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Jesus Christ, my sure Defense  
And my Savior, ever liveth;  
Knowing this, my confidence  
Rests upon the hope it giveth,  
Though the night of death be fraught  
Still with many an anxious thought.

Jesus, my Redeemer, lives!  
I, too, unto life must waken;  
Endless joy my Savior gives;  
Shall my courage then be shaken?  
Shall I fear? or could the Head  
Rise and leave His members dead?

I am only flesh and blood,  
And on this corruption seizeth;  
But I know my Lord and God  
From the grave my body raiseth,  
That with Him eternally  
In His glory I may be.

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### EDITORIAL

#### Lent

When Nansen was looking for the north pole he found himself in very deep water. Several times he attempted to make his sounding, but the line would not reach the bottom. After each attempt he took his book, wrote the date, the length of the line and then added: "Deeper than that."

In a similar way the profound depth of our Heavenly Father's love, as revealed to us during the Lenten season, is unfathomable; it can never be fully understood by man's finite mind. The Christian poet says of this love:

"Though all the depth of sin and loss,  
Drops the plummet of the cross;  
Never yet abyss was found  
Deeper than the cross could sound."

Lent brings to us with emphasis our Creator's invitation, "Look unto me, and be ye saved all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else." Is. 45:22. We need to look unto God for He is the Author of our salvation. His love procured the sacrifice for our redemption and made us heirs of heaven. He offers this salvation to the whole world, to the entire human family, to every race, to every nation and to every individual. Moreover, His plan of redemption is wonderfully adapted to the wants of man everywhere and every perishing soul may come and drink of the waters of life.

This is indeed good news, especially for the poor and the unfortunate. Other systems of religion and human philosophies have no gospel for the lost. While they may have the

sound of good news they are, in fact, cruel dreams of fraternity, which give equality only in misery and oppression. They teach that the present state of the poor is inevitable, that it is the working of the great law which rules all forms of life. Christianity, on the other hand, has a real promise of hope and happiness for all men, also for the oppressed and miserable; its message is one of genuine brotherhood revealing a real fatherhood. It is no less a blessing for the rich.

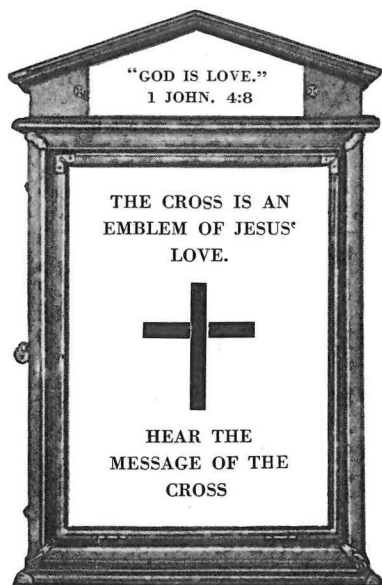
Both, rich and poor, can find salvation only in the redeeming blood of Jesus. Men cannot save themselves from the tyranny of sin and death. Friends, relatives, good deeds, virtues and even the angels in heaven are incapable of making us perfect in the sight of the holy and just God. God alone possesses this power. His Son is our only Savior. The God-man, Jesus, who paid our debts on Calvary and obeyed the Law for us, holds up His bleeding hands and declares unto all the world: "Look and live!" Look to Him now. Accept His gracious invitation and live eternally as well as more abundantly. During the blessed Lenten season the Savior is again earnestly pleading with all sinners to receive His love and forgiveness. May this season of 1931 find you in His fold! May you then continue in the true faith until you enter into everlasting glory with all His saints! Learn to confess daily with the Christian poet:

"The only One who ever came  
To bear our judgment, sin and shame,  
Is He who bears the lovely Name  
Of Jesus.

The One by whom God's love was shown,  
The One who left His radiant throne  
And came for mortals to atone,  
Was Jesus.

He came to earth in all its blight —  
A world of sin, a world of night —  
He came the deadly foe to fight,  
On Calvary.

How vast, how great the stores of grace  
He lavished on a sinful race!  
In love He took the culprit's place,  
In judgment.



The tomb could not the Savior keep,  
His was to be a transient sleep,  
His mourners had not long to weep —  
He arose.

And now He lives on high to plead  
For those for whom He once did bleed,  
He meets His people's present need,  
Up there.

Soon from this lonely vale of night,  
He'll take His Bride to scenes of light,  
He'll share with her untold delight,  
For ever.

O saints of God by blood set free,  
O what a bright eternity  
He won for us at Calvary!  
Adore Him!

Now let not this vain world allure  
Our hearts from Him who did endure  
The Cross, to make our title sure  
To glory.

O may His love our souls constrain  
To serve Him here with might and main,  
Until o'er countless worlds we reign,  
With *Him*." O. C. S.

"The best robe and the only robe to cover a sinner was made in the loom of Calvary."

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

### "Jesus Christ, Crucified and Dead"

"The sinless Son of God must die in sadness:  
The sinful child of man may live in gladness!"

