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Prayer for the Day of Pentecost.

O Holy Ghost, eternal God,
Blest Comfort for life's rugged road,
With all my heart I pray to Thee;
Hear my entreaty graciously.

O Lord, be Thou my Comforter
Lest in my sins I might despair;
Protect me from the snares of hell,
Grant that in Jesus Christ I dwell;

That always I may ready be
To serve this Master faithfully
And own Him in true living faith
My Lord and Savior unto death.

O lead me in the narrow way
And from the fold let me not stray
That, when this mortal frame I leave,
The crown of life I may receive.

B. HELDER; A. Crull, tr.

The Holy Spirit.

There are two classes of people in the world. One group is ruled entirely by its own nature, the other is led by the Holy Spirit. The ungodly, or Christless, look only upon the things of this earthly life, upon its joys, pleasures, honors, possessions, and thrills. As a rule, they become selfish, greedy, envious, and hard-hearted in their search for happiness. On the other hand, true Christians love not the things of this world; their heart is set upon the things above. By faith in Jesus they have forgiveness of sins, peace with God, and the blessed hope of everlasting life. True Christians develop a kind, gentle, and lovable spirit toward

their fellow-men. This is entirely the work of the Holy Spirit in the Christians' soul.

Working by and through the means of grace, the Word and the Sacraments, the Holy Spirit leads sinners to repentance and faith in Christ Jesus; He convicts men of sin, purifies the heart, and gives power, comfort, and joy to the Christian soul. St. Paul says: "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God," Rom. 8, 16.

To follow the leadership of the Holy Ghost is man's only safe course. We need such a Leader as a ship needs a pilot. Even as on the Day of Pentecost God's Spirit continues to lead men into all truth. He desires to lead all the peoples of the earth, not by force, but kindly, as a teacher leads a scholar, as a guide goes before a traveler, as a captain directs his soldiers. Leading the way, He lights the path and gives the child of God the desire and the power to follow. If we follow His leadership, we shall know evil as well as good. At last He will bring us to safety of body and soul in everlasting life. May God grant this to us all!

O. C. S.

How to Get Rid of Satan.

A little Christian was once asked whether Satan did not tempt her and how she kept from doing wrong. Her answer was, "Yes, I know that Satan wants to get me; but when he knocks at the door of my heart, I just say, 'Jesus, won't you go to the door?' and when Satan sees Jesus, he runs away."

Studies in Luther's Catechism.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT.

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain."

What does this mean?

"We should fear and love God that we may not—"

Last month we learned that we take God's name in vain by using it carelessly or thoughtlessly. In his explanation of this commandment, however, Luther speaks of other ways of taking God's name in vain. He says: "We should fear and love God"—if we fear to sin against our good God and love Him, we shall not take His name in vain—"that we may not curse, swear—." Let us study these words.

"Curse."

"Curse" is the opposite of "bless." To bless means to wish a person good things; to curse therefore means to wish a person evil things. People often curse God. Man becomes angry and then speaks evil of God or makes fun of God's holy name and mocks Him, as the Jews did to Jesus on the cross. So people often curse men and wish evil things upon themselves or upon their neighbor; and in doing so, they call upon God's name. You remember how Peter cursed himself when he denied his Lord, Matt. 26. In the Old Testament we read that Shimei cursed David, 2 Sam. 16, 9—13. So people curse and wish each other damnation, or hell. This is sin, and therefore we read: "Out of the same mouth proceedeth [comes] blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be," Jas. 3, 10. Oh, how often have we cursed one another, if not by word of mouth, at least in thought and mind!

"Swear."

"Swear" means to take an oath. When we swear, we call upon God to witness that we are speaking the truth and to punish us if we have knowingly spoken an untruth. Not all swearing therefore is sin. God Himself tells us to swear unto the glory of His name and the good of our neighbor. And God also swears, saying: "As I live." Jesus, too, under oath said that He is the Son of God.

