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## The Bible.

The Bible reveals the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practise it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here Paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell closed. *Christ is its grand Subject*, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the Judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

The Book, the one Book, the Book of books, the Book of God, the *revelation of God* to man —  
THE BIBLE! — *Sel.*

## God's Testimony to the Bible.

"Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven," Ps. 119, 89.

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the Word of our God shall stand forever," Is. 40, 8.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness," 2 Tim. 3, 16.

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," 2 Pet. 1, 21.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away," Luke 21, 33.

"The Scripture cannot be broken," John 10, 35.

"For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the Word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the Word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe," 1 Thess. 2, 13. — *Sel.*

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### EDITORIAL.

#### Christianity Is the Truth.

Your conscience and common sense tell you that there is a God. Even the devils do not deny God's existence. St. James says in his epistle, chap. 2, 19: "Thou believest that there is one God. Thou doest well; the devils also believe and tremble." Only a fool, God tells us, says in his heart there is no God, Ps. 14, 1. In our universe we see the effects of God's acts, His wisdom and power. Nature does not explain to us God's person and purpose. These mysteries are explained to us in the Bible, God's letter of introduction to man.

The Creator of the universe and the Giver of human life speaks the truth in the Bible. All false religions are fabrications of the human mind. Their deities are man-made. There is no wisdom in them superior to human reason. All false religions, including those of the most intellectual heathen nations, such as the Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans, direct man to salvation through his own efforts. Buddhism, Mohammed, and Confucius also follow this line of reasoning. God's Word, on the contrary, tells man to rely upon the merits of the Savior, Jesus, for salvation. It teaches wisdom above that of the human mind. It gives to the human heart the peace and comfort which all false religions and the material things of this world cannot give; it alone has true consolation to offer to a terror-stricken soul at the time of death.

God furthermore gives the human soul proof for the truth of His promises in the Bible. Proof for the Christian religion we find in the fulfilment of the prophecies.

No one is able to look into the future. God alone knows all things. He predicted future events through His servants, the prophets. He foretold the entire life of our Savior, His virgin birth (Is. 7, 14), His nativity (Gen. 49, 10), His

place of birth (Micah 5, 2), His life and His miracles (Is. 35, 5), the betrayal by a friend (Ps. 41, 9), etc. All these prophecies were fulfilled to the letter in Jesus. Jesus Himself always reminded the people of these prophecies and told them how they were being fulfilled before their eyes. No other religion has such proof that its teachings are the truth.

Jesus lived a holy life and performed wondrous deeds, such as raising the dead, calming the wind and the sea, to prove the truth of His teachings. Others have performed tricks and deluded the public, but Jesus deceived no one. He performed His wondrous deeds by a mere command before thousands of witnesses.

In addition to these proofs, Jesus rose from the dead as He had foretold to His enemies. That fact is the real center of Christianity. Jesus appeared to His disciples on various occasions after His resurrection during the following forty days. He ate with them. He explained His suffering and death to them. Through His resurrection the disciples were convinced of the truth of His doctrines and became brave men, cheerfully facing the ridicule and enmity of their government. The resurrection of Jesus has sufficient witnesses to make it a fact in history.

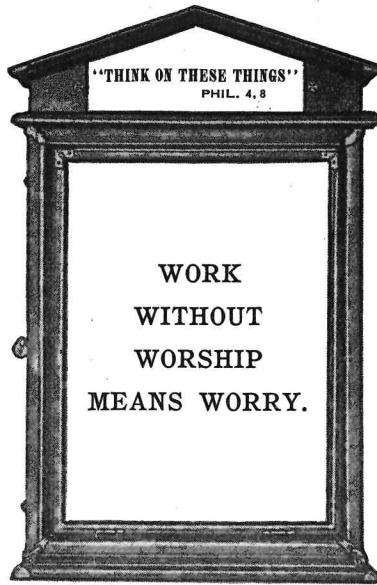
Finally Christianity gives proof of its truth in the experience of individuals and nations. It has brought a civilization unknown before the Christian era. Nations which accepted Christ's teachings were raised to a high level of culture. See the difference to-day between Christian nations such as those in Europe and America and those of heathen lands, for instance, China and India.

The power of Christianity has also been experienced in the lives of individuals. It has given men the power to hate and avoid sin and to love God and their fellow-men. It has brought peace, contentment, and happiness to human hearts. It is therefore the truth, and we ought to accept it.

The above proofs are sufficient to show that Jesus is willing and able to help all sinners. He asks only that you feel your need of Him and by the grace of God receive Him. He is to be found in His Word and Church. Accept Him if you wish to be happy in life and in death. He alone is able to give you joys and treasures that will not pass away.

O. C. S.

"STEWARDSHIP is not optional for the Christian; it is essential."



#### EDITORIAL NOTICE.

By resolution of Ephphatha Conference a complete statistical report of our deaf congregations and mission-stations is to be printed biennially in the DEAF LUTHERAN. We herewith request the members of Ephphatha Conference to send us their statistical report for 1932 on or before February 28. O. C. S.

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

#### Jesus Christ, the One Great Prophet and Teacher unto the End of the World.

Jesus Christ is the Prophet that should come. Moses spoke of His coming. He is come and has taught the world, and He still is the great Prophet whom all the world should hear. And he that will not hear that Prophet shall be destroyed from among the people, Acts 3, 23.