Yes, it was God's only Son who was nailed to the cross and then died a shameful death. In Romans 5, 10 Paul writes about "the death of God's Son." The blood of the Crucified One is God's own blood, as Paul writes, saying in Acts 20, 28: "The church of *God*, which He has purchased with His *own blood*."

The Son of God died, and He did not die in a king's room or palace. O no, He died a most shameful death. The soldiers led Him out to crucify Him, and He bearing His cross went forth into a place of a skull, which is called Golgotha or Calvary, and there they crucified Him and the malefactors (thieves), one on the right hand, and the other on the left. On that cross He had to die, and the scripture says: "Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree (cross)" Gal. 3, 13. The Son of God hanging on the accursed tree!

And on that cross He truly died! His soul was separated from the body, He died as other men die and give up the ghost. Jesus on the cross cried with loud voice, and said, "Father, into Thy hands I commend (give) My spirit." And having said this, He gave up the ghost. He was truly dead. The Roman governor Pilate sent the soldiers that the legs of the crucified be broken and their bodies be taken away. Then came the soldiers and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which were crucified with him, but when they came to Jesus and saw that He was dead already, they brake not His legs, but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. This you may read in John 19, 31-34. And He died not as others who have been sick a long time or who die in accident, no, they *put Him to death* (Luke 18, 33), they *killed* the Prince of life (Acts 3, 15), He was *cut off* out of the land of the living (Is. 53, 8). The Son of God humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, Phil. 2, 8.

And still, my friend, it was a willing death. He died, because He wanted to die. Therefore

the Prophet Isaiah says: "*He poured out His soul unto death,*" ch. 53, 12. And He Himself says: "No man taketh My life from Me, but *I lay it down of Myself*. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again," John 10, 18. And again He said, "Even as the Son of Man came not to be administered unto, but to administer, and to *give His life* a ransom (payment) for many." Matth. 20, 28. Willingly He humbled Himself and died on the cross!

Surely, He humbled Himself, for He was the only Son of God, true God and Lord, also in death. The Bible tells us that He cried out with a loud voice, and yielded (gave) up the ghost. And, behold, the veil (curtain) of the temple was rent (torn) in twain (two) from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent, and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the Holy City, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly, this was the Son of God." Indeed, the Son of God humbled Himself and let men nail Him to the cross!

A wonderful death! And why must Jesus Christ, the Son of God, die on the cross? The prophet Isaiah says: "He was wounded *for our transgressions* (sins), He was bruised (hurt) *for our iniquities* (wickedness)." And Jesus tells us that He gave His life *a ransom* (payment) *for many*, Matth. 20, 28. And our Catechism teaches us the same in the Second Article and also in the Sixth Chief Part, the Lord's Supper. And in the answer to the eleventh question in "Christian Questions with Their Answers" we are taught to say: "The Son is true God and true man; He died for me and shed His blood for me." For you and me the Son of God humbled Himself!

If this is your confession, then you know the true and full meaning of the shameful, but willing, death of God's Son on the cross. May God grant it and richly bless the Lenten season and the preaching of the cross in your heart!

J. L. S.

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR SUNDAYS IN MARCH, 1931

### "Christ Crucified"

"Christ left His radiant throne on high,  
Left the bright realms of bliss,  
And came to earth to bleed and die!  
Was ever love like this?"

Dear Lord, while we adoring pay  
Our humble thanks to Thee,  
May every heart with rapture say,  
'The Savior died for me'."

During Lent let your thoughts daily be with the suffering Savior on the cross, read these Bible Studies, one for every Sunday, and may God's Holy Spirit teach you to say in true faith: "Christ, the Son of God, loved me, and gave Himself for me." Gal. 2, 20.

### Study for Second Sunday in Lent, March 1

"They shall kill Him; and the third day  
He shall rise again."

Mark 10, 34

Bible Lesson: John 2, 18-22

"Then answered the Jews and said unto Him, What sign showest Thou unto us, seeing that Thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt Thou rear it up in three days? But He spake of the temple of His body. When therefore He was risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said."

Jesus had done a wonderful thing when He drove out of the temple them that sold sheep and oxen, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers. And now the leaders of the Jews were displeased, and they came and asked Him for a sign, a wonderful work, to show that He has a right to do this. And Jesus did give them a sign when He spake these wonderful words: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." What temple was He speaking of? The Jews thought He meant the temple, that great building, in the city of Jerusalem. Therefore they said to Him, that it took forty and six years to build this temple or church, and then asked: "And wilt Thou rear (build) it up in three days? Indeed, Jesus also could have done that, for He

is the mighty God. He could have done it in one day, yes, in a moment. But He was not speaking of this great temple in the Holy City, no, He spoke of the temple of His body. He intended to say: "Kill My body, and in three days I will raise it up." But they understood Him not, for if people will not believe, God will make them blind, and they cannot understand and believe any more. But they remembered these words and accused Him of speaking against the temple when He stood before the high priests on that dark Thursday night before Good Friday.

