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## Happy New Year!

Once more we greet the glad New Year  
With hope and faith in God above;  
From out our hearts we banish fear,  
Sure of our heavenly Father's love.  
We give Thee thanks for all the past,  
We pray for strength for coming days;  
And now and then, and first and last,  
Help us to know Thy righteous ways.  
May all our thoughts and words and deeds  
Accord with Thine eternal right,  
Our prayers be only as our needs,  
Our praise be worthy in Thy sight!  
May health and strength and heavenly grace  
Be ours with each recurring sun!  
But come what may, in time or space,  
Help us to say, "Thy will be done."

## The New Year.

The passing of 1935 reminds us of the words of St. James: "It [your life] is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away," Jas. 5, 14. Some men say that it is impolite to mention anything that borders on the sad or tragic; yet it is a fact that no one can escape the fate of all earthly life. We know that we, too, shall die.

The old year has drawn to a close. We cannot change the past. Before the new year ends, our circle of friends may be broken. We ourselves may finish our earthly course. We should therefore use our time in the right manner. A life spent in selfishness and sin is wasted. It should be lived to the glory of Christ and in the service of our fellow-men.

Make up your mind, then, to love God more earnestly and to consider His mercy in Christ more fully in the new year. Resolve furthermore to scatter roses and not thorns among men. There is much sorrow and hidden grief in every human life. Be kind, friendly, and helpful to your fellow-men. Even to-morrow you or your friends may be called away.

We know not what the new year will bring, but we do know that Jesus leads and that He brings His followers to a sure and final victory. We need to lay hold with firm faith and Christian courage upon the gracious promises of God. The psalmist declares: "God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea," Ps. 46, 2, 3. Learn this truth more fully in the next twelve months, and the new year will be the best of your whole life. May God grant it!

O. C. S.

## Studies in Luther's Catechism.

### THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT.

*"Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth."*

Last month we finished the First Table, the first three commandments, the sum of which is: "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind," Matt. 22, 37. In this month's study we shall begin with the Second Table, the remaining seven commandments, of which the sum is: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," Matt. 22, 39.

### "Thy Father and Thy Mother."

The neighbor nearest and dearest to us are our father and our mother. These God has placed over us in the home. And "father" and "mother" includes grandparents, parents-in-law, or any one else who takes the place of parents in the home. But when God says "father" and "mother," He means also, as Luther says in the Catechism, masters. Masters are the superintendents and teachers in the school, and in the church we have pastors and teachers over us. Elisha says of his teacher: "My father, my father," 2 Kings 2, 12. And Paul therefore addresses his Christians with these words: "My little children," Gal. 4, 19. Furthermore, God has placed masters over us in State and country, as President, governor, mayor, etc. And not to be forgotten are the old and aged, or "the hoary head and the old man," as God tells us in Lev. 19, 32. All these God has placed over us as father and mother, or "parents and masters."

### Do "Not Despise Parents and Masters nor Provoke Them to Anger."

With these words Luther first shows us how people break this commandment. Ah, to-day we see so much of this! Children despise father and mother, disobey them, mock them, make fun of them, and finally leave them when they are old and feeble. Often, it is true, parents themselves are to blame; for they do not teach their little ones to fold their hands and to pray; they do not study the Word of God with them in their home; they do not lead them to the house of God. And if the Word of God is not taught a child, you must expect that it will despise father and mother and provoke them to anger. And then we need not be surprised if a child despises also its teachers, does not listen to the servants of God in the church, rebels against the government, and despises old people, as did the forty-two children, who mocked the aged prophet Elisha, 2 Kings 2, 23—25.

And, alas! also in the Christian home we so often find children despising their parents and masters as it happened in the house of David when his son Absalom waged war against his own father, 2 Sam. 15—18. And every one of us has often broken this commandment. May God forgive us in the name of Him who received that precious name Jesus on New Year's Day, which means: "He shall save His people from their sins," Matt. 1, 21.

