes of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., at the Sunday morning worship service. Also special credit must be given to Pastor E. Mappes and the host congregation, particularly the conference committee, for the manner in which details of the conference were handled. V. M.

## Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference

The meeting of the D. D. L. C. will be held Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, May 28-30, at St. Louis. The host congregation is Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf, and the sessions will be held at the hall of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Olive at Pendleton. The host congregation invites all interested to come to this conference and to the 25th anniversary of the organization of Holy Cross Church, which will be celebrated on Sunday, May 29. On Saturday evening a banquet will be given at the hall. The banquet and other meals, except Sunday noon, are included in the \$3 registration fee which should be sent with your announcement and request for lodging to Mr. Marion Rossell, 6312A Arthur Ave., St. Louis 9, Mo., not later than May 14, please.

ARCHIE D. MARSHALL  
*Secretary-Treasurer*

Sir J. Y. Simpson, the discoverer of the use of chloroform, once was asked: "What do you consider your greatest discovery?" The great scientist replied: "That I am a sinner and that Jesus Christ is my Savior."





## Field gleanings

Some time ago we could report that our Des Moines worker, **Pastor Victor Mesenbring**, had the joy of moving with his family into a good house that has been procured to be the permanent parsonage of Calvary Lutheran Church of the Deaf. We are happy to bring a picture of the house on our front page. May the family and the congregation enjoy this addition to their church property. The house is located at 3821 Forest Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

From the Florida-Georgia District Supplement of the *Lutheran Witness* we gleaned the item that **Pastor Francis Gyle** of Miami some time ago traveled to California, the occasion being the funeral of his father. Our sympathies go to him!

The same issue of that District Supplement brought the story of the installation of the **Rev. Theodore Westermann** at Marietta, Ga. Our readers will be interested to know that this young pastor is the son of **Rev. and Mrs. W. Westermann**. Pastor W. Westerman you will recognize as the pastor of the Deaf at Washington, D. C.

**Memphis.**—**Pastor Thies** writes: "The big news this month is **Katherine Ann**, our third daughter and seventh child. What a surprise when I arrived home at midnight, February 27, and learned that while I was preaching 300 miles away at 10:47, Sunday morning, she arrived. Weight, 7 lbs. 3 oz." Then he speaks about the housework he is doing with his six others while Mother is

away. Well, we understand, and we wish them all, the whole fine family, God's richest blessings and the joys of a happy family life which they have been experiencing all along. Psalm 127:3-5. U.

**Spokane, Wash.**—On January 7 **Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Berestoff** became the parents of a new son, **Mina Lee**.

**Des Moines, Iowa.**—On December 17 **Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Tuttle** became the parents of a healthy baby boy. He was given his father's name.

Also in December **Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Courter** had their 25th wedding anniversary. A large number of friends gathered in the church basement (in Des Moines) to help them celebrate the occasion. V. M.

**Superior, Nebr.**—At the ripe old age of 84, **Mr. Charles Kluge** passed away on January 8; he had suffered a stroke the day before. Mrs. Kluge is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Fringer of Wyandotte, Mich.

**Florence, Ala.**—A congregation of about thirty Deaf and about the same number of hearing relatives and friends witnessed the wedding of **Miss Eva Waldrep** of Cullman and **John Bradford** of Huntsville on Sunday, February 13, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. The Rev. Delbert Thies conducted the service verbally and in signs. The message was based on Solomon's words in Proverbs: "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing . . . and a prudent wife is (a gift) from the Lord."

**Pittsburgh, Pa.**—The four children of **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marsh** were baptized by Pastor L. M. Stacy on January 15. They are **Charles, Jr.**, age 11; **Emory Dean**, age 9; **Mary Arlene**, age 6; and **Lynn Rae**, age 2 months.

**Erie, Pa.**—During December, 1954, two elderly believers in Christ passed away. **Miss Bertha Thorpe** died on December 12 at the age of 74 years, 3 months, and 12 days, and was buried the 15th in Salamanca, N. Y., after a funeral service at Erie, Pa. **Mrs. Sadie Fritzges** died December 14 at the age of 79 years, 6 months, and 14 days; she was buried on the 17th. She was the wife of **Charles Fritzges**. L. M. S.

