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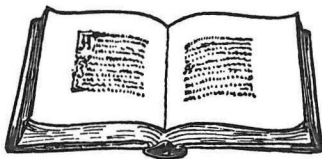
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HOW TO USE THE BIBLE

When in sorrow, read John 14.
When men fail you, read Psalm 27.
When you have sinned, read Psalm 51.
When you worry, read Matthew 6: 19-34.
Before church service, read Psalm 84.
When you are in danger, read Psalm 91.
When you have the blues, read Psalm 34.
When God seems far away, read Psalm 139.
When you are discouraged, read Isaiah 40.
If you want to be fruitful, read John 15.
When doubts come upon you, try John 7: 17.
When you are lonely or fearful, read Psalm 23.
When you forget your blessings, read Psalm 103.
For Jesus' idea of a Christian, read Matthew 5.
For James' idea of religion, read James 1: 19-27.
When your faith needs stirring, read Hebrews 11.
When you feel down and out, read Romans 8: 31-39.
When you want courage for your task, read Joshua 1.
When the world seems bigger than God, read Psalm 90.
When you want rest and peace, read Matthew 11: 25-30.
When you want Christian assurance, Romans 8: 1-30.
For Paul's secret of happiness, read Col. 3: 12-17.
When you leave home for labor or travel, Psalm 121.
When you grow bitter or critical, read 1 Corinthians 13.
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, Psalm 67.
For Paul's idea of Christianity, read 2 Cor. 5: 15-19.
For Paul's rules on how to get along with men, Rom. 12.
When you think of investments and returns, Mark 10: 17-31.
For a great invitation and a great opportunity, Isa. 55.
For Jesus' idea of prayer, Luke 11: 1-13, Matt. 6: 5-15.
For the prophet's picture of worship that counts, Isa. 58: 1-12.
For the prophet's idea of religion, Isa. 1: 10-18, Mic. 6 6-8.
Why not follow Psalm 119: 11 and hide some of these in your memory?

Prof. Harris Franklin Rall.

A PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

O that the Lord would guide my ways,
To keep His statutes still;
O that my God would grant me grace,
To know and do His will!

Order my footsteps by Thy word,
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

My soul hath gone too far astray,
My feet too often slip;
Yet since I've not forgot Thy way,
Restore Thy wandering sheep.

Make me to walk in Thy commands,
'Tis a delightful road;
Nor let my head, or heart, or hands,
Offend against my God.

Watts.—

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EDITORIAL

Ascension Day

After His resurrection Jesus remained on earth forty days instructing and strengthening His disciples. Having led them to the Mount of Olives and having instructed them, the Evangelist informs us: "It came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven."

The ascension of our Lord is the festival of His coronation. After Jesus obtained life and eternal salvation for man, He ascended the throne of glory and now rules all things with divine power, governing and defending particularly His Church.

His final words, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," give assurance that we have an ever-present Savior, a glorified and risen Emmanuel. His final message is especially adapted to meet human longings and to extend to humanity comfort in the sorrows and adversities of this life.

Furthermore the ascension of our Lord teaches us that Christians should set their affections on the things above, because they are no more of the world, being dead unto sin. They, too, will enter the true and perfect life in heaven when Christ returns in glory to receive them unto Himself, as He has promised. The only means of the fulfillment of this hope is faith to receive it. May the glorified Savior grant this to every one of us. O. C. S.

Pentecost

The Holy Ghost is God's greatest gift. Jesus promised His disciples, "I will not leave you comfortless." The Holy Spirit was that

comfort and mighty power that converted the multitude on the day of Pentecost. He enlightened, regenerated, and guided the early converts in their spiritual life. Likewise to-day the Holy Spirit fills the soul with true spiritual ideas of God and sublime emotions and aspirations. Stephen, when filled with the Holy Ghost, "beheld the heavens open." A soul without the presence of the Holy Spirit is a moral corpse, and religion without His influence is a delusion.

Repentance and faith are created in the hearts of men by the power of the Holy Ghost through the means of grace, the Word and Sacraments. The Holy Spirit led men to repentance through the voice of the prophets of old and still continues to do so through His Church. To the present day and to the end of time the message of the Holy Spirit will teach repentance and forgiveness.

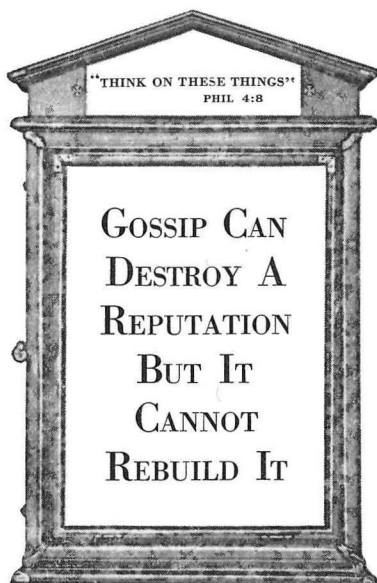
Confession of sins and faith in the saving blood of Christ open the soul of man to receive the Holy Spirit's blessings and gifts. Through this door He enters and brings the heavenly influence into the soul of man to create surrender of man's will to the will of God and to induce the Christian to consecrate his life to a service of God and mankind.

