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PRAYER



Ascension.

Since Christ has gone to heaven, His home,
I, too, that home one day must share;
And in this hope I overcome
All doubt, all anguish, and despair;
For where the Head is, well we know,
The members He has left below
In time He surely gathers.

From Thy ascension let such grace,
Dear Lord, be ever found in me,
That steadfast faith may guide my ways
With steps unfalt'ring up to Thee
And at Thy voice I may depart
With joy to dwell where Thou, Lord, art.
Lord, hear my supplication.

Pentecost.

Gracious Spirit, Dove divine!
Let Thy light within me shine;
All my guilty fears remove,
Fill me with Thy heavenly love.

Speak Thy pardoning grace to me,
Set the burdened sinner free;
Lead me to the Lamb of God,
Wash me in His precious blood.

Life and peace to me impart;
Seal salvation on my heart;
Dwell Thyself within my breast,
Earnest of eternal rest.

Let me never from Thee stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Fill my soul with joy divine;
Keep me, Lord, forever Thine.

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EDITORIAL.

The Ascension of Our Lord.

The Scriptures tell us that Jesus ascended visibly on high and entered into the glory of His Father, where He now fills all things and at the right hand of the Father governs especially His Church.

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He promised the disciples His abiding presence and delivered to them His great missionary command: "Go ye and teach all nations," Matt. 28, 19. Then, St. Mark tells us, "He was received up into heaven and sat on the right hand of God," Mark 16, 19. Thus the Bible explains to us the events of Ascension Day and their tremendous significance to the sinful world.

We have an ascended, yet ever-present Savior, who continues to bestow additional blessings upon His friends. Sitting at the right hand of God the Father, the Savior is well able to fulfil all the promises of the Gospel and to secure success and victory for all His plans. He fills the hearts of saved sinners with love and enthusiasm for His cause and enables them to go joyfully into all the world to proclaim God's love for sinners. By His Spirit He removes the roots of man's selfishness, so that the Christian no longer is consumed with the hunger of discontent, but willingly denies himself. Even if the believer lives in a hut or suffers upon a bed of pain, he has the comfort of God's love in Christ.

Moreover, our ascended Savior constantly pleads for sinners at the Throne of Justice and reminds the heavenly Father of the full payment He has made for the sins of the world. Christians may therefore face death and Judgment Day fearlessly, knowing that their Advocate is pleading their cause. May we show our gratitude to Him

by abiding loyally by His Word; for thus we are and remain His true disciples, John 8, 31.

O. C. S.

Pentecost.

Pentecost brings to our attention with particular force the gracious work of the Holy Spirit. The power of the Holy Ghost on the first Pentecost of the New Testament Church transformed the timid, apologetic disciples of Jesus into veritable firebrands of enthusiasm and energy for the cause of Christ.

This identical spiritual power of the Holy Ghost operates in a like manner to-day. By nature all men are dead in sins. By their own power they can never come to Jesus. They can only reject God's kind invitation to the Great Supper prepared for starving souls by the merits of Jesus. Through the preaching of the Gospel, however, the Holy Spirit works in the heart of sinful man and by His divine power turns the depraved heart from love of sin to love of God. By the influence of the Holy Ghost therefore the Gospel is a force working for the salvation of man. Through His gracious call the Holy Spirit awakens the spiritually dead man unto spiritual life and gives him power to appropriate unto himself the riches of God's grace.

The preaching of the Gospel for this reason is not merely the proclaiming of empty, formal words; it is the means of grace unto salvation. God tells us that we are to be saved by the foolishness of preaching, 1 Cor. 1, 21. May we therefore give the Church and public preaching its due place. Let us remember that the Holy Spirit is sincerely active, knocking at the heart of every person wherever and whenever the Gospel is preached and taught. May we therefore not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

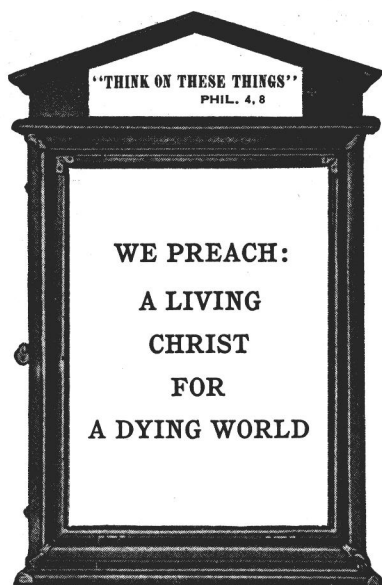
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A Change.