**Fairbury Nebr.**—A large number of relatives and friends helped **Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rentschler** celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on January 9. A short service was conducted for them by their pastor, the Rev. M. Matuschka. Refreshments were served in the church parlors. Mr. and Mrs. Rentschler have five deaf children: **John** of Fairbury, **Fred**, **Mrs. Edward Engel**, and **Mrs. Elmer Peterson** of Omaha, and **Mrs. Everett Goodin** of Council Bluffs; also two deaf grandchildren: **Clifford** and **Ethel Rentschler**, who are attending school in Omaha. E. M.

**Winnipeg, Canada.**—The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer was the scene of a beautiful church wedding on Saturday, March 5, when **Raymond Morin** of Grand Forks, N. Dak., and **Miss Viola Bischoff** of Winnipeg were united in holy wedlock. Both, the Rev. H. E. Bartsch, pastor of the church, and the Rev. W. Ferber, pastor for the Deaf, officiated at the ceremony. Eleanor

Bischoff and Richard Bischoff, sister and brother of the bride, acted as witnesses. A reception was given for the newly married couple in the club rooms for the Deaf after the ceremony. They will make their home in Grand Forks, N. Dak., and we hope to see them in our monthly services. W. F.

**Brookston, Ind.**—The Indiana Home for the Deaf has for many years been a haven for aged Deaf. At the time of this writing there



were eleven residents in the Home. The coming of four more has been announced for 1955. During 1954 several departed this life. Pastor O. C. Schroeder of Chicago visits the Home regularly and gives spiritual service to the residents. On the accompanying picture we see him with seven of the eleven Deaf.

**LaFayette, Ind.**—The first member of Rev. Schroeder's local group of Deaf was **Mr. Fred. Burkhart**. He passed away in 1954. — **Mr. Rob-**



**ert Grammer** was received as a member of the Lutheran Church by Holy Baptism on December 11, and **Mrs. Grammer** will be baptized in our next service. Mr. Harry Rogers, a popular and very active leader among the LaFayette Deaf, deserves honorable mention for his activity, using his influence in the service of Jesus by interesting his deaf friends to attend church services. O. C. S.

**Clinton, Mass.** — On September 5, 1954, **Miss Eunice Weidner** was consecrated as deaconess to serve at Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf on Long Island. In the church service that day the Rev. A. F. Krentz of Fort Wayne, Ind., delivered the sermon. A cross, symbolizing the work of a deaconess, was pinned on Miss Weidner by Mrs. McBride, president of the Ladies' Aid Society. Miss Weidner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Weidner of Clinton, Mass.

**Seattle, Wash.** — In April, 1954, the Northwest District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League voted a \$5,000 gift to Our Redeemer (Deaf) Church, and in July the Board of Missions to the Deaf provided another \$5,000, and a Lutheran layman gave \$500 to repair and improve the church and parsonage. This money was used for two new furnaces, cedar shakes to cover the entire building, an asphalt tile floor in the church, very much rewiring, a pulpit, lectern, altar, Communion rail, and baptismal font. The chancel steps were rebuilt, the chancel walls paneled, and a new cement floor was laid in the church basement. In the parsonage the first-floor rooms were remodeled and re-decorated and new floors laid. It was a wonderful improvement which made all very happy. J. B.

**Kansas City, Mo.** — On January 26 **James Thomas Lang** passed away. He was the first one to make a public confession of his faith in Pilgrim Chapel and was confirmed December 20, 1942. — The **Wichita Eagle** of December 23 brought six pictures of Pilgrim Chapel and its activities and a story of 40 column inches length. — **Officers of Pilgrim Church for 1955** are Wm. Ragland, Jr., president; Keith Matthews, treasurer; Wm. Luders and Ross Thompson, trustees. — Ten friends sent five answers of the December DEAF LUTHERAN quizzes. — A gift was sent for the chapel of the **new Trinity Lutheran Church** in Great Bend, Kans., where **Rev. A. J. Bruns**, the pastor, serves the Deaf on a part-time basis. He has done so for a number of years. — One hundred twenty-six students are in our Olathe School Bible classes and 39 in the Kansas City oral school. A. E. F.

