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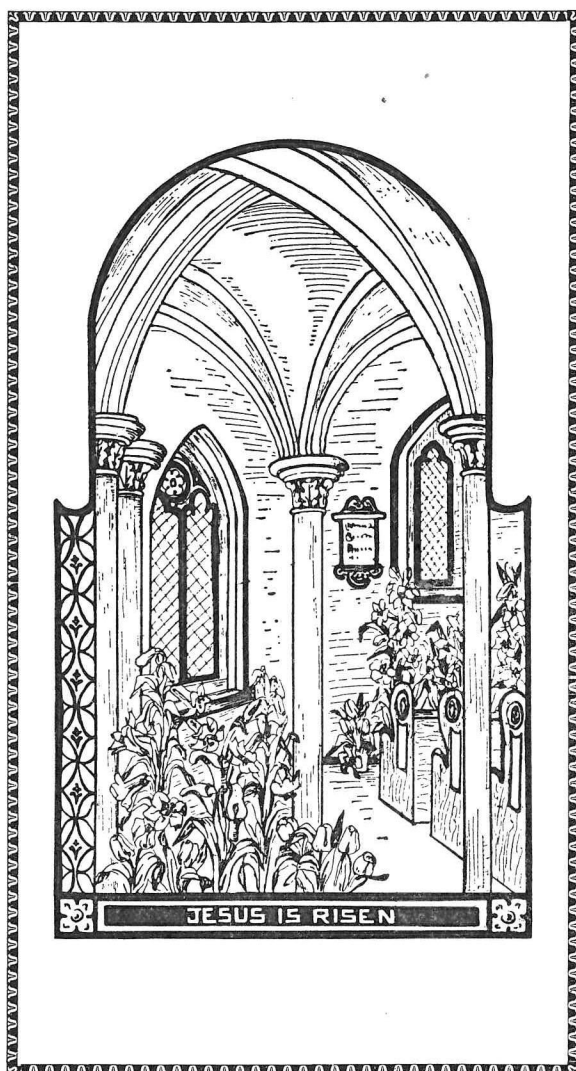
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## EASTER MORNING

Open the gates of the temple,  
Spread branches of palm and of bay;  
Let not the spirits of nature  
Alone deck the Conqueror's way.  
While spring from her death-sleep arises  
And joyous His presence awaits,  
While morning's smile lights up the heavens,  
Open the beautiful Gates.

He is here! The long watches are over,  
The stone from the grave rolled away;  
"We shall sleep," was the sigh of the midnight,  
"We shall rise!" is the song of to-day.  
O music, no longer lamenting  
On pinions of tremulous flame,  
Go soaring to mee the Beloved  
And swell the new song of His fame!

The altar is snowy with blossoms,  
The font is a vase of perfume,  
On pillar and chancel are twining  
Fresh garlands of eloquent bloom.  
CHRIST IS RISEN! with glad lips we utter,  
And far up the infinite height  
Archangels the paean re-echo  
And crown Him with lilies of light.

— Francis Laughton Mace.

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### EDITORIAL

#### Easter

Christians have a sure and a living hope because Jesus rose from the dead. The resurrection of Christ gives us in the first place the certainty of the forgiveness of our sins. By His sacrificial death Jesus atoned for the sins of the whole world, and we may be exultingly sure of our pardon because we have not a dead, but a living Savior. St. Paul informs us: "Jesus was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." Rom. 4, 25.

Sin is debt and bondage. Sinners owe God thousands of talents, but they are spiritually bankrupt, in the bondage of death, and unable to meet their debts. Until this obligation has been met unto the utmost farthing the sinner must remain under the wrath of God. On Calvary Jesus, our Substitute, paid the penalty for our transgressions, and God announced His acceptance of the payment by releasing our Representative from the bondage of death. When on the Judgment Day the ledger of our account with God will be opened and read, there will be no debit side, for the merits of the Cross of Jesus have canceled all our liabilities.

Furthermore the resurrection of Christ is certain comfort for us in the sorrows of our daily life. As Jesus extended sympathy and encouragement to Peter and the perplexed Emmaus disciples after His resurrection, in like manner, though ascended, He comforts and strengthens His followers today through His means of grace, the Word and Sacraments. He lovingly assures them: "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28, 20.

By the resurrection of Jesus we have more-over the certainty that death shall not overwhelm us when our life on earth ends. St. Peter teaches that God has begotten us by the rising of Jesus from the dead to an "inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away." 1 Peter 1, 4. The fruit of death, by the merits of Jesus, is a new and expanded form of life. In the spring of the year we observe the annual coronation of nature in the awakening and development of vegetation. Likewise by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead we have a sure living hope of an infinitely better and fuller life when our temporal existence on this earth ends. Faith in Jesus quickens spiritual life and raises our soul from spiritual death, so that "we have life and have it more abundantly." John 10, 10.

Furthermore the Savior promises that the new life will continue forever. He reveals to us the following truth: "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11, 25-26. May we accept the Living One, who was raised again for our justification, in true faith, and may we support the work of our Church in proclaiming to all the world the living hope of everlasting life in Jesus.

O. C. S.

### BIBLE STUDIES FOR SUNDAYS IN MARCH, 1929

*"Christ died and rose again"*

The month of March brings with it Good Friday (March 29) and Easter Day (March 31), the one the darkest and the other the most glorious day in the history of all the world. Good Friday leads us to the cross of Christ! Christ cries out with a loud voice, bows His head, and dies; the veil of the temple is torn in two from top to the bottom, the earth quakes, rocks are torn apart; graves are opened, and many of the saints come out of their graves after Christ is risen! When the centurion (Roman captain) sees and hears all these things, he says: "Certainly this was a righteous man and the Son of God!" Yes, the Son of God is dead and buried. And why? To save us, to save you and me!

