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WHAT shall I render unto God  
For all His love to me,  
That I am saved by precious blood  
Christ shed on Calvary's tree?

What can I render? — I have naught  
But what I first receive:  
Since by His blood I have been bought,  
Can I my Savior grieve?

What can I render unto Him  
Who died my soul to save?  
His love must ever be my theme,  
Himself for me He gave.

What can I render? How can I,  
A sinner saved by grace,  
Do ought but worship God on high,  
His every word embrace?

What can I render, day by day,  
To Christ, my risen Lord? —  
Just walk within the narrow way,  
With Him in one accord.

What can I render? — naught but praise  
For His abounding love?  
My life should be for Him always,  
Who will His own approve.

What shall I render? — simply take  
The blessings planned for me,  
And to Christ's preciousness awake,  
Until His face I see. — Selected.

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### EDITORIAL

#### Thanksgiving Day

An ungrateful man once confessed: "I felt most abused and dissatisfied with life because a slight accident had disabled my right hand. Walking through the crowded streets of our city on that day I met a man who lacked the usual number of arms, a blind woman, two funerals and a van of prisoners. I made up my mind then that I should be grateful for the many blessings showered upon me by the Creator in spite of my unworthiness. This experience also opened my eyes to the fact that other, more deserving people, suffered calamities far greater than my own."

A thankless heart can breed only discontent. Let us be thankful on Thanksgiving Day and on every day that God has given us time to prepare for eternity, that He has instilled Christian faith into our hearts, which gives us courage to meet all the misfortunes of life and to greet even death with a smile of triumph. Also in affliction we may be comforted with the knowledge that our heavenly Father has a merciful heart, that those who accept chastening are enriched by it. Some Christians have ever been plagued with the illusion that sickness, pain, sorrow and bereavement are a punishment instead of a preparation for future blessings.

Moreover God has given to every one many other gifts for which man owes Him gratitude and thanksgiving. To every one He has given life and an immortal spirit. We should be thankful especially for immortality. The most intense of human aspirations is that for life after death. The empty tomb of Jesus of Nazareth gives every Christian assurance, not only of life after death,

but also of its glorified nature. In the presence of a loving almighty Father in heaven all our needs will be supplied, and our fondest hopes will become realities. Let us be thankful for His love, for His forgiveness of sins in Christ Jesus. To be thankful to God is to honor Him and to honor Him is to be honored of Him. "Them that honor me I will honor," says the Lord. 1 Sam. 2:30.

True heart-felt thanksgiving furthermore makes a good impression upon the godless world and gives testimony that the Lord is indeed our God. It helps to proclaim to the world that "the Lord is God, that he hath made us, and not we ourselves, that we are his people and the sheep of his pasture." Ps. 100:3. Therefore: "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praises: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." Ps. 100:4.

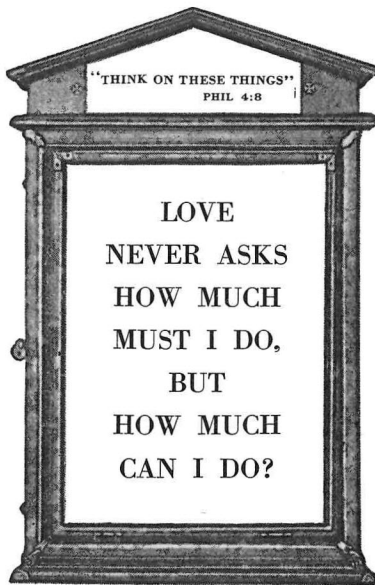
The highest form of gratitude is that which is directed to God. May we discern God's hand and avoid the deadening influence of the wicked world! These can only fill the heart and mind of man with other things, so that he thinks merely of the gifts and forgets the Giver. May we conquer the natural ingratitude of our hearts, and may we sincerely join in the following hymn of praise:

We've gathered in the harvest,  
Our barns and sheds are filled;  
The Lord poured out His blessings,  
And every want is stilled.

There's bread for all the children  
And for the cattle hay;  
Abundant food and clothing  
For winter's gloomy day.

For these uncounted blessings  
We thank our bounteous Lord  
And praise His endless mercy  
Aloud with one accord.

Indeed, His loving-kindness  
Should move us to employ  
A portion of His bounty  
To fill the poor with joy.