**The officers of Silent Lutheran Church of Madison** for 1955, installed January 9, are: Harold Schrank, president; Gerald Hesper, vice-president; Miles Voss, secretary; Wm. Binn, treasurer; Jacob Vertz, financial secretary; Thomas Hansen, J. Vertz, Wm. Binn, trustees; H. Schrank, G. Hesper, M. Voss, elders. R. M.

**Barbara Jean Hiltabidel**, born May 29, 1954, was baptized in the **Omaha** service for the Deaf on September 5.

After receiving instruction in the chief teachings of our church, **Mrs. Hans Neujahr** made a public confession of her faith and was received as a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Congregation on October 3 by Baptism in the service at **Omaha**. E. M.

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# *Catechism*

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### TO CHILDREN — EPHESIANS 6:1-3

"Children are a heritage of the Lord," says Psalm 127:3. God gives children to parents. But parents may not do anything that they want with children, but must "bring them up in the nurture (training) and admonition (teaching) of the Lord," says God.

#### Children Must Obey

If the parents must train the children, then the children must mind what the parents say. That is God's will and order. Children must learn, and they can learn only by listening to what the teacher says.

Children sometimes think that they need not obey, but have the right to do anything they wish. This is very wrong. Parents are God's representatives; God placed them over the children. God gave the orders that this should be so, and it is a sin against God if they do not obey. How many children and also parents have the wrong idea about that! That is why there is so much juvenile delinquency, that is, "bad boys and bad girls" in the world.

#### "In the Lord"

Obedience "in the Lord" means to obey as being in the Lord, obey God's will.

#### A Different Commandment

The Commandments usually have no promise, but only threaten punishment if they are broken. But the

Fourth Commandment is different; it is "the first commandment with promise." It has the promise: "it will be well with you, and you will live long on earth." God promises to obedient children that they will have a happy and long life if they are obedient children.

Was your home happy? If you were disobedient, it was not; but if you were, you enjoyed your family life. It was so nice to be happy with father and mother and brothers and sisters. That was the first fulfillment of that commandment. And that happiness continues through life. The remembrance of the nice home goes with us through life.

Sometimes children die. That does not mean that they were bad; God has His own reasons for letting them go home to Jesus early. Parents therefore early have them baptized and laid in Jesus' hands to be ready in case God wants them in heaven soon.

Jesus was such an obedient child. He loved His Father's house and even forgot to go home because He loved the Temple so much. But then He went home with the parents and was obedient. He paid for our sins against our parents.

Children, thank God for Jesus and for your parents. And when the parents become old, give them a good home in your own house, "requite" (pay them back) them for their love. 1 Timothy 5:4. U.



## Know Your Bible

### The Book of Judges

The name of the writer of this book is not given in the Bible. The lawbook of the Jews, called Talmud, mentions Samuel as the writer. The book was probably written during his time because under Samuel Israel got its first king, and the words "In those days there was no king in Israel" seem to suggest that Israel had a king when the book was written. It covers the time after the death of Joshua until Samuel, the 300 years between 1400—1100 B. C.

Joshua had warned the people that they would have trouble if they forgot God. God told them (chap. 2:2, 3) not to worship the idols of the heathen nations about them but to destroy them; but they did not do so, and these heathen nations from time to time oppressed them and gave them much trouble. When Israel then again turned to God, He raised up strong leaders to save them. These heroes were called **judges**, and the book tells the interesting stories of these. One, **Deborah**, was a woman. There are twenty-one chapters in the book.

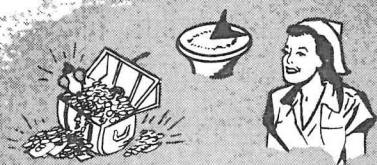
**Othniel**, the first judge (chaps. 1 and 2), saved the people from the Mesopotamians, or Assyrians; **Ehud** (chap. 3), from the Moabites, Amalekites, and Ammonites. After him **Shamgar** was the third judge. The third trouble period was forty years later from the same tribes, and **Deborah** and **Barak** saved the people (chaps. 4 and 5). Later the Midia-