And did He really save us? Yes, the Easter angel comes from heaven, saying: "He is not here: for He is risen, as He said." Now sinners may sing: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Are you rejoicing in this crucified and risen Savior? Come, read these Bible Studies for the month of March, and we know you will sing and rejoice with us in our Living Savior. Do not forget to answer the two questions with every study, and at the end of the month send all your answers to your pastor.

### Study for Third Sunday in Lent, March 3

*"Christ in you, the Hope of glory"*

*Col. 1, 27*

*In your Bible read Luke 9, 28-36*

Jesus had spoken of His suffering and death. Now He showed His disciples a little of His glory which He had from the beginning and which waited for Him after His death on the cross. He went up into a mountain to pray. Jesus prayed much. He prayed also in that garden Gethsemane when He began His bitter suffering for us. So let us daily pray much!

And as Jesus prayed, the fashion (the outward appearance) of His countenance (face) was altered (became different), and His raiment (dress) was white and glistening (shining), and two talked with Him: Moses and Elias, two prophets of the Old Testament. These two appeared (came) in glory. And about what did they talk with Jesus? Of His decease (death) which He should accomplish (finish) at Jerusalem. People often tell us that this story of Jesus and His death is dry. And now we learn that God's people in heaven still talk about it. May God help us that we never become tired of this word about Jesus and His death, for only this word can lead us to that glory with Jesus and His saints.

Peter and the other disciples were heavy (pressed down) with sleep. And when they were awake, they saw Jesus and His glory and the two men. And when these two men departed (left) from Jesus, Peter said, "Lord,

it is good to be here." Yes, it will be good to be with Jesus in glory. May we all see it!

While Peter spake, a cloud came upon them and they were afraid when they entered (went) into the cloud. And they heard a voice out of the cloud, saying: "This is My beloved Son: hear Him." If you want to live with Jesus in His glory, then you must hear Him, hear His word of His bitter suffering and death for your sins. And now they saw Jesus alone. And they kept it close, they were silent about these things during those days. Jesus alone! He alone can save! He alone can bring to glory! Trust in Him alone!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember verse 35, and then answer these questions in writing: 1) Of what should we never become tired? 2) What should we do if we want to live in glory with Jesus?

*Prayer:* Suffering Savior, Thou wentest into bitter suffering for us that we might live with Thee in Thy glory. Thanks and praise to Thee! Now help that we always gladly hear Thee and trust in Thee alone, our hope of glory. Amen.

### Study for Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 10

*"The Son of man was manifested (come), that He might destroy the works of the devil"*

*1 John 3, 8*

*In your Bible read Luke 9, 37-42*

When Jesus and His disciples came down from the hill, many people met Him. And a man from the company (crowd) said to Him, "I beseech (ask) Thee, look — with mercy — upon my son: for he is mine only child." What was the trouble? The father said: "Lo (see), a spirit (devil) taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth (shaketh) him that he foameth again, and hardly (with difficulty) he departeth (goes away) from him, bruising him (hurting and making his weak)." See what the devil does! He tries to hurt and to kill! And the disciples can do nothing! By sin we all have become the devil's servants, and no man can save us.

Only Jesus can save, as we shall see. Jesus found so much unbelief and many doubts among the people, and He therefore said: "O

faithless (without faith) and perverse (wicked) generation (people), how long shall I be with you, and suffer (be patient) with you? Bring thy son hither (here).” And while he was coming to Jesus, the devil threw him down and tare (shook) him. Then Jesus rebuked (scolded and commanded) the unclean spirit, and healed the child, the devil must leave, and Jesus delivered (gave) him to his father. So the devil tries to lead us and all the other people to everlasting suffering in hell. But let us sing, Jesus suffered and died to save us from the devil’s power. Happy are all they that believe in Him and His blood. Now let us work and pray that many more people will learn to know this crucified Savior and be freed from the devil and everlasting hell!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember verse 42, and answer these questions in writing: 1) What does the devil try to do with all people? 2) How can we be saved or freed from the devil’s power?

*Prayer:* Dear suffering Savior, thanks to Thee for Thy great suffering and death by which Thou hast saved us from the devil’s power. Help us trust in Thee always that we be saved and serve Thee now and forever. Amen.

#### Study for Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 17

*“God has purchased (bought) the church  
with His own blood”*

*Acts 20, 28*

*In your Bible read Luke 9, 43-45*

Jesus can save us from the devil and his power! Surely a wonderful Jesus! Therefore all the people were amazed (surprised) at the mighty (great) power of God. In Jesus they saw God’s power and wondered at all the things He did.

Also the disciples were glad to see this and had thoughts and dreams of a great kingdom here on earth. Therefore while the people, and the disciples with them, wondered at all these things, He told them, “The Son of man shall be delivered (given) into the hands of men.” This mighty Jesus, who did these wonderful works, must be given into the hands of

weak men! And we know what they did with Him. He had to suffer many things and at last die on the cross. And this we should never forget! He told His disciples: “Let these sayings (words) sink down into your ears.” The disciples, and also we, should never forget that Jesus came not to rule in this world as other kings, but to suffer and die for to save the world from the devil’s power.