By willful sinning, however, man may grieve the Holy Spirit from his heart. The Spirit of God cannot convict you of sin, nor impart the new life, nor testify to your spirit, nor purify and transform your heart if you force His presence from you by willful sinning. If you desire to be truly happy in time and eternity, therefore, you will honor Him as God's greatest gift and gladly obey His promptings. O. C. S.

Re-Establishing Our Lutheran School for the Deaf In Michigan

The Evangelical Deaf-Mute Institute of Detroit, Michigan, is launching a campaign for funds to re-locate the school and to equip it with modern structures. To carry out the construction program as planned will require about \$200,000.

The present buildings have been in constant use for over fifty years, and the neighborhood, where the school is located, has become un-



desirable. The Institute is at a crisis after having given fifty-four years of useful service. A change is necessary.

The Board of Directors of Synod has granted the request of the school's officials to apply throughout Synod for funds to re-establish this Institute, which has served over 450 deaf children.

Those who know about the work at our school and the educational and spiritual needs of the deaf, are in perfect harmony and agreement as to the necessity of continuing to maintain our institution for deaf children.

There is a crying need for the existence of a Lutheran school for the deaf. Deaf children, too, are baptized Christians, and Jesus has commanded with reference to all children, "Feed my lambs." John 21, 15.

Deaf children cannot be instructed in the homes by their parents, nor by teachers in ordinary schools, because they are handicapped. With the deaf pupils the sense of hearing, which is so important for the development of the mind and growth in knowledge, is absent. The deaf child needs a special school, where it may acquire knowledge and understanding through the sense of sight by specially trained instructors and peculiarly adapted methods.

When the deaf child at our school has acquired some knowledge of language it is taught

together with other subjects the way of salvation by faith in the world's Redeemer. Thorough and daily instruction in the Christian religion is the school's real purpose.

Religion must of necessity be excluded from the public schools of States and cities, therefore we need a Christian day-school for baptized deaf children just as we need and have Christian day-schools for our hearing children. To become good Christians the deaf must be taught every day in the matters pertaining to the kingdom of Christ. Our school at Detroit has taught deaf children the Word of God thoroughly and efficiently for over fifty years, as many ex-pupils gladly and gratefully acknowledge. The school's program in the new home and surroundings will suffer no change in this most important policy.

The past success of the school is established clearly by the fact that its ex-pupils were instrumental in originating our missions to the deaf throughout the country. Thus the blessings of church services and Gospel-preaching have come to hundreds of other deaf through our school at Detroit. It is a well-known fact, that Synod took up the work among adult deaf in answer to a petition by an ex-pupil of the Detroit school, who requested Lutheran preaching for Lutheran deaf.

May our deaf and hearing friends then support this cause of re-establishing our school for the deaf with their prayers and their means, so that it may live and grow to become a blessing to many more deaf.

O. C. S.

POWER NOT IN CROWDS

Many are alarmed by the crowds drifting away from the Church. However, this indicates restlessness and superficial interest rather than the failure of Christianity.

The presence, or absence, of a crowd does not determine the vitality of a cause and spiritual strength is not measured by counting noses.

Crowds filled the city while Jesus trained the twelve on the hill. Crowds played in the coliseums while Christians prayed in upper rooms.

And the monuments of the crowds have fallen to ruins while the Christian Church has guided the life of the world! A small crowd with con-

viction and devotion has power. The Church is mistaken if it believes it has lost influence and leadership because the crowd is in the theatre.

Fear not, be wise, patient, faithful, and let not dismay overwhelm you!

—Robert L. Logan.

HOW TO AVOID TEMPTATION

A man once asked an Oriental king if he could tell him how to avoid temptation. The king told him to take a vessel brimful of oil and carry it through the streets of the city without spilling one drop. "If one drop is spilled," said the king, "your head shall be cut off," and he ordered the executioners, with drawn swords, to walk behind the man to carry out his orders.

There happened to be a fair going on in the town, and the streets were crowded with people. However, the man was very careful, and he returned to the king without having spilled one drop of the oil. Then the king asked, "Did you see any one while you were walking the streets?"

"No," said the man, "I was thinking of the oil; I noticed nothing else."

"Then," said the king, "you have learned how to avoid temptation. Fix your mind on God as you fixed it on the oil." — Ex.

ALL PRAYERS NOT ANSWERED

I have lived long enough to thank God that all my prayers were not answered.

—Jean Ingelow.