nites gave trouble, and **Gideon's** band of 300 men destroyed the foes (chaps. 6—8), and other judges after him were **Abimelech**, **Tola**, and **Jair** (chaps. 9 and 10). After forty years the Ammonites were destroyed by **Jephtha** (chaps. 11 and 12), and after him came the judges **Ibzan**, **Elon**, and **Abdon**. Very interesting are the stories of **Samson**, the strong but foolish man, who defeated the Philistines and perished with them (chaps. 13—16). Micah's idol worship (chap. 17) and that of the people of Dan (chap. 18) follows, and in the last two chapters (19 and 20) we read of the terrible crime of the people of Gibeah and the cutting into twelve pieces of the abused woman and the almost complete destruction of the tribe of Benjamin.

If you want to read interesting accounts of great acts of bravery, read the Book of Judges. Samson's deeds; Jephtha's hasty oath, the sacrifice striking his daughter; Jael's driving a nail through the head of Sisera; and other stories are in that book.

We read of sin and rescue from sin's punishments. These stories are told us to warn us against the sin of forgetting God. This sin always brings misery. In the New Testament we have much better chances to learn and to profit from the mistakes of others. Sin brings death, but through **the Supreme Judge Jesus** we have forgiveness and true liberty.

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## Stewardship

### "That I May Be His Own"

#### My Duties to My God and Savior

Martin Luther once said: "If someone rapped at the door of my heart and asked: 'Who lives here?' I would answer: 'Martin Luther once lived here, but he moved out, and Jesus Christ moved in.'" As a Christian steward, or keeper, of God's gifts I have many duties, the foremost being my duty to my God and Savior. If I do not give Him the first place in my life, I cannot be truly faithful in anything else.

He created me for His praise, redeemed me through Christ, and now asks me to live for Him and to give Him my heart, to love and respect and trust Him, and even to suffer for Him the loss of all things and lay down my life for Him.

When President Garfield was shot, he was taken to a lonely house for absolute rest and quiet in his fight for life. A special railway was constructed. The engineers needed to cross a farmer's front yard, but he refused permission until they told him it was for the wounded President. Then he said: "That's different. Why, if that railroad is for the President, you can run it right through my house." So my first duty in life is to give God the right of way in my life.

#### I Am to Live a Holy Life

I give myself to God when I try really hard to live holy. In Holy Baptism my sins were washed away, and I was buried with Christ in death and rose with Him to live a new life to the glory of God. I am no longer a slave of sin, and I cannot obey the wicked wishes of the sinful heart any longer.

A new pastor visited the home of one of his members. When the husband came home in the evening, the wife told him that the minister had asked: "Does Jesus Christ live here?" The husband said: "Did you tell him we are decent people and read the Bible and pray and go to church every Sunday?" The wife said: "He did not ask that; he asked if Jesus Christ lived here." True, we must not only do some things that Christians do, but all our life must show that Jesus lives in us. It is not enough to confess Christ with the mouth, but we must live the truth.

#### I Am to Work for Christ

God wants me to work for Him in the important work of bringing others to Him through the preaching of the Gospel. People will die in their sins if they do not believe in Jesus. They must be told. Jesus wants us to tell them. That's mission work. We ourselves must speak about Him to others with words and by a good life.



In a bombed-out city of Germany in a destroyed church only the altar and a statue of Christ remained, but it had the hands broken off. The people kept that statue that way to remind them that God had spared them and because the statue told them that "Jesus has no hands, we must use our hands to do His work."

### I Am to Consecrate My Gifts To the Service of Christ

My property must be used so that Christ's kingdom is benefited. So David Livingstone, the great missionary to Africa, said that He placed no value on anything he had except in the way it helped in the work of building the kingdom of God.

So it is my duty to give God first place in my life, live for Him, work for Him, and use everything so that "God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever, Amen." (1 Peter 4:11.)