A monument of mercy,  
O Lord, our hands shall rear  
And bring a fitting token  
Of gratitude sincere.

O. C. S.

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

### "Christ Jesus Humbled Himself"

Jesus was true man, but we first see this man Jesus very humble and then lift up high above all things. Let us in this and the following studies learn how Jesus humbled Himself.

The Bible tells us that "*He humbled Himself,*" Phil. 2, 8; it speaks to us of "the days of His flesh," Hebr. 5, 7. Indeed, Christ was true God, God and man in one person, but as man, the Son of man, He "increased in wisdom and stature," Luke 2, 52, "was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death," Hebr. 2, 6, 9, and "was put to death in the flesh," 1 Peter 3, 18. As God He always was the same, for "I am the Lord; I change not," Mal. 3, 6. This man Jesus was one with the Father in one person, all power was given to Him in heaven and earth, He knew the thoughts of men's hearts, He could see Nathanael under the tree although He was not there, yes, He was the mighty God. But

then *He willingly humbled Himself.* We read: "*He made Himself* of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant — He humbled Himself," Phil. 2, 7, 8. And Paul writes: "For your sakes *He became poor,*" 2 Cor. 8, 9; no man took His life from Him, but He said: "*I lay it down of myself,*" John 10, 18. And Hebr. 12, 2 tells us, "For the joy that was set before Him *He endured the cross,* despising the shame." He humbled Himself, not because He could not help Himself, but because He wanted to do it.

And why? That was necessary for that great work of saving souls. He Himself tells us this with these words: "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister (serve), and to *give His life a ransom for many,*" Matth. 20, 28. Paul writes 2 Cor. 8, 9: "*For your sakes* He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." For you and me He humbled Himself.

But still He had the glory of God. John says of this man Jesus: "We beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father," John 1, 14. And when Jesus had changed water into wine at the wedding of Cana, we read, "This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth His glory," John 2, 11. And when He was at the grave of Lazarus, He said to Martha: "Said I not unto Thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?" And this glory He showed also when He said to Judas and the multitude with him who had come to take Him, "I am He," and they all went backward, and fell to the ground, John 18, 6. He had this glory, but He humbled Himself and did not always and fully use it.

And this glory was His, because He was man and God in one person. Therefore He could say in His prayer: "O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own self with the glory *I had with Thee before the world was,*" John 17, 5. "*He was rich,* yet for your sakes He became poor," 2 Cor. 8, 9. "He saved others," but He did not save Himself, Luke 23, 35. He knew all things, yet He said of the last day: "Of that day and *that hour knoweth no man,* no, not the angels which are in heaven, *neither the Son,* but the Father," Mark 13, 32. The Lord of heaven and earth was "in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan,

and was with the wild beasts," Matth. 12, 13. He who is Lord over all the world "went down with His parents, and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them," Luke 2, 51. He was "equal with God . . . ; but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man; being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross," Phil. 2, 5-8.

In our Catechism we therefore confess: "I believe that *Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity*, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has . . . purchased and won me, not with gold or silver, but *with His holy precious blood* and with His innocent *suffering and death*, that I may be His own." And our Lord Jesus Himself shows how He humbled Himself, saying in the Holy supper: This is My body given for you; this is My blood shed for you for the remission (forgiveness) of sins." And of this Jesus Christ, true God and man, we say in the Christian Questions: "He died for me and shed His blood for me. Thus our Catechism repeats what the Bible says with these words: "He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, Phil. 2, 5-8.

Do you see how Christ humbled Himself? Blessed are you if you can say: "Christ humbled Himself for me."

J. L. S.

### MEETING OF EPHPHATHA CONFERENCE

Our Savior's Congregation of Chicago, Rev. A. C. Dahms, pastor, was host to the 27th annual meeting of Ephphatha Conference from October 3 to 7. Our Chicago congregation is at present the largest of all our deaf congregations, numbering approximately 110 members. The congregation has held services in its own chapel since 1922. In the spacious basement of this chapel all sessions of conference were held.