His disciples also remembered these words, when He was risen from the dead. And they believed the Scripture, the Old Testament, which spoke of this, saying that the Christ shall not stay in the grave, but arise again. That made strong their faith in the Bible, the Word of God, and in the word which Jesus had said. Also we know that Jesus is risen from the dead. The Jews killed Him on Good Friday, and on the third day He came out of the grave as He said. Jesus died for us and arose again. O that ought to make strong our faith in Him and His Word. Christ is risen, as He said! Believe and rejoice in His finished salvation!

Again read this Bible lesson and answer these questions in writing: 1. What did Jesus intend to say with these words: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up"? 2. What should make strong our faith in Jesus and His word?

*Prayer:* Dear Savior Jesus Christ, Thou wentest into bitter suffering and death for us and our sins. For this Thy love we will praise Thee while we live. But Thou didst not stay in the grave, but didst come out of it the third day as Thou hadst said. Salvation is finished for us! Thanks and praise to Thee forever and ever. Amen.

### Study for Third Sunday in Lent, March 8

*"Jesus began to show to His disciples, how that He must suffer many things and be killed."*

*Matthew 16, 21*

**Bible Lesson: John 2, 23-25**

**"Now when He was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in His name, when they saw the miracles which He did. But Jesus did**

**not commit Himself unto them, because He knew all men, and needed not that any should testify of man: for He knew what was in man."**

Jesus was in Jerusalem for the passover feast, when the Jews remembered how their fathers were saved by the blood of the lamb on their doors. When God saw the blood, He passed over with His judgment. For this feast every Jew had to come to Jerusalem every year. This was the law of God, and Jesus, the Son of God, obeyed in all things.

At this feast Jesus did many miracles. He healed the sick and the lame and the blind, and many other works He did. When the people saw this, many believed in His name. They believed that this was the promised Savior and Helper. And all these miracles are written in our Bible that also we believe in Him as our King and Savior. O may God give us a true and strong faith! So many believe in His name, as in our lesson, but they have not a continuing faith. They quickly believe, and then again quickly fall away from Jesus. Therefore Jesus did not commit (trust) Himself to the people in our lesson, He knew their faith was only for a while and they would soon go away from Him again. Daily let us pray: "Lord, make strong our faith in Thee! Keep us with Thee in true faith!"

How did Jesus know their hearts and thoughts? Our lesson says: "He knew all men. And He still knows all men. He knows also you and me, my heart and your heart. He can read the thoughts of our hearts as we read a book. Our hearts are as an open book before Him. Therefore He needed not that any man should testify or tell Him about man, and why not? "For He knew what was in man." Yes, Jesus knows all things, He is the all-knowing God. And this all-knowing God, who also knew the many things He had to suffer from the Jews and often spake of it, went into that bitter suffering and death for our sins. Indeed, Jesus *can* save, and He *has* saved us. Trust in the suffering of this Son of God, and every day praise Him for it!

Again read this Bible lesson, and then answer these questions in writing: 1. What should we daily pray? 2. What in our lesson shows us that the suffering Jesus is true God?

*Prayer:* Suffering Savior, by Thy Holy Spirit give us true faith in Thee and Thy suffering. Help that we not fall away from Thee, but make strong our faith and keep us with Thee unto the end. O Thou that knowest all things also knowest our weakness, therefore stay with us for Thy glory. Amen.

### Study for Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 15

*"Ye are all the children of God by faith  
in Christ Jesus."  
Gal. 3, 26*

#### Bible Lesson: John 3, 1-8

"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto Him, Rabbi, we know that Thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that Thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

A ruler of the Jews, Nicodemus, came to Jesus by night. He did not want others to see him, he was ashamed. He knew that Jesus was a teacher come from God and that God was with Him. This he had learned from the wonderful works of Jesus. So many people to-day believe that Jesus was a wonderful teacher. But such a faith will not bring a man to heaven. Nicodemus and people like him think they can see the kingdom of heaven by doing right. Therefore Jesus said to him: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." It is not enough to believe that Jesus is come from God and is a great teacher, no, a man must be born again. And there is no mistake about it. Jesus said: "Verily (truly), verily, I say unto you." A man must be born again, or be lost forever! Man must become a new man with a new heart, a new understanding, and new thoughts!

Nicodemus asked, and others will ask with

him: "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he be born a second time from his mother?" Jesus then told him that a man must be born again not from his mother, but of water and of the Spirit. Man cannot change himself, no, the Holy Spirit must do it. The Spirit does this by the word of God, which also is in and with the water in Holy Baptism. In and by the word the Holy Ghost comes and shoves man his sin and God's punishment; and when a man falls down in sorrow for his sin, the Holy Ghost then leads him to the Savior and His cross, saying: "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." And when the poor sinner then trusts in this Jesus, he is born again and has become a child of God. Are you born again? If not, you cannot enter the kingdom of God.

