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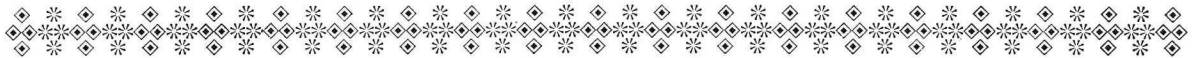
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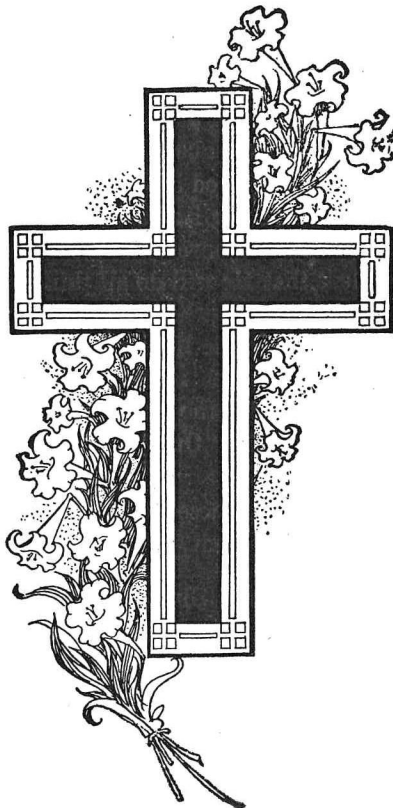
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H E I S R I S E N !



Easter Hymn.

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead,
He lives, my ever-living Head.

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 to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above,
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply,
He lives to guide me with His eye,
He lives to hear my soul's complaint,
He lives to comfort me when faint.

He lives to silence all my fears,
He lives to wipe away my tears,
He lives to calm my troubled heart,
He lives all blessing to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend,
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

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.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
O the sweet joy this sentence gives,
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

SAMUEL MEDLEY, 1775.



EDITORIAL.

The Risen Savior.

Easter may be called the springtime of the soul. Back of spring lie the cold, cheerless days of winter. Back of the resurrection lies the sorrow of Calvary and the cross. Spring touches the earth with her magic power. Even so the Easter-message moved the hearts of the early Christians. The sad followers of a seemingly defeated Leader passed through the Easter joys and became cheerful servants of their risen Lord.

The power of the Easter-message works in us also. We are sometimes discouraged, but not unto despair. We rise with Christ from defeat to victory. While we face death, we still have hope; for Christ's triumph over death is proof of His victory over sin and hell. St. Paul tells us: Jesus, our Lord, "was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification," Rom. 4, 25. He is in truth the Son of the living God and the promised Savior of a sin-cursed world. His empty grave brings to us freedom from the fear of death and gives us the promise of everlasting life.

Death to the Christian is merely the door through which he enters into a better and fuller, yea, the perfect life. Jesus has broken the chains of darkness and invites us through the Gospel to join Him in His success and victory. He lives to rule over us and to bless us forever. That was the object of His coming into this world. May we ever bless His holy name and rejoice over His work of making us heirs of heaven! O. C. S.

Studies in Luther's Catechism.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.

"Thou shalt have no other gods before Me."

What Does This Mean?

We should have no other gods before the true God, the Triune (Three-in-one) God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Now, what does that mean? Our Catechism answers: "We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things." Let us study these words.

"Fear God above All Things."

This does not mean that we should fear God as Adam and Eve did when they tried to hide themselves before God after they had sinned. That is the fear of the criminal. No; we should fear Him

as a dear child honors and fears its dear father. A dear child will be careful not to hurt father or mother. So we should fear to sin against our dear heavenly Father, who sees all things. This we can learn of young Joseph, Gen. 39. He was a servant in the house of Potiphar. This man's wife tempted young Joseph to a life of sin and shame; but he answered: "How, then, can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" And we should fear God above all things, as did the three men who were cast into the fiery furnace, Dan. 3. When the king commanded them to worship a false god, they answered: "We will not worship the golden image." Friend, have we this fear of God at all times?

"Love God above All Things."