Seventeen missionaries attended while only one, Rev. Baker of Pittsburg, was absent. Pastor A. H. Kuntz of Alhambra, California, missionary to the blind, was unable to attend on account of sickness in the home. The two new missionaries, F. Hischke and N. Borchardt, candidates of the

June graduating class of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, were welcomed into our midst by the chairman. The Mission Board was represented on the last two days of conference by four members, the pastors H. A. Gamber, chairman, E. Witte, secretary, and E. H. Bertram and Mr. J. P. Miller. Some of the missionaries had the pleasure to meet two of the Board members for the first time. Special credit is due Mr. Miller who has served faithfully on the Board for ten years. We hope that he, as well as the other members on the Board, will be able to serve for many more years.

As in all other previous meetings of our Lutheran missionaries to the deaf, this year's conference was also marked by genuine brotherly feeling and unity in love and zeal for the Lord's work among the deaf.

For one hour at the opening of each day one of our senior members, Rev. J. L. Salvner, read a part of his exegetical paper on 1 Corinthians. The Gospel Lessons for the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Sundays after Trinity were given in signs by Rev. J. Beyer, and Rev. C. Schubkegel signed the Epistle Lessons for the Third and Fourth Sundays after Trinity. Rev. Dahm's paper on "How can church socials be of benefit to our Mission" was very helpful and instructive. In a special meeting on Monday evening a number of matters brought before the conference by the Board were freely discussed, the chief of these being the matter of "Mail Mission." Ways and means were considered to serve by mail those deaf who are isolated and cannot be visited more than once or twice a year. Special meetings of individual missionaries with the Board were arranged so that each missionary received an opportunity to present matters pertaining to his particular field.

A short report on the Deaf Lutheran was given by the editor and business manager. A few minor changes in the form of additions are to be made on the pages of the Deaf Lutheran. These are to serve as an improvement. About 850 hearing people have subscribed to this paper, and about 250 deaf are paid-up subscribers. (Just a little reminder for the deaf readers: If you like to read the Deaf Lutheran and you feel it is worth the price, please send your money,



50c per year, to the business manager, Rev. W. Ferber. You will find his address on the second page of the D. L.)

The result of the election was as follows: Rev. E. Eichmann, chairman, and Rev. Wm. Gielow, secretary. These officers will serve for two years.

One of the chief resolutions passed by the conference was that Ephphatha Conference be divided into three sections called the Eastern, Central and Western sections. The Eastern section will consist of the six missionaries of New York, Pittsburg, Cleveland and Detroit. The Central section includes the missionaries of St. Louis, Chicago, Milwaukee, Duluth, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Omaha and Kansas City. The Western section will be made up of the missionaries on the Pacific coast in the following cities: Los Angeles, Alhambra, and Berkeley, Cal., Portland, Ore., Seattle and Spokane, Wash. These three groups will meet every other year at different times, and the entire conference will meet each alternate year. This was decided upon to lessen the expense of traveling and the time spent, especially by the missionaries coming from the west coast, and to give the various groups a better opportunity to consider more in detail the particular interests and needs of each field. In 1931 the three groups will hold separate meetings and in 1932, God willing, the entire conference will meet at Duluth, Minn.

On Sunday, October 5, at 2:30 P. M., a special service with Holy Communion was held in Our Savior's Chapel. Rev. W. Ferber preached the sermon and the undersigned the confessional. All the missionaries and about 40 deaf received Communion. About 75 deaf attended the service. Following the services all the missionaries including the hosts with whom they were quartered were invited to a social arranged by the pastor and members of the local congregation. Rev. J. Beyer acted as toastmaster, and to him goes the major part of the credit for keeping the crowd in good cheer throughout the evening. Each missionary was asked to arise in turn and amid blushes and smiles all were introduced to the crowd. A special seat of honor was given to Rev. Gade who celebrated his 55th birthday. It

was an evening of pleasure long to be remembered by all present.

To Pastor Dahms and his congregation, to all those who housed the missionaries and to the ladies who so willingly served the pastors at each noon meal and to all others who made our stay at Chicago such a pleasant one, conference extends hearty thanks. And above all, we give honor and glory to God for granting His grace and blessing upon all our meetings.