But the disciples did not understand this word. It was hid from them. They perceived (understood) it not. They could not understand it that this mighty Jesus who has power over the devil should suffer many things from weak men and die on the cross! And they also feared to ask Him about it. Let us thank God if we understand this great suffering and know that it was for us and our sin. Let us daily ask Him for wisdom and understanding, and we shall understand it better from day to day.

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember verse 44, and answer these questions in writing: 1) What must we say when we see the wonderful works of God? 2) Why must the Son of God die on the cross?

*Prayer:* Mighty Lord Jesus, Thou hast power over devil and sin. Through Thy suffering and death Thou didst save us from the devil’s power. Thanks to Thee! Grant us faith that we trust in Thee and wisdom that we understand Thy bitter suffering and death better from day to day. Amen.

#### Study for Palm Sunday, March 24

*“Let this mind be in you, which was  
also in Christ Jesus”*

*Phil. 2, 5*

*In your Bible read Luke 9, 46-50*

On Palm Sunday Jesus rode upon an ass into the city of Jerusalem. A poor humble King! This week brings with it also Good Friday, the day on which Jesus humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

And of Jesus we should learn to be humble. So often proud thoughts come into our hearts

as we learn from the disciples to-day. There was a reasoning (questioning) among them which of them should be the greatest. But Jesus who sees and knows all things also perceived (saw) the proud thoughts in their hearts and taught them a lesson in humbleness. Jesus also knows our proud hearts, and therefore let us also learn this lesson. He took a small humble child and sat it by Him. And He said, that if any one receives this child into his family in Jesus' name, out of love to Jesus, receives Jesus and the Father, and therefore surely pleases God with it. See how great this little child is! He therefore furthermore says that the least and the smallest and the most humble shall be great! Dear Savior, make us all humble and small before God and man, and then we shall be truly great! And we ought to humble ourselves very much because we have so many sins and need the Savior and His cross.

Now John told Jesus that a man was casting (driving) out devils in Jesus's name, and they forbade (stopped) him. They thought he had no right to use the name of Jesus. And why not? Because this man followed not with them, did not join them and work with them. Why he did this not we do not know. But Jesus told them that they should not stop him, for if he uses the name of Jesus and drives out devils, then he surely is not against Jesus but for Him. He who saves men from the devil's power works for Jesus, although he still is weak in faith and does not follow Jesus in all things as we do.

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember verse 48, and answer these questions in writing: 1) From whom chiefly can we learn to be humble? 2) Who shall be truly great?

*Prayer:* Humble Savior, Thou wentest into that shameful death and didst humble Thyself for us poor sinners that we may go up with Thee into glory. Teach us to humble ourselves in our sins before Thee every day, and wash us clean from sin in Thy blood. Amen.

### Study for Easter Sunday, March 31

*"Remember that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead"*

*2 Tim. 2, 8*

*In your Bible read Luke 9, 51-56*

Easter Day! Christ is risen! He went into death and the grave, and now He lives! Why did He die and rise again? He tells us in our lesson.

It came to pass, when the days were come that He should be received up, that is, suffer and die, rise again and go into heaven, that He stedfastly (straight) set (turned) His face to go to Jerusalem. He was ready and willing to die for us sinners. He must go through Samaria, and sent messengers before Him, that is, men who went before Him to make ready the things for the night. And when they came to a little village (town) of the Samaritans, the people would not receive Him, because His face was turned to Jerusalem. So many people to-day receive not this Lord Jesus into their hearts and homes. Will you receive Him to-day?

When the disciples James and John saw this they were angry and wanted to command fire to come down from heaven and consume (destroy) them, as did the prophet Elias. Read 1 Kings 1, 10-12. And therefore they asked Jesus, "Lord, wilt (wish) Thou that we do this?" Jesus then turned and rebuked (scolded) them, saying, "Ye know not what manner (kind) of spirit ye are of." The spirit of the Master is not to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And this spirit should live also in the disciples, also in you and me. Jesus died to save sinners, and He has finished this salvation for He rose again on the third day. Jesus is risen! Sinners are free! Let us now pray diligently and work hard and give gladly, and so bring many others to the Living Savior!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember verse 56, and answer these questions in writing: 1) Why does Easter make you so happy? 2) What should you now gladly do for this living Savior?

*Prayer:* O Risen and Living Savior, thanks to Thee for Thy Easter victory! Thou didst

die and rise again for our salvation. We are free! Let us now gladly help and bring this good news of Thy Easter victory to many others and fill their hearts with true Easter joy. Amen.

J. L. S.

## STUDIES IN THE CHIEF TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE AND CATECHISM

### The First Commandment

Why must Jesus die on the cross? Paul answers: "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us," Rom. 5, 9. "All have sinned," Rom. 3, 23, but "the Lord hath laid upon Him the iniquity (sin) of us all," Is. 53, 6. If you want to understand the bitter suffering and death of Christ and rejoice in His great Easter victory, then you, first of all, must learn to know your many sins from the Ten Commandments. Let us therefore this month study the First Commandment.

Both our Bible and Catechism tells us: "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." Who is this "Me?" This is none other than the one true God who says: "I am the Lord thy God," Ex. 20, 2, the one true God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost in whose name all nations should be baptized, Matth. 28, 19. And this one true God, Three in One, says: "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me."

If you travel through heathen countries, yes, although through our own country, you will find many who know not the true God. And people must know "the only true God," John 17, 3, and God tells us that a man should "glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, that I am the Lord," Jer. 9, 24. Therefore we who know the true God and Savior should bring Him to all the world. You will also meet fools who say: "There is no God," Ps. 14, 1, and others who "deny the Son," 1 John 2, 23, as do the Unitarians, lodges or secret societies, and others.