And why must a man be born again? Jesus answers, "That which is born of the flesh, of sin, is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit, or like the Spirit." Man born of sinful parents is born in sin, his heart and mind are busy only with sin. Therefore Jesus said: "Marvel not, that is, be not surprised, that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." And if a man is born of the Spirit, he is like the Spirit, his heart and mind are busy with God and heavenly things. Man is changed. Marvel not! You must be born again! Believe it, if you cannot understand how a man is born again. Many things in this world you do not understand. The wind blows where it listeth (wants), and you hear the sound of it, but you cannot tell from where it comes and to where it goes. And then Jesus said: "So is every one that is born of the Spirit." You see that a man is born again, is changed. His daily life will show it. A wonderful change! But you see not how the Holy Spirit does it in the heart of man.

Again read this Bible lesson and answer these questions in writing: 1. How is man born again? 2. Why must he be born again?

*Prayer:* Come, Holy Spirit, teach us to know our sins and lead us to the cross of Jesus on which He suffered and died for the sins of the whole world, that we through faith in Him and His blood be born again and become children of God and then serve Him in the beauty of holiness. Amen.

**Study for Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 22***"Thy word is truth." John 17, 17***Bible Lesson: John 3, 9-13**

"Nicodemus answered and said unto Him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven."

When Jesus had told Nicodemus that a man must be born again if he would enter heaven, and had explained to him how a man is born again and why it must be so, he was not yet satisfied, but again asked: "How can these things be?" Indeed, man with his little mind cannot understand these great things how a sinner is changed and becomes a child of God. That is a wonderful work of God! Jesus is surprised that Nicodemus is a master or teacher in Israel and did not know these things. But he, and we all, should believe Jesus, for verily (truly), verily, He speaks what He knows and testifies (tells and makes known) the things He has seen. But as it was then, so it is still to-day, and Jesus must say: "Ye receive (believe) not our witness (words)." People will not believe that they must be born again by faith in the crucified Jesus and His blood, but trust in their good works.

Jesus told them earthly things, things that happen here on earth as when a man is born again by the Word of God and His Spirit, and people believe not, and therefore Jesus said: "How will ye believe, if I tell you heavenly things?" And now He told him heavenly things, how He Himself came down from heaven, He, the Son of man, who is in heaven. Yes, this Jesus is the Son of God come down from heaven and the Son of man who is in heaven. If people will not believe these earthly things, that a man is born again by the Spirit, how shall they believe these things about the Son of God come down from heaven? But also these heavenly things we should believe, for He is the only one who can tell us the truth. No man has ascended (gone up) to heaven, but only He who came down from heaven, and that is this Christ, true God and man.

Come let us believe the word of Jesus! Let us trust in Him who came from heaven to suffer and die for a lost world. Let us remember that we must trust in His blood and be born again, if we wish to live with Him in glory! We must become new men and women by His Word and Spirit! May God grant this to you by His Holy Spirit for the suffering Savior's sake!

Again read this Bible lesson and then answer these questions in writing: 1. Why should Nicodemus, and we all, believe Jesus? 2. Who alone can teach us heavenly things, and why?

*Prayer:* Jesus Christ, Thou Son of God and Son of man, come down from heaven to suffer and die for a lost world, Thou art the truth and alone canst teach the truth about heavenly things. By Thy Spirit give us true faith in Thy blood unto life everlasting. Amen.

**Study for Sixth Sunday in Lent or Palm Sunday, March 29***"God forbid that I should glory, save (excepting) in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."**Gal. 6, 14***Bible Lesson: John 3, 14, 15**

**"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."**

This is the Holy Week, the week which brings with it the day when our Savior was nailed to the cross, the darkest day in all the history of the world, and still we call it *Good Friday*. Yes, it is a *good Friday* for a world lost in sin.

The Old Testament tells us of the cross of Jesus and the wounds in His hands and feet. The serpent (snake) of brass which Moses lifted up on a pole in the wilderness preaches to us about the Crucified Savior, as Jesus Himself tells us. Why did Moses lift up this serpent of brass? The Jews had murmured against God on the way to the Holy Land, and God sent poisonous snakes among the people, and many died from the snake-bites. Then they cried unto God, and He told Moses to make this snake and put it on a pole before the people. And then if any man bitten by a snake would look unto this serpent of brass, he would not die.

And now Jesus says, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son

of man be lifted up, or nailed to the cross." And as Jesus said, so it happened. On Good Friday the soldiers nailed His hands and feet to the cross and for six long hours He must hang between heaven and earth. And why that? The old serpent, the devil, and sin have bitten us and we must die. And now Jesus is on the cross, and He tells us: "Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish (be lost), but have eternal (everlasting) life." Whosoever, that means, any one, also you and I! Now if a sinner looks to Christ on the cross and believes in Him, then we shall not be lost, but live forever in heaven. Come, look to this Jesus on the cross and be saved from sin, death, and devil!

Again read this Bible lesson, answer these questions in writing, and then send all your answers to your pastor: 1. Why did Moses put that snake of brass on a pole in the wilderness? 2. Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?