STUDIES IN THE CHIEF TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE AND CATECHISM

Gladly Hearing and Learning the Word of God

"Search the scriptures (Bible)," Jesus says John 5, 39. First, we should study this Holy Book in our homes. Daily we should sit down with Mary at Jesus' feet and hear His word, Luke 10, 39. Paul says: "Let the word of Christ dwell (live) in you richly (much)," Col. 3, 16. What a blessing if we begin every day with the reading of a chapter in the Bible and close it in the same way! Is there any Bible reading in your home? Or is the Bible a closed book in your house and have you time to read

only the daily newspaper and magazines? Like the Bereans let us "search the scriptures daily," Acts 17, 13. May the Bible Studies in every number of the Deaf Lutheran help you in your home study of God's holy word! Also try to memorize a verse or two of the Bible every week. In every Deaf Lutheran you will find an article "With the Bereans" which gives you a precious verse to learn for every week. Then blessed are you, for David says: "Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate (think) day and night," Ps. 1, 2.

Then God wants us to search the scriptures also in the house of God. Christians should come together for this regularly. And a true Christian will do this, for Jesus says John 8, 46: "He that is of God heareth God's word." Therefore Paul tells the Christians "not to forsake (leave) the assembling (meeting) of ourselves together," Hebr. 10, 25. This warning is very necessary also to-day. Many people never go to church, others only once in a great while. That is a great sin! If our pastor preaches God's word, we ought to say with David: "I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord," Ps. 122, 1. And when we go to the house of God, let us not dream and sleep and listen carelessly, but "be more ready to hear" (Eccl. 5, 1) and receive the word of God not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, 1 Thess. 2, 13. Then we shall say with David: "Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thine house (church), and the place when Thine house dwelleth (lives)," Ps. 26, 8. Do as Hannah (Luke 2, 37) and as the boy Jesus (Luke 2, 41—52), and great blessings will come upon you, for Luke 11, 28 we read: "Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it."

We come together for the preaching and hearing of God's word on the holy-day. There are some who will tell you that the seventh day, or Saturday, is the holy-day. Indeed, of the seventh day God said to the Jews in the Old Testament, "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy," but the same God says in the New Testament, "Let no man judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy-day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days," Col. 2, 16. No man can say that I am doing wrong, if I eat and

drink this or that, if I keep holy this or that day. God only tells us to come together for the preaching and hearing of His Word, but says nothing of the day. We Christians do this on Sunday, not because God commanded it, but because on Easter Sunday our Savior rose with the victory over sin and death and devil. Sunday is the Victory Day. Besides we have other holy-days, as Christmas, Good Friday, Thanksgiving Day, and others. All these days are holy-days, because on these days we come together for the reading and preaching and hearing of the Word of God and for prayer and praise and thanksgiving unto our God. And that is why we should keep holy every holy-day, and not forsake the assembling of ourselves together.

And on these holy-days we come before God with offerings for His Church and missions. God has so arranged it "that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel," 1 Cor. 9, 14. And we should support church work not only among us, for Jesus tells us: "Preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16, 15. Let us therefore gladly give our gold and silver for the preaching of God's word among us and all people.

All this our Catechism teaches in the Third Commandment: "Thou shalt sanctify the holy-day," and in the explanation of it: "We should fear and love God that we may not despise preaching and His word, but hold it sacred (holy), and gladly hear and learn it."

Let us therefore gladly do this both at home and in church, for this word "is able to make us wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim. 3, 15. J. L. S.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR SUNDAYS IN MAY, 1929

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always"

We know not when death will come and take us out of this world! We know not when Jesus will come to judge the living and the dead! Therefore Jesus wants us to be ready always, for He wants us to be saved. Therefore we should love His word and continue in prayer. Only His word can show us how we can die in peace and be ready when He comes again. This word we have in our Bible. Gladly we ought to

hear and learn it. In this word He also tells us to pray and teaches us how to pray. If we wish to be ready always, we ought to daily read the Bible and pray always. This Jesus again teaches us to do in our Bible Studies for this month. May God bless His word in your heart and make you to love His word and teach you to pray in Jesus' name!

Study for Sunday, May 5

"Man is justified (saved) by faith without the deeds (doing) of the law." Romans 3, 28

In your Bible read Luke 10, 25-28

A lawyer, a Jewish teacher of the law, came to Jesus with a very important question. Indeed, he came only to tempt Him with this question, as the Jewish leaders always tempted Him that they might accuse Him before the people. This important question is: "Lord, what shall I do to inherit (receive) eternal (everlasting) life?" This question ought to interest every one of us, for we shall not stay here forever.

Where can we find the right answer? Jesus asked the lawyer: "What is written in the law? How readest thou?" Only the Bible can tell us how we can live forever with God. The Jewish teacher brought the answer from the Bible and told Jesus of the two great commandments which teach love to God above all things and love to our neighbor as we love ourselves. Again read these two commandments in verse 27. Jesus said, "Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live." Yes, they who keep these commandments will live forever.