You ask, But did not Jesus ascend into heaven, and does He not sit at the right hand of the Father as Lord over all? Yes, but He still is the Prophet whom we should hear. And how can we hear Him? Some of His last words to His disciples were: "*Ye shall be witnesses unto Me,*" Acts 1, 8. And they went and at all times taught the words of this great Prophet. They brought His Word to Jew and Gentile, to all the world. And they that heard them heard Jesus, for He Himself said: "He that heareth you *heareth Me,* and he that despiseth you despiseth Me," Luke 10, 16.

These disciples of Christ indeed are no more

with us, but the Word of this great Prophet and of His disciples we still have in our dear Bible. And these words His Christians, His Church, should bring to all the world in His name; for, before He went up into heaven, He said: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations . . ., *teaching them* to observe [keep] all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," Matt. 28, 18—20. Therefore the Christian Church to-day still preaches the Word of Jesus, and only His Word, and calls upon all people to listen to this great Prophet Jesus Christ. Oh, come, let also us hear His Word!

And what is that Word that the Church of Jesus Christ still preaches to all the world? Jesus Himself tells us in these word: "*Repentance and remission [forgiveness] of sins should be preached* in His name among all nations," Luke 24, 47. He gave the Church power to forgive and to retain (not to forgive) sins with these words: "Whatsoever ye bind [forgive not] on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose [forgive] on earth shall be loosed in heaven," Matt. 18. And then He also gave the two Sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, to His Church. And in and by these Sacraments the Church, and Jesus Christ through the Church, offers, brings, and seals to the sinner forgiveness of all sins.

The Church does all this through its ministers, whom the same Jesus gives to it. Eph. 4, 10 we read: "And *He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.*" The Church calls these ministers in His name, and therefore Paul writes: "*Jesus Christ has given us the ministry of reconciliation [peace].* Now, then, we are ambassadors [ministers] for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; *we pray you in Christ's stead [place], Be ye reconciled to God,*" that is, Accept this peace through Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 5, 18, 20.

And of this work of the Prophet Jesus through His Church and its ministers our Catechism speaks in the Office of the Keys. It tells us of the power which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of penitent (sorrowful) sinners unto them, but to retain (forgive not) the sins of the impenitent (not sorrowful) as long as they do not repent (turn from sin to God). It also tells us of the ministers of Christ who deal with us according to His divine command. Thus

through His Church and its ministers Christ still is the one great Prophet.

Come, hear this great Prophet Jesus Christ speaking through His Church and His ministers! He has a great message for you, good news of great joy. Especially now, during the Lenten season, we learn of His suffering and death for our sins and hear the call of this Prophet: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," Matt. 11, 28. And "whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission [forgiveness] of sins," Acts 10, 43. Then also rejoice in your baptism, in which Jesus, the great Prophet, has sealed His forgiveness to you. And often come to the Lord's Table for the strengthening of your faith in Him and His forgiveness.

J. L. S.

### Bible-Studies for Sundays in February, 1932.

*"Christ has Given Himself for Us."*

February 10 the blessed Lenten season will begin. Lent leads us to the cross of Jesus and says: Behold the Lamb of God for sinners slain. Every one of us should learn to say: Yes, for *me* and *my* sins. Oh, do you know your sin? Do you know that you daily sin much and deserve nothing but punishment? And do you know that you cannot save yourself from sin and everlasting punishment? If you do, then you will cry out: Oh, I am lost! What must I do to be saved? Oh, come to the cross of Jesus and behold Him whose blood cleanses from all sins! Believe in Him and sing "unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood," Rev. 1, 5. May also the February Bible-studies bring you closer to Him who alone can save!

#### Study for Sunday, February 7.

*"Beware of false prophets [preachers], which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening [hungry] wolves," Matt. 7, 15.*

Bible-Lesson: John 10, 1—10.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calleth his own sheep by name and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him;

for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of strangers. This parable spake Jesus unto them; but they understood not what things they were which He spake unto them. Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the Door of the sheep. All that ever came before Me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not hear them. I am the Door; by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved and shall go in and out and find pasture. The thief cometh not but for to steal and to kill and to destroy; I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Jesus here speaks of His sheepfold, or His Church, and says: "Verily [truly], verily." He wants us to listen to these words. A sheepfold is a place where the shepherds keep their sheep during night. Every fold for the sheep has a door. Now, if a man goes to the sheep, not through the door, but some other way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he that comes through the door is the shepherd, and the porter (doorkeeper) opens the door for him, and the sheep hear his voice. And he calls them by name and leads them out. And when he takes out his sheep, he goes before them and leads them, and they follow him, for they know his voice. If a stranger comes and calls the sheep, they will not follow him, but flee (run away) from him; for they know not the voice of strangers. The shepherd knows his sheep, and the sheep know their shepherd.