*Prayer:* Crucified Savior, for me Thou didst hang on the cross that I be not lost, but live forever. Thanks to Thee for this Thy suffering and death! O fill me with love and zeal for lost souls that I go and tell others of Thy cross and bring them to Thee, the only Savior, Amen.

J. L. S.

### "WITH THE BEREANS"

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

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." Psalm 119:11.

The cross is the sign of the Christian religion. Our first thought is of the cross of Jesus which He carried to Calvary and on which He gave up His life to save our lives from eternal death.

And we who wish to be His followers also have our crosses, our daily troubles of various kinds, which we must take up and carry after Him. And now because Jesus has done so very much for us, we owe it to Him to spend our lives in serving Him.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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

- March 1: "The preaching of the cross is to them that perish<sup>1</sup> foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." 1 Cor. 1:18. <sup>1</sup>are lost.
- March 8: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23.
- March 15: "Whosoever doth<sup>1</sup> not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:27. <sup>1</sup>does.
- March 22: "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour<sup>1</sup>." Eph. 5:2.3. <sup>1</sup>an odor of something sweetsmelling.
- March 29: "He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth<sup>1</sup> live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again." 2 Cor. 5:15. <sup>1</sup>after this, in the future. J. A. C. B.

### INFORMATION OF GENERAL INTEREST

We have yet to meet anyone who is not interested in the silent language of the deaf; it IS a fascinating study. For most people, however, it is out of the question to learn the sign language for obvious reasons.

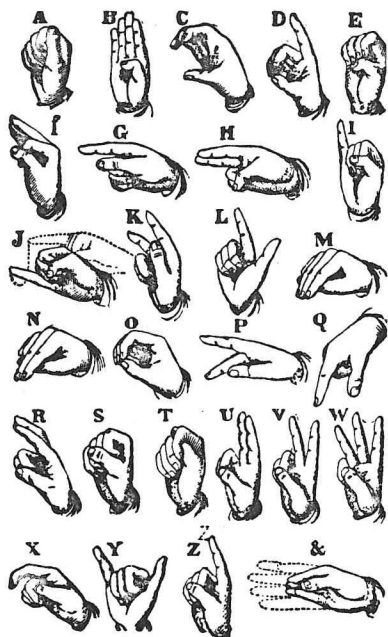
With the manual alphabet as it is used by the educated deaf of our country, however, it is possible to carry on a conversation with the deaf with some degree of ease and speed. Undoubtedly there would be a very definite benefit for the deaf as well as for their hearing friends, if the hearing person would take the time to learn to form the letters of the alphabet with his hand, and learn to follow the manual spelling of the deaf. Social contacts could be formed and life-long friendships might easily result from this knowledge of finger spelling.

But we have a deeper and infinitely more important reason for urging our hearing readers to acquire the ability to spell with the hands. There are undoubtedly many cases



when a hearing person would exercise a wholesome and helpful influence over a deaf person that would show its effects on the great day of judgment. It is not at all impossible that we shall be in a position to speak to such deaf people as do not stand in proper relations with their God about The One Thing Needful, and so be instrumental in leading one or more deaf people to eternal salvation. Surely a noble and worthwhile purpose for a Christian!

With this thought in mind we would encourage our hearing readers to use the accompanying cut showing the letters of the manual alphabet and to learn to form the letters with their hands.



The writer has a supply of alphabet cards which he will be happy to furnish to interested readers of *The Deaf Lutheran* who request them.

We regret that the contribution of \$5.00 for the "School for the Deaf in China Fund" from Mr. John Gramlich of St. Louis, Mo., was erroneously credited to Mrs. O. Krauss of St. Paul in the January issue. J. A. C. B.

#### ON A LIVING TREE

Works have their place; fruit has its place, but it is found at the end of the branches, it grows on a living tree. — Selected.

#### CHURCH BUILT FROM ONE TREE

In Santa Rosa, California, there is a Baptist church, which will seat 400 people, built entirely from timber sawn from one redwood tree. Everything used in the construction of this church was furnished by this tree, with the exception of the necessary glass and hardware. The spire is 100 feet high and there is a pastor's study 12 by 20 feet, as well as a vestibule, toilet room and parlor seating 100 people. This church is 60 feet wide by 100 feet long and cost \$5,000.

Only two-thirds of the tree was needed for the necessary lumber. After the roof was finished it was found that there were 60,000 shingles left over.

A sister tree to the one from which this church was constructed furnished employment for many months to two men in reducing it to shingles. — Selected.

#### THE DEAF CHILD'S ADVOCATE

The friends of our Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Mich., will be glad to know that Supt. W. Gielow is now editing a leaflet in the interest of Lutheran deaf children. The *Deaf Child's Advocate* is a bulletin which should interest the parents of Lutheran deaf children and all Christian friends of the deaf. The *Deaf Lutheran* wishes this new periodical the Savior's blessing. May it arouse parents to realize the importance of having their deaf children instructed in the Christian religion and reared in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. O. C. S.

#### A FAITHFUL MAN

A man of faith is one who trusts God. A faithful man is one whom God can trust. — D. T.