But by so many oaths God's holy name is taken in vain, and the neighbor is harmed. In their daily conversation people often swear, saying, for instance, "As sure as God is in heaven," "By

God," and many other expressions people carelessly use in swearing. Many think that this is not wrong; but read Matt. 5, 34—37. Some people swear and use God's name without knowing what they are promising under oath, as Herod did and as so many do to-day when they join a lodge or secret society. Again, people swear by God's name to cover up a lie, as did Peter and as so many do in their daily lives and even in court. Surely this is sin, and he that does this will not go unpunished.

Trust in the Name of All Names.

If we have taken God's name in vain, — and who can say, "I am clean"? — then let us trust in the name above all names, the name Jesus, for the forgiveness of all our sins and then fear and love Him that we may not again curse or swear sinfully.

J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE.

Bible-Study for June.

"The devil was a murderer from the beginning,"
John 8, 44.

Bible-Lesson: Mark 5, 11—17.

"Now, there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought Him, saying, Send us into the swine that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out and entered into the swine; and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea (they were about two thousand) and were choked in the sea. And they that fed the swine fled and told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. And they come to Jesus and see him that was possessed with the devil and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil and also concerning the swine. And they began to pray Him to depart out of their coasts."

In the first part of this chapter we are told how Jesus healed a man who had a legion of unclean spirits (between five and six thousand). When Jesus commanded the unclean spirits (devils) to come out of the man, they had to obey Him. No longer were they permitted to trouble and torment the man. But the devil and his angels are murderers from the beginning. Their one great delight and pleasure is to destroy the works of God. But when they were no longer

permitted to possess the man, they asked Jesus for permission to enter into a herd of swine that was feeding near by. Though the devil's power is great, he can do no more than God permits him to do. Jesus has completely broken the power of Satan.

Jesus forthwith (at once) gave them leave (permission). After they entered the swine, the whole herd (about two thousand) ran into the sea and was choked (drowned).

The men who kept the swine ran to the city and told the people what had happened. And they came and saw the man that had been possessed with the unclean spirits sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. Who was it that had healed this man? Who was it that had power over the unclean spirits? Surely only God could do those great things. This Jesus who had come to their city must be God! By this miracle Jesus proved to the people that He was indeed the Savior, who could deliver them from the power of Satan.

How did these people receive the Savior? When they heard what had happened to the swine, they began to pray (beg) Jesus to depart from their country. Jesus had come to their country to bring them the Word of Salvation; but instead of gladly receiving Him and accepting His salvation, they begged Him to leave. They loved their swine, their property, more than they loved the Savior; and since they thought that Jesus had brought this loss upon them, they would have nothing to do with Him.

Is it not a common thing in our day for men to love property, earthly possessions, so much as to have no love for Jesus and His Word of Salvation and, rather than give up these things, to ask Jesus to depart from them?

Do you gladly receive Jesus when He comes to you? Do you gladly hear and learn His Word when it is preached? Or do you, like those people in Gadara, by your words and actions show that you would rather have Him depart?

Prayer:—

Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Thy grace,
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.

Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Thy Word
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford.

Amen.

E. E.

IN THE MORNING MAIL.

Chicago Mission.—May 12 and 13 our church basement was flooded twice. Previous experience has taught us to store everything on raised platforms; so no real damage was done. But the pastor had a big task in cleaning the basement. Many street-car lines were blocked on Sunday morning, and our attendance in the service was cut in half.
A. C. D.

Kansas City Mission.—We are happy when parents in our midst realize that they are responsible for the souls of their children and bring them to Jesus. After attending our Lutheran Sunday-school for some time, Betty Wimp, daughter of Mr. Everett Wimp, was baptized at Wichita, Kans., on Palm Sunday. Many more parents in this territory should follow this example.

Miss Velma Reich of Hope, Kans., Mr. Fred Roglitz of Tulsa, Okla., and Mr. Kenneth Vantress of Kansas City recently became members of our Lutheran Church. Miss Reich was confirmed by Pastor George Klattenthoff, who has given us valuable assistance. Mr. Roglitz renewed his membership by a confession of faith, having been confirmed by Pastor O. C. Schroeder at Lincoln, Nebr., in 1920. After finishing the instruction course very satisfactorily, Mr. Vantress was confirmed at Kansas City on Easter Sunday.