Now remember that Jesus says, "This do, and you shall live." He does not say, "Try your best; do some of the commandments," but "This, all of it, do, and live." He does not say, "Love God a little, and you are all right," but "Love God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind." God should be the dearest to your heart, you should love Him with your whole soul and all the strength that is in you, and He should always be the first in your thoughts. Again, it is not enough to say, "I love my neighbor, I often help him," no, Jesus tells us to love our neighbor as ourselves. As you do not want people to gossip about you, so you should not gossip; as you want people to be

kind and forgiving to you, so you should be to others. Oh, who can say: "I am clean from sin"? Not one. We all cannot live, we must die.

But thanks to God, the Bible also tells us that Jesus kept these commandments for us and paid for our sins with His blood. Through faith in Him we shall live forever. Praise God for it!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 27, and answer these questions in writing: 1. What is the most important question in this world? 2. What is the only right answer, because we are sinners?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Thou heavenly Teacher, teach us Thy law that from it we learn to know our sin and then flee to Thee and thy cross for forgiveness and salvation. For this we thank and praise Thee forever. Amen.

Study for Sunday, May 12

"By love serve one another." Gal. 5, 13

In your Bible read Luke 10, 29-37

Jesus had told the Jewish teacher to do the commandments, and he would live. With these words Jesus showed that all must die, for not one can do the commandments. But the Jewish teacher did not want to confess this, but wanted to justify himself or make himself just and right before God, and asked, "Who is my neighbor? How can I know this?" So many people like to make themselves just and right before God, and ask: "Who is my neighbor?"

Now Jesus teaches us who our neighbor is and what we should do to him. A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and thieves or robbers came and took his raiment (clothes), wounded him, and departed (went away), leaving him half-dead. Now, first a priest, and then a Levite, a helper of the priest in the temple, came to this place, but they would not help their brother and passed by. Then came a Samaritan, a man from Samaria. The Jews hated the Samaritans, yes, they would not eat with them. But when this Samaritan saw his enemy half-dead; he had compassion (pity) on him, and helped him, and brought him to an inn (hotel), and there took care of him. In the morning he paid the host (hotel-keeper) for the Jew and for him-

self and promised to come again and pay him if he would spend more for him.

Jesus then asked the Jewish teacher, "Which of the three did his duty as a neighbor to this half-dead Jew? And he must answer: "He that showed mercy (pity) to him." And Jesus told him, "Go, and do thou likewise (same)." And the teacher could say no more. He must confess that he had not done this. And also we must feel ashamed. Often we do not even pity and help our friends, not to say anything about our enemies.

Thanks to Jesus who kept this commandment and died for us while we were His enemies and so saved us. Let us trust in Him and learn of Him to love and to help our enemies.

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 37, and answer these questions in writing: 1. Also whom should we love as did the Good Samaritan? 2. Who kept this command for us and paid for our many sins?

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, we cannot keep the great commandments. We are poor sinners. But Thou hast kept them for us and paid for our sins with Thy blood. Help us to trust in Thee and to serve Thee and our neighbor in love. Amen.

Study for Sunday, May 19

"Thy law (word) do I love." Ps. 119, 113

In your Bible read Luke 10, 38-42

Jesus came to a certain village, the town of Martha and Mary. Martha received (welcomed) Him into her house. These two sisters were dear friends of Jesus and wanted to serve Him, as we who love Him want to please Him. Mary sat down at Jesus' feet and heard His word; Martha was cumbered (troubled) about much serving and preparing a good meal for her dear Lord. But Martha did not like it that Mary left her to serve and to work alone, and therefore went to Jesus, saying, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Bid (tell) her therefore that she help me." And did Jesus scold Mary because she dropped all her work and sat down to listen to Him? Will Jesus scold us if we leave our work at home and go to church for to learn the word of Jesus? O no! He scolds Martha who was careful

(worried) and troubled about many things, and so He is displeased if we have no time to hear the Word of God. But He praises Mary who thought of this "one thing needful" and chose (selected) that good part, and nobody should take it from her, and so Jesus will be pleased with us, if we let nothing keep us away from hearing and learning the Word of God. This is the One Thing Needful, the One Thing we need more than anything else. This is the good part, for this word through Jesus gives life and salvation and peace and joy to a poor sinner, and, at last, brings him to life everlasting. Therefore let us not like Martha chiefly think about the things of this world, but like Mary always gladly hear and learn the Word of God and nothing take this good part from us.

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 42, and answer these questions in writing: 1. Why did Jesus praise Mary? 2. What is the "one thing needful"?

Prayer: Thanks, dear Savior Jesus Christ, for Thy holy word. Only that can save us, for it tells us of Thee and Thy salvation. Help that we love this Thy word more than anything else and gladly hear and learn it both in our home and in church. Amen.

