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Your Easter Victory

By Rev. Herbert W. Rohe

Easter is the victory of victories. The hero of this greatest of all victories is Christ. The Apostle Paul, 1 Corinthians 15:54, describes it: "And death has been swallowed up in victory! O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?.... But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

Recently a campus pastor published a picture of Christ coming out of the grave. Under the picture he wrote in large screaming words "Christ beat hell out of the graveyard!"

Paul Gerhard says the same thing in his well -known Easter hymn, "Awake my heart with gladness!" In verse two he writes:

> "The foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb; But, lo, he now is routed, His boast is turned to gloom. For Christ again is free; In glorious victory He who is strong to save Has triumphed o'er the grave."

Are you scared to die? You no longer need be scared. The great message of Easter is that death and the grave have no more power over you. You will not die forever; but rather, you shall live forever with Jesus. God has given you that victory through Christ Jesus. As He arose from the grave; so you shall rise to live with Him forever. That is His promise: "Whosoever believes in Me shall never die!"

A Christ believing mother who was very ill, one day told her daughters to put on their very best party dresses for a celebration. When their father came home, he asked in surprise why they were wearing their party dresses. They replied: "Mother told us to dress up because she was going to die today." 5th Anniversary



ETERNAL MERCY LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR THE DEAF

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

On Sunday, February 22nd, Eternal Mercy Lutheran Church for the Deaf celebrated the fifth anniversary of the dedication of the Church building .

The church reception hall was decorated by the Anniversary Committee in red and white crepe paper and large red number fives made out of felt material. Mr. Charlie Smith, Mrs. Erma Allen, and Mrs. Aline Fitzgerald did the decorations and made arrangements for the dinner following Church Worship.

The guest speaker was Seminarian Ronald Friedrick from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Friedrick was the Vicar for Eternal Mercy from 1974 until 1975.

One of the church members made a red and white banner for the anniversary which read. . . "ETERNAL MERCY LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR THE DEAF, FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, 1976.

Following Church Worship, Rev. Donald E. Leber and the congregation were presented with a framed oil painting, done by a local artist, Mrs. Marilyn Powell. She painted the picture of the church building and the newly purchased building to house the church offices. The painting was a present from two of the young members of the congregation, Jacob Christopher Nichols and his brother, Matthew Gregory Nichols.

What was the mother saying? She was trying to tell her family not to be sad at her death, but to be glad, to celebrate her victory. Her death was not the bitter end, but really the beginning of a new life of joy, victory and bliss with Jesus in heaven. She wanted them to remember her victory and follow her in victory. Paul says, Romans 8:37, "No, in all these things, we are more than conquerers through Him that loved us."

May your Easter be a victory for you - a day of real joy and celebration - a victory celebration - because in Christ you have overcome sin and death; because you now live with Him forever. - "more than conquerers." A blessed and Happy Easter to you - forever!



Also presented to the church was a beautiful lavendar and purple handmade afghan blanket, made by Mrs. Ida Bomprezzi and given to the Church as the door prize for the Church Picnic, June 13th.

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Rev. Donald E. Leber Pastor of Eternal Mercy Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Memphis, Tennessee.

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ETERNAL MERCY CELEBRATES IT'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY

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The members of the church and their friends had a large dinner after Church Worship sponsored by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the church. The members brought several dishes of food with them for the dinner and the L.W.M.L. provided the main course and served the dinner.

Mr. Oma K. Presley and his mother, Mrs. Tennie Mae Presley brought two large sheet cakes decorated in white with large yellow roses, a yellow cross and the inscription on the cakes read..."ETERNAL MERCY LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1971-1976"



Church Office Building located across the street from the Church itself. This building has recently been purchased.



Eternal Mercy Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Memphis, Tenn. Dedicated February 21, 1971. 2323 Monroe Avenue.

Seminarian Ronald Friedrich . Mr. Friedrich is a senior at Concordia Seminary in St.Louis, Mo. He was the Vicar for Eternal Mercy from 1974 to 1975 Mr. Friedrich is shown using a brick to illustrate 1 Peter 2:4 Jesus, the "Living Stone."