All these do not worship the true God. They have other gods and break the First Commandment. The heathen bow down to wood and stone, to gods made by their own hands, Ps. 115, 4, and Jesus says that they should worship the Lord their God, and Him

only they should serve, Matth. 4, 10. In our own country we see so many people worship gods of their own minds in their churches and lodges, they worship not Christ, and pray not in His name, and God says: "Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father," 1 John 2, 23. And they who worship no gods, perhaps deny that there is a God, nevertheless also have other gods. They fear the men of this earth, they love the riches and pleasures of this world, they make gold their hope and say to the fine gold: "Thou art my confidence," Job. 31, 24. And all this people do, although God says: "I am the Lord, — and My glory will I not give to another, neither My praise to graven images," Is. 42, 8. O woe to them that have other gods!

Friend, do you know the true God? O also we who know Him daily break this commandment. We do not fear God, but fear weak man; we are ashamed to confess our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ before the world fearing that they will laugh and mock; when temptations come we do not say as did Joseph: "How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" Gen 39, 9. Then we also love Him not with all our heart and soul and mind (Deut. 6, 5). So often we love our friends, our comfort, our pleasure more than God. And again, we trust in God so little. We forget Him and worry, saying: "What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?" Matth. 6, 31. And if we do not worry, then we trust in our strength and wisdom, in our friends, in gold and silver, or other things. Yes, also we who know the true God have broken this commandment and sinned!

How necessary that we study also our Catechism! Also in it we find the one and only true God of the Bible. It teaches us to confess Him with these words: "I believe in God the Father — And in Jesus Christ, His only Son — I believe in the Holy Ghost." And in the Christian Questions it asks: "How many Gods are there?" and gives the answer: "Only one: but there are three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." And, first of all, it brings this commandment: "Thou shalt have no other

gods before Me," and explains it with these words: "We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things."

And this we have not done! O what shall we do? This holy God is able to destroy both soul and body into hell, Matth. 10, 28; we are cursed, Jer. 17, 5. What must we do to be saved? Friend, whoever you are, look to the cross on Golgatha! There, on Good Friday, you will see the true God nailed to the cross to save us from sin. Flee to Him with all your sins! He can save, for He is risen from the grave and has finished salvation for us. Surely, "he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." John 3, 36. O believe in Him who died for you, and rose again! Yes, trust in Him alone, and in none other!

J. L. S.

### "WITH THE BEREANS"

"They (the Bereans) received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scripture (Bible) daily, whether those things were so." Acts 17: 11.

Jesus, I will ponder <sup>1</sup> now  
On Thy holy passion; <sup>2</sup>  
With Thy Spirit me endow <sup>3</sup>  
For such meditation.  
Grant <sup>4</sup> that I in faith and love  
May the image <sup>5</sup> cherish <sup>6</sup>  
Of Thy suff'ring, pain and death,  
That I may not perish.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> consider, think about. <sup>2</sup> suffering. <sup>3</sup> bless.  
<sup>4</sup> help. <sup>5</sup> picture. <sup>6</sup> love. <sup>7</sup> be lost.

On the last day of March, however, we celebrate with great joy the Festival of Life, the resurrection of our Savior from the dead, singing:

I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead,  
He lives my everlasting Head.

The following verses are to be studied and remembered in March:

March 3: "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." 2 Cor. 8:9.

March 10: "Surely He hath borne <sup>1</sup> our griefs, and carried our sorrows." Isaiah 53:4.  
<sup>1</sup> suffered.

March 17: "God commendeth <sup>1</sup> His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8. <sup>1</sup> recommends or praises.

March 24: "Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29.

March 31: "I am He that liveth and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." Revelations 1:18. J. A. C. B.

## THE CATECHISM ANNIVERSARY

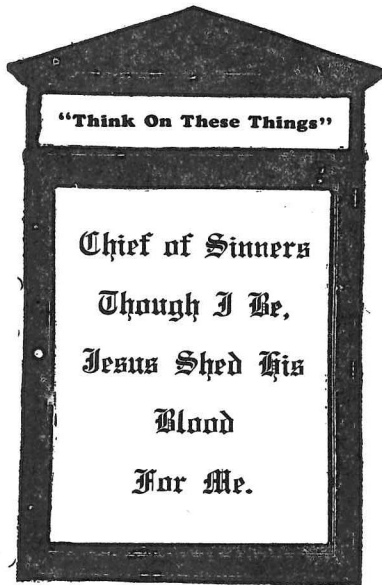
1529—1929

Four hundred years ago, Dr. Martin Luther published his Catechism. He wrote two versions of it which appeared almost simultaneously. We are familiar with the Small Catechism, a handbook on religion in questions and answers.

The Catechism was born of a great need. A survey of religious conditions in the parishes of Saxony had revealed deplorable conditions. Ignorance was rife, not only among the laity, but even among the clergy. (Remember that this survey was made only ten years after Luther had given the first impetus to the Reformation by publishing his 95 theses.) In the preface to the Catechism the situation is graphically described. We would suggest that our members read the preface.

The Catechism was written to give to pastors, teachers and parents a brief and practical summary of Christian truth that might be used in the instruction of children. It was no new Bible. It presented the fundamental teachings of the Bible and summed them up in such a way that any child could grasp them. So well did Luther succeed in this task that to this day Lutheran children the world over receive their instruction in religion on the basis of this Catechism. We believe it is a most unique record for any textbook that four hundred years after its appearance it still is in world-wide use.