(Chapter 5 of "That I May Be His Own" by Rev. R. C. Rein, Executive Secretary of Central Illinois District, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)

## This and That

In March six volunteer "Foreign Mission Builders," members of the Walther League, the youth organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, were commissioned in a service in West Portal Lutheran Church in San Francisco to go to our New Guinea mission field. These young men were chosen from a large list of applicants by the Board of Missions in Foreign Countries to go there and assist, without pay, in the construction of buildings in that new field. The Walther League pays

their fare. They serve the Lord there for two years. A wonderful spirit!—The Walther League last Christmas issued **95 million Wheat Ridge Christmas seals**; from the proceeds of these seals the Lutheran Sanatorium on the outskirts of Denver receives much of its support.—**The 1955 Midwest Deaf Conference** will meet in Kansas City next fall.—**The American Bible Society** distributes over 15 million Scriptures a year and works in 48 nations and in 200 languages.—**The Northwest Deaf Lutheran Laymen's Conference** will meet at Camp Colton, near Portland, Oreg., Friday to Sunday, July 15—17.

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## Field Gleanings

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**Effingham, Ill.** — On February 14 his doctor found **William Schnabelius**, aged 83 years, dead in bed. Unmarried and living alone, he had returned a few days before from a hospital after recovering from an operation and the effects of an injury received from an auto while crossing a street. He was given Christian burial on February 17 by Pastor Uhlig of Jacksonville. U.

**Sioux City, Iowa.** — During the service on November 14, 1954, the infant son of **Mr. and Mrs. James Mount** was baptized, receiving the name **Jerry Lee**. Sponsors were Mrs. Myron Cantril and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Haines. E. M.

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HABIT is either the best of servants or the worst of masters. — EMMONS.

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"THE longer I live, the more confidence I have in those sermons preached where one man is the minister and one man is the congregation." — HENRY WARD BEECHER



# Devotions

Selections are from "Feeding on His Word," a daily Bible-reading guide for 1955 by the Board for Parish Education of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, 210 N. Broadway, St. Louis 2, Mo. Obtainable there. 5 cents.

## SUGGESTED USE

1. As you open your Bible, say: "Speak, Lord, Thy servant hears."
2. After finding the place in the Bible, read the short explanation given under the date.
3. Now read the words of the Bible. *Read slowly, and think what each verse says.*
4. Read again the short explanation and the prayer, adding what is on your heart and perhaps the Lord's prayer.

Sunday, May 1

Luke 18:9-14

The Pharisee compared himself with other sinners, thought that he was very good, and was proud; the publican (tax collector) was very humble because he compared himself with God's Law and knew he was bad; he was sorry, asked God for mercy, and was forgiven. So let us go to Jesus always.

*Prayer:* God, be merciful to us sinners. Amen.

Monday, May 2

Acts 16:16-34

The jailkeeper knew he was lost and asked the most important question: "What must I do to be saved?" Paul gave the only true answer: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." That is still true today.

*Prayer:* Lord, when our missionaries suffer as Paul did, make them strong and help them in their trouble. Amen.

Tuesday, May 3

Luke 7:36-50

The woman showed great love because she knew she had been bad but had received forgiveness. Those that think themselves good will not show much love to God and to others.

*Prayer:* Lord, forgive us our many sins; then we will have wonderful peace in our heart. Amen.

Wednesday, May 4

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus brought us salvation by His life and death. Zacchaeus, like Abraham, believed in Him and did not want to steal any more. He knew that a true believer in Christ cannot love sin any more.

*Prayer:* Lord, it is so hard to resist temptation, but give us power to overcome it as Zacchaeus did. Amen.

Thursday, May 5

John 6:25-34

When people say that to be saved it is not necessary to believe in

Jesus, but only do good works, we must tell them that Jesus says (v. 29) that the "good work" that God requires is "to believe on Him whom He has sent," Jesus, because God has "sealed" Him, that is, He has once for all set Him as the world's Savior.

*Prayer:* Heavenly Father, make us eager to get the "meat" (food) that gives us everlasting life, Jesus, the Bread of Life. Amen.

Friday, May 6

John 17:6-26

Jesus made known to us His Father's will. He prays for them who have accepted Him and believe in Him that they would be united in faith and love and stay faithful through His Word and finally be with Him in glory. We here look into His heart of love.

*Prayer:* Dear Lord, let us be united in love by being faithful in hearing and believing Your Word, which is truth. Amen.

Saturday, May 7

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

On their journey to the Promised Land all the Jews received the same blessings, but many died because they sinned, and did not reach their goal. On our way to heaven we have the same blessings and the same tests. If we stand fast in faith, we will have strength from God to win.