At the request of the men in charge of Synod's affairs the DEAF LUTHERAN is being printed at Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo., beginning with this issue. By this new arrangement the profits of the printing job will be returned to Synod's treasury.

For twenty-two years the Northwestern Publishing House has given us faithful and satisfactory service. We wish to acknowledge this fact with gratitude. May the Northwestern Publishing House continue to serve the cause of Christ in the future as it has in the past!

O. C. S.



Examples Worthy of Emulation.

Pastor W. Ferber, our energetic business manager, recently reminded us that our Deaf-mute Missions receive considerable financial support from hearing subscribers of the DEAF LUTHERAN. For example, last summer a hearing man sent over \$20 for our Mission. Frequently subscribers enclose a dollar or five dollars for the cause of Christ among the deaf when they renew their subscriptions for the DEAF LUTHERAN. The hard times, says Pastor Ferber, do not seem to affect these donations. They are sent as regularly as previously. Among the latest of these contributions are the following: Mrs. E. C. Strauss, \$4.00; O. Duppar, \$5.00; P. Loesche, 50 cts.

O. C. S.

Studies in the Chief Teachings of the Bible and the Catechism.

Christ Ascended into Heaven.

For forty days the risen Savior appeared to His friends and disciples, and then "He led them out as far as to Bethany; and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them and carried up into heaven," Luke 24, 50, 51. A cloud had received Him out of their sight. "And while they looked steadfastly [straight] toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel [clothes], which

also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing [looking] up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven," Acts 1, 10, 11. The disciples saw the Christ, the God-man, go into heaven. Mark tells us that, "after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven and sat on the right hand of God," Mark 16, 19. And Ps. 47, 5 says: "God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet." And it is God made flesh, for John 3, 13 we read: "And no man hath ascended up to heaven but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of Man, which is in heaven." That same Jesus who was born in Bethlehem and died on the cross, our Brother, now has gone up to heaven.

And He went into His heavenly kingdom. He had come into this world of sorrows and humbled Himself and become obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. And all this He did to save a world lost in sin. But now He is risen and is gone up into His heavenly kingdom. There He sits on the right hand of God. He "ascended up far above all heavens that He might fill all things," Eph. 4, 10. He now is in His glory, John 17, 24. He is the Lord in "His heavenly kingdom; to whom be glory forever and ever! Amen," 2 Tim. 4, 18. Friend, let us rejoice in this our risen and ascended Lord. He is gone up with a shout of victory.

And what now? Has He left us alone in this wicked world? Oh, no. Listen to these wonderful promises. This Christ who ascended into heaven is still with us; for in Matt. 18, 20 He says: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." When we meet in the name of Jesus, perhaps for prayer, for worship, for the study of His holy Word, He is with us. Yes, He is always with us. When He was about to go into heaven, He said: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," Matt. 28, 20. Yes, this our victorious Lord is with us always. And if He is with us, who can be against us? How eager that ought to make us in our work for Him!

He is gone up into heaven, and there the holy angels are about His throne, worshiping and praising Him. John writes: "And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts and in the midst of the elders stood a Lamb as it had

been slain," Rev. 5, 6. Yes, there is our glorified Savior, who was slain for us on the cross. And there we shall be with Him, for He said: "Where I am, there shall also My servant be," John 12, 26.

Let us think of this when we confess in our Catechism: "He ascended into heaven," and in the explanation of the Second Article: "that I may live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true." O let us sing:—

He lives, triumphant from the grave,
 He lives eternally to save,
 He lives all-glorious in the sky,
 He lives exalted there on high.
 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring me safely there.

J. L. S.

"With the Bereans."

"They [the Bereans] received the Word with all readiness of mind and searched [studied] the Scriptures [Bible] daily whether those things were so," Acts 17, 11.

"Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee," Ps. 119, 11.

Our entire Christian religion depends on the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. If Jesus had not risen, we would be lost forever. But now Christ did rise, and His resurrection is the sure proof of our salvation. "It is finished." Nothing more need be done to save our souls eternally.

But this most certainly does *not* mean that Christians are now permitted to live and do "as they please"; Christians should now rather live for Him who died for them and rose again. And what does it mean to live for Jesus? Does it not mean to remember at all times our very great debt to Him, to live a really holy life, to try earnestly with His help to please Him, and to do only those things which we know will please Him?