The anniversary will be observed by Lutheran churches everywhere. A special jubilee edition of the Catechism will be issued by our own Concordia Publishing House for wide-spread distribution. Lutherans should have copies of this edition available so that



they may study this booklet for themselves again and also circulate it among friends and acquaintances.

The better we Lutherans know our Catechism, the better informed on matters religious we shall be. If this anniversary year succeeds in increasing our knowledge, it will be more than worth while. — My Church.

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Afterward He appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief, and hardness of heart because they believed not them which had seen Him after He was risen. Mark 16, 14.

"I cannot believe it." These are the words we oftentimes hear from people, who lately have gone through great sorrows, and are well and happy again. Such people feel like the disciples, who had lived through those dark days, when their Savior was dead in the grave, so that they could not realize the great change, when the words were told unto them: "He is risen."

But Jesus wants us to rejoice in our salvation, and not do as people, who are under the curse of the law. God wants us to rejoice so much, that we should act as a small child, who has received a good gift and now is showing it

to everybody, whether the person is interested in the gift or not.

And so we should also rejoice in our salvation, and show it to everyone. Our heart should bubble over with joy in our salvation, so that all will hear about the glad tidings of the grace of God in Christ Jesus, even if they do not seem to be interested. Such is Christ's mission command.

And we need not fear, that we will have no good results with this our message of salvation, for the Jesus, who was with the disciples by doing such wonderful things as casting out demons, and healing the sick, is also with us and will give His power to our preaching, so that it will bear good fruit. Yes, God will give us such success to our spreading of the Gospel, that there will be many people in heaven thanking God because He has brought the Gospel to them. So let us obey with courage the mission command of Jesus. W. F.

#### GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN

A ship had stranded, and when the boats had been let down, it was seen that there was not room in them for all. Lots were cast, and among those who had to remain behind was a young and very wicked sailor. He was very pale and those standing near heard him mutter, "Lost, lost eternally!"

But he was picked up and thrown into one of the boats. The man who had done that called to him: "You cannot yet die, but I can and am willing to die for you. But mind that I see you in heaven." An old sailor who often had told him of Jesus and asked him to receive the Savior thus died in his stead. Ever after, the young man, who really accepted Christ, was wont to testify in these words, "For me two have died!" — Ex.

Notice to readers. We wish to inform all deaf persons who are receiving the Deaf Lutheran, and are not subscribers, that our paper is being sent to them gratis through the courtesy of hearing Christians, who are interested in our Mission to the Deaf. O. C. S.



**CHRIST WANTS THE BEST**

Christ wants the best. He in the far-off ages  
Once claimed the firstling of the flock, the  
finest of the wheat,

And still He asks His own in gentlest plead-  
ing

To lay their highest hopes and brightest  
talents at His feet.

He'll not forget the feeblest service, humblest  
love;

He only asks that of our store we give to Him  
The best we have.

Christ gives the best. He takes the hearts we  
offer

And fills them with His glorious beauty, joy,  
and peace.

And in His service, as we're growing stronger,  
The calls to grand achievements still increase.  
The richest gifts for us on earth or in heav'n  
above

Are hid in Christ. In Jesus we receive  
The best we have.

And is our best too much? Our loving service  
For His sake? O friend, let us remember  
How once our Lord poured out His blood for  
us.

And in the prime of His mysterious manhood  
Gave up His precious life upon the cross!  
The Lord of lords, by whom the world was  
made,

Through bitter grief and tears, gave us  
The best He had. — Selected.

**MISSION NEWS**

**Minneapolis Mission**—The following officers of Grace Congregation were installed in our service on January 6: President, Mr. C. Gruber; Vice-President, Mr. G. H. Humble; Secretary, Mr. E. Engh; Treasurer, Mr. C. Larson; Trustees, Messrs. H. Knudson and J. Stauber. May God fill them all with His Spirit for His glory! — The Ladies' Aid elected the following officers for 1929: President, Mrs. E. J. Bauer; Vice-President, Miss A. Engberg; Secretary, Miss L. Hull; Treasurer, Mrs. H. B. Bailey; Committee for the Sick, Mrs. Gran and Mrs. Koch. May the Holy Spirit dwell in them and in us all and guide us in all things for the glory of our Savior's name!  
J. L. S.

**St. Paul Mission**—The following letter was recently received from one of our deaf.

"Dear Friend and Pastor:

I changed my mind and will again come to your service every month, because I am hungry and thirsty for the Lord's Supper. I examine myself every day until you come next month in January.

I believe that I am a sinner, from the Ten Commandments. These I have not kept. I feel sorry for all I have done against God, but my hope is in my dear Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, true God and true man, who died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. I intend to live godly before God in heaven. I surely believe God in Jesus Christ graciously pardons all my sins. I'll try and improve my life with the help of God. I hope you will not miss me any more.

Please remember me next month for the deaf service.  
Your friend,

....."

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." Luke 15: 10. J. A. C. B.

**St. Louis Mission**—On the evening of December 30th our St. Louis members and a number of their friends assembled at the Pastor's home for a Christmas Social. Christmas hymns were sung by all the deaf present and the Pastor delivered a short address on the words, "Lord, abide with us." After the service the Pastor was presented with a sum of money and his wife also received a number of presents, for which they herewith extend their sincere thanks to the kind donors.

Owing to an attack of the grippe the undersigned was unable to conduct services in Jacksonville, Ill., on the third Sunday of January.