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Left: Banner made by church members. It is red with white letters. Center: Rev. Leber taking the first slice of the cake in the picture shown on the right...white frosting, yellow cross and roses. A gift of Mr. Oma K. Presley and his mother.

------ More Pictures of Eternal Mercy's 5th Anniversary-



1. Seminarian Ronald Friedrich delivering the sermon. In the picture he is making the sign of "Jesus." 2. Name of the church is in this beautiful design on the outside of the church. The circle is the sign for "eternal." 3. Liturgist Rev. Donald E. Leber, Pastor of Eternal Lutheran Church for the Deaf. 4. Choir members: left to right: Mr. Charles (Mac) Grier, Mrs. Rosy Johnson, Mrs. Doris Walker, and Mr. Tim Chester.



5. Mr. Robert (Bob) Case, Layminister of Eternal Lutheran Church for the Deaf. 6. Mr. Bob Case conducting an adult Bible Class. 7. & 8. Mrs. Mary Case, wife of Layminister Bob Case teaching Sunday School at Eternal.



9. Rev. Leber and Mr. William (Billy) Fitzgerald holding a surprise painting and gift of the Church building and the

Church Office Building. The painting was done by a local artist, Mrs. Marilyn Powell and given to the church by Mr. Jacob C. Nichols and his brother Mr. Matthew G. Nichols. 10. & 11. two views showing members and guests enjoying fellow ship in the basement of the church following service. A delicious dinner was also served.



12. Another view of the choir. 13. One of the church busses used by Eternal. 14. Two ladies preparing the altar before the beginning of the Sunday morning Celebration Service. That is Rev. Leber on the right lending a hand.



Russ sez: MANY ILDA MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED MARCH 31, 1976



In order to keep the ILDA strong and active in carrying out its avowed work in supporting the mission work of the deaf throughout the world so that more will come to know and accept the Lord, Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. . . the Board of Directors urge all members of ILDA to renew their memberships.

All you have to do is send in your name and address along with a check or money order of \$2. (per membership) to:

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The Treasurer is asking all ILDA Vice-Presidents to set up a table or booth at their Regional Conferences this year where new people may join the ILDA or expired memberships may be renewed. Let us all accept this excellent idea and keep ILDA growing stronger and stronger.

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IT IS NEVER TOO SOON TO JOIN THE ILDA..... Rejoice with us in Christ's love...Join Today

ILDA Membership Application Type

FALL, 1976...PACIFIC REGIONAL... DATE & SITE TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER

We have a huge surplus of Deaf Lutheran copies of previous issues. Anyone needing 100 or more for Public Relations or Mission Speaking or to distribute at Regional Conferences, please order from...Rev. Herbert Rohe, 500 N. Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri 63102. Our storage space is limited and we will have to dispose of these surpluses soon. The Deaf Lutheran is now published by a new printer in Washington, Missouri. As of January 1st, our contract with him will be 2/3 the previous Concordia Publishing House cost. Therefore, if the quality of The Deaf Lutheran is less than previously, it is due to this economy. However, the Editor is happy to say that the difference in this quality is not that much and he is happy with the appearance of the publication.



Northwest Layworkers Workshop



Diplomas Have No Age Limit

It's never too late to get your high school diploma and Otto Stumpf can prove it. He's 65 years old and, after nine years of adult education classes has earned his high school diploma.

Nine years is a long time, but it's no record maker in the adult education program. Another student, William Steed, attended classes for 12 years to get his diploma.

Both ended their high school careers a few weeks ago in the adult education program at O'Fallon Technical Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

Stumph entered O'Fallon in 1967 with no high school credits He is retired and his future plans are to continue his education at one of the community colleges.

Steed originally enrolled in the adult education program in 1964 to take the first courses toward his diploma. In spite of health problems he worked full-time and attended classes regularly.