When the apostles came to know the meaning of Christ's death and were sure He had risen again, they rose with Him into a new life; their old selfishness disappeared, their fears left them, sacrifices after that became their joy, they wanted to enlarge and spread His kingdom, and they

showed in their lives Christian virtues, such as kindness, love, mercy, humbleness, and peace.

The following verses are to be studied and remembered during May:—

May 3: "He died for all that 1) they which live should not henceforth 2) live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them and rose again," 2 Cor. 5, 15. 1) so that, in order that. 2) after this.

May 10: "Be ye merciful as your Father also is merciful," Luke 6, 36.

May 17: "Be kindly affectioned 1) one to another with brotherly love," Rom. 12, 10. 1) tenderly loving.

May 24: "All of you be subject 1) one to another and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth 2) the proud and giveth grace to the humble," 1 Pet. 5, 5. 1) serve. 2) is against.

May 31: "Be at peace among yourselves," 1 Thess. 5, 13.

J. A. C. B.

Information of General Interest.

Without some education it is almost entirely impossible for deaf people to learn to know their only Savior Jesus. In America about 175 schools for the deaf offer a good education to any one who may desire it. In China, with about 400,000 deaf people, less than 200 are in the seven schools there, one out of every 2,000!

This fact will mean more to us if we compare these conditions in China with those in our own country. If the same conditions existed here, there would be only about forty deaf children attending any school in the United States. There are, however, about 23,000 deaf children in schools now, and the great majority of the other 57,000 have enjoyed at least a common schooling, many of them a high-school training, and a large number has had a college education in the only college for the deaf in the world, Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C. Since the opening of Mrs. Mills's school in China, in 1887, 194 children have been taught in that school. Not many more than 400 Chinese deaf have had any schooling whatever. But 400,000 deaf actually live in that country!

And what does this mean to us? Does it not mean that there is very much that could and should be done for the deaf in China, especially when we consider that these deaf are cut off entirely from the possibilities of learning about Jesus, also *their* only Savior? Rom. 10, 13—15 St. Paul says: "Whosoever shall call upon the

name of the Lord shall be saved. How, then, shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?"

This means that, if we send a man, he will preach for the deaf in China; the deaf will hear (understand) him. And when they hear him, the Holy Spirit will create faith in the hearts of the deaf. And when they believe in Jesus, they will call upon Him (pray to Him). And every one of those who call upon Him in faith will be saved.

The eternal salvation of the souls of the Chinese deaf is, in a way, in our hands; for saving faith will be kindled in their hearts through the labors of the man or men whom we shall send. On the other hand, if no preacher is sent to them, their souls will be eternally lost. Our American Christians will therefore most certainly give their support also to this cause. Of this we have absolutely no doubt whatever. We have already had the proof of this in the form of contributions for this purpose. Again we herewith acknowledge the receipt of another \$1 from an anonymous donor. The letter was postmarked St. Paul, Minn., on March 21. Hearty thanks to the unknown contributor!

And now, just as we are about to go to press,



Yang Yo-han.

comes a most encouraging letter from the Rev. Dr. F. Brand, Director of Foreign Missions in our Synod, in which he asks us to recommend a man qualified (able) to do the work we have in mind

at Shihnan. This we understand to mean that we can expect a sympathetic hearing before our Foreign Mission Board and that there is hope of favorable action in the matter as soon as the neces-



Liu Ya-ko.

sary preparations can be made. For this additional evidence of God's favor we are humbly thankful.

It is a distinct pleasure to introduce to our readers the two deaf Chinese boys who have drawn our attention to the opportunities among the Chinese deaf. The elder of the two is Yang Yo-han (John Yang), the younger one Liu Ya-ko (Jacob Liu).

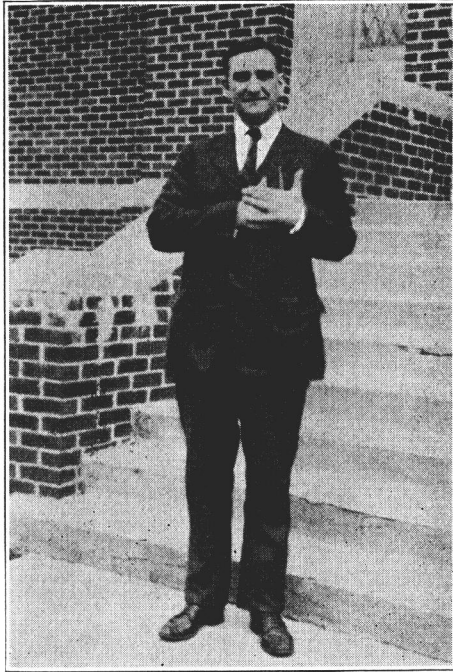
Mr. Yang, whose letter we quoted in part in April, expresses his thanks for our interest in the deaf of China by writing the Chinese "character," or word, for "love" on a special paper and sending it to us. We interpret this to mean that in the name of the deaf of China he is sending "love" to his American friends and fellow-Christians who wish to help them to find God, who is Love.