A man's spiritual condition can be quite accurately gauged by his reaction to the collection plate.—*Redeemer Record*, St. Paul, Minn.

#### MISSION NEWS

**Omaha Mission**—On January 24 Mr. Ed. J. Humphreys of Sioux City, Iowa, was accepted as a communicant member of the Lutheran Church by confirmation and on Sunday, February 15, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hladik were received into communicant membership in our Omaha congregation. We wel-

come these new members into our midst and pray that they may remain in the one true faith which they have publicly confessed.

The pastor and two of our Mitchell, S. D., members had an interesting experience on Sunday, November 23. Services for the deaf were held at Tripp, S. D., on that afternoon and in the evening the pastor was scheduled for services at Sioux Falls. The pastor was unable to make train or bus connections, so Mr. Soukup and Mr. Frey volunteered to bring us to Sioux Falls by car, a distance of 92 miles. As we left Tripp it began to rain which later turned into snow. A driving wind caused the snow and water to freeze on the windshield and the windshield wiper was unable to push aside the snow and ice. Driving became very hazardous, since the roads were slippery and windshield clogged, but after a few nerve-racking experiences and with the Lord's help we finally arrived at Sioux Falls, still about one hour before service. We might say that the boys drove home again that evening and arrived home safely although with much difficulty. Our Mitchell deaf have at different times volunteered to take the pastor from Mitchell to Sioux Falls by car since there were no bus or railway connections.

We are sorry that nothing very definite can be reported on our chapel plans, however, two lots have been purchased and we are at present waiting for the building plans to arrive.

Our attendance at Boone, Iowa, has been growing during the last few months. Mr. and Mrs. Fagin of Ames, Iowa, moved to Boone and have attended services regularly.

Several new faces were also noticed in our services at Sioux Falls. We hope to see them again.

E. M.

**St. Paul Mission**—Ronald Maurice, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Brueske, was baptized in Calvary Chapel in November and Wayne Harlan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Christian, in Mason City, Iowa, in January. May our Heavenly Father watch over them and keep them in their baptismal grace!

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. Herman Hansen of Winona who mourns the loss of his sister in November; to Miss Dagny Quill of Hayfield, Minn., who lost her mother in November; and to Mr. Carl Lux whose mother was laid to rest on the last day of 1930.

Calvary Church elected the following officers for 1931: President, A. C. Brueske; Vice-President, Helmer Hagel; Treasurer, Carl Falmoe; Secretary, O. C. Myers; Deacons, E. R. Berger and E. J. Cleveland.

The Ladies' Aid officers for 1931 are: President, Mrs. R. Koch; Vice-President and Secretary, Mrs. J. Axling; Treasurer, Miss H. Hendrickson.

J. A. C. B.

## TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT COLLECTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YEAR 1930

**Rev. A. E. Ferber**—Atchinson, \$17.78; Herrington, 30.10; Kansas City, \$76.78; Lawrence, \$11.50; Oklahoma City, \$10.66; Olathe, 31c; Saline, \$9.31; St. Joseph, \$13.62; Tulsa, \$13.07; Sylvan Grove, \$9.45; Wichita, \$27.54; Great Bend, \$4.00; Hanover, \$15.76; Joplin, \$14.55; Levensworth, \$1.05; Emporia, 50c; Springfield, \$9.94; Frankfort, \$10.35; El Paso, \$2.00; Special Offering, \$12.80. Total: \$291.07.

**Rev. W. Ferber**—Bismarck, \$4.72; Fargo, \$20.82; Bemidji, \$1.00; Rice Lake, \$17.27; Duluth, \$14.73; Grand Forks, \$8.20; Langley, \$7.03; Moose Jaw, 80c; Cloquet, 70c; Finlayson, \$3.85; Devils Lake, \$2.80; Staples, \$2.85; Ebro, \$1.07; Tadmore, \$1.00; Winnipeg, \$1.19; International Falls, \$2.85; Lawson, \$1.25; Regina, \$3.25; Lafleche, \$1.85; Brandon, \$1.35; Saskatoon, \$5.60; Calgary, \$1.95; High River, \$3.15. Total: \$109.28.

**Rev. F. C. Gade**—Kenosha, \$7.78; Green Bay, \$1.35; Waupaca, \$2.40; Delavan, \$4.14; Sheboygan, \$41.09; Manitowoc, \$13.15; Merrill, \$19.82; Watertown, \$25.42; Madison, \$15.80; Oshkosh, \$20.99; North Freedom, \$9.75; Elgin, Minn., \$15.00; Milwaukee, \$2.34; Racine, 41c; S. M. Bode, \$2.00; Immanuel Y. P. S., Milwaukee, \$15.00; Walther League, \$1.78; Zoar Choir, \$5.00; Harvey Sprotte, \$2.50; From Pictures, \$10.75; Miscellaneous, 34c. Total: \$217.81.