Study for Sunday, May 26

"Pray without ceasing (stopping)."

1 Thess. 5, 17 .

In your Bible read Luke 11, 1-4

When Jesus had ceased (finished) praying in a certain place, one of His disciples said to Him: "Lord, teach us to pray." Then Jesus taught them the beautiful Lord's Prayer. Let also us learn to pray with the disciples.

We should pray to "our Father in heaven." He is our dear Father in Christ Jesus, therefore we can boldly go before Him as dear children go to their dear father. He is our Father in heaven over all things, therefore He can do and give us all things for which we pray. Then He teaches us seven petitions, or little prayers. The First Petition is: "Hallowed be Thy name." Our Father's name should be honored among us, and this is done, when we teach the Word of God as we find it in the Bible and also live a holy life as God's dear children. We do not honor His

name if we teach not as the Bible teaches and live in sin. The Second Petition is: "Thy kingdom come." His kingdom comes to us, when the Holy Spirit brings us to Jesus, begins faith in us, and leads us on the holy way. May His kingdom spread more and more and may the devil's kingdom grow smaller and smaller! In the Third Petition we pray that His "will (wish) be done." This is done when He breaks and hinders every plan and wish of the devil, the world, and our wicked heart, and keeps us with Jesus to the end. And in the Fourth Petition we pray for our daily bread, for everything that we need every day for this life.

Indeed, all these good things we have not earned, for we daily sin much and God ought to punish us. Therefore Jesus teaches us to pray in the Fifth Petition: "Forgive us our sins." And God forgives us through Jesus and His blood, and we promise to forgive everyone that is indebted to us or that has sinned against us. If we forgive not, we ask God also not to forgive us. Let us forgive others as God has forgiven us! Then the devil and the bad people of this world and our wicked heart always try to lead us into sin and to make us fall. Therefore we ask God in the Sixth Petition: "Lead us not into temptation." We ask God to keep us and not to let us fall when temptations come. And against every trouble we pray in the Seventh Petition: "Deliver (save) us from evil (trouble)." At last, we shall be saved from all trouble, when God takes us from this world of trouble to Himself in heaven through Jesus! A beautiful prayer! Let us pray it every day!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember the Lord's Prayer, and answer these questions in writing: 1. For what do we pray in the Fifth Petition? 2. What do we promise to do in the Fifth Petition?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, we are Thine, for Thou hast saved us and paid for us with Thy holy blood. Now teach us to pray in Thy name! Give us Thy Holy Spirit that we pray this "Lord's Prayer" in spirit and in truth. Amen.
J. L. S.

For the sake of one good action a hundred evil ones should be forgotten.

REGENERATION

The third chapter of St. John records an interesting conversation of the Lord Jesus with Nicodemus. Jesus said to the learned Jew: "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." The new birth is absolutely necessary to salvation. To be born again means to be converted and saved.

The unconverted are not saved. In the sight of God all men are lost sinners, but, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3, 16.

We are born again when we truly repent of our sins and accept Jesus as our own personal Savior. He then sends the Holy Ghost into our hearts, who teaches, leads, guards, and comforts us. His Spirit thus testifies to our spirit that we are the children of God, and that we are born again unto a new life of glory and happiness.

H. H.

NOT EDUCATION ALONE, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS WANTED

A naive faith in education as the panacea for all the ills that afflict civilization has characterized our American nation. Spread out education so as to include all children; extend it upward so as to give everybody at least a smell of secondary schooling, and, if possible, more: so shall the ideal commonwealth be achieved.

The failure of these hopes has been brought home to us very sharply. We stand before the world today as one of the most lawless of nations. The appealing feature of our criminal record is the growing number of youthful transgressors. An education that merely sharpens wits and smears on a spurious culture, will never produce a people of high ideals.

"When it is cultivated for its own sake alone, learning may be as irresponsible as art," says the "Forum." "The Loeb-Leopold tragedy testifies to this. These two young men were rated as extraordinary scholars by the unanimous judgment of their teachers. But they were not educated. They lacked that which is at the very center of true education — self-control. They had submitted to only half of the educational

process. They had taken the measure of the world and had acquired self-evidence. But they had never taken their own measure and had never acquired humility; and without humility self-evidence becomes mere arrogance — the characteristic trait of the new barbarians who stand between the uneducated and the educated."

The Lutheran Church has always fostered education, but education permeated by the religious spirit. Christianity by its emphasis on the Law of God will properly take the measure of a man and induce that humility without which both education and true religion are unthinkable. Man must see himself as God sees him before the Holy Spirit can bring him to that faith in Jesus Christ which will save him from himself and his sin.

Many sections of the American Lutheran Church believe firmly in the parish school idea as the solution of the problem which is now being so widely discussed: How shall we give to our children an adequate religious training? The Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States alone conducts 1370 such schools in which 81,453 pupils are taught not only the required grammar school subjects, but above all the religion of Jesus Christ.

