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Submission.

Give me the faith that asks not "Why?"
I shall know God's plan by and by.
Give me the faith that looks at pain
And says, "Twill all be right again."
Give me the faith that clasps God's hand
When things are hard to understand.
Give me the faith to bow my head,
Trustfully waiting to be led.
Give me the faith to face my life
With all its pain and wrong and strife.
And then with the day's setting sun
I'll close my eyes when life is done;
My soul will go without a care,
Knowing that God is waiting there. — *Anon.*

Lent.

During the forty days before Easter, called Lent, Christians everywhere think more earnestly of the suffering and death of their Savior, Jesus Christ. They draw closer to God and try sincerely to cleanse their hearts of those things in which He has no part; they seek to live less for themselves and more for Christ.

In our modern world there are many evils which the follower of Christ should avoid. One of them is the wicked reading-material which has flooded our news-stands and book-stores. Evil magazines and books are a powerful force working the ruin of old and young. We should read only such books and papers as do not lead us away from God. Let us spend at least as much time with our Bible as we do with the newspaper.

Another danger which Christians should avoid is the love and worship of money. St. Paul tells us: "The love of money is the root of all evil," 1 Tim. 6, 10. Gold and silver rule many hearts and lead men to unkind, selfish deeds. Greed kills even the natural love or affections of the heart. Let us avoid this pitfall.

False friends, with ideas and teachings con-

trary to God's Word, also rob many of their faith in Christ, the solid Rock. Such so-called friends give no hope or comfort in return for a wrecked Christian life. Jesus says: "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and *keep* it," Luke 11, 28.

During Lent especially we should examine our hearts daily to see if Christ really means more to us than earthly friends, pleasures, thrills, and treasures. Jesus alone can give us a new heart and nature, so that we repent of our sins and strive to please God. Let us abide in and with Him. Let us be eager to learn more of His great work on Calvary's cross. Let us learn truly to love Him who first loved us and gave Himself for us.

O. C. S.

A Lenten Prayer.

Adorable Savior, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, who didst willingly suffer death upon the cross in order that the promise of salvation might be fulfilled in accord with the Scriptures, grant that I may again this Lenten season ponder upon Thy Passion and so behold Thy great love to me and all sinners. Grant that I may recognize Thee as the Glory of Thy people Israel and as the Light to enlighten the Gentiles. Let me never be offended at Thy great humility as the despised and the rejected of men, but rather let me worship and adore Thee in this self-sacrificing love that loved me to the end. O adorable Savior, Thou art my Lord and my God.

O Lord, who wast wounded for my transgressions, teach me at Thy cross to mourn over my many sins that helped to nail Thee to the cross. Teach me in Thy likeness to submit myself to the crosses that sins have brought upon me, so that I may not become weary along life's way. Teach me like Thee to be zealous to do my heavenly Fa-

ther's will, and let Thy love constrain me not to live unto myself, but unto Thee, who didst die for me and who didst rise again.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy on me and give me Thy peace. Amen. — *Selected.*

Studies in Luther's Catechism.

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT.

"Thou shalt not kill."

Life is a precious gift of God. In Gen. 2, 7 we read: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." God made man in His own image and breathed into him the breath of life, and therefore He commands: "Thou shalt not kill."

Do Not Take Any Man's Life.

There have been murderers from the beginning. Adam's first son was a murderer. Read Gen. 4. Brother kills brother! And it is murder whether we do it ourselves or have others do it for us. David gave these instructions to his captain Joab: "Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him that he may be smitten and die." And so it was done. Then the prophet Nathan came to David and said: "Thou hast killed Uriah with the sword." So to-day our daily papers tell us of many murders, a man either killing another with his own hand or having it done by others.

The murderer should be put to death. God says in Gen. 9, 6: "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." And Jesus repeats this, saying: "All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword," Matt. 26, 52. The government therefore does right when it condemns murderers to die on the gallows or in the electric chair. This is according to God's own words.

Do Not Hurt nor Harm Your Neighbor in His Body.

If we carelessly or wilfully injure our neighbor, if we refuse to help him in trouble, if we in any way shorten his life by word or deed, we break this commandment. Think of the priest and the Levite who let the Jew fall among thieves lie half dead, and of the rich man who let poor Lazarus lie before his door hungry and sick while he himself was clothed in purple and fine linen and

fared sumptuously every day. These men were murderers. Can any one of us say: "I am not a murderer"?

Do Not Let Thoughts of Anger, Hatred, or Revenge Arise in Your Heart.