Check your local Board of

RIGHT PEW. . . WRONG CHURCH!

A minister was approached by a man who said he was interested in joining the church. The pastor was very pleased to hear this. But before the pastor could speak, the man said, "If I join your church I want you to remember that I am very busy. I can't come to meetings, don't ask me to teach in the church schools, don't ask me to come and help clean the church, I won't be here every week for worship, I won't give a good part of my paycheck to the church. I am too busy for all that!"

The minister thought for one minute then he said, "I think you are in the wrong church. The church you want is three blocks from here." The man left and followed the pastor's directions and soon he was at the other church. The church was abandoned. The doors and windows were covered with boards. The grass and weeds were about two feet tall. The whole place was a mess. It was a dead church. . . it had gone out of business. DO ANY OF YOU WONDER WHY? ? ?

...from Delaware Valley LC Newsletter Pastor Jerold D. Munz

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George was a good chauffeur and an expert mechanic in the bargain. The dignified society lady who employed him had only one complaint: He was extremely sloppy about his appearance. One day she decided that the time had come to lecture him on his weakness. "George," she said, "how often would you say it is necessary to shave?" George gazed at her intently. "With a weak growth like yours ma'am," he replied politely, "I would say that every third day would be sufficient." * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

by Michael Wetzbarger

The ladies of Faith Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Spokane, Washington served a buffet dinner for all the people in attendance at the layworkers workshop held March 20, 1976.

The meal was complete with a breaking of the bread ceremony conducted by Reverend William Ludwig of Seattle, Washington and the host pastor, Reverend George Winkler.

Representatives from Montana, Washington, and Oregon all came from all over the Northwest States. To give the occasion an international flair, Reverend Harold Ziprick flew in from Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

The central theme of the workshop was "Teaching My Disciples to Pray" and "Witness and Work Together to Serve The Lord"

About fifty persons from the forementioned states and the Spokane Area took part in the workshop, dinner and closing ceremonies.

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Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Word of God)... ILLUSTRATIONS ON CHURCH

Many of the characters we meet in the Bible would be highly unacceptable (The "Ineligibles") as members in our churches.

NOT Abraham - he signed the hotel register as a single man.

NOT Jacob - he was a deceiver (crooked, the world would call him today).

NOT Moses - his name was on the "want-

ed" list in every post office in Egypt.

NOT Peter - he was a vile, cursing, ignorant man. He once drew a sword and

cut off a man's ear!

NOT Paul - he was a troublemaker EVERY WHERE he went. He stopped an entire trade union. - The Lamplighter

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Mr. William Payne, founder of "Just for Jammers," a radio and literature ministry to truck drivers, has recently begun inserting a free-will offering envelope in each copy of the ABS -TEV New Testament placed in literature racks at truck stops across the country. One trucker wrote this note on the envelope he returned to the ABS: "This money isn't very much considering the comfort that this New Testament will bring me in many hours of need, but it's all that I have now. God bless you for making this book available to all truck drivers. Thanks!"

Education programs for adult education classes. Some of them provide interpreters for students with impaired hearing.

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INDIFFERENCE sets everything on a down hill path. It is important to care to care about what is good and true to care about your religion, your personal faith, your church. We are troubled to see attendance and giving going downhill, especially in our preaching stations. Don't you care? I think you do.

The Silent Visitor

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How much you do is important. How well you do it is decisive. ---Bits & Pieces Every human being either adds to or subtracts from the happiness of those with whom he comes in contact.

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"One of the biggest benefits of learning is that it makes us aware of how little we know." * * * * * * *

"Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle that fits them all."

"Actually, there are no new sins. The old ones just get better publicity these days."

"There's a new margarine on the market called "Rumor" because it spre spreads so quickly and easily."

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THE CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, JUNE 11-13, 1976. THE SHERATON MOTOR INN (S.R.67), LOCATED AT 7701 EAST 42nd STREET WILL BE THE SITE OF THE CONFERENCE.