This parable Jesus spake, but the disciples and the people did not understand Him, and therefore He explained it to them and to us. The sheepfold is His Church here on earth. The door is Jesus Himself; for He says: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the Door." All who come through the door, that means, all teachers who come to the Christians through Jesus and with His Word, they are the true shepherds or pastors; but they who come not through this Door, who come with their own word and wisdom and not with the Word of the Cross, they are thieves and robbers, that is, false teachers and preachers, as were the Jewish teachers and leaders who came before Jesus and whom the sheep did not hear. True pastors come to Christ's sheep through the Door, that is, they lead people to Jesus and His salvation. False preachers lead people away from Jesus and steal men's souls and destroy them. Beware of false teachers! Many teachers and preachers to-day want to take Jesus and His blood from the Bible. If you are a sheep of Jesus, you will not follow

them who come not with the Word of Salvation by faith in Jesus' blood; but you will follow only them who always point to the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world.

Jesus is the Door to salvation. Therefore they who enter in by Him, that is, they who believe in this Jesus, shall be saved and find pasture (food) for their souls and have life, and have it more abundantly (richly and even more than they need). The thief, the false preacher, comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy. Therefore happy are you if your pastor leads you through the right Door to salvation. And blessed are you if you go through this Door, for then you will be saved and live forever.

Read this Bible-lesson again and answer these questions in writing: 1. Who are the true pastors? 2. What will you do and not do if you are Christ's sheep?

*Prayer:* Lord Jesus, the only Door to salvation, give us pastors who will come to us with the preaching of Thy Cross and help us that we believe in Thee and Thy blood and so be saved and live forever. Amen.

#### Study for First Sunday in Lent, February 14.

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

**Bible-Lesson: John 10, 11—21.**

"I am the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep; but he that is an hireling and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming and leaveth the sheep and fleeth, and the wolf catcheth them and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling and careth not for the sheep. I am the Good Shepherd and know My sheep and am known of Mine. As the Father knoweth Me, even so know I the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one fold and one Shepherd. Therefore doth My Father love Me because I lay down My life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of My Father. There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. And many of them said, He hath a devil and is mad; why hear ye Him? Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?"

To-day, on the first Sunday in Lent, the Lord Jesus comes to us with these words: "I am the

Good Shepherd. The good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep." Let us memorize these words and think upon them every day during the Lenten season.

A good shepherd will not flee (run away) when the wolf comes, but he will stay with the sheep and gladly give up his life for them. A hireling, a hired man who works only for money, will not do this. He is not the shepherd, and the sheep are not his own, and he cares not for the sheep and therefore leaves the sheep and flees when he sees the wolf coming. He cares not for the sheep, but only for himself. Then the wolf comes, catches the sheep, and scatters them. But Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He gave up His life on the cross for us, His sheep, and saved us from that terrible wolf, the devil. Let us thank Him who gave His life for us.

Again, the good shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. So Jesus knows His sheep. He knows all their sorrows and weaknesses and sins. And His sheep know Him. They know His love and kindness and forgiveness. He and His sheep know each other as the Father knows the Son and as the Son knows the Father. He knows the Father's wish, and therefore He laid down His life for you and me. And now we need not die in our sins and be lost forever. Oh, no; the Son gave His life for us, and for His sake the Father forgives us. And He did this not only for His people, the Jews; for He says: "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold" (the Jewish Church). He has sheep among all peoples and nations, and of them He says: "Them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one fold and one Shepherd." Among all nations there are believers in Christ and His Cross, and these are that one fold, or Church, under the one Shepherd. Are you His sheep, my friend? Then come and help to bring more and more sinners to this Good Shepherd, so that they hear His Word and with us believe in His blood and be saved.

And because He laid down His life for His sheep on the cross, the Father loves Him and all that believe in Him. The Father gave Him this commandment. The Father sent Him to do this. And He did it gladly. No man could take His life from Him, but He laid it down of Himself. He had power to lay down His life, and He had power to take it again. Willingly He went into death for us, and then, by His own power, He

rose again from the dead. Oh, trust in this mighty Savior! He can save from death.

When Jesus had spoken these wonderful words, there was a division among them. Again there were two parties. Some said: "He has a devil and is mad [insane]; why hear ye him?" Others said: "These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?" Some believed, some believed not. So, if people during Lent hear the Word of the Cross, there again will be two kinds of people, believers and unbelievers. And they that believe not will die in their sins and go to everlasting punishment; but they that believe in the Cross of Jesus have forgiveness and everlasting life. Oh, come, believe in the Good Shepherd and live for Him who gave His life for you!

Read this Bible-lesson again and answer these questions in writing: 1. How did Jesus show that He is the Good Shepherd? 2. Why need we now not die in our sins and be lost forever?

*Prayer:* Jesus Christ, Thou Good Shepherd, Thou hast loved us and given Thyself for us. Oh, grant that by Thy Holy Spirit we all trust in Thee and Thy blood and so be saved from all our sins, from death, and from the power of the devil. And may we live for Thee and bring others to Thee and Thy Cross for the glory of Thy name! Amen.

### Study for Second Sunday in Lent, February 21.

*"The Son of God loved me and gave Himself for me," Gal. 2, 20.*

**Bible-Lesson: John 10, 22—31.**

"And it was at Jerusalem the Feast of the Dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the Temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round about Him and said unto Him, How long dost Thou make us to doubt? If Thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not; the works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. But ye believe not because ye are not of My sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one."

That Jesus who died on the cross is the promised King, the Son of God, yes, the true God. This we learn from the words of our Lord Jesus to-day.