It is He who made us and gives us all that we need to support this body and life; who also gave us His only Son and let Him die for us; and who also gives His Holy Spirit to bring us to Christ and everlasting life, — it is this Triune God whom we ought to love above all things. For Him we should gladly give up everything, as Abraham did, Gen. 22, who was ready to offer his beloved son, his only son Isaac, as a sacrifice unto his God. Friend, have we always this love of God in our hearts?

"Trust in God above All Things."

If we believe that God has shown such unspeakable love to us, we shall also trust in Him, give ourselves and all we have into His hands, being fully confident that He will do all things well. We shall then not worry, but believe that He who feeds the birds and clothes the lilies will surely feed and clothe us, who are much more than the birds and the lilies. This trust the three men in the fiery furnace had, saying, "Our God is able to deliver us." Friend, have we this firm trust in our heavenly Father in these times of trouble, unemployment, and suffering?

Take Your Sins to Jesus.

Oh, every one must confess: "I have not this fear and love and trust in God." Let us look to the cross. There is One who had this perfect fear and love and trust in God and who fulfilled this commandment for us and then also paid for our sins with His blood. And it is a payment in full, for "He is risen." May this urge us to fear Him, to love Him, and to trust in Him more than we have done in the past. May God grant it!

J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE.

Bible-Study for April.

"I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me,"

Ps. 23, 4.

Bible-Lesson: Mark 4, 35—41.

"And the same day, when the even was come, He saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took Him even as He was in the ship. And there were also with Him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And He was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow. And they awake Him and say unto Him, Master, carest Thou not that we perish? And He arose and rebuked the wind and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And He said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly and said one to another, What manner of man is this that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

In the evening of the same day on which Jesus had spoken the many parables, He and His disciples entered a ship to cross over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Tired and weary from the day's work, Jesus had lain down in the hinder (back) part of the ship to get some necessary rest and sleep. Suddenly a violent storm arose, against which the disciples were helpless. The waves dashed against the ship and rose so high that the ship filled with water, threatening to sink it at any moment.

And during this violent storm Jesus is asleep. But this sleeping Jesus, the true man, is at the same time the true God. He is the Lord of wind and waves. The disciples seem to have forgotten this and consequently were filled with fear. They should have known that, as long as Jesus was in the ship with them, no harm could come to them. But they saw only the great waves breaking over their ship, they saw the great danger, and did not see the great power of Jesus. In their fear they cried to Jesus, "Master, carest Thou not that we perish" (die)?

In this great danger their faith had become weak, and their weak faith caused them to be afraid. But see how Jesus took them to task for their fear and lack of faith. "Why are ye so fearful [afraid]? How is it that ye have no faith?" He said. Though He had to reprove them for their weak faith, He did not forsake them. In a most wonderful way He delivered them. He arose and rebuked (commanded) the wind and

said to the sea, "Peace, be still." And instantly the wind ceased (stopped), and there was a great calm (quiet).

And the disciples? In great fear and astonishment at this miracle they said, "What manner of man is this that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

And we? When troubles and dark days come upon us, are we not often like the disciples fearful and weak of faith? Do we not often forget that this same Lord whom the wind and the sea obeyed is with us to-day? Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith? Jesus must often say to us. Let us learn to-day to trust His promise: "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me."

Prayer: Lord Jesus, when trials and afflictions come upon us, we often fear and grow weak in faith. O help us that we perish not, but strengthen our faith in Thee, our almighty Helper, in every need. Amen. _____ E. EN.

Why He Fell.

You have heard of the little boy who was asked by his mother why he fell out of bed. "Guess, Mama, it's 'cause I stay too close to the gettin'-in place." We need to move forward in our Christian life if we want to keep from falling.

IN THE MORNING MAIL.

Duluth-Superior Field.—The Winnipeg class has grown until it now numbers 37 pupils.

The Bemidji-Ebro-Lengby deaf enjoyed a combined service in Bemidji last fall. Both Mr. Henry Flaskerud and Rev. Paul Seltz of Bemidji furnished automobile transportation to the Ebro-Lengby deaf. If more people would offer such transportation, many more deaf could come to our services.