**Rev. O. C. Schroeder**—Cleveland, \$30.64; Columbus, \$6.91; Finlay, \$19.09; Youngstown, \$7.08; Elyria, \$8.18; Erie, \$1.74; Mansfield, \$1.10; Sandusky, \$1.25; Ft. Wayne, \$6.72; Tiffin, \$7.61; Fremont, \$1.08; Painesville, 50c; Station KF.U.O., \$1.00; Special for Blind Mission, \$10.01. Total: \$102.91.

**Rev. J. A. C. Beyer**—La. Crosse, \$9.01; Winona, \$15.30; Stillwater, \$16.85; Eau Claire, \$16.47; Rochester, \$2.20; Lake City, \$18.95; Eastman, \$2.66; Dubuque, \$1.00; Black River Falls, \$4.00; Austin, \$3.16; Mason City, \$4.39; Albert Lee, \$6.95; Red Wing, \$4.00; Mrs. E. Riley, \$4.00; Wm. Vogel, \$5.00; Twin City Mission Festival, \$54.93. Total: \$168.87.

**Rev. J. L. Salvner**—Fergus Falls, \$7.19; New Germany, \$3.00; Watertown, \$31.08; Mankato, \$10.70; Dawson, \$15.74; Faribault, \$2.00; Arlington, \$10.36; Gaylord, \$3.50; Willmar, \$13.49; Aberdeen, \$13.50; Big Stone City, \$16.15; Mrs. Reischke, \$10.00; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson, \$1.00; Florence Fossum, \$2.00; Pearl Knutson, \$2.00; Jens Jensen, \$1.00; Mrs. E. Riley, \$3.00; Mrs. Hoffman, \$1.00; H. Rosenwinkel, 50c; N. N., \$5.00. Total: \$152.21.

**Rev. A. Boll**—Brooklyn, \$100.00; Albany, \$8.48; Schenectady, \$9.05; Kingston, \$1.75; Binghamton, \$5.45; Terryville, \$5.00. Total: \$129.73.

- Rev. E. C. Baker**—Buffalo, \$31.30; New Castle, \$7.45; Washington, \$4.70; Baltimore, \$51.95; Hamburg, 50c; Pittsburgh, \$30.20; Johnstown, \$1.00. Total: \$127.10.
- Rev. A. C. Dahms**—Peoria, \$5.00; Bradley, \$14.60; Grand Rapids, \$9.20; Elgin, \$21.20; South Bend, \$42.60; Valparaiso, \$7.00; Miss R. Housman, \$5.00; Miss B. Miller, \$5.00. Total: \$109.60.
- Rev. W. Gielow**—Ft. Wayne, \$112.65; Flint, \$2.86. Total: \$115.51.
- Rev. E. J. Scheibert**—Toledo, \$89.25; Mt. Clemens, \$13.81; Jackson, \$1.80; Pontiac, 20c; Saginaw, \$3.72; Miss Bullard, \$2.00. Total: \$110.77.
- Rev. G. W. Gaertner**—Tacoma, \$9.50; Seattle, \$15.00; Van Couver, \$3.50; Spokane, \$25.00. Total: \$53.00.
- Rev. E. Eichmann**—Van Couver, \$19.79; Salem, \$34.34; Marshfield, \$9.09. Total: \$63.22.
- Rev. C. Schubkegel**—St. Louis, \$51.28; St. Charles, \$22.75; Jacksonville, \$14.53; Indianapolis, \$22.11; Columbus, 40c; Louisville, \$29.46; Washington, Mo., \$4.00; Thelma Skedsmo, \$3.00. Total: \$147.53.
- Rev. G. H. Ferber**—Los Angeles, \$111.95; Long Beach, \$35.89; San Diego, \$20.09; Alhambra, \$29.86; Santa Barbara, \$15.83; Anaheim, \$7.27; Porterville, \$5.62; Fresno, 30c; Prange, \$8.20. Total: \$235.01.
- Rev. E. Mappes**—Lincoln, \$10.53; Sioux City, \$14.81; Mitchell, \$49.31; Sioux Falls, \$28.26; Ft. Dodge, \$48.23; Boone, \$10.22; Des Moines, \$2.80; Columbus, \$32.97. Total: \$197.13.
- Miscellaneous**—R. Cooke, Treas., Portland, \$120.00.  
O. J. PRIGGE, Treas.