We see Him in the Temple, the house of God. It was the Feast of Dedication, and it was winter. Therefore Jesus walked in Solomon's Porch, a part of Solomon's Temple that had not been destroyed. And here the Jews came round about Him and said: How long do you make us doubt? If you are the Christ, the promised King, tell us plainly. But He had not made them doubt. He had told them again and again and had done many wonderful works in His Father's name. These words and works showed that He was the promised King and Savior. So to-day people need not be in doubt. They can read His wonderful words and see His many works in the Bible. People have no excuse if they do not believe and are lost.

And why did the Jews, and why do so many now, not believe? Because they are not of His sheep. They do not belong to His sheep. For of His sheep He says: "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." Are you His sheep? His sheep hear His Word. They read it at home and learn it in church. And they follow Him as sheep follow the shepherd. Happy are all the sheep of Jesus. He says: "I know them, and I give unto them eternal [everlasting] life; and they shall never perish [be lost], neither shall any man pluck [take] them out of My hand." Sin, death, and the devil cannot hurt them, for their Shepherd is stronger than all. In His hands they are safe. And His Father gave Him His sheep; but they are still also in the Father's hands. And of His Father He says: "He is greater than all, and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hands." He and His Father therefore are one. They are one in saving and keeping the sheep unto everlasting life. Christ's sheep therefore are sure of their salvation. For their Good Shepherd, who gave His life for them, and the Father, who gave Him the sheep, are one. Oh, that suffering Savior on the cross is one with the Father, the true God! He is mighty to save. Daily go to His cross with your sins and say:—

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to Thy Cross I cling.

Read this Bible-lesson again and answer these questions in writing: 1. How did Jesus show that He was the promised Savior? 2. Why can Christ's sheep be happy?

*Prayer:* Jesus Christ, true man and true God, Thou art mighty to save, and Thy precious blood can wash away all our sins. In Thy hands and

the Father's we are safe now and forever. Thou wilt keep all Thy sheep to life everlasting. All praise to Thee here on earth and there in glory. Amen.

**Study for Third Sunday in Lent, February 28.**

*"Truly, this was the Son of God," Matt. 27, 54.*

**Bible-Lesson: John 10, 32—42.**

"Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from My Father; for which of those works do ye stone Me? The Jews answered Him, saying, For a good work we stone Thee not, but for blasphemy, and because that Thou, being a man, makest Thyself God. Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your Law, I said, Ye are gods? If He called them gods unto whom the Word of God came, and the Scripture cannot be broken, say ye of Him, whom the Father hath sanctified and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest, because I said, I am the Son of God? If I do not the works of My Father, believe Me not. But if I do, though ye believe not Me, believe the works, that ye may know and believe that the Father is in Me and I in Him. Therefore they sought again to take Him; but He escaped out of their hand and went away again beyond Jordan, into the place where John at first baptized, and there He abode. And many resorted unto Him and said, John did no miracle; but all things that John spake of this man were true. And many believed on Him there."

When Jesus had said these words "I and My Father are one," He in plain words said, I am the true God. The Jews also understood Him and therefore took up stones to throw at Him. Jesus answered: "Many good works have I showed you from the Father; for which of these works do ye stone Me?" And they answered Him: "For a good work we stone Thee not, but for blasphemy" (speaking against God). And what was this blasphemy? "Because that Thou, being a man, makest Thyself God." Indeed, Jesus made Himself God when He said, "I and My Father are one." But the Jews would not believe. Also to-day so many will not believe, and say: Jesus is not God, and so they make Him a liar. Friend, that Jesus on the cross, suffering for our sins, is the true God. If He were not God, He could not save from sin. Praise God for this mighty Savior!

Jesus then showed them from their Law that He was not speaking blasphemy. He said to them: "Is it not written in your Law, I said, Ye are gods? If He called them gods unto whom the Word of God came, and the Scripture [Bible] cannot be broken, say ye of Him whom the Father

hath sanctified [separated unto Himself] and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest, because I said, I am the Son of God?" If the Bible, which cannot be broken and is true in all things, calls them gods to whom the Word of God came, it surely is not wrong if He whom the Father separated unto Himself and sent into the world says: I am the Son of God. They did not want to believe that He is God. So in our days many will not believe it. But He is God; for the Bible says so, and the Bible cannot be broken. Every word is true.

And if people will not believe His words, they should at least believe His works. He said: "If I do not the works of My Father, believe Me not. But if I do, though ye believe not Me, believe the works." He did the works of His Father; from this, people may know and believe that the Father was in Him and He in the Father. And now, because He said these words, they again sought (tried) to take Him; but He escaped out of their hands. They could not hold Him. Also to-day many do not believe His works and wish to take this Jesus and His Cross out of this world. But they cannot do it. The work of Jesus will go on, and many will believe on Him, as many did beyond Jordan, in the place where John at first baptized. Jesus went there and abode (stayed) there. And many resorted (came) to Him and believed in Him. Come, let us also go to Him who suffered and died for our sins on the cross and believe in Him!

Read this Bible-lesson again, answer these questions, and then send all your answers to your pastor: 1. Which words of Jesus show that He is true God? 2. What does He say about the Scriptures (Bible)?

*Prayer:* Dear suffering Savior, Thou true God, may we believe Thy Word and Thy works and trust in Thee as our only Savior, who alone canst save us from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil with Thy holy precious blood and Thy innocent suffering and death! Do it for Thy holy name's sake. Amen. J. L. S.