E. Mappes.

### BIBLE STUDIES FOR SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER, 1930

*"O give thanks unto the Lord"*

The month of November we may call the month of thanksgiving, for every year it brings Thanksgiving Day with it. It is the day when our government asks its people to come together in the house of God to give thanks unto Him for His goodness. Have we reason to give thanks to God this year? There are some perhaps who think we have not. So many people are out of work, many must beg for food and drink, many are in need of clothing, and therefore some people believe that Thanksgiving Day is out of place this year. But no, no! Every one of us has received many blessings during the past year. Try to count the many good things you have received, and I know you must cry out and say: "O give thanks unto the Lord." And this we must do especially if we think of that great salvation and peace which Jesus has brought to us by His suffering and death and His coming out of the grave. The November Bible Studies tell us of this. Read them, one for every Sunday, and also your heart will overflow with thanksgiving.

#### Study for Sunday, November 2

*"Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures (Bible) and was buried."*

1 Cor. 15, 3

Luke 23, 50-56

50. And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just: 51. (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God. 52. This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. 53. And he took it down, and wrapped

it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. 54. And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. 55. And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. 56. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day, according to the commandment.

"Jesus is dead on the cross," the disciples said one to another with sad hearts on that first Good Friday. But, behold (see), not the disciples come to bury their Master, no, a man named Joseph, a counsellor (judge) of the Jews. And he was a good man and a just, he did the things that were right and was not like the other judges of the Jews. And he therefore also did not consent (agree) to the counsel or judgment and deed or doings of them, he did not vote with the others that Jesus should be killed. He was from the city Arimathaea and he himself waited for the kingdom of God, for the promised King and Savior. And he believed that this Jesus on the cross was the promised King. Therefore he boldly went to the Roman governor Pilate and begged the body of Jesus. He was not ashamed of Jesus on the cross, but before all the world confessed that this Jesus was *his* King and Master, when he took down the body, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre (grave) hewn (made) in stone. And that grave was a new grave, for in it never man before was laid. He gave his Master and King the best he could get. So let us never be ashamed of this Jesus on the cross Who died for us. Let us serve Him and give Him the best we have and before all the world confess and say: "This Jesus is my Lord and my Savior."

That day was the preparation, the day when the Jews prepared for the sabbath (Saturday). The women who followed Jesus from Galilee went with Joseph to the grave. They could not leave the body of their Master, but stood and beheld (watched) the sepulchre and how the body was laid. Then they returned to their homes and prepared spices and ointments for to put them on the body of their Master, as the Jews did with all their dead bodies. Then they rested the sabbath day as God had commanded the Jews. See how the women loved their dear Lord and Master. They could not leave Him and showed

their love to Him also after His death. As the women so let us love to stand before the cross and at the grave of our Lord Jesus, and remember that He did it all for us to save us, and then also show our love to Him in our whole life.

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 53, and then answer these questions in writing: 1. How did Joseph show that he was not ashamed of Jesus on the cross? 2. Why should we do as the women in our lesson?

*Prayer:* Dear King and Savior Christ, Thou hast died and didst go into the grave for me. Grant that I be not ashamed of Thy cross and grave, but boldly confess Thee before all the world as my Savior and show my love to Thee in all my doings. Amen.

### Study for Sunday, November 9

*"As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."*

1 Cor. 15, 22

Luke 24, 1-12

1. Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. 2. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. 3. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. 4. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: 5. And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? 6. He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, 7. Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. 8. And they remembered his words, 9. And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest. 10. It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles. 11. And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not. 12. Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre: and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

Jesus dead and buried! Now on the first day of the week, on Sunday, very early in the morning the women came to the sepulchre (grave) and brought the spices (perfumes and salves) which they had prepared for the body of Jesus, and a

few others came with them. When they left the grave on Friday eve, they saw Joseph roll a large stone to the door of the grave. But when they came to the grave on Sunday morning they found the stone rolled away. And they went in and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. The body of Jesus was gone. Now they were much perplexed (troubled), and, behold (see), two men stood by them in shining garments (clothes), two angels in white. And the women were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, and the angel said to them: "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen." They had come to find a dead Jesus, and now He lives, He is risen. My friend, Jesus indeed went into the death and the grave, and we know He did it to save us from death and the grave, and now, behold, He lives. He has won the victory! His victory is our victory! Thanks to God!