Another means for more thorough religious training is the Lutheran custom of confirmation prior to admission to church membership. The rite of confirmation is observed not as end in itself, but rather as the conclusion of an intensive course in Christian instruction. All Lutheran congregations require such preparation, usually from two to three hours per week before the day of confirmation. These classes are conducted by Lutheran pastors who realize their value and gladly assume the extra work entailed in thus week after week teaching children the fundamentals of Christian truth.

As text book in all classes for religious instruction the Lutheran Church uses a book which has stood the test of centuries of experience, Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Four hundred years ago it was first published, and ever since has been in use throughout the Lutheran Church in every corner of the world.

Elaborate preparations are being made to observe this unique quadricentennial during the year 1929. The Lutheran Synod of Missouri,

Ohio and Other States, meeting for its 17th triennial convention in Chicago, June 19th to 29th, plans to feature the Catechism anniversary. In all large Lutheran centers mass meetings will be conducted. One million copies of the Catechism are to be distributed. Special efforts will be made to bring the truth which the Catechism so simply teaches, the old truth of the Gospel, to the attention of the American public.

The Lutheran Church is convinced that only as children are regularly and consistently instructed in the fundamentals of Christian faith and life will they grow up into citizens who because of God's love in Christ to them will want to serve God, their fellow-men and their country to the best of their ability.

— Synodical Press Committee.

THE BIBLE

Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of your liberties; write its precepts on your hearts, and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this book we are indebted for the progress made in civilization, and to this we must look as our guide in the future.

— Ulysses S. Grant.

DEAFNESS AN ASSET TO BUSY WOMAN SCULPTOR

By Alexander C. Herman

Deafness is no handicap in a large city; in fact, it is an asset conducive to artistic creation.

Leastwise, that is what Louise Wilder, prize sculptress of the Cooper Union Art School, says — and she is stone deaf.

Noise costs the United States \$5,000,000 a week, according to an estimate made by Professor Max Mailhouse of Yale. But this item has no place in Mrs. Wilder's budget.

Her specialty is modeling babies, and her work among the sidewalk children of the east side is bringing her international fame.

"Being deaf," said Mrs. Wilder, "I never hear the disturbing noises that bother so many artists in big cities. Where others must go to the country for solitude, I have it wherever I am."

Simpering babies, rattling trucks, the hub-

bub of the busy work-a-day world are nothing to Mrs. Wilder. While her husband, who is a sculptor, too, goes ranting around the studio because of noisy interruption the wife just smiles and goes on fully concentrated in her work.

The deaf sculptress came from Utica, N. Y., ten years ago when she was 18. She entered the art school, without money or formal education — and had a hard struggle surmounting her natural handicap.

"But soon," explains the husband, "she began winning the Cooper Union prizes — not only in modeling, but in painting and design as well. But yet, she seemed unable to market her work, until one day she picked a little baby sunning on the sidewalk near our studio, and created a model which a famous silversmith gobbled up. Now she has more orders for her babies than she can fill."

While the wife makes the bronze reliefs of youngsters, the husband models dogs. The competition between the living models, on occasion, becomes very keen, expressed in the loudest squawks and barks. But Mrs. Wilder never minds.

"The babies from the sidewalks of the large city," says the woman, "are as cute as any artist could wish. I have no difficulty finding any type I need among the scores in the neighborhood (on the eastern edge of Greenwich Village). Often I have to pay nothing for the models, and some of them are the sweetest cherubs to be found anywhere."

— Ohio Chronicle.

HIS PRAYER ANSWERED

He asked for strength that he might achieve; he was made weak that he might obey.

He asked for health that he might do greater things: he was given infirmity that he might do better things.

He asked for riches that he might be happy; he was given poverty that he might be wise.

He asked for power that he might have the praise of men; he was given weakness that he might feel the need of God.

He asked for all things that he might enjoy life; he was given life that he might enjoy all things.

He received nothing he asked for, all that he hoped for. He is most blessed. Selected.

MISSION NEWS

Kansas City Mission—From Newburg, Mo., came the inquiry recently as to the time of next service in Springfield. We "rushed" back one of those impressive invitation cards for services and the next time we assembled the friends were present. A young man of the Lawrence, Kans., group was on his way to our service the other evening when his "willing" Ford became mired in the mud. The young man, however, did not stay away from church, but promptly abandoned the car, hurried a considerable distance to the interurban line, and was at our service on time.

We were unable to meet our class at Olathe, Kansas, for some time as several scholars had become afflicted with scarlet fever. Miss G. Kickhaefer, an enthusiastic member of our class also was a victim. All have recovered again.