*Prayer:* Lord, help us to be watchful, to pray, and to stand fast in faith. Amen.

Sunday, May 8

Galatians 2:11-20

Jesus fulfilled the Law. The Old Testament church laws only pointed to Him and are no longer in force

since He came. Through faith in Him Jews and non-Jews are free from them. Peter acted as though they were still in force. Paul corrected him and showed that all who believe in Jesus are free.

*Prayer:* Jesus, help us to think, to speak and do as You wish so that our thoughts, words, and actions show that You live in us. Amen.

Monday, May 9

1 John 4:13-21

If we believe in Jesus and think, speak, and do as He thinks, speaks, and does, then we have His Spirit, and He really lives in us. Then we will have no fear, but will love God and feel kindly towards all mankind.

*Prayer:* Lord, we thank You that You have saved us. Now we fear nothing because You are our Friend and are stronger than all. Amen.

Tuesday, May 10

John 14:12-17

Jesus did great works; but He promises that He will answer the prayers of those that love and obey Him and give them the Holy Spirit to comfort them and to enable them through the Gospel to do greater works, namely, raise people to spiritual life.

*Prayer:* O God, bless our congregation with the gift of Your Spirit that Your kingdom may become large among us. Amen.

Wednesday, May 11

John 16:16-28

We ask in Jesus' name when we believe that He is our Savior who through His work made the Father our Friend, so that when we ask anything in prayer the Father gives

it to us for Jesus' sake. Only a believer prays right.

*Prayer:* Lord, make us to understand and to remember that in every sorrow You give us comfort in Your holy Word. Amen.

Thursday, May 12

Matthew 6:5-14

Here Jesus teaches us the best prayer and gives us rules for right praying: Pray undisturbed as in your closet and not for show; think of what you say, and do not blabber thoughtless words; pray with a heart that forgives others their mistakes.

*Prayer:* Our Father, give us a heart that forgives others as You have forgiven us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Friday, May 13

Matthew 7:7-12

Keep on asking and seeking and knocking; God will hear and give us a gift, good for us. Then let us thankfully walk the right, narrow way to heaven and love our neighbor as ourselves.

*Prayer:* Lord, give us our daily bread and a thankful, loving heart that shares the bread with the poor. Amen.

Saturday, May 14

Psalms 34:15-18

With love the eyes of the Lord watch the righteous, and He hears their prayers, but His angry face looks at the wicked. Only such are righteous as have faith in Jesus, through whom we get forgiveness and God's favor.

*Prayer:* Lord, give us a heart that sorrows over our sins, and save us from all troubles. Amen.

Sunday, May 15

James 1:5-8

We often do not know what is best to do. Let us ask God, who gives willingly if we in faith go to Him in prayer. But we must ask without doubting, ask and know He will give us what is best for us.

*Prayer:* Heavenly Father, let us be wise, trust our Lord Jesus for salvation and You for all needful things. Amen.

Monday, May 16

James 5:13-18

This tells us not to lose courage, but in faith to keep on praying, no matter what problems trouble us and others. Especially remember sinners and the sick to bring them to Him who alone heals soul and body.

*Prayer:* Jesus, You Good Physician, give help and peace to the sick and suffering by healing their souls and bodies. Amen.

Tuesday, May 17

Hebrews 10:19-25

The priest went through the veil (curtain) into the most holy place in the Temple; Jesus, by becoming man and redeeming us, brings us to heaven. We trust Him, go to God with confidence, keep our faith, and help others to remain true too.

*Prayer:* Holy Spirit, make us praying Christians who constantly pray that God's kingdom may come. Amen.

Wednesday, May 18

Ephesians 3:1-13

God showed Paul that He wants not only Jews, but all people saved and that Paul's work was to bring the Gospel to others. Let us firmly

and confidently do mission work and thank God that He has called us to faith.

*Prayer:* Lord, make us eager to bring the Gospel to all men, and bless and protect our missionaries in faraway heathen lands. Amen.

Thursday, May 19

Acts 1:1-11

Going from our sight but still with us, Jesus gives us His last instructions to tell others about Him, and promises His Holy Spirit to guide and to move us to do so. He will come again; let us hurry to carry out His will.