The angels then told the women to remember the words of Jesus. When He was in Galilee with them, He told them that the Son of man must be delivered (given) into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified or nailed to the cross, and rise again the third day. So often Jesus told His friends and disciples these words. Then they remembered and they returned from the sepulchre and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest (others). And these women were Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them. Now if we only remember the words of Jesus, then also we shall believe in this risen Savior and go and tell the good news to other poor sinners.

Not all will believe, if we tell them of this crucified and risen Savior. Also the disciples did not believe the women, their words seemed as idle (foolish) tales or stories. Also to-day people will think it all foolishness, if we tell them of the risen Lord Jesus, and they will not believe. But He is truly risen. Peter ran to the sepulchre, and, stooping and looking into the grave, he beheld (saw) the linen clothes in which the body of Jesus was wrapped laid by themselves. The body of Jesus was gone, and Peter departed (went away), wondering in himself at that which was come to pass (happen). O thanks to God! Jesus is truly risen! We are saved!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 6, then answer these questions in writing: 1. If we only remember the words of Jesus, what will we then do? 2. For what should we give thanks to God when we think of Easter Day?

*Prayer:* Risen Lord and Savior, Thou hast won the victory for us, Thy victory is our victory! Thanks and praise to Thee for this now and forever. Grant that we rejoice in Thy finished salvation and then go and tell other poor sinners of Thy victory. Amen.

### Study for Sunday, November 16

*"If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain: ye are yet in your sins."*

1 Cor. 15, 17

Luke 24, 13-17

13. And behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. 14. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15. And it came to pass, that while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. 16. But their eyes were holden, that they should not know him. 17. And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these, that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? 18. And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? 19. And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: 20. And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. 21. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done. 22. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; 23. And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. 24. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. 25. Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? 27. And beginning at Moses, and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Here we have a beautiful Easter story which

ought to fill our hearts with joy. On the first Easter Day two disciples were on the way to the village Emmaus, about three-score (60) furlongs (one furlong= $\frac{1}{8}$  mile) from Jerusalem. And we can imagine that they talked together of all the things that happened on Good Friday. And while they communed (talked) together and reasoned (asked one another) the living Jesus Himself drew (came) near and went with them. But they did not know Him, for their eyes were holden or kept from knowing Him. And He asked them: "What manner (kind) of communication (talk) are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?" One of them answered, surprised that He knew not the things that were come to pass (happen) in these days. And then He told Him that they were talking concerning (about) Jesus of Nazareth, a prophet mighty in word and deed (doings) before God and all the people and how the chief priests and the rulers delivered Him to be condemned (judged guilty) to death and then crucified Him. "This Jesus is now dead." And they continued saying: "We trusted that this was He who should redeem (save) Israel." They still had false ideas about the kingdom of Jesus, just as many people to-day, and therefore will not trust in this crucified and buried Jesus.

O let us trust in Him, for He is not only dead and buried, but see the wonderful things that have happened! They then tell Jesus how some women of their company made them astonished (surprised), how they came early to the sepulchre or grave, found not His body, and then came back, saying that they had seen a vision (sight) of angels who said that Jesus was risen. They also tell Him that some of the disciples then went to the grave and found it as the women had said, but Jesus Himself they saw not. They refused to believe the women, and therefore were sad. A dead Jesus always must fill a sinner's heart with sorrow, for if Jesus is still dead, then we are still in our sin, and are not saved, and we must be sad as these two disciples.

And there are many who like the disciples believe not this word about the risen Savior. It seems as a foolish story to them. But the prophets of the Old Testament spoke of His coming out of the grave before He was born.

The Bible teaches it so plainly, and people will not believe it, and Jesus must say also to many to-day: "O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken." Jesus must rise again and enter (go) to His glory. And then He expounded (explained) the words of Moses and the prophets concerning (about) Him. It all happened as God said. Jesus lives! Salvation is finished! The Bible is true! Not one word has failed.

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 27, and answer these questions in writing: 1. What made the disciples so sad? 2. Why did Jesus call them fools?

*Prayer:* Risen Savior, Thou art risen from the dead as Moses and the prophets spake in the Old Testament. Open my heart that I believe this word and not be sad, but rejoice in Thy great Easter victory now and forever. Amen.