Under the supervision of Pastor R. Prange and the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Brunke, our St. Joseph, Mo., Lutheran Sunday-school is progressing nicely.

"If ye *continue* in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed." So says the Savior, John 8, 31. To all our readers in this Kansas City territory the pastor issues the reminder that "warm" summer days are no excuse to stay away from public worship.

Many of our friends throughout the country will think of Kansas City and the convention this summer. Will you also worship the Savior while visiting there? Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf cordially invites all visitors to worship with us. Our services are held at 10.30 A. M. each Sunday morning in the Y. M. C. A.—10th and Oak streets, Room 203 (within walking distance from all down-town hotels).
A. E. F.

Minneapolis Mission.—On Easter Sunday at Minneapolis 16 deaf attended the oral service and 71 the sign service. How thankful we ought to be that to so many deaf we could preach the full salvation earned for us by our risen Lord! Our hope and prayer is that all may accept this only Savior. One thing, however, makes us sad. Many of the 87 we have not seen since Easter Sunday. Can you tell us why? God wants to feed our souls not only in the Easter service, but in every service. May the Holy Spirit teach every one of us to say with David: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord," Ps. 122, 1.
J. L. S.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—Returning to Chicago by way of Detroit from one of our regular preaching trips in the past weeks, we visited the Detroit school for the deaf and also spoke a few words in the interest of some deaf-blind children. We were greatly impressed with the changes and improvements which have been

made at our Lutheran school. Many of the most faithful members of our Missions for the Deaf received their religious training in Detroit. God has wonderfully blessed the work of this Lutheran institution in the past. We pray that He may continue to shower His blessings upon teachers, pupils, and all connected with it also in the future.

O. C. S.

Sowing and Reaping.

The United States Department of Agriculture reports: "One mustard-seed in a bushel of grain sown on an acre of ground seems like a trifle, but the product of that one seed can produce thousands of weeds on the same acre next season. Elimination of the first weed shows the importance of early attention."

One little sin, a seeming trifle, sown in the heart, nurtured, multiplying acts of sin, will in time produce a bumper harvest of iniquity. Watch for little sins. Overcome them by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Talking Book.

Seventy-five per cent. of the adult blind people in the United States cannot read Braille. The reason why these people do not know how to read is that their eyesight failed them after they were grown men and women, and they had no opportunity of learning Braille. For many years there have been engineers working on a device for reading purposes to lessen the handicaps of these people. The result of these men's work is what is known as a Talking Book.

The Talking Book in size is about two feet long, eighteen inches wide, and ten inches high. It opens on the order of a suitcase and is hinged on the eighteen-inch side. In the lower part is the machinery by which it is operated. In the lid is the speaker. This device gets its name, the Talking Book, from the fact that books are read and inscribed on records. These records look like the ordinary Victrola records. They are different in that each side of the record runs for fifteen minutes and that they are quite flexible. The disk on which the book is put for transcription is like the Victrola disk. This turntable runs much slower than the phonograph. This machine is run by electricity as well as the radio which comes in combination with it.

If there are other people in the room who do not wish to hear the reading or the radio, the listener may plug in a set of ear phones and listen through them.

There is still a less expensive machine. The power for this one is furnished by a spring. The stories for the Talking Book are kept in libraries in this country, libraries that already have Braille reading-matter for the blind. A person wanting to have one of the books read sends to the library and gets it, and after he has finished it, it is returned.

The Talking Book will no doubt prove a great comfort to those who have no way of reading other than having some one read to them. — *Selected.*

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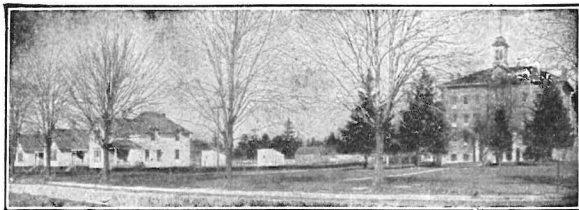
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