"BLESSED is the man that heareth Me, watching daily at My gates, waiting at the posts of My doors. For whoso findeth Me findeth life and shall obtain favor of the Lord. But he that sinneth against Me wrongeth his own soul; all they that hate Me love death." — *Prov. 8, 34—36.*

## Casting All Your Care upon Him.

O Lord, I would delight in Thee  
And on Thy care depend,  
To Thee in every trouble flee,  
My best, my only Friend.

When all created streams are dried,  
Thy fulness is the same;  
May I with this be satisfied  
And glory in Thy name!

No good in creatures can be found,  
But may be found in Thee;  
I must have all things and abound  
While God is God to me.

Oh, that I had a stronger faith  
To look within the veil,  
To credit what my Savior saith,  
Whose Word can never fail!

He that has made my heaven secure  
Will here all good provide.  
While Christ is rich, can I be poor?  
What can I want beside?

O Lord, I cast my care on Thee;  
I triumph and adore.  
Henceforth my great concern shall be  
To love and please Thee more. — *Sel.*

### NOTICE.

Ephphatha Conference meets, God willing, at Duluth, Minn., from July 22 to 26. Every member keep this date in mind and arrange his duties so that we may come as near as possible to 100-per-cent. attendance. Final notice will be given in the May number of the DEAF LUTHERAN. WM. GIELOW, *Secretary.*

### MISSION NEWS.

**Minneapolis Mission.** — In the last number of the DEAF LUTHERAN we told you of our visit to the bedside of Mr. E. Noeldner, of his confession and His partaking of Holy Communion. The following week, Friday, December 9, he was called to his heavenly home. His trust in the Savior of sinners surely should be of great comfort to his relatives and friends and fill them with a blessed hope. We were not able to go there and conduct the funeral, but we shall have a memorial service at our next visit to Watertown.

The young people's society of Trinity Lutheran Church, Faribault, gave a Christmas party for the children who attend our classes at the School for the Deaf. We had prepared a program, in which our boys and girls gave recitations and answered the questions put to them by the pastor. It was a program that dwelt especially upon the birth of our Savior, born to save us from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil. Thus we sang the praises of the Child of Bethlehem. After the program, games were played

until it was time for supper. After supper we again joined in playing games. Before the deaf were taken back to school, candy and pop-corn were served. The young people also had a gift for every one, a New Testament for the members of the Bible class and of the confirmation class and a prayer-book for the others. Our boys and girls enjoyed it and tendered a vote of thanks to the young people of Trinity. Also we thank Pastor Peters and his young people for the interest they are showing in our work. May God bless you for it!

On the evening of December 27 a Christmas program was given by our oral Sunday-school class and the children of our deaf members. The members of our oral class expressed their joy in the Savior born for all by word of mouth, and the hearing children of our deaf members did it in signs. Several hymns were sung by the congregation, led by Mr. Erxleben, principal of Immanuel School, at the organ. Mr. Hoyer, teacher of the lower grades of the same school, sang several Christmas hymns for us, which were rendered in signs by Pastor Beyer, our St. Paul missionary. It surely brought joy both to the parents of our Sunday-school children to hear their children and to the deaf to see their children tell of the Child of Bethlehem born for sinners. Each of the children received a gift and fruit and candy from the congregation. We had a very good attendance, our chapel being hardly large enough for the many who came. The collection amounted to \$12.47.

January 3 it was a year that Mrs. Dane, a former member of Grace Congregation, was buried. It therefore was very appropriate when, on Sunday, January 3, the two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Dane, Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Morey, presented a large Bible to our congregation in memory of their parents. The inscription reads: In memory of our parents, Lee P. and Florence A. Dane — Pearl and Rena. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dane were confirmed in Minneapolis in 1908 and always were very active in church-work. Mr. Dane was president of our congregation and Mrs. Dane of our ladies' aid. Mr. Dane died in 1925 and Mrs. Dane in 1931. Most heartily we thank Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Morey for the beautiful Bible. This is the second memorial in our church. Several years ago Mrs. Fels gave one of the candlesticks on our altar in memory of her husband, Mr. C. Fels, who also always was an active worker in our church. J. L. S.

**St. Paul Mission.** — Reviewing the last months of the past year we find several items of interest to our readers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Smith of Colfax, Wis., became communicant members of our Church by the rite of confirmation in Redeemer Church, Eau Claire, Rev. H. Juneau, pastor.

In La Crosse, Wis., Mrs. Ralph Doane was baptized and Mr. Ruben Lange was confirmed in Immanuel Church, Rev. J. W. Bergholz, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Anderson made a good confession before many witnesses in St. John's Church, Austin, Minn., and both were publicly baptized.

May God keep these members true to their confirmation and baptismal vow to their blessed end!



After failing in health for several years, Mr. Scott Ensign of Eau Claire passed away and was given Christian burial by Pastor J. L. Salvner, in the absence of the St. Paul missionary.

At Beverly, Alberta, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Strasser was baptized in Calvary Chapel.

Mr. Rudolph Peterson of Albert Lea and Miss Helen Sterk of St. Paul were united in marriage in St. Paul. Mr. Arthur Peterson of Albert Lea and Miss Thelma Stock of Mason City, Iowa, were married in the home of the bride.