AN INSPIRING PROGRAM ALONG WITH THE USUAL BUSINESS, TOURS, ENTERTAINMENT AND BANQUET HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF OUR DELEGATES.

MR. ROBERT MUNRO IS CHAIRMAN OF THIS CONFERENCE AND HIS ADDRESS IS 4201 NORTH COLLEGE AVENUE, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46205. YOU MAY WRITE TO HIM FOR DETAILS OR CONTACT YOUR OWN OR ANY PASTOR IN THE CENTRAL REGION FOR REGISTRATION FORMS, RESERVATION CARDS, OR ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY NEED.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH KINDRED WELCOMES EVERY ONE OF YOU WHO PLAN TO COME, DELEGATE OR VISITOR.

\$3.2 MILLION GIFT FINANCES ADDITION TO BETHESDA HOME

Watertown, Wis. - Announcement was made today of a \$3.2 million grant by an anonymous donor to Bethesda Lutheran Home of Watertown, Wisconsin.

Bethesda is a home, school and total care center for over 600 retarded and handicapped persons, ranging from 8 to over 80 years of age, and emanating from all over the United States.

The grant has been designated for the erection of a new wing, which will provide 100 beds, ancillary living areas, a new main kitchen, a dining room seating 400, and supportive treatment space. Recently, remodeling to meet new Federal Regulations resulted in the Home's loss of over 100 beds.

"The gift is one of the largest ever received by the Home," stated Alexander Napolitano, Bethesda's executive director, "but even more important is its tremendous significance in keeping abreast of current advances in the field of mental retardation.

"For one thing," he mentioned, "It will enable us to establish an intensive care and treatment area comparable to only a few others in the United States and where much more rapid progress can be made in bettering the life of many of our residents."

"We are all thrilled at this generosity, " Napolitano said, "and the Bethesda family just couldn't be more grateful."

The Home has filed application with the Health Planning Council of the State of Wisconsin for approval of the new facility, and has tentatively scheduled ground breaking ceremonies for late fall.

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Miami, Fla...Bay Shore and Deaf Zion.. Fifteen workers for the Deaf met on Pensacola Beach at the beginning of January. They helped plan the program for the Dixie Deaf Lutheran Conference to be held August 6-8, 1976 in Dallas, Texas. Much of the conference was devoted to the sharing of special needs and programs in Deaf congregations and parishes.

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Portland, Oregon...Hope Lutheran....

The Christian Business Men's Association has taken on a new name. From this time on, it will be called by the letters E.C.F.D...Ecumenical Christian Fellowship of the Deaf. Many deaf people will be involved, from the many deaf churches in the Portland, Vancover area. All the men are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship and in the projects that will be used to proclaim God's word to the many deaf people in Portland and Vancover. The E.C.F.D. is in the process of becoming incorporated as a non-profit organization.

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St. Louis, Mo.... The Deaf Lutheran...

Archie D. Marshall, Editor of D.L. is putting up a \$50.00 first prize to be awarded to the winning banner design that will become the standard of ILDA. Entries will be judged at the 1977 ILDA Convention in Spokane, Wash. More details on size, etc. will be printed in next month's issue, but remember the colors of the ILDA seal if it is used in the design must be the same colors as used on our ILDA auto sticker decals. If you plan to enter the contest and don't have a decal, one may be purchased from your local congregation ILDA representative or send fifty cents (.50) to the Editor plus 13¢ postage. Hopefully, we will find a way to raise funds for a second prize \$25.00) and a third prize (\$10.00).

Spokane, Washington....Faith Lutheran

Rev.George Winkler has accepted the call to Bethel Deaf Lutheran Church in Denver, Colorado. He and his family will be leaving for Colorado in the middle of May. Remember Rev. Winkler in your prayers and also pray that the Lord will provide Faith Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Spokane with a new Shepherd soon.

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On March 26, 1976, Rev. Winkler's oldest daughter, Priscilla left the United States to make a quarter of college work at the Mandarin (Chinese) Center in Taipei, Taiwan. Priscilla hopes some day to work for the Foreign Service and plans on using her trip to Taiwan as an opportunity to study the Chinese Language, customs and the people of the country.