### TREASURER'S REPORT COLLECTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

For six months ending December 31, 1930

- Rev. E. J. Scheibert**—Toledo, \$34.82; Mt. Clemens, \$8.51; Saginaw, \$3.72. Total: \$47.05.
- Rev. E. Eichmann**—Salem, \$20.21.
- Rev. Geo. W. Gaertner**—Seattle, \$10.00.
- Rev. C. Schubkegel**—Thelma Skadsmo, \$3.00; St. Charles, \$11.25; Jacksonville, \$4.15; Indianapolis, \$8.91; Louisville, \$13.51; Washington, Mo., \$4.00. Total: \$44.82.
- Rev. F. C. Gade**—Kenosha, \$1.64; Waupaca, \$2.05; Sheboygan, \$25.49; Manitowoc, \$6.20; Merrill, \$9.65; Watertown, \$13.05; Madison, \$6.96; Oshkosh, \$8.40; North Freedom, \$4.78; Milwaukee, \$2.34; Racine, 41c; S. M. Bode, \$1.00; From Pictures, \$10.75; Miscellaneous, 34c. Total: \$94.06.
- Rev. O. C. Schroeder**—Cleveland, \$10.71; Columbus, \$1.01; Finley, \$3.10; Youngstown, \$6.03; Elyria, \$4.18; Erie, \$1.00; Ft. Wayne, \$6.72; Tiffin, \$7.61; Fremont, \$1.08; Painesville, 50c; Station KFUD, \$1.00; Son Jos, Cal., \$1.00; N. N., \$2.00; Rev. Richter, 50c. Total: \$46.44.
- Rev. J. A. C. Beyer**—La Crosse, \$6.10; Winona, \$6.80; Stillwater, \$9.25; Eau Claire, \$8.33; Lake City, \$8.15; Eastman, \$1.00; Dubuque, 70c; Black River Falls, \$3.50; Austin, \$1.95; Mason City, \$3.31; Albert Lee, 55c; Red Wing, \$4.00; Wm. Vogel, \$5.00. Total: \$58.64.
- Rev. J. L. Salvner**—Fergus Falls, \$1.29; New Germany, \$3.00; Watertown, \$24.07; Mankato, \$4.45; Dawson, \$6.55; Faribault, \$1.00; Arlington, \$7.55; Gaylord, \$2.50; Willmar, \$8.22; Aberdeen, \$10.20; Big Stone City, \$11.70; Mrs. E. Riley, \$3.00; Mrs. Hoffman, \$1.00; H. Rosenwinkel, 50c; N. N., \$5.00; Mrs. Reischke, \$5.00. Total: \$95.03.
- Rev. G. H. Ferber**—Los Angeles, \$48.19; Long Beach, \$13.75; San Diego, \$9.90; Alhambra, \$17.59; Santa Barbara, \$9.41; Anaheim, \$3.47; Porterville, \$1.00; Prange, \$8.20. Total: \$111.51.
- Rev. N. E. Borchardt**—Cleveland, \$2.55; Findlay, \$6.71; Columbus, \$3.41. Total: \$12.67.
- Rev. E. Mappes**—Lincoln, \$5.03; Sioux City, \$7.41; Mitchell, \$18.72; Sioux Falls, \$11.47; Ft. Dodge, \$17.88; Boone, \$3.67; Des Moines, 85c; Columbus, \$17.32. Total: \$82.35.
- Rev. A. Boll**—Albany, \$3.05; Schenectady, \$3.05; Binghamton, \$5.45; Terryville, \$5.00. Total: \$16.55.
- Rev. E. C. Baker**—Buffalo, \$16.40; New Castle, \$4.70; Baltimore, \$26.60; Pittsburgh, \$13.50; Johnstown, 50c. Total: \$61.70.
- Rev. A. C. Dahms**—Bradley, \$5.25; Elgin, \$7.70; South Bend, \$11.20; Valparaiso, \$7.00; Miss Miller, \$5.00. Total: \$36.15.
- Rev. Wm. Gielow**—Ft. Wayne, \$53.30; Flint, 70c. Total: \$54.00.
- Miscellaneous**—R. Cooke, Treas., Portland, \$60.00; Jno. Skoglund, Spokane, \$10.00; Rev. Geo. Mathiasen, Marshfield, Ore., \$9.09.
- Rev. A. E. Ferber**—Atchinson, \$7.12; Herrington, \$16.65; Kansas City, \$37.57; Lawrence, \$5.44; Oklahoma City, \$5.04; Saline, \$5.21; St. Joseph, \$5.20; Tulsa, \$2.97; Wichita, \$14.89; Hanover, \$5.76; Joplin, \$9.10; Levensworth, 10c; Emporia, 50c; Springfield, \$4.59; El Paso, \$1.00; Picher, 70c. Total: \$121.84.
- Rev. W. Ferber**—Bismarck, \$2.92; Fargo, \$8.47; Rice Lake, \$5.06; Duluth, \$6.43; Grand Forks, \$4.85; Cloquet, 50c; Devils Lake, \$2.30; Staples, 50c; Winnipeg, \$1.19; International Falls, \$2.85; Lawson, \$1.25; Regina, \$3.25; La Fleche, \$1.85; Brandon, \$1.35; Saskatoon, \$5.60; Calgary, \$1.95; High River, \$3.15. Total: \$53.47. O. J. PRIGGE, Treas.

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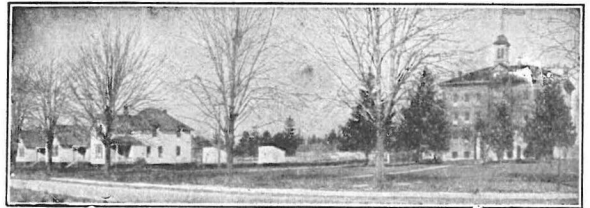
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