During the late summer and fall months a large number of calls were made upon members of the St. Paul League for the Hard of Hearing. The League numbers about ninety members, some of whom are as sheep without a shepherd. We are in hopes that ways and means can be found to provide also this group with the comfort, support, and strength of the soul-saving Word of God. Our plan is to use a special hearing aid, similar to the radio already installed in the league rooms in the Astoria Building.

Another door of opportunity is open to us in the St. Paul Day-school for the Deaf, where several deaf children are anxious for religious instruction.

Christmas is usually a day of great joy in the home, particularly where there are small children. The last Christmas, however, was a day filled with great sorrow in the Capper home at Black River Falls, Wis. On December 23 a passenger-train struck Mr. John Capper while he was on his way back to work after the noon meal with his family, and he died within a few minutes. Burial took place on December 26. To the grief-stricken wife and four small children we offer our sincerest sympathy. By the mouth of David, God says: "I have been young and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous [true Christian] forsaken nor his seed [children] begging bread," Ps. 37, 25. And may each of us daily remember:—

Who knows how near my end may be!  
Time speeds away, and death comes on;  
How swiftly, ah, how suddenly,  
May death be here and life be gone!  
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray  
Thy peace may bless my dying day.

On Monday, January 4, Mrs. Julia Axling of St. Paul died and was buried on the 6th. Mrs. Axling was not a member of the Lutheran Church; but we confidently hope that the Word of God which she heard repeatedly in Calvary Chapel awakened in her heart a lively faith and trust in Jesus, her only Savior, and that thus she is eternally with the saved in heaven. J. A. C. B.

**Seattle Mission.**—We are now all settled in our fine new home here in beautiful Seattle, and we have fallen deeply in love with our new city and the country around. Work is now going on as before at all stations.

At Bellingham we had the great joy and surprise to get a class of seven for instruction for confirmation. We expected to have one young lady, and, lo and behold, when we were ready to begin our instructions, there came six more. May the Lord of the harvest grant them his blessing and make and keep them true followers of the Savior!

In Vancouver, B. C., the doors are wide open, and we have sent some of our Small Catechisms there to friends who requested them. By God's grace we shall soon have a fine large class there also. At the present time we have no confirmed members in Vancouver. Truly a rich harvest awaits the gleaner there.

The attendance at all stations here is very encouraging, and this, since we are new in the work, fills us with great joy and spurs us on to become more efficient in signs. As we work here, we realize how great a help our good friend Miss Tillie Dohrman of Great Bend, Kans., was to us in teaching as she did. Much credit is due to Miss Dohrman for her interest in our work among the deaf. Many of our deaf friends here know her and admire her.

Seattle is still feeling the hard times that have our nation in their grip. Many people are without work, and some have been so for more than a year. How great



Mrs. Emily Eaton and Her Friend Elsa Lauterbach,  
both of Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. Eaton is an enthusiastic reader of our *Herald* in Moon type, having learned the system through the efforts of her former pastor, Rev. Geo. Gaertner, now of Oakland, Cal. She is deaf and blind.

will be the joy of our deaf here when better times are here once more!

Tuesday evening, December 1, the Lord again brought home to us the truth that He has given His angels charge over us. While the congregation was having its meeting, one of our members on his way here was hit by a car. When Mr. Garrison opened his eyes again, he found himself in the city hospital. Due to the angels' guarding care his injuries were light, and he will soon be able to go back to his work. We, together with his family and friends, thank God for his kindness and mercy.

W. A. W.

**Chicago Mission.**—The election of officers for 1932 resulted as follows:—

*Our Savior Congregation:* President, C. Leise; Vice-President, W. Smith; Secretary, C. T. Hayman; Treasurer, Wm. C. Pearce; Deacons, E. Weinrich, C. Heyer, H. Retzlaff; Trustees, H. Morisse, H. Kraft, W. Michaelson; Auditing Committee, J. Bauer, W. Summerfield.

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Vice-President, Miss A. Summerfield; Secretary, Mrs. John Anderson; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Weinrich; Visiting Committee, Mrs. Pahl, Mrs. Schwarz; Buying Committee, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Schwenicke.

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The congregation and societies extend hearty thanks to those men and women who served as officers in the old year of 1931. We wish success to the new officers for 1932 and hope they will all attend to their duties promptly and faithfully and find much joy in their work.

Every member of the congregation and of the societies is urged to cooperate and help in the new year. Do not expect the officers to do everything alone; do not sit back and criticize the officers for what they do. We want you to help, not to hinder our work. A. C. D.

**Mission for the Blind and Deaf.** — At this writing we have eighty-seven Moon-type readers on our list in Chicago and suburbs. God grant that we may be of real service to them for time and eternity. O. C. S.

**St. Louis Mission.** — Pastor Schubkegel's many friends will be glad to learn that he is now on the road to recovery. The final operation was performed November 21, and his abdominal tumor has been successfully removed. On advice of his physician, Pastor Schubkegel returned home. While he is still quite weak, there is every indication that he will soon regain his former strength and health. We join Pastor Schubkegel's many friends in wishing him God's grace and blessing in his days of trial and affliction. O. C. S.