This simple gift we shall always cherish, and we unite with Missionary Gebhardt of



Shihnan in the hope that the Lord will abundantly bless our efforts in behalf of the deaf of China.

We are presenting to our readers a picture of the "love" sent from China and assure the Chinese deaf of our love by having the Rev. Arthur Boll of



Rev. Arthur Boll.

New York present "love" in the American sign-language.

The Rev. G. W. Gaertner of Seattle, Wash., has been called by our Board for Deaf-mute Missions for the vacancy in Berkeley, Cal., and now has the call under consideration. J. A. C. B.

Bible-Studies for Sundays in May, 1931.

"Go ye and preach the Gospel."

The month of May brings with it Ascension Day, May 14, the day when our risen Lord ascended into heaven, and Pentecost, May 24, when our risen and ascended Lord sent His Holy Spirit upon His disciples, and they then began to speak with other tongues (languages) the wonderful works of God, as the Spirit gave them utterance. His last command to His Church was: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." And on Pentecost Day this Gospel

was preached in many different languages. The Church of Jesus Christ should be a missionary Church. You and I should be missionaries, always seeking the lost and bringing them to Christ. Read these Bible-studies, one for every Sunday, and may the Holy Spirit fill you with love for souls!

Study for Sunday, May 3.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life," John 6, 47.

Bible-Lesson: John 4, 1-10.

"When, therefore, the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (though Jesus Himself baptized not, but His disciples,) He left Judea and departed again into Galilee. And He must needs go through Samaria. Then cometh He to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now, Jacob's Well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with His journey, sat thus on the well; and it was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus saith unto her, Give Me to drink. (For His disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto Him, How is it that Thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God and who it is that saith to thee, Give Me to drink, thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water."

The Pharisees, those proud people, had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, although Jesus Himself baptized not, but His disciples. The Jews did not want Jesus to get so many followers, and therefore they were displeased. They began to hate Him. But Jesus knows all things; He also knew the thoughts of the Pharisees. And therefore He went away into Galilee. To go there He had to pass through the land of Samaria. Here He stopped at the city Sychar, near to the parcel (piece) of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. And here was Jacob's Well. Here He sat down, wearied (tired) from His journey, and it was the sixth hour, at noon. O see Him who knows all things tired and thirsty! He is true man like unto us, only without sin. Yes, He can suffer and die for our sins.

While He sat there, a woman came from the city to draw (get) water from the well. Jesus said to her: "Give Me to drink." He was alone, for His disciples had gone to the city to buy food. The woman was surprised when Jesus, a Jew,

asked her, a Samaritan, for a drink. For the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans; they would not eat and drink with them. But Jesus came to save all people, not only the Jews. He stopped here at the well to win a Samaritan woman and many others for His kingdom. Surely God wants all people to be saved. He came to save also you and me, and therefore He comes to us with His Word of salvation as He came to this woman. Listen to Him as did this woman.

Jesus then spoke to the woman of the gift of God. Of this gift He spoke also to Nicodemus, who had come to Him at night, saying, "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son." But the woman did not know Jesus, and therefore He said: "If thou knewest the gift of God and who it is that saith to thee, Give Me to drink, thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water. You need this living water. Ask for it." And so He comes to you and me in His Word, shows us our need, and offers us living water. Friend, also you need this living water if you want life everlasting. Only Jesus has this living water. Go to Him and trust in Him.

Again read this Bible-lesson and then answer these questions in writing: 1. Jesus Christ, a true man, tired and thirsty! What can He do for us? 2. Why do we need living water, and who alone can give it?

Prayer: Dear Savior, Thou Living Water, our hearts and souls are tired and thirsty from sin. O give us this living water of salvation that we die not in our sins, but have life everlasting. Thou alone canst give it, and therefore we come to Thee. Grant us this for Thy name's sake. Amen.

Study for Sunday, May 10.

"He that believeth on Me shall never thirst,"

John 6, 35.

Bible-Lesson: John 4, 11—19.