#### Study for Sunday, November 23

*"He is risen, as He said." Matthew 28, 6*

Luke 24, 28-35

28. And they drew nigh unto the village whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. 29. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. 30. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. 31. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. 32. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? 33. And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, 34. Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. 35. And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

The two disciples on the way to Emmaus and that stranger who walked with them now drew near to that village. And the living Jesus, for He was that stranger, made or did as if He wanted to go farther. But they constrained (asked and urged) Him, saying: "Abide (stay) with us, for it is towards evening, and the day is far spent (almost gone)." They had begun to love this stranger. And He went in to tarry (stay) with them. So let us ask the living Lord Jesus to stay with us, for it is getting dark, the



end of the world is coming near. And they who ask Him will see wonderful things as did the two disciples. When Jesus sat at meat with them, He took the bread, blessed it, and brake it and gave it to them, as He always had done. And now their eyes were opened, they now knew this stranger was their Lord and Master who died upon the cross and was buried, but now was risen again. And Jesus vanished out of their sight, that is, suddenly He was gone and they saw Him no more. Jesus was risen and had a glorious body.

The disciples then said one to another: "Did not our heart burn (become warm) in us, when He talked with us by the way, while He opened (explained) to us the scriptures (Bible)?" This stranger spoke wonderful words, and their hearts were touched by it, and now they understood it all. It was their risen Master. And they rose up that hour, and returned (went back) to Jerusalem and found the eleven disciples and the others with them gathered (come) together. And when these saw the two coming back, they said, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared (shown Himself) to Simon." Then they told the things that were done in the way, and how they knew Him when He broke the bread at the table. So let us meet one another with these words: "The Lord is risen!" Let the crucified and risen Savior be our chief joy here on earth and there in glory. Then on the last day He will raise our bodies from the grave and make it like His glorious body for ever and ever. O blessed are you if you trust in this living Lord and live for Him!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 29, and answer these questions in writing: 1. How did the two disciples know the living Jesus? 2. What will Jesus do on the last day with our bodies?

*Prayer:* Living Savior, stay with us for it is getting dark and the end of the world is near. Help that we stay with Thee in true faith and on the last day rise again in glorious bodies and live with Thee, our living King, forever. Amen.

### Study for Sunday, November 30

"Christ is our peace." Eph. 2, 14

Luke 24, 36-43

36. And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in

the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. 37. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. 38. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? 39. Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. 40. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. 41. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? 42. And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. 43. And he took it, and did eat before them.

While the disciples were gathered together and telling each other of the risen Lord, He Himself stood in the midst among them, and said: "Peace be unto you." Peace! That is the great blessing He brings to His people. He made peace with God for the sinner through His blood and death and coming out of the grave. And so the risen Savior comes also to you and me in His word and offers His peace. Believe in Him who died for you and arose again, and you have peace.

But the disciples could not believe that He who died on the cross was risen from the dead, and therefore had no peace. They were terrified (afraid) and affrighted (full of fear) and supposed (thought) that they were seeing a ghost or spirit. So if we do not believe in this risen Savior, then we have no Savior and have no peace. But Jesus *is* risen from the dead. He said to His disciples, "Why are ye troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts?" The disciples ought not to fear, but to rejoice, for their Lord and Master is not dead, but is risen. So He often must come also to us and say: "Why are you afraid?"

We need not be afraid, He is truly risen. He said to His disciples: "Behold (see) my hands and my feet, that it is myself." Yes, those were the hands and the feet that were nailed to the cross, it is Jesus Himself. And it is not only a spirit, O no! He says: "Handle (touch, feel) me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have." And then He showed them His hands and His feet. Yes, they saw it, but they yet believed not for joy. That was such a wonderfully great and joyful thing! They could not believe that it was true. Therefore He showed them in another way that it is He Himself and not a spirit. He asked them: "Have



ye here any meat (something to eat)?" And they gave him a piece of a broiled (cooked) fish and of a honeycomb. And He took it and did eat it before them. No, it was not a spirit. He ate while they looked on, as He so often ate with them. And this is written for us, that also we doubt not and fear not, but believe that Jesus truly lives and has won the victory, and so has made peace for us. May this story make strong your faith in the risen Savior!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 39, answer these questions in writing, and then send all your answers to your pastor: 1. How did Jesus make peace with God for the sinner? 2. Why is this story written in the Bible?