**Central California Mission.** — We are able to close the last three months of the year with good news for the supporters of our mission. These three months witnessed many changes in the Bay District, particularly in attendance at church services. The high percentage of 30 deaf at Berkeley and 30 at Oakland and 28 at San Francisco has continued, and San Jose never dropped below 22. At the State School we have four pupils under instruction two hours a week. Miss C. Crawford donated the necessary window shades at the Berkeley hall, without which the sun glare caused bad vision. Mr. and Mrs. G. Fenton presented two choir gowns. Mr. J. Goodrich presented us with the first ingenious and practical lectern. Mr. A. Patterson has volunteered his experience in the printing line, and others have eagerly come forward to render hymns at short notice. Christmas the deaf enjoyed their first real Christmas service. The combined missions of Berkeley and Oakland celebrated at Oakland, at 8 p. m. 92 deaf were present, 16 children and 12 hearing visitors. Hymns were signed by Mr. and Mrs. A. Patterson, Mrs. W. West, and Mrs. L. Conway. Mr. Goodrich led the responses, and Mrs. Spieler the *Gloria Patri*. This service pleased the deaf so greatly that the general wish was expressed that it might long ago have been so arranged in their midst.

Mrs. J. Lehman, a deaf-blind, rapidly learned the Moon system, enjoyed her first copy of the *Lutheran Herald*, and has now requested instruction to become one of the Lord's Church.

A pleasant surprise awaited the missionary one evening. Calling on a Mr. J. Bartholomae, he found that this man, educated in Scotland, could not understand the American signs. However, the missionary's experience in Canada made him feel right at home with Mr. Bartholomae, and conversation proceeded as though two old friends had met. Now the gentleman is delving in Long's *Manual of Signs* and will in a short time be able to take instructions.

At San Francisco the missionary performed the marriage of Mr. J. Doerfert and Miss E. Anderson in the home of the bride's parents. Both are Lutherans by parentage. At San Francisco we find Lutheran deaf on every trip we make. Mrs. R. Floyd and Mr. and Mrs. G. Bucking were located some time ago.

At San Jose we are being nobly assisted in our work by Mr. and Mrs. N. Kibby and Mr. and Mrs. J. Washburn. The latter has located two deaf Japanese and has brought them to services. Although they do not readily understand our signs, they come, and the Washburns are instructing these people in the use of the sign-language. With such delightful news we are closing the old year in the region of the Golden Gate. G. W. G.

**Texas Mission.** — The work among the deaf in Texas was officially begun on November 29, 1931. On the evening of that day the newly called missionary was ordained by the Rev. G. H. Biar, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The Rev. E. A. Heckmann preached the sermon, based on 2 Cor. 5, 18—21, to a large audience. The Rev. A. E. Ferber, missionary to the deaf in Kansas City, interpreted the entire service for the benefit of the deaf who had been invited. To the delight of the newly called missionary the majority of the deaf of Waco were present for this unique service, in spite of the unfavorable weather.

Since that day the undersigned has been active in establishing contact with the deaf in the larger centers of population of the State of Texas. Since this is virgin soil as far as our work is concerned, progress is naturally slow in the beginning. However, with the cooperative response of the deaf and the assistance of our pastors, the work is progressing steadily.

On December 6 the missionary preached his inaugural sermon, based on 1 Cor. 2, 2, to the local deaf. The following Sunday he conducted services in Oklahoma City.

In the afternoon of December 20 a joint Christmas service was conducted in Trinity Lutheran Church, Houston, Tex. The Rev. J. W. Behnken delivered the sermon, based on Luke 2, 10, 11. The entire service was rendered in signs by the missionary for the benefit of the twenty-six deaf who were present.

The birthday of our Savior was fittingly observed by the deaf of Waco on the evening of December 25 in St. Mark's Lutheran Church. After the opening hymn the Christmas story, according to Luke 2 and Matt. 2, was read in four parts by the missionary. After each part followed the "singing" of Christmas songs in signs by several deaf. The address was based on 2 Cor. 9, 15: "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift!"

The first service for the deaf of Fort Worth, Tex., was to be conducted in the Lutheran church (the Rev. W.

C. Geisler, pastor) on December 27. However, the local pastor found it necessary to postpone the service to a later date.

A social gathering for the deaf was arranged by the missionary and his wife in St. Mark's Annex on the evening of December 29. On that occasion the missionary announced a series of lectures covering the chief doctrines of the Bible, to be given every Tuesday evening. Another service was conducted in St. Mark's Annex on the evening of January 3.

On another page of this issue will appear a tentative schedule of services of the Texas Mission.

May the Lord's work among the deaf in the new Texas field and in all the other missions redound to the salvation of many souls, redeemed by the blood of our Savior Jesus Christ!

M. E. MUELLER.

**Omaha Mission.** — The following officers of the Omaha ladies' aid society were elected to serve in the new year: President, Mrs. E. Rodda; Vice-President, Mrs. C. Macek; Secretary, Mrs. Minnie Spraktis; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Mappes; Sick-calls Committee, Mrs. R. E. Dobson and Mrs. Fred Anthony.

Another lecture was given at Howell, Nebr., on November 29. The collection, amounting to \$10.36, was given to our chapel fund. A check of \$10 was received from the ladies' aid society of Rev. Kreutz's church at Odebolt, Iowa, and a check of \$25.50 from the congregation at Ireton, Iowa. We thank these kind donors to our Omaha chapel fund.