"The woman saith unto Him, Sir, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; from whence, then, hast Thou that living water? Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself and his children and his cattle? Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again; but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst, but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. The woman saith unto Him, Sir, give me this water

that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband and come hither. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband; for thou hast had five husbands, and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband. In that saidst thou truly. The woman saith unto Him, Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet."

Jesus had spoken to the Samaritan woman of living water. This she could not understand. It could not be the water in this well, for He had nothing to draw (take out) with, and the well was deep. Therefore she asked Him: "From whence [where] hast Thou that living water? Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well?" And surely Jesus is greater than Jacob. He told the woman that a man who drank this water from Jacob's Well would thirst again, but every one who would drink the water that He gives, would never thirst. Wonderful water! Yes, this water shall give everlasting life, for it shall be in that man a well of water springing (leaping or jumping) up into everlasting life. None of the things in this world can ever satisfy man's soul; they can never give one true peace and rest; but the water that Jesus gives, His Word of salvation, satisfies the soul, gives true peace and rest and everlasting life. Those who drink this water, the true believers, shall never thirst again; but those who will not drink it shall thirst now and forever and never find peace and rest for their souls. Oh, blessed are all those who drink this living water, who believe in this Jesus! Come, drink this living water and live forever.

Indeed, all need this living water. This woman asked for it, but she did not yet understand that Jesus meant living water for the soul. She thought it was water like the water in Jacob's Well, and therefore she asked Him to give her this water, so that she would not become thirsty again and need not come hither (here) to draw water. And therefore He began to speak to her of her sin, saying: "Go, call thy husband and come hither [here]." She told Him that she had no husband. Jesus quickly answered: "Thou hast well [truly] said, I have no husband." And now He told her of her wicked life, that she had had five husbands and that she was now living with a man who was not her husband. She had lived a life of shame. And she does not deny it. She says: "Sir, I perceive [see] that Thou art a

prophet." She intended to say, "Lord, Thou knowest my whole life. Thou knowest all things. Thou art a prophet." Jesus spoke to her about her sin and wanted to show her that she needed the living water of salvation. Friend, also you and I need this living water. Also we have many sins. Jesus knows it all; do not try to hide your sins from Him! Go to Him with all your sins; He has living water, He can wash you clean from sin and give you life everlasting.

Read this Bible-lesson again and then answer these questions in writing: 1. Why is Jesus greater than Jacob? 2. Why should we go to Jesus with our sins?

Prayer: Jesus Christ, Thou Water of Life, Thou alone canst satisfy our soul and give true peace and rest. We come to Thee with our many sins. Thou knowest them all, we cannot hide them from Thee, but Thou hast living water and canst wash us from sin and give us life everlasting. We thank Thee for this living water. Amen.

Study for Sunday, May 17.

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; fear before Him, all the earth," Ps. 96, 9.

Bible-Lesson: John 4, 20—26.

"Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and ye say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe Me, the hour cometh when ye shall neither in this mountain nor yet in Jerusalem worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what. We know what we worship; for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. The woman saith unto Him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ; when He is come, He will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am He."

The woman at the well had learned to know Jesus as a prophet who knew all her sins. Now she wanted to learn more from Him about the true God and true worship. Indeed, when a man has learned to know his sin, he wants forgiveness and peace. He then asks: "Where can I find the true God? How can I obtain mercy and forgiveness?" The woman told Jesus that the Samaritans worshiped in this mountain near which they were standing, while the Jews said that in Jerusalem was the proper place to worship God. "Who is right?" she meant to say. Jesus then told her

that the hour was coming when the true worshipers would worship the Father neither in that mountain nor in Jerusalem. Soon the people would no longer have to go to this or that place to worship God, but could do so in any place. And still there was a difference between the Samaritans and the Jews. The Samaritans worshiped they knew not what, they knew not the true God and His Christ; but the Jews knew the true God; they still had the Word of God, the Old Testament, and the right form of worship, which God had graciously left them because the Savior was to come from the Jews. We must not think that it does not matter how we worship as long as we worship some god. No, we must worship the true God, the God of the Bible, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Again, we must not think that any kind of worship will do as long as we go to church, hurriedly say our prayers, or thoughtlessly read a few verses in the Bible. No; Jesus told this woman that the true worshipers worship the Father in spirit and in truth. In spirit, in heart, we should worship God and in truth. The Father seeks (wants) such worshipers. He does not want such as worship Him only outwardly or falsely. And people must worship Him in spirit and in truth because He is a spirit. Therefore John also writes in 1 John 3, 18: "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth." Come, in true worship turn your hearts and minds to God, the Father of our dear Lord Jesus Christ.