*Prayer:* Glorious Savior, Thou art truly risen from the dead and hast won the victory over sin, death and devil, and so hast made peace with God for us. May this Thy word make strong our faith, that we fear not, but in life and death rejoice with thanksgiving in this Thy peace to life everlasting. Amen. J. L. S.

### THE HARDENED HEART

I remember a man in my childhood who was the object of our boyish hero-worship. He was the finest marksman in the community. A splendid specimen of physical manhood he towered head and shoulders above his fellows, and was known and admired in the entire neighborhood. But he was not a Christian. One night he sat in a meeting where the power of the spirit of God was consciously and graciously present. He was approached by loving friends and importuned to make his decision for Christ. There was evidence that he was deeply moved and convicted by the message and the atmosphere of the hour. But he steadfastly refused to make any decision and at last arose and left the meeting. Years afterward while walking the street he was stricken with dread apoplexy, staggered, fell to his knees and then prone to the pavement in the agonies of sudden death, still an unsaved man. Back of the tragedy of it all was this sobering fact. Before his death he had told some one that never since the memorable night in the meeting when he had decided against Christ had he ever had the slightest inclination of conviction toward accept-

ing Him as the Savior of his soul. He had neglected too long, and he bore to the hour of his death a heart which had grown utterly hardened to all the appeals of the Spirit of God.

Continuous resistance to the Gospel of Christ steadily hardens the heart against it. Whether the appeal is to the conscience, the emotions, or the judgment the result is the same. The voice of appeal becomes like the voice of one that mocks. The heartstrings once responsive to every tender touch are now like loosened bow-strings. The soul once soft and plastic as wax is now like case-hardened steel. The will, which moves promptly and decisively in the trivial affairs of life, is bound with fetters of iron to the rock of procrastination in this eternal matter. Delay becomes a disease. Once it was only functional; now it is organic and malignant. There is only one remedy. It is to break the hardened heart-crust by a definite acceptance of Jesus Christ, whose Blood alone can make atonement for the soul and bring peace to the heart, and whose resurrection life alone can fill your life with precious fruitage of the Spirit, and with the power to love, to suffer and to serve.

—John Three Sixteen.

### GREATNESS OF THAT ATONEMENT

If thou hast an eye to sin, take care to have an eye to atonement, too. Let thine eye be full of tears, but let those tears act like magnifying glasses to thine eyes, to make the Cross appear a grander and a dearer thing than ever. Never let thy sin shake thy confidence in Christ, for if thou be a great sinner, glorify Him by believing Him to be a great Savior. Do not diminish the value of the Blood whilst thou magnifiest the intensity of thy sin. Think as badly of sin as thou canst, but think right gloriously of Christ, for there is no sin, however hellish or devilish, which the Blood of Jesus cannot take away; and if the concentrated essence of everything that is diabolical in iniquity be found in thyself, yet "the Blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin," and herein we must, yea, and will, rejoice.

—C. H. Spurgeon.

A rolling stone gathers no moss. Neither does a working church member.

### HOW WOULD YOU LIKE IT?

Take this from me! You may neglect the church and yet maintain your moral character by the momentum your mother's religion gave you — but unless you give your children religious training some of them will be immoral, and the third generation, if religion is still crowded out, will be criminal. It has never been known to fail. — Selected.

### ENTERING HEAVEN'S GATES

Heaven's gates are not so highly arched as kings' palaces; they that enter there must get upon their knees. — Daniel Webster.

### MISSION NEWS

**Detroit Mission**—At our service in Fort Wayne on August 10 we were glad to see a number of our deaf from other cities: Victor Krohn of Baltimore, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lathrop, formerly of Chicago, but who now lives in Bluffton, Ind., also Mr. and Mrs. Heinold of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Geikow of Detroit were the visitors at that service.

On August 24 Pastor Gielow confirmed Miss Thelma Heck of Flint, Mich., at our regular service for the deaf in Detroit. Thelma's parents, besides other relatives and friends from Michigan and Ohio, both deaf and hearing, were present for this glad occasion. Thelma made a good confession of her Christian faith; may the Lord grant her strength to remain steadfast unto the end.

On the afternoon of August 31 the Detroit missionary had the opportunity to speak on our work at the Frankenmuth Mission Festival. After the service a number of individuals gave us donations toward our Detroit Deaf Mission Chapel Fund, which amounted to \$48.90. May the Lord bless the kind donors!