### "Fear and Love God."

Yes, "the fear and love of God" must be implanted in the hearts of the children of men; then they will not despise their parents and masters nor provoke them to anger. Therefore we need Christian schools and churches, Christian parents and faithful pastors and teachers who will teach the youth of our country the fear of God. And may we all dread to sin against Him who shed His blood for us! On the contrary, let us show our love to Him who first loved us by not despising our parents and masters nor provoking them to anger. May God grant it unto the glory of Jesus' name!

J. L. S.

## THE BREAD OF LIFE.

### Bible-Study for January.

*"If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him."*

2 Tim. 2, 12.

Bible-Lesson: Mark 6, 21—29.

"And when a convenient day was come that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee; and when the daughter of the said Herodias came in and danced and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee. And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom. And she went forth and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. And she came in straightway, with haste, unto the king and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist. And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake and for their sakes which sat with him he would not reject her. And immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought; and he went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head in a charger and gave it to the damsel; and the damsel gave it to her mother. And when his disciples heard of it, they came and took up his corpse and laid it in a tomb."

John the Baptist had rebuked Herod for his unlawful marriage with Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. Although Herod had put John into prison, Herodias still had a grudge against him and sought to kill him, and at last she found an opportunity to have John put to death.

On his birthday Herod invited his lords and captains and chief estates (important persons), and the daughter of Herodias danced before the company. Herod was so well pleased with her

sinful dancing that he promised with an oath to give her anything she would ask of him, even as much as half of his kingdom. And now Herodias instructed her daughter to ask for the head of John the Baptist. The daughter returned to Herod and said: "I will that thou give me by and by [without delay] in a charger [dish] the head of John the Baptist."

When Herod heard the request, he was very sorry. He had not expected the damsel to ask him to murder John the Baptist. He knew very well that it was wrong to grant this request. But because he had promised it with an oath and because his friends were there, he sent an executioner (one who should put him to death) to do what the damsel had requested. And this executioner went to the prison, and beheaded John, and brought his head on a dish, and gave it to the damsel; and she gave it to her mother.

It was a sin for Herod to make such a rash, thoughtless promise under oath; but it was still more sinful for him to keep this promise. By keeping it, he transgressed one of God's commandments. He should not have kept his promise; he should have broken it and turned to God in sorrow and asked forgiveness for the sinful promise which he had made, and then he should have boldly refused the request of the damsel.

John the Baptist suffered imprisonment and death for Jesus' sake. Those who faithfully follow the Lord Jesus must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of heaven. E. EN.

## IN THE MORNING MAIL.

*Kansas City Mission.*—A number of scholars home for the summer vacation attended nearly every Sunday-school session *throughout* the summer in Kansas City. It was a pleasant privilege to include these young Christians in our services. They believe that "the fear of the Lord is the *beginning* of wisdom," Ps. 111, 10.

In the name of the Triune God our Kansas City Mission celebrated its thirtieth anniversary on the last Sunday in September. In the morning service Rev. Frank Hischke of St. Louis pointed out to us in a very convincing message that "the Church's one Foundation is always Jesus Christ, her Lord." In the evening service it was our privilege to have the secretary of Synod's Board of Missions for the Deaf with us, Rev. Edgar Witte of St. Paul, Minn. The evening sermon was also a great encouragement to the forty-five deaf friends and the two hundred and seventy hearing friends present. Mr. John Walters, who was one of the first four Christians who became members of the Lutheran Church in Kansas City, is an active member in our congregation and was our honor guest in the audience.

On the occasion of an anniversary we think not only of the past. It is equally important to think of the future. In our day we have the advantages of increased education, improvement of transportation, and the like. May all our friends in this territory let this occasion be to them an encouragement to offer their time, their education, and their gifts for the spreading of Christ's kingdom, saying: "The Lord, our God, will we serve, and His voice will we obey," Josh. 24, 24.