When the woman heard these words of Jesus, she thought of the Christ, the promised King and Savior, and she said: "I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ; when He is come, He will tell us all things." She was now longing for that promised Savior; and Jesus said to her, "I that speak unto thee am He." Thus this woman found the Christ, the Savior. And so, my friend, He that speaks to you and me in the Bible is this Christ and Savior. Have you found Him? He has salvation for you. O trust in Him now and forever!

Read this Bible-lesson again and then answer these questions in writing: 1. When a sinner has learned to know his sin, what will he say? 2. What kind of worshipers does the Father want?

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, Thou art the One who should come to teach us and to save us.

Help that we may learn to know our sin and wickedness and trust in Thee and Thy salvation. And then let us worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Amen.

Study for Sunday, May 24.

"My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved," Rom. 10, 1.

Bible-Lesson: John 4, 27—34.

"And upon this came His disciples and marveled that He talked with the woman; yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest Thou with her? The woman then left her water-pot and went her way into the city and saith to the men, Come, see a man which told me all things that ever I did; is not this the Christ? Then they went out of the city and came unto Him. In the mean while His disciples prayed Him, saying, Master, eat. But He said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought Him aught to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me and to finish His work."

While Jesus spoke with this woman, His disciples came, and they marveled (were surprised) that He talked with the woman; but they asked no questions. The woman now had found the Christ, and full of joy she left her water-pot, hurried into the city, told the people of this wonderful Christ, and asked them to come and see Him. And all left the city with her and came to Christ. Indeed, if a man has found Jesus, he wants to tell others of his great joy and to invite them to come to Him. This woman became a missionary and led other sinners to this only Savior. Have you found this Christ, and are you rejoicing in His salvation? Then go and tell others of your great joy, ask them to read God's precious Word with you, invite them to come to the house of God with you, help to send out more missionaries into all the world, and so lead other sinners to the Savior as did this woman.

While the woman called the people and was bringing them to Christ, the disciples asked Him to eat. But He told them that He had meat (food) of which they knew not. And when the disciples asked one another, "Hath any man brought Him aught [anything] to eat?" He said these wonderful words: "My meat [food] is to do the will [wish] of the Father that sent Me and to finish His work." The Father had sent Him to save sinners, to save souls from sin and death. He had just won this woman for His kingdom,

and she was bringing others to Him. He therefore had no time to eat now; He must do the Father's will and finish His work. That was His meat. And that should be our meat. Jesus wants us to go and win men and women for Him and His kingdom. If we win one soul for Jesus, that ought to make us happier than the best of food and drink can do. That should be our chief work in this world. Come, let us go and bring men and women to Jesus, the only Savior, and through Him to eternal life in heaven.

Read this Bible-lesson again and then answer these questions in writing: 1. What will we do if we have found Christ and His salvation? 2. What was Christ's meat?

Prayer: Kind Savior, Thou didst love me and didst come to save my soul. Thanks and praise be to Thee forever! Now fill also me with love for lost souls, so that it will be my greatest joy to win a poor sinner for Thee and Thy kingdom. Amen.

Study for Sunday, May 31.

"Go quickly and tell it," Matt. 28, 7.

Bible-Lesson: John 4, 35—42.

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor; other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors. — And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on Him for that saying of the woman which testified, He told me all that ever I did. So when the Samaritans were come unto Him, they besought Him that He would tarry with them; and He abode there two days. And many more believed because of His own word and said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying; for we have heard Him ourselves and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

Jesus was in Samaria with His disciples, and the fields were green, and He told them that there were yet four months before the harvest would be gathered in. But He sees another field that is white already to harvest, ready for the reapers. He sees the people coming from the city with that woman; men are ready to come to Him and to accept Him as their Savior. In this country the disciples should work, and they would receive

wages; that is, they should gather fruit (souls) to eternal life, and then both he that sowed, that is, Jesus, who was the first one to preach the Word here, and he that reaped, that is, those who would bring sinners into the kingdom of Christ by their work of preaching the Gospel, would rejoice together. That is joy for Jesus when we work and win poor sinners for Him. He tells His disciples that He sent them to reap whereon they had bestowed (done) no labor (work). Jesus worked here first, and the disciples should take up this work after Him and bring sinners into His kingdom. As one man sows the seed on the farm in spring and another man reaps the grain in fall, so in Christ's kingdom one man preaches and works and wins only a few for Christ, and the one that comes after him wins many for Christ. But the last one could not have gathered in so many souls if the first one had not sown the seed, the Word of God. Come, let us all eagerly work and help to bring lost sinners to Christ and the salvation He has merited for them. We reap where others have sown, and others reap where we have sown; but all work for the salvation of souls and the glory of Jesus.