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KANSAS CITY, MO....PILGRAM LUTHERAN... WE HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING MORE ABOUT THE BELL SINCE IT WAS STOLEN LAST YEAR. (OCT.-NOV.1975 D.L.) IT IS STILL GONE AND THE THIEVES HAVE NOT BEEN CAUGHT.

WHEN IT WAS STOLEN WE THOUGHT THE BELL MIGHT BE MELTED DOWN AND THE ME-TAL RE-USED. WE DOUBT THAT IS THE CASE BECAUSE THE THIEVES WERE BACK RE-CENTLY AND STOLE THE EMPTY RACK THAT HELD THE BELL. VERY LIKELY THE BELL IS ALL POLISHED UP AND ON DISPLAY IN SOMEONE'S FAMILY ROOM.

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MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE....THE BIENNIAL MEETING OF THE MIDWEST RE-GIONAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN DES MOINES, IOWA, WITH CALVARY CONGREGA-TION AS HOSTS. THE DATES ARE JUNE 25-27. THE THEME OF THE CONGREGATION WILL BE "LOVE ONE ANOTHER" THE PRO-GRAM WILL CONSIST OF PRESENTATIONS OF THE VARIOUS CONGREGATIONS. THE BAN-QUET SPEAKER WILL BE REV. DONALD ZUHN WITH REV. R. REINAP OF INDIANOLA, IOWA THE PREACHER ON SUNDAY MORNING.

THE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT CALVARY CHURCH IN DES MOINES. THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING AND CONFERENCE WILL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF HOUSING THEMSELVES AT NEIGHBORING MOTELS.

FOR REGISTRATION BLANKS AND INFOR-MATION ON MOTELS WRITE TO CALVARY LU-THERAN CHURCH FOR THE DEAF, 3909 EAST 42nd STREET, DES MOINES, IOWA 50217.

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Spokane, Washington Faith Lutheran

Our hearts and sympathy go to Mr. Mike Wetzbarger, who lost his little brother, Shannon Erskine (December 1974 <u>Deaf Lutheran</u>). Early in February or thereabouts, little Shannon was killed in a motorcycle accident. He was 15 years old. It is good to hear that Mike's faith in God's mercy is sustaining him in this time of loss.

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An inch of love is better than a mile of quarreling.

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"The stone was rolled away from the door, not to permit Christ to come out but to enable the disciples to go in." - Dr. Peter Marshall

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The Glory of Life is to love, not to be loved, to give, not to get, to serve, not to be served; to be a strong hand in the dark to another in the time of need, to be a cup of strength to any soul in a crisis of weakness; this is to know the Glory of Life.

HOW TO RAISE A CROOK

1. Begin from infancy to give the child everything he wants. This way he will grow up to believe that the world owes him a living.



2. When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. It ought to encourage him to pick up "cuter" phrases that will blow the top off your head later.

3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is twenty-one and then let him decide for himself.

4. Avoid the use of the word "wrong." It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later when he is arrested for stealing a car that society is against him and he is being persecuted.

5. Pick up anything he leaves lying around - - books, shoes, clothing. Do everything for him so he will be experienced in throwing the responsibility onto others.

6. Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on. Be careful the silverware and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let him feed his mind on garbage.

7. Quarrel frequently in the presence of the children. Then they won't be too shocked when the home is broken up.

8. Give the child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own money. Why should he have things as tough as you had them?

9. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink, and comfort. See that every desire is gratified. Denial may lead to harmful frustrations.

10. Take his part against the neighbors, teachers, and policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.

11. When he gets into real trouble, apologize
for yourself by saying, "I never could do anything with him."

12. Prepare for a life of grief - you will have it.

-from The Presbyterian Journal

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6



Martin Luther had a barber. His name was Peter Beskendorf. One day Master Peter must have taken the liberty of asking his world-famous customer and doctor of theology"DOCTOR LUTHER, HOW DO YOU PRAY?"