On the 1st Sunday in December we were privileged to conduct services for the deaf in the State School for the Deaf in Indianapolis, Ind. On January 6th Mr. Daniel Uebelhack of Detroit, Mich., attended our services in Indianapolis, and in the afternoon of the same date we were pleased to meet in our services at Columbus, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Street of Orleans, Ind.

Mr. Walter Viets who, owing to loss of work here, had to go to his home at Cole Camp, Mo., for about one year, is with us again, having found employment here. Miss Edna Dirks of Petersburg has also been here some time but, we regret to say, is obliged to go home again on account of ill health.  
C. Schubkegel.

**Chicago Mission**—Our members may enjoy a peek into the pastor's workshop during the past year. Look around, and you will wonder how far the minister would get on eight-hour days.

Look at our parish report: The pastor preached in our church 58 times, 4 times in Englewood, 29 preaching-trips to stations, 11 times to St. Louis for instruction (2 radio), 2 trips to Milwaukee and Detroit (preaching), 7 trips for lectures in hearing churches, 30 instruction meetings with catechumens, 2 trips to

out-of-town hospitals, 2 meetings with the blind. And we did other things.

12 evenings for Council or Congregation meetings, 1 marriage and 1 funeral service, 6 socials at church, 1 outing, 1 annual picnic with much work, 3 meetings of committee on by-laws, errands for the church; personal errands for members, etc.

We wrote 58 sermons, many letters, articles for the Deaf Lutheran, wrote and printed and mailed 9 full Messengers, 1 Lenten bulletin, 1 Easter letter, 1 Pentecost bulletin, all annual reports for 1927; reports of socials, etc.

We attended Ephphatha Conference (5 days), 3 local conferences (2 days each), District Synod convention (4 days, part time), city conferences (½ day) sometimes; helped out a minister in his vacation, at Christmas, in Lent. We preached weekly for St. John's Church without interference to our own work, our pastor welcomed this work, he needs the salary. And there was other work.

Decorating 4 parsonage rooms, fireman and caretaker of grounds and building, interpreting for deaf; conference committee meeting and work.

We found time for a few calls on members and other deaf (more than you think), for preaching, a few days for vacation, a few days for grippe.

You saw quite a few things, didn't you? Now look at the minister, still alive and happy, too.

You will probably agree that some work could not be done, that the minister deserves a salary.

A. C. D. in The Messenger.

**Los Angeles Mission**—After Pastor Engel's advent into the North California Mission we had hoped to begin preaching at a number of new cities in Southern California. But owing to the work to be done at the places already begun only one such new mission has been undertaken — Fresno, Calif. Here we now conduct services on a Sunday evening. Though the number of our hearers is still small we are quite hopeful for the future. Fresno lies about 178 miles north of Los Angeles. On the morning of the day we hold services in Fresno we meet with the deaf of our old station, Porterville. This station was greatly benefited by the division of our field. Formerly we held monthly services here on a Monday evening. Because some of the people there are ranchers and live at some distance, this arrangement made our attendance dwindle. Now we can again meet on Sunday morning. We have also found a new meeting place in Porterville, in the Y. W. C. A. Formerly we met in a basement room of a Congregational Church.

Though the present missionary has been here for almost two years much of the work is still in the experimental state. That was the case in our Alhambra Mission. In 1928 we began preaching in Pasadena. After holding a few services we moved our services to the city of Alhambra a few miles south. And we are happy to say, that our move has

proven to be a wise one, since it gave more people an opportunity to hear the glad tidings of Jesus their Savior. It is a real pleasure to meet with these people of Alhambra and vicinity.

With the new year we also began a Bible class in San Diego in which we shall study the chief teachings of the Bible. This class meets on a Sunday evening in the Sunday School rooms of Grace Lutheran Church. By going to San Diego a second time in the month we also hope to be able to serve such people who cannot well attend our preaching services on Friday evening. The number of deaf in San Diego is rapidly growing. Among the newcomers are Mr. W. Foster, Mr. E. Hinton, and Mrs. Walgren.

In Anaheim we also changed the time of our services. Formerly we held services for the deaf of Orange County on a Sunday afternoon. On request of the people we now gather on a Friday evening. Mr. George Moesser, one of our faithful attendants here passed into eternity on December 9th and his mortal remains were laid to rest on December 11th. At the services, attended by deaf and hearing, the Pastor spoke and signed on Luke 7, 11-17.

On November 25th we had the pleasure of officiating at the wedding of Mr. C. Wakefield and Miss E. McNabney at Pomona. Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield are now making their home in Alhambra and regularly attend services there. A few days later, on November 28th, Mr. E. Heald and Miss F. Lawhorns, both of Los Angeles were united in holy wedlock at the Pastor's home. And again on January 28th the home of the Pastor was the scene of a happy wedding, for this day Mr. Glenn Smith and Miss Cecile Patrick vowed each other faithfulness unto death. May the good Lord make their married life a Godpleasing and happy one.

**Detroit Mission**—During the fall months we had opportunity to speak about our work in a number of congregations of the Thumb District of Michigan; \$101.60 was thus added to our Chapel Fund. We were pleased to encounter such heartfelt interest in our work, and hope that we shall have the chance to visit that part of the State again.

On the evening of December 22nd of last year we had the unique experience of performing the ceremony at the wedding of a colored couple, Charles Blythe and Marhta Wilson. May the Lord Jesus continue with them on their way through life. About 20 colored deaf were present for the occasion.

During January we had a spell of sub-zero weather — this and the fact that we had to have our services in a school room effected our attendance in Detroit. On the last Sunday of January, however, we again made a move and are now conducting our services in the basement of Trinity Parish House down town. The location is very convenient for many of our people. We hope to be able to retain this place of meeting till our deaf shall have their own church home.