The woman had testified (shown) to the people that "this man" had told her all about her wicked life, and therefore many believed on Him. O go and speak of Jesus and His saving grace in every place, and many more will believe in our Savior. And now the people came and besought (asked) Him to tarry (stay) with them; and He abode (stayed) there two days and preached to them. And many more believed when they heard Him, and with joy they said to the woman: "We have heard Him ourselves and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world." Do you know Him? Then blessed are you. And then like this woman bring others to your Jesus and let them rejoice with you in your Savior.

Read this Bible-lesson again, answer these questions in writing, and then send all your answers to your pastor: 1. How was it that so many people of that city believed in Jesus? 2. What did they believe about this Jesus?

Prayer: Thanks be to Thee, dear Savior, for Thy heavenly Word, by which Thou hast given us faith in Thee and Thy salvation. Grant that we may always eagerly bring others to Thee and that they then may rejoice with us in Thee, the Savior of the world. Amen.

J. L. S.

Helen Keller.

Though deaf and blind, Helen Keller has found the felicity that comes with patient effort to conquer her limitations.

In the *Home Magazine* she writes:—

"I am not advocating a passive resignation to things as they are, but a cheerful resolve to make the best of them. To imagine a world with no hardships to encounter, no dangers to meet, no obstacles to overcome, is to picture a society wearisome and deadly monotonous. The vital thing is not that we have many talents, but it is the practical use we make of the talents we have."



Helen Keller.

Cut off from most of the world as normal humans know it, she neither folded her hands in resignation nor wrung them in despair, but by proceeding to make the most of what she had, proceeded to a serenity that must be called truly remarkable.

Who wastes his time on idle thoughts of seeming limitations should read the story of Helen Keller. — *Chicago Examiner*.

MISSION NEWS.

Seattle Mission.—Perhaps the readers of the DEAF LUTHERAN have been wondering what has happened to the Pacific Northwest. For almost a year the territory has been increased by the addition of the Vancouver, B. C., field and part of the Spokane field due to the resignation of Rev. C. Frice. It was a busy year and one which brought additional hardships to the West. Rev. E. Eichmann of Portland assisted nobly with the work at Spokane while he was in a run-down condition. An operation for stomach ulcer, from which, by the grace of God, he has fully recovered, disabled him fully three months. Beginning with April, he will gradually take up his work again and do as much as his strength permits.

The first of the year brought us Rev. F. Hischke, who had been assisting in the Minneapolis and St. Paul fields. The new missionary spent two months at Seattle, completing his study of the signs and making final preparations to take over his duties at Spokane. In the five weeks that he assisted us while we made the circuit of Seattle, Spokane, and Portland, he preached fourteen sermons. On March 8 the writer duly installed him, being assisted by Rev. F. Merz, who spoke to the hearing, and Pastors M. Poch and E. Eichmann. The Spokane deaf had all reason to select the hymn "Now Thank We All Our God," which was signed by Mrs. A. Sackville-West, Mrs. J. Moore, and Mrs. E. Chambers. The flock had been without a pastor since October, 1929. Their good-sized chapel had chairs in the aisles, and both the hearing and the deaf enjoyed the sermon of Pastor F. Merz, which was based on Acts 20, 28: "Take heed unto yourselves and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers to feed the Church of God." Spokane has surely deserved a resident pastor. The church attendance here rivals the very best and oldest stations in our Mission, and the contributions of the members rank very high. There has been an influx of deaf into Spokane and vicinity, so that the congregation now numbers eighty souls, and the new pastor will have plenty of work and be at the head of a church which has splendid prospects for the future.

The perfect day at Spokane, however, was marred by the death of the mother of Mrs. J. Skoglund, Mrs. P. Bergerson, who was the first one to befriend the Lutheran missionaries in 1915. It was the Lord who changed the plans of the writer and caused him to leave a day sooner for Spokane together with Rev. Hischke. Thus he could administer the Lord's Supper to Mrs. Bergerson a few hours before the Lord called her unto Himself.