*Prayer:* Holy Spirit, give us power to speak for Jesus, showing people their sin and their Savior. Amen.

Friday, May 20

John 20:11-18

Mary had much to ask, but Jesus tells her to tell His disciples that He will go up to His Father, who through His victory is now their loving Father too. It is true: We come to the Father only through Jesus.

*Prayer:* Lord, when we feel lonesome and forgotten, make us remember that You are always with us. Amen.

Saturday, May 21

John 16:1-11

Because the suffering and death of Jesus brought victory and the Holy Spirit to us, we have comfort when people persecute us for our faith and we have correct instruction about sin and salvation.

*Prayer:* Thank You, dear Jesus, for sending us the Holy Spirit, who brings faith and comfort to us through the Gospel. Amen.

Sunday, May 22

Joel 2:28-32

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit was Christ's ascension gift to all believers. Terrible happenings on earth warn people that only in Zion, in Christ's church, is salvation through faith.

*Prayer:* Heavenly Father, we thank You that the Holy Spirit has brought us to faith and into Your holy church. Bless this church for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Monday, May 23

Matthew 10:5-22

As servants of Jesus the disciples were first sent to the Jews. God supported and protected them. We now should preach to all, and when we tell people God's Word, the Holy Spirit really speaks through us.

*Prayer:* Holy Spirit, give us courage to speak for Jesus, and give us the right words to speak at the right time. Amen.

Tuesday, May 24

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

With simple words Paul preached the Gospel which is the deep wisdom of God. Many think that that kind of preaching is foolish and do not believe; but it clearly shows us the only right way to heaven.

*Prayer:* Lord, because many leaders among men despise Your simple Gospel, give us leaders that themselves are led by Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Wednesday, May 25

Galatians 5:16-26

We all have a wicked heart called "flesh" that wants to do the wicked things here mentioned. Let us "cru-

cify the flesh" and overcome it with the Spirit and live the new life that our Lord wants and that honors Him.

*Prayer:* Lord, give us faith, love, hope, peace, patience, and a humble mind through Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Thursday, May 26

Mark 3:22-30

When the Holy Spirit stops working in a person, that man will never come to faith and get forgiveness. So Jesus warns against this sin against the Holy Ghost, which Jesus' enemies here were doing.

*Prayer:* Lord, create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit in us, and let Your Spirit lead us in the right way. Amen.

Friday, May 27

Romans 8:9-17

A Christian, led by the Spirit through God's Word, still has a wicked heart, but will fight against evil. The fight is hard, but the Spirit helps and assures us that we are God's children and heirs of heaven.

*Prayer:* O Holy Spirit, thank You for making us God's children through faith so that we now can with a loving heart call God our dear Father, Amen.

Saturday, May 28

Romans 8:18-27

Sin brought suffering to all creatures, but through Jesus we become free of suffering. The Holy Spirit helps us by giving faith and keeping us in it and by praying for us. What comfort to know that God is so interested in us!

*Prayer:* Lord, give us the Spirit of prayer that constantly goes to the

throne of mercy and asks for the things that we and others need for soul and body. Amen.

Sunday, May 29

Acts 2:1-21

It was a glorious Pentecost day when they were all together and the Holy Spirit was poured out. This same Spirit speaks through the mouths of faithful pastors and wins souls for Jesus when we meet in our churches.

*Prayer:* O Holy Ghost, bless those who attend the services in our church so that they may be spiritually benefited thereby. Amen.

Monday, May 30

Acts 10:34-48

God wants all, Jews as well as non-Jews, to be saved through the preaching of the Gospel. It is our duty to carry on mission work in foreign lands also, and many have been saved; but still there are many millions without Christ and hope.

*Prayer:* Lord, give grace that the millions of Hebrews and the millions of heathen may hear Your Gospel and see in You their Savior. Amen.

Tuesday, May 31

Ephesians 2:13-22

Christ died for all, and so believers of all nations and in all ages are united in the one holy Christian Church through the Holy Spirit.

*Prayer:* Dear Jesus, You redeemed all; therefore help us to recognize and love as brothers Christians of another color. Amen.

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