We were very happy to hear of the birth of a healthy baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kuehn on Monday, January 28th. On January 22nd the missionary had the privilege of baptizing the 11-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Oakfield, who was born to them in Clinton, Iowa, on February 23, 1928.

E. J. S.

### TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT COLLECTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

September 30th to December 31st, 1928

**Rev. E. C. Baker**—Buffalo, \$2.75; New Castle, \$2.79; Washington, \$2.96; Baltimore, \$5.15; Hamburg, \$.80. Total: \$14.45.

**Rev. J. A. C. Beyer**—Dubuque, \$.45; Stillwater, \$2.60; Winona, \$3.45; Lake City, \$2.25; Eau Claire, \$.80; Rochester, \$.64; Twin City Mission Festival, \$64.29. Total: \$74.48.

**Rev. A. E. Ferber**—Atchinson, \$3.40; Frankfort, \$2.00; Herrington, \$16.00; Kansas City, \$17.15; Lawrence, \$3.97; Salina, \$2.15; Wichita, \$4.99; St. Joseph, \$6.37; Joplin, \$1.16; Levensworth, \$.65; Springfield, \$4.23; Miscellaneous, \$.50; Miss C. Martin, \$1.00. Total: \$63.57.

**Rev. G. H. Ferber**—Los Angeles, \$30.39; San Diego, \$4.65; San Francisco, \$34.83; Berkeley, \$3.17; Porterville, \$3.32; Alhambra, \$3.45. Total: \$79.81.

**Rev. W. Ferber**—Grand Forks, \$2.05; Fargo, \$8.10; Rice Lake, \$2.91; Duluth, \$6.53; Devils Lake, \$1.50; Bismarck, \$.75. Total: \$21.84.

**Rev. G. W. Gaertner**—Seattle, \$39.00; Tacoma, \$14.57; Anacortes, \$10.63. Total: \$64.20.

**Rev. W. Gielow**—Fort Wayne, \$34.90; Flint, \$2.79. Total: \$37.69.

**Rev. E. Mappes**—Lincoln, \$.80; Sioux City, \$4.40; Sioux Falls, \$5.68; Mitchell, \$17.70; Ft. Dodge, \$12.75; Boone, \$2.63; Des Moines, \$1.10; Sioux Falls School, \$.86. Total: \$45.92.

**Rev. J. L. Salvner**—Northrop, \$5.00; Dawson, \$3.45; Watertown, 4.55; Gaylord, \$7.41; Mrs. A. Bickel, \$1.00. Total: \$21.41.

**Rev. E. J. Scheibert**—Toledo, \$23.09; Jackson, \$5.98; Mt. Clemens, \$5.75. Total: \$34.82.

**Rev. O. C. Schroeder**—Cleveland, \$11.55; Elyria, \$1.65; Findlay, \$7.95; Fremont, \$2.75; Sandusky, \$1.50; Columbus, \$3.00; Erie, \$1.10; Blind Mission, \$3.50. Total: \$33.00.

**Rev. C. Schubkegel**—St. Louis, \$29.50; St. Charles, \$6.50; Jacksonville, \$4.38; Indianapolis, \$8.25; Columbus, Ind., \$2.00; Louisville, \$18.30. Total: \$68.93.

**Rev. A. C. Dahms**—Elgin, \$11.15; Grand Rapids, \$2.55; South Bend, \$8.00; Bradley, \$2.40; Sign Language Books, \$10.00. Total: \$34.10.

**Rev. A. Boll**—Albany, \$1.75.

**Rev. F. C. Gade**—Delavan, \$1.00; Merrill, \$2.65; Oshkosh, \$1.25; Watertown, \$2.35; Madison, \$4.20; North Freedom, \$1.80; Sheboygan, \$3.50; Manitowoc, \$1.65; October Collection, \$28.21; September Collections, \$29.94. Total: \$76.55.

**Rev. A. H. Kuntz** for Blind Mission—Miss Anna Kloe, \$1.25; E. G. Steffens, \$2.00; Clara Johnson, \$3.00; A. Scherer, Treas., \$10.00; Miss Emma Lambert, \$5.00; Miss Elfrieda Boe, \$1.00; Miss Gladys L. Ginnon, \$2.65; Mary A. Roberts, \$3.00; Mrs. Ed. England, \$1.00; Rev. Traugott Tieme, \$1.00; Clara Koch, \$1.00; N. N., \$1.00; Ladies' Aid, Hannahtown, by Selma Lauer, \$5.00; Emma Redeman, \$2.00; H. G. Mohn, \$3.00; Braille Musical Club, Chicago, \$10.00; Rev. Dale, \$1.00; Anna P. Johnson, \$1.00; Rev. Pennekamp, \$4.00; Adeline Nichterlin, \$9.60; Rev. Weibusch, \$2.41; St. John's Ladies' Aid, \$10.00; Mrs. Grabrielson, \$1.25; Mr. Kinsman, \$1.00; Paul H. Vogel, \$3.25. Total: \$85.41. O. J. PRIGGE, Treasurer.

### TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT COLLECTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Year 1928

**Rev. E. C. Baker**—Washington, \$11.73; Buffalo, \$12.28; New Castle, \$10.44; Scranton, \$.30; McKeesport, \$.25; Baltimore, \$19.95; Hamburg, \$2.15. Total: \$57.10.