We have also heeded the call of our Synod to branch out and start new missions. It is our opportunity and perhaps the last on the Pacific Coast to place a resident missionary in the Vancouver, British Columbia, territory. Here there were four cities without church services for the deaf until we started one year ago. The writer would rejoice to take up the work there as resident pastor and see the church grow by the preaching of the Word of God. He has been privileged often before to see a thriving mission grow up where there was no Lutheran when he began to preach there. As much as

I should like to continue my activity in the Northwest, it is, sorry to say, coming to an end. Illness in the family—unless God wills otherwise—will oblige us to make this our last winter. The dampness of the climate has for the past two years caused ill health for the writer's wife and youngest son; but we carried on so long because the Lord had need of laborers here, as is seen from this writing. G. W. G.

Chicago Mission.—Mr. Pearce, who was ill one week with the grippe, is out again and back at work.

The snowstorm in early March stopped everything on March 8. Four deaf were at church by 3 o'clock; the fifth man came at 3.15. Of course, Englewood could not have a service that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hayford have been received as members of our congregation.

Employment for the deaf in Chicago is still slow; but some of our members are working more days, for which we thank the Lord. A. C. D.

Cleveland Mission for Deaf and Blind.—When we visited the deaf south of Ohio during the past weeks, we met also a number of resident deaf in Lexington and Frankfort, Ky. At this time they are not receiving any attention by ordained ministers of the Gospel. We hope to greet them again soon. O. C. S.

St. Louis Mission.—At our service on March 29 we had a record attendance, and considering the fact that a number of our members are still without employment, the Lenten offering in this service was also very encouraging. At the close of the service Leo Edward Maaack, son of Mr. Walter Maaack and his wife Louise Christine, *née* Schilling, born January 25, was made a child of God by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Mr. Edwin Maaack and Miss Alma Doerr acted as sponsors.

May this child, being buried with Christ in Holy Baptism, be dead unto sin and made alive unto righteousness and finally, together with his parents and all saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven through Christ, our Lord!

For some time we have been looking around for a location for our prospective parsonage-chapel. On the afternoon of March 22 Mr. Maaack and the undersigned, in a friend's auto, toured a part of the city with this object in view, but so far we have not found a lot at a price within reach of our means. Still we hope that with the help of God and through the benevolence of our fellow-Christians we shall in due time find a suitable location and have a chapel of our own, which is one of the greatest needs of our deaf-mute mission in St. Louis.

We regret to report that Mr. G. Trapp and his wife, owing to the husband's prolonged unemployment, have been obliged to remove from their home in the city, where they had lived for more than twenty years, to 158 Old Military Road in St. Louis County, from where it will be hard for them to reach our present place of worship.

On April 1, before our service in Indianapolis, we administered private Communion to Mr. Julius Stumpf at his home, 3205 S. Meridian St. About two years ago Mr. Stumpf, seventy years of age, was struck down by an automobile and suffered a compound fracture of the

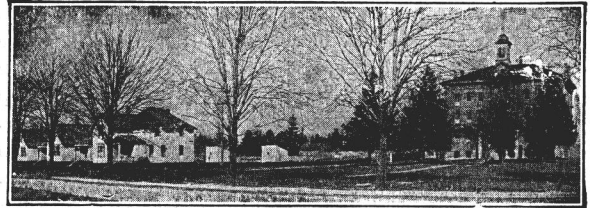
left leg. A few days thereafter the leg had to be amputated. Mr. Stumpf deeply regrets that since that time he has been unable to attend our services in the city. But we are glad to say that in this misfortune Mr. Stumpf finds comfort in the Word of God, believing without doubt that all things work together for good to them that love God. C. SCHUBKEGEL.

Minneapolis Mission. — On Easter Sunday also our deaf in Minneapolis rejoiced in the risen Savior. At 9.30 A. M. 8 oral deaf had come for a service in which they read the message from the pastor's lips. At 10.30 Holy Communion was celebrated, 5 oral deaf and 35 of the others partaking of it. At 11 A. M. the sermon was delivered in signs to 43 deaf. Several ladies signed hymns to the glory of our living Lord Jesus. Also the whole congregation joined the pastor in the signing of hymns. Congregational singing also in our deaf congregations! May the message of the risen Savior bear fruit in the hearts of all unto life everlasting!

In the afternoon we brought the Easter-message to our deaf-blind friend in the Anoka State Hospital, and

on Monday we told Mrs. Jones at the County Home and Miss Marion Olson at the Glen Lake Sanitarium of our victorious Lord and Savior and filled their hearts with Easter cheer and hope.

Easter services will be held with the deaf of the following cities during April: Faribault, Fergus Falls, Mankato, Arlington, Gaylord, Willmar, Watertown, Dawson. May God bless the preaching of His Word also in these cities! J. L. S.



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