Thoughts of anger, hatred, or revenge also are sins against this commandment. Listen to Jesus as He explains the Fifth Commandment. Read Matt. 5, 21, 22. And 1 John 3, 15 we read: "Who-soever hateth his brother is a murderer." Cain was a murderer in the sight of God before he laid hands on his brother, and so was David as soon as he had thoughts of murder in his heart. Can you, dear reader, say that you have never broken this commandment? We all must confess: "We are murderers before God, every one of us." And the Bible says: "No murderer has eternal life abiding in him," 1 John 3, 15. Oh, what shall we do?

Look unto the Cross.

Yes, during this Lenten season look to the cross and see how your sins, also your sins against this commandment, have nailed Jesus to the cross. Behold Him as He sheds His blood and thus saves you from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil. Trust in that precious blood, praying:—

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress.

May God grant it for Jesus' sake! J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE.

Bible-Study for March.

"Give us this day our daily bread." Matt. 6, 11.

Bible-Lesson: Mark 6, 35—44.

"And when the day was now far spent, His disciples came unto Him and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed. Send them away that they may go into the country round about and into the villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat. He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto Him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread and give them to eat? He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? Go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes. And He commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass. And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds and by fifties. And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, He looked up to heaven, and blessed and brake the loaves and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided He among them all. And they did

all eat and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments and of the fishes. And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men."

A multitude of people had followed Jesus when He crossed the Sea of Galilee with His disciples to find a quiet place to rest. When Jesus saw the people, He had compassion on them and began to teach them many things. He taught them until the day was far spent, and still they gladly heard Him, apparently giving no thought to the time of day nor to returning to their homes and getting something to eat.

The disciples, however, grew impatient with them; for it was getting late, and the people had nothing to eat, and in the desert place they could get nothing to eat. So they came to Jesus and asked Him to send the people away to the farms and villages, where they could buy bread.

But Jesus had other plans. He wanted to use this occasion to teach His disciples as well as the multitude that it is *He* who gives to men their daily bread and that especially in time of need they should trust in Him. So He said to the disciples, "Give ye them to eat." And they answered that two hundred pennyworth (about thirty-four dollars' worth) of bread would not be enough to satisfy all of them. Neither was there enough bread on hand to feed them; they could find only five loaves and two fishes. That, however, was enough for Jesus. He commanded the people to sit down in groups, and then He took the food, spoke a blessing over it, and gave it to His disciples, and the disciples gave it to the people. They all ate, and all had enough to eat. Yes, there was more than enough, for they filled twelve baskets with food that was left over.

Does this miracle of feeding the five thousand not show, my friends, that the words of the psalmist are true (Ps. 145, 15, 16): "The eyes of all wait upon Thee, and Thou givest them their meat in due season; Thou openest Thine hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing"? Pray to Him for your daily bread and thank Him for the bread He gives you.

E. EN.

IN THE MORNING MAIL.

New York Mission. — In this brief review we can touch only upon the high spots of occurrences in our midst. Death laid its icy hand on Charles F. Schneider and Charles Phillips. Both of them had the benefit of the ministrations of our Church, and we trust that both of them received Jesus, the Savior and the Pattern, in

their hearts and lives. The former died of a heart attack. The latter was burned in an explosion, which caused his death. He was received into communion with the Triune God by Holy Baptism. — Eric Berg, our faithful and esteemed member and treasurer, has been in the Brooklyn Hospital for two months, where he underwent an operation. He is improving in health and strength. B. Ash, while at work for the P. W. A., was seized by a sudden pain and taken to the Coney Island Hospital. He was operated upon for appendicitis and after eleven days left the hospital hale and hearty. Mrs. E. von Pollnitz has recovered from her acute illness and is again up and around. Mrs. G. Tingberg joined our church by confession of faith, and with her came her husband who for a number of years had turned his back on his Church. We trust that both will be more closely united with each other through faith in their Redeemer. He brings them near to God and bestows upon them blessings which make for a better and a happier life here on earth. Some of our members are still unemployed; others have obtained work on the P. W. A. projects. The boys and girls of the New York schools for the deaf have been segregated, chiefly for vocational training. The boys are now in the Fanwood School on Riverside Drive. Twelve of these boys attend our Bible school, which is conducted on Tuesday evenings. The girls are in the Lexington Ave. Oral School. We have five girls attending our Bible school, which is conducted on Thursday afternoons in one of the classrooms of the school. — While our receipts from envelopes and voluntary offerings have decreased, we were able to meet all our obligations both to the Board of Missions and at home. Church services are conducted on the first, third, and fourth Sundays of the month at three o'clock. We have a mid-week prayer hour on the Thursday following the second Sunday of the month. Let us remember that an hour spent in communion with God and in prayer