**Rev. J. A. C. Beyer**—St. Paul, \$128.96; Winona, \$19.30; Eau Claire, \$7.11; Albert Lee, \$9.15; Mason City, \$3.42; Dubuque, \$7.82; Lake City, \$37.29; Rochester, \$12.44; Stillwater, \$18.85; Decorah, \$6.70; Twin City Mission Festival, 1927-1928, \$90.85; Mrs. Martha Thomas, \$.50. Total: \$342.39.

**Rev. A. Boll**—Albany, \$9.95; Kingston, \$4.50. Total: \$14.45.

**Rev. A. C. Dahms**—Grand Rapids, \$17.35; Elgin, \$33.10; South Bend, \$40.10; Kankakee, \$32.81; Valparaiso, \$4.00; Bradley, \$6.40; Miss Rosena Hausmann, \$13.00. Total: \$146.76.

**Rev. F. C. Gade**—Sheboygan, \$47.57; Manitowoc, \$19.90; Merrill, \$33.38; Watertown, \$58.35; Madison, \$28.80; Racine, \$9.35; Reedsburg, \$3.50; Delavan, \$8.94; Oshkosh, \$16.81; Wausau, \$9.27; North Freedom, \$15.58; October Collection, \$28.21; September Collection, \$29.94. Total: \$309.60.

**Rev. E. J. Scheibert**—Toledo, \$94.00; New Haven, \$18.54; Jackson, \$20.21; Mt. Clemens, \$7.70. Total: \$140.45.

**Rev. A. E. Ferber**—Atchinson, \$15.52; Lawrence, \$17.89; Kansas City, \$75.22; Wichita, \$27.82; Salina, \$9.99; St. Joseph, \$16.39; Herrington, \$45.95; Frankfort, \$3.91; Joplin, \$12.14; Levensworth, \$2.12; Picker, \$5.37; Springfield, \$14.48; Duluth, Mo., \$1.50; Olathe, \$4.03; Miss M. Hauberg, \$2.00; Miss R. Cshepmann, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. O. Steinhaus, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. J. Perney, \$1.18; Miss M. Dohrmann, \$1.25; Miss C. Marin, \$1.00; Miscellaneous, \$2.03. Total: \$261.79.

**Rev. G. H. Ferber**—Los Angeles, \$112.10; Berkeley, \$26.18; San Francisco, \$44.47; Porterville, \$10.31; San Diego, \$16.99; Anaheim, \$1.08; Pasadena,

- \$4.30; Alhambra, \$7.48; December, 1927, Collection, \$17.26. Total: \$240.17.
- Rev. W. Ferber**—Cloquet, \$1.03; Duluth, \$29.63; Fargo, \$41.62; Grand Forks, \$8.21; Devils Lake, \$3.95; Winnipeg, \$ .65; Rice Lake, \$5.93; International Falls, \$4.30; Sturgis, \$1.00; Saskatoon, \$8.80; Calgary, \$14.55; Lipton, \$6.45; Bismarck, \$ .75; Brandon, \$3.92. Total: \$130.79.
- Rev. G. W. Gaertner**—Anacortes, \$32.93; Tacoma, \$31.54; Yakima, \$5.96; Everett, \$4.28; Seattle, \$39.00. Total: \$113.71.
- Rev. E. Eichmann**—Vancouver, \$4.09; By W. S. Hunter, Salem, \$13.27; By F. A. Lindstrom. Total: \$17.36.
- Rev. W. Gielow**—Flint, \$5.97; Ft. Wayne, \$139.97. Total: \$145.94.
- Rev. E. Mappes**—Lincoln, \$5.70; Sioux City, \$16.95; Ft. Dodge, \$58.40; Des Moines, \$4.45; Sioux Falls, \$23.42; Mitchell, \$49.65; Boone, \$8.68; Sioux Falls School, \$2.13. Total: \$169.38.
- Rev. O. C. Schroeder**—Columbus, \$18.02; Cleveland, \$38.35; Fremont, \$8.12; Elyria, \$6.33; Sandusky, \$3.25; Finlay, \$21.64; Mansfield, \$1.15; Oberlin, \$1.50; Festoria, \$1.90; Erie, \$2.20; Ft. Clinton, \$1.25; Berea, \$ .25; District Treasurer, \$6.74; Blind Mission, \$3.50. Total: \$114.20.
- Rev. J. L. Salvner**—Mankato, \$6.35; Sioux Falls, \$6.91; Mitchell, \$4.85; St. Peter, \$2.35; Fergus Falls, \$3.60; Dawson, \$23.55; Watertown, S. D., \$18.27; Gaylord, \$18.18; Big Stone City, \$12.65; Aberdeen, \$8.51; Willmar, \$2.00; Northrup, \$7.50; Battle Lake, \$ .50; Sioux Falls Bible Class, \$7.03; Sioux Falls School, \$ .84; Zion's Ladies' Aid, Sauk Center, \$5.00; Miss Frances Barron, \$ .50; Miss Alice Thomas, \$1.00; Miss Nettie Jacobs, \$1.00; Mrs. E. P. Olson, \$1.00; Mrs. Edna Dietrich, \$1.00; Edna Bruecher, \$ .50; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Olson, \$4.00; Miss A. Bickle, \$1.00; O. Borby, \$2.00; Jens Jenson, \$1.00. Total: \$141.19.
- Rev. C. Schubkegel**—St. Louis, \$127.18; St. Charles, \$23.00; Jacksonville, \$15.96; Indianapolis, \$32.40; Columbus, \$11.67; Louisville, \$5.05. Total: \$265.36.
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