Two loyal Christians in this vicinity, unable to come to our services from their distant homes, are Mrs. L. N. Curtis of Baldwin, Kans., and Mrs. Clara Laughlin of Liberty, Mo. Incidentally, both celebrated their eighty-sixth birthday early in September. In spite of their age they have said repeatedly that they wish they could attend public divine services. (We often wish some of our younger friends had that Christian spirit.) It is the missionary's privilege to visit these patient friends and privately speak to them about the Savior. Thus they can see with all our friends in this vicinity that "the Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him," Nah. 1, 7.

John and Charles Judge, sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. Judge of Kansas City, were received into Christ's kingdom by Holy Baptism on December 8, 1935.

Mr. Rudolph Atkinson of Salina, Kans., who was injured in a motor collision last July, is slowly recovering.

A. E. FERBER.

*St. Louis Mission.*—On November 10 the St. Louis congregation celebrated its annual mission-festival. In spite of the dark and rainy weather a large number turned out for the occasion. There was an attendance of 51 in the morning and 62 in the afternoon. This of course is far from the attendance we expected, but all things taken into consideration, it was quite good. Our original plan was to invite the hearing Lutherans of the city for the afternoon service; but because a city-wide Reformation Festival service was held at the Auditorium on that same afternoon, we could not invite them. But this gave us a chance to see what the deaf themselves could bring toward the support of missions. We were well pleased with the amount contributed.

Pastor A. Ferber of Kansas City delivered the sermon in the morning to the deaf alone, and Pastor W. Bachert of Pevely, Mo., preached in the afternoon, while Rev. A. Ferber interpreted the sermon for the deaf. Both sermons were very good and very timely, showing the need of general and especially personal mission-work. May that which we heard on this day ever remind us that we all have a duty toward our friends and acquaintances, namely, to tell them of the Savior who suffered and died to free the *world* from sin, death, doubt, and despair.

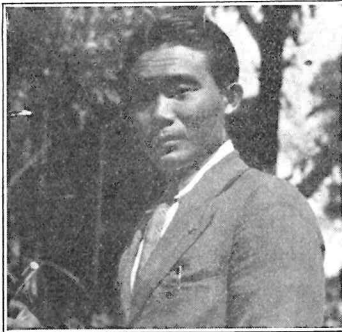
We are very happy to report that the students attending the sign-language class at the Seminary here are showing a decided interest in the language and in the work among the deaf. The class is conducted every Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 p. m. These men are preparing themselves to bring the comfort of Christ's saving Gospel also to the deaf people whom they may meet in their work after they have graduated. May the good Lord bless them and make them eager to continue this good work!

F. A. HISCHKE.

*Mission for Blind and Deaf.*—In November we received among many others the following statement from a reader of the *Lutheran Herald for the Blind*, Moon type: "Two weeks ago, when sending to the State library for Moon-type books, I included the *Lutheran Herald* in my list. I received the magazine, and when I read the first few pages, I felt as must a person who, when traveling in a weary land, suddenly comes to a cool stream. I felt as if I were lifted out of my darkness into the light, and I said, I am going to write and express my appreciation of that magazine."

While in Washington visiting with students at Galaudet College last month, we met a young man of the Mormon faith. He informed us that priests of the Mormon Church preach regularly in the sign-language to the deaf in Salt Lake City and in Ogden, Utah.

Mrs. Horton in Chattanooga has kindly invited the deaf of her city to hold their next meeting in her home. Many of the deaf live in Mrs. Horton's neighborhood, and we are looking forward to a pleasant gathering.  
O. C. S.



**Benny Matsunaga**  
of

**Waipahu Hawaii.**

Mr. Matsunaga requested the DEAF LUTHERAN and stated that he truly enjoyed reading the paper. He would like to hear from other readers of the DEAF LUTHERAN.

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Examples such as this could be multiplied to

show that the Word of God as sounded forth by KFUO does not return void, but accomplishes that which the Lord pleases and prospers in the thing whereto He sent it.

Your fervent prayers will mean much power for KFUO. We solicit and appreciate them very much.

HERMAN H. HOHENSTEIN,  
Director of Radio Station KFUO.

WE sometimes say, "Prayer changes things." If we really believe it does, then let us not be so easily affected when things look unpromising. Let us then pray and trust.

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