Below are some excerpts from a long letter that Martin Luther wrote to his barber about prayer.

A good clever barber must have his thoughts, mind and eyes concentrated upon the razor and beard and not forget where he is in his stroke and shave. If he keeps talking or looking around or keeps thinking of something else, he is likely to cut a man's mouth or nose - or even his throat So anything that is to be done well ought to occupy the whole man with all his faculties and members. As the saying goes: he who thinks of many things thinks of nothing and accomplishes no good. How much more must prayer possess the heart exclusively and completely if it is to be a good prayer!

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It is a good thing to let prayer be the first business in the morning and the last in the evening. Guard yourself against such false and deceitful thoughts that keep whispering: Wait a while. In an hour or so I will pray. I must first finish this or that. Thinking such thoughts we get away from prayer into other things that will hold us and involve us till the prayer of the day comes to naught.

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We have to watch out so that we may not get weaned from prayer by fooling ourselves that a certain job is more urgent, which it really isn't - and finally we get sluggish, lazy, cold, and weary. But the devil is neither sluggish nor lazy around us.

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Out of each commandment I make a garland of four twisted strands. That is, I take each commandment first as a teaching, which is what it actually is, and I reflect upon what our Lord God so earnestly requires of me here. Secondly, I make out of it a reason for thanksgiving. Thirdly - a confession and fourthly, a prayer petition.

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First I learn here that I shall not take my

PLEASE PREACH ON. . .

A national survey by the Foundation for Christian Living revealed that 50,000 churchgoers want more sermons dealing with prayer, God's guidance and the Bible and less on politics and social action.

THE INVITATION IS STILL OPEN., "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will go in and eat with him, and he with Me." (Rev. 3:20, New International Version). THE RESULT, "But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in - adhere to, trust in and rely on - His name." (John 1:20, Amplified Bible).

neighbor's property nor possess it against his will, neither secretly nor openly; that I shall not be unfaithful or false in my barganing, my service and work least what I gain should belong to me only as a thief; but I shall earn my food with the sweat of my brow and shall eat my own bread with all those who are faithful. At the same time I shall help my neighbor so that his property is not taken away from him through such actions as mentioned above.

Secondly, I thank God for his faithfulness and goodness in that He has given me and all the world such a good teaching and through it protection and shelter. For unless He protects us, not one penny nor one bite of bread would remain in the house.

Thirdly, I confess my sin and ungratefulness, there where i have wronged someone and cheated him or where during my life, I was unfaithful in keeping my word.

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a benevolent turn of mind,

brow-18 insmou-08 ishbits-82 17-Lord; 19-stone; 20-fear; 21-sesk; 22-see; 24-tell; 26-held; 26-held; 20-hold; 20-hold; 22-hold; 24-tell; 22-hold; 24-hold; 24-Sover i sover i sover i sover i sover i sover i la sover

"LUTHER SAYS"

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Fourthly, I ask that God may give grace so that I and all the world might learn His commandment and think about it and improve. I pray that there may be less stealing, robbing, exploiting, embezzling and injustice. I also pray that such evils may soon end when the day of judgement comes. This is the goal to which the prayers of all Christians and of all creation are directed. (Romans 8:22).

This is praying according to Martin Luther. We see that it is not just petitioning, reciting and speaking. It is learning, mediating, searching and thus acquiring the perspective of eternity.

must like, I think, to read about them. --William Makepeace Thackeray (1811-1863)

Someone observed the other day that what this country really needs is a return to popular government at popular prices.

Gardeners who try to talk plants into growing should whistle at them instead, according to research conducted at the University of North Carolina. Dr. Gaylord Hageseth tested the effects of different sounds on the sprouting rate of turnip seeds and found that pure tones - such as a single musical note or a whistle - sped up sprouting. But broad-spectrum noise - such as human speech - slowed down the onset of sprouting. The two kinds of sounds were beamed at separate groups of seeds at a very high but equal volume.