On August 30 Walter Ernst, Jr., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reiher, was baptized into the Christian faith. E. J. Scheibert.

**Cleveland Mission**—Superintendent John W. Jones of the Ohio School for the Deaf died of injuries received in an automobile accident September 29. He had served in the capacity of superintendent since 1895.

Dr. John W. Jones was a sincere Christian gentleman and an outstanding figure in his profession, having served also as Chairman of the National Educational Association. He helped the deaf in an educational and social way for many years and was indeed their true and great friend.

We sincerely regret the tragic passing of Dr. Jones and extend to the bereaved family our profound sympathy. O. C. S.

**Omaha Mission**—Our Omaha congregation is at present busily engaged in making plans for the new chapel to be erected in the near future. At the last voters' meeting a committee was elected to work with the pastor in purchasing a site consisting of two 50 feet by 150 feet lots. It is our prayerful hope to start building operations early in Spring and to dedicate the chapel in July or August at the occasion of the missionaries' conference to be held in our midst.

The Rev. J. A. C. Beyer of St. Paul, Minn., will preach at our Mission Festival to be held on Sunday, November 16.

At the September meeting of the Ladies' Aid the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Chas. Macek; Vice-President, Mrs. Ed. Rodda; Secretary, Mrs. Minnie Spraktis; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Mappes; Sick Calling Committee, Mrs. M. Everts and Mrs. B. Newton.

Classes at the Omaha and Council Bluffs Schools have begun in earnest and a class of catechumens is being prepared for confirmation at both schools.

E. M.

**Minneapolis Mission**—At Dawson three children were baptized in our September service. One of them was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Baxter. Mrs. Baxter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Mattson, members of our Dawson Mission. Mrs. Baxter was baptized and confirmed by the pastor in 1928. The other two were nieces of Mrs. Baxter, children of Mr. and Mrs. C. Newton of Canby, Minn. May God be with these new members of His and keep them in His grace to life everlasting!



**Pastor H. Hieschke,  
the New Worker in  
the Spokane Field**

Yes, that is the chief thing that one stay with Christ unto death. This we can joyfully say of Mr. Jens Jensen who died at the Ottertail County Sanitarium. Several years ago he was a patient in the State Sanitarium at Walker, Minn., where our Duluth missionary, the Rev. W. Ferber, instructed him faithfully, again and again making many miles for this purpose. However, he never wanted to be confirmed and partake of the Lord's Supper. He grew somewhat better, and then returned to his home in Mankato where he attended our services. His condition then again grew worse, and he was taken to the Ottertail County Sanitarium, twenty miles from Fergus Falls. Regularly we visited him whenever we conducted services in Fergus Falls. Either Pastor Friedrich or a member of his, Mr. Haarstick, took us out there. Every time we spent about an hour with

him. Often we spoke to him of the Lord's Supper, but all seemed to be of no avail. He trusted in Jesus, but he could not decide to partake of the Lord's Supper. You can imagine our joy when we received the following letter on September 27: "I am in bed in a private room. My health is broken down. I am expecting to see you here, when you have another round visit at Fergus Falls this month. I really wish to see you here very much. Now I confess to you that I have many sins. I sure believe in Jesus' blood and His salvation. I pray that I be forgiven and saved and shall try to serve Him the best I can to make the heavenly Father pleased. I want to eat the Lord's Supper with you." With joy and thanksgiving we hurried to his bedside and we found him very weak and saw that the end was near. As soon as we entered he again made a confession of his sins and of his faith in the Savior and then expressed the wish that he be with Jesus soon. We then spoke to him of the Savior and Friend of sinners, and then he strengthened his faith by eating and drinking the body and blood of His Savior given and shed for him for the remission of his sins. The following Thursday the Savior took him to Himself in heaven. His body was

laid to rest in Mankato. Let us praise God for this mercy and grace to our friend Jensen, and let us likewise go to Jesus with our sins and pray:

"Be Thou my Consolation  
And Shield when I must die;  
Remind me of Thy passion (suffering),  
When my last hour draws nigh.  
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,  
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,  
My heart by faith enfold Thee.  
Who dieth thus, dies well."

J. L. S.



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