On December 20 our Omaha congregation was invited by Cross Church to worship with them. The entire service was interpreted in signs for the deaf. Rev. Rohlfing, pastor of Cross Church, preached a very inspiring sermon. A collection taken at the door after the service, amounting to \$32.84, was turned over to our chapel fund. We herewith extend our sincere thanks to Cross Congregation for this invitation.

The following weddings took place during December: On December 19 Mr. George Hagen of Ames, Iowa, and Miss Mary Lindner of Fort Dodge, Iowa, were united in marriage at the parsonage. On December 26 Mr. Ernest Trulin of Boone, Iowa, and Miss Frances Hall of Boxholm, Iowa, were married in Omaha. On December 30 Mr. Edward Engel of Friend, Nebr., and Miss Minnie Rentschler of Deshler, Nebr., were united in holy wedlock at the Engel home, near Friend. We extend to these couples our best wishes; may God richly bless them in their married life!

E. MAPPES.

**Cleveland Mission.** — For seven months it has been the privilege of the Cleveland missionary to serve the deaf of Pittsburgh. During this time Mr. Clifford Davis was confirmed, and Jane Lockwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lockwood, was baptized. Some time ago our friends of this city expressed the wish that two services be conducted there every month. And because this could not be done, they were ready to do the next best thing. They eagerly accepted the opportunity of having a reading-service. Mr. Fritzges consented to read the sermon sent to him by the pastor. May the Lord bless them in this undertaking!

Since last September we have been editing a little

mission-paper. This contains a pastoral letter, doctrines of the Lutheran Church, mission news from all our stations, attendance record of the preceding month, and the schedule of services. Mr. A. E. Anderson is so kind as to have this printed for us at the School for the Deaf in Columbus.

On November 22 Mary Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Anderson, was baptized. This baptism was performed in the presence of the congregation of Rev. O. F. Stolzenburg in Columbus.

A Bible class has been organized in Cleveland. The members of last year's confirmation class are the only ones who attend this class regularly. At the present time three persons are receiving instructions preparatory to confirmation.

N. E. B.

**Kansas City Mission.** — Sunday, November 29, was a significant day for our prospective mission to the deaf of Texas and the Southwest. On that day Rev. Martin Mueller was installed as missionary of the Lutheran Church in that territory. The installation took place in St. Mark's Lutheran Church at Waco, Tex. Rev. E. A. Heckmann, Vice-President of the Texas District, preached a very inspiring sermon on the text 2 Cor. 5, 19, 20. Rev. G. H. Biar of Waco performed the installation ceremony. The entire service was interpreted by the Kansas City missionary. Although the weather was very unpleasant, fifteen deaf friends and a large number of speaking people attended the service.

During the few months that we were privileged to have Rev. and Mrs. Mueller in our midst in Kansas City all who met them have learned to know them as sincere friends of the deaf. Any friends of Texas who may read these lines may rest assured that the new Lutheran missionary will do everything in his power to preach the Gospel in the sign language, "that he might by all means save some," 1 Cor. 9, 22.

Up to the time of this writing the information has not reached us where the Texas headquarters will eventually be established. For the present time Rev. Mueller lives at 2121 Washington, Waco, Tex. It is possible that Rev. Mueller will preach at Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco, Wichita Falls, and Vernon, Tex.

Our Lutheran Bible class at the School for the Deaf at Fulton, Mo., consists of the following pupils: Dorothy Doedli, Agnes Renne, P. Blumhorst, Gladys Kreisel, and Wesley Jones. At Olathe, Kans. (State school), Leah Bender and M. Peimann are members of the class. Lorine Meyer also, who formerly attended our Lutheran school at Detroit, always is present. Lorine was confirmed at Aliceville, Kans., last summer.

The shocking news has just reached us that Mr. Maynard Hyler of Joplin, Mo., was injured fatally when a motorcycle recently hit him. Mr. Hyler was one of our best friends at Joplin. He attended services faithfully. We extend our sympathy to sorrowing relatives.

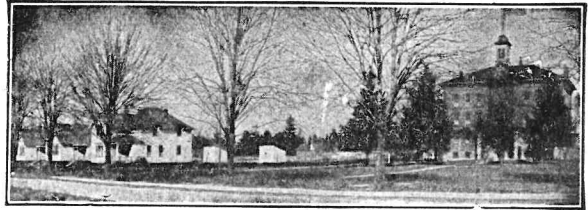
Married: Mr. George Revers of Elk City, Okla., and Miss Mary Diehl of Bethany, Okla.; Mr. Edward Haefner and Miss D. Keele of Lincolnville, Kans. Congratulations!

Our Kansas City congregation suffered the loss of

two good members recently when Mr. and Mrs. D. Haas moved to Atchison, Kans., with the firm by which Mr. Haas is employed. Thus we now have six members at Atchison.

On Friday, December 18, Mrs. Bessie Albrecht of Woodbine, Kans., became a member of our Lutheran Church. Mrs. Albrecht did very fine work while taking instructions. We hope that she and all our members will continue to study God's Word in 1932 and "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," 2 Pet. 3, 18.

A. E. FERBER.



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