On February 10th, it was our privilege to have a service and also celebrate Holy Communion with members of the Herrington Mission. Inclement weather and bad roads had made these services impossible for several months. Eula Albrecht, the five-week-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Albrecht of Woodbine, Kansas, was baptized in this service. In addition to the regular collection other friends and relatives, who had assembled there, donated \$4.15 to our mission. A. E. F.

Detroit Mission—On February 17th the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kuehn, Marjorie Ann, was baptized into the Christian faith.

Since the last writing we have had a sad experience. We lost our oldest member, Mrs. Mary De Vlieg, who had reached the good old age of 78 years, through an automobile accident. On Thursday, March 14, she was on her way to visit her son. Mrs. De Vlieg had always been very careful and also quite alert for her age. On this particular day, however, a very careless driver ran her down. Mrs. De Vlieg never regained consciousness after the accident and thus died without first having to endure much physical pain. We say also in this case: "It is the Lord; let him do what seemeth him good," 1 Sam. 3, 18. Funeral services were conducted for the deaf in Detroit and later the body was removed to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she was buried aside of her late husband, who preceded her in death in the year 1922. O Lord, "teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Ps. 90, 12.

This week the pastor was called to the bedside of Mr. John Young in Pontiac, Mich. Mr. Young has been in the hospital for three weeks; first he had double pneumonia and now it has developed into

typhoid. However, he was doing quite well when we visited him. We pray the Lord that He may grant him recovery from this serious illness. Mr. Young had taken up the study of the Catechism when he was formerly living in Mt. Clemens, and we hope that he may again be permitted to continue. He greatly appreciated our visit and the comfort of God's Word, which we endeavored to give him.

Since the beginning of the year Miss Minnie Hagemeister has also taken up the course of Christian instruction, and we hope that we shall be able to welcome her as a member into our midst very soon. E. J. S.

Milwaukee Mission—Confirmation Easter morning. Let us rejoice and be glad, and return thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

A class of forty pupils had been instructed at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf for two winters once and twice a week, ten of whom finished for confirmation. The day chosen by the children was Easter morning in Milwaukee, at our chapel for the deaf.

The confirmands came early, leaving Delavan by bus at 8:25, changing at Burlington to the electric road. They arrived at 10:10 and were autoed to the chapel by the pastor and one member. One adult lady came from Plymouth, 60 miles north, and two married ladies from this city also joined the class. Until the last minute we expected other adults, previously instructed: one from Madison, one from Waunakee, one from Nekoosa, three from Sheboygan, and one from Merrill, but a heavy snow storm made traveling very unpleasant, to say little, and so the number remained at thirteen. One of the boys had not been baptized, and this was also attended to after examination.

Dinner was served for the children at the parsonage, and then the sight-seeing tour began. On the way to Washington Park a short stop was made to show the children one of Milwaukee's beautiful churches, Rev. Herm. Steege, pastor; thence to the Park where the time allotted us slipped by very speedily. Upon returning to the parsonage once more ice cream and cake was served, and then the time approached for the children to return to the Wisconsin School for the Deaf, 54 miles from Milwaukee.

At the station many of their friends, who also had been on a short vacation, joined them, and surely for a time it seemed as if no hearing people were present. All appeared to be happy to see so much sociability and hilarity manifested. — The conductor also joined the signers giving the signal for departure, a few more jesticulations through the windows to relatives and friends, bidding them good-by, and off they were.

Our congregation spared no labor, no pains, no money in making things pleasant for the visitors, and extended a hearty welcome: Come again. — A count

revealed that an even hundred deaf were present at the chapel.

At this service our deaf-blind, Miss Eva H., was present also, cared for by Miss Edna Gade, who has developed considerable celerity at spelling the service into Eva's hand.
F. C. Gade.

Cleveland Mission—In the past months we have had occasion to address and to communicate with many deaf people in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Georgia. Most of these deaf live within the confines of the Central District of Synod, where we hold membership. The prospects for development in this territory are promising and we hope to experience satisfactory results.

Some time ago we attended a meeting of the officers of a Bible-class in Lakewood, Ohio, and spoke briefly about our work among the deaf, demonstrating also some signs. Last week we received a check for \$35.00 for our chapel fund from this class of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Rev. K. Ehlers, pastor. Many thanks to the kind donors.
O. C. S.

Duluth-Superior Mission—During the last few winter months everybody was busy in this part of our mission. Possibly the greatest amount of extra work was the adding of several thousand of subscribers to our list of "Deaf Lutheran" readers, whose paper is being paid by our hearing friends. The work connected with the adding of these subscribers was much more than we had originally imagined, and required work. Mistakes may have also occurred, but with a little patience everything will soon be running smoothly again. It is surprising to note, how many deaf, receiving their paper, and noticing that someone else had paid it for them, sent in their own donation for this cause.