In Duluth and Superior a new arrangement has been made. Instead of having the deaf of one town come across the bay for services, we have now arranged for services in both towns on the same day, thus enabling deaf who are not able to come across the bridge to come to services more regularly. We hope that this arrangement will show an improved attendance.

During the year 1934 more deaf have attended services in this field than in any previous year. So God has been with us also during this time of hardships and is furthering the cause of Christ in this field. W. F.

Chicago Mission.—Mrs. W. Smith passed away Sunday, February 3, at the age of 52 years, 4 months, and 8 days. She was a member of our church since 1905 and was very active in the ladies' aid society. We missed her during the last three years. Her illness kept her from church; but we are glad to know she is re-

lieved from all suffering and sorrow at last to be at home with her Savior in heaven. The funeral was held Tuesday, February 5. We extend our sympathy to the husband and son in their bereavement. A. C. D.

The Spokane Field in 1934.—The Lord has richly blessed our feeble efforts and granted us a bounteous harvest in our work in the Spokane field. Twenty-seven souls were received into membership through Baptism and confirmation, two in Yakima, Wash., four in Spokane, Wash., six in Missoula, Mont., and the remaining fifteen in Boulder, Mont. (State school).

On June 3 six adult deaf in Missoula, Mont., were received into the Church through confirmation after having studied the Catechism for three years. They are the following: Archie Randles, Glenn Preston, Lee Olbu, Edward Sparks, Rose Shoemaker, and Wm. Schumaker. They all received their first Communion on that same day. Lee Olbu was also baptized.

On July 8 the following were confirmed in Spokane: Ruby Winchell, Beulah Waske, Frank Lobough, Chas. Howell.

On January 7 John Anderson was confirmed in Yakima, Wash., and on November 18 Doris Whitson received Holy Baptism.

May the good and gracious Lord, who led these His sheep into His fold, also give to each one of them strength and courage to keep the promise which they have made!

F. H. HISCHKE.

Minneapolis Mission.—Five adults are being instructed in the precious truth of our Bible and Catechism: two in Minneapolis, two in Hopkins, and one in North Dakota, the last one by correspondence. Do you know the chief teachings of the Word of God? Go to the pastor and with him study the Word of Life and Salvation. This Word will save your soul. It will give you true peace of heart in this world of trouble and everlasting peace in glory. Study it, yes, study it! It is better than gold, yea, than much fine gold. See Ps. 19, 10.

J. L. S.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—The following is one of many letters which we have received in the past few weeks from readers of the *Lutheran Herald for the Blind*, Moon type:—

"MY DEAR FRIEND AND BROTHER IN CHRIST: Greetings in His name! Please accept my sincere thanks for the *Herald* in Moon which I have received since August, 1934, and which has been such a comfort to me, especially the February number, which arrived during quite a severe sickness. Oh, how it does seem that God must have spoken to my heart during those hours of affliction, that is, through the very spiritual articles contained therein! Yes, evidently these appropriate selections were a real godsend, coming at a time when I needed encouragement and help. I have not fully recovered as yet; but let me say that I feel a fervent desire to serve my Lord in a better way than ever before should I gain sufficient health and strength. I am an ordained minister of the Gospel and have traveled extensively and carried the messages of life to people in many places, wonderfully led and blessed of God.

"May God's choicest blessings be yours, and may you be led by the Spirit in all your work!

"Yours in the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
R. E. B."

Our deaf friends in Chattanooga and in the entire Southeast gave us a hearty welcome in the past month and again expressed the sincere wish for more frequent meetings.

While in Chattanooga, we engaged in a conversation with a blind musician on the streets of that city. The sightless man complained of loneliness and expressed the desire for reading-material. His address has now been placed on our mailing-list for Lutheran embossed literature.

O. C. S.

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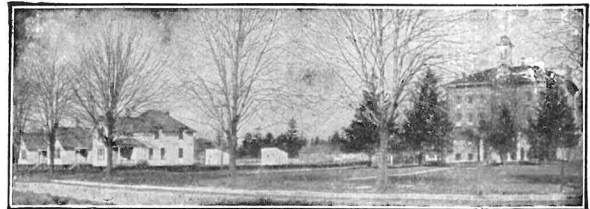
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