Last May we had the privilege of confirming a class of three girls in Superior. Of these girls only one remains in Superior, the other two having temporarily moved into the Milwaukee territory, where they are being served by Rev. Gade. On March 26 another confirmation could be recorded. This time it was an adult, Miss Pauline Donner of Wishek, No. Dak., who was confirmed in Bismarck. The services were somewhat marred by the failure of her train to arrive within any reasonable time of its printed schedule. But it was a joy to the small audience attending the services to see her answer the questions asked by her pastor, especially since this was the first time that she had a conversation with him, the instruction having been given entirely by mail. Instruction by mail is very successful in this territory, where it is so hard to have the deaf gather frequently due to the great distances they must cover to reach the point of meeting. At present several deaf are being instructed by mail, Miss Ovidia Stai of Breckenridge being the newest addition to our "Mail" class.

A new preaching station was opened in western Minnesota, in the small village of Ebro. Here 8 deaf were found. Some of these deaf had already lived in this community, but the pastor's attention was not drawn to this small village until a family of deaf-mutes moved there from Grand Forks, No. Dak., which preaching station now is also doing exceptionally well, having more deaf attending there than ever before. The Ebro preaching station will however be put onto our schedule only as a "by appointment" station, since no services will be held there during the summer, the deaf during these months attend either Grand Forks services or Fargo services. It should be noted, that Grand Forks is 65 miles from Ebro, while the distance to Fargo is over one hundred miles. People covering such distances to come to services must evidently be interested in God's Word.

While we cannot boast of any increase in numbers in the Duluth-Superior congregation, we are happy to report, that another improvement can be noted, and this is in the envelope collections. These envelopes were used for some time, but not as regularly as was to be expected. At the New Year's meeting it was decided to use these envelopes regularly and this decision seems to be carried through. We hope, that when the end of the year comes, we will be able to report, that the deaf have improved their gifts to show their thankfulness for the preaching of God's Word.

At the present writing the snow is melting, the water is running in torrents and the sun is trying its best to warm up the cold ground again. This reminds us, that spring work is around the corner, which will mean a few more trips to Winnipeg, there to prepare a small class for confirmation in that school. However more information on this class will follow after confirmation.
W. F.

Omaha Mission—Mr. Fred Goodrich, pupil at the Omaha School, passed away on February 15th and was buried on the following day. While at school Fred attended our Bible class regularly and enjoyed to read about his only Savior Jesus Christ. Fred was one of the boys confirmed in June, 1927. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved parents, brothers and sisters. The Lord grant His comfort to them.

On February 17th Mrs. Albert Kloppling was confirmed and accepted as a member of the Lutheran Church and of Immanuel Deaf-Mute Congregation at Omaha. During her instruction Mrs. Kloppling was very diligent and in the final examination she was able to answer every one of the questions on the Christian doctrine put to her by the pastor.

Mrs. Heinzman of Omaha is on the sick list. We pray the Lord to grant her a speedy recovery from her illness.

Again the pastor received a letter requesting him to stop off at Manilla, Ia., on his way to Ft. Dodge

on the second Saturday, to instruct a young deaf man. The first stop was made on March 9th. The young man's name is Edward Lahndorf. We are always glad to have the opportunity to bring the saving Gospel to these people who live scattered in various parts of the country. Sometimes it is impossible to reach them regularly on account of the limited time at our disposal. However if such is the case they are always supplied with reading material, so that they will constantly keep in touch with the Word of God.

The wedding of Mr. George Broekemeier and Miss Margaret Nicolay took place at February 21st at the home of the bride's parents near Alexandria, Nebr., in the presence of immediate relatives.

Another wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ward at Ft. Dodge, Ia., on the evening of March 9th. The couple, Mr. Hubert Boyd and Miss Gertrude Mooney were married after the regular monthly service for the deaf. The ceremony being finished the entire crowd in attendance were taken to the home of a sister of the bride where a very pleasant evening was enjoyed. Refreshments were served by the hostess. The young couple will live on a farm near Sidney, Iowa.

Minneapolis Mission—On Good Friday 30 deaf went to the cross of Christ with us and on Easter Sunday 57 deaf rejoiced with us in the victory of our Risen Lord. In our oral classes 11 deaf learned of the Living Lord and His finished salvation. May God bless the word of the Risen Savior in the hearts of all.

April 7, Delores Claudia, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Savage, born March 6, was baptized in our morning service. It surely pleases God that they brought their little one to our Lord Jesus in Baptism soon after her birth. Many wait weeks and months and years. Why keep the little ones away from Jesus for such a long time? "Be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission (forgiveness) of sins," Acts 2, 38.

Mrs. Dane, who has been ailing for a long time, is with her daughter Pearl in Red Wing at the present time. Several weeks ago Pastor Beyer visited her and celebrated Holy Communion with her. April 5 the pastor went to see her and brought her the glad Easter tidings of the Risen Savior and also a potted plant with Easter greetings from Grace Ladies' Aid. She sends her love and thanks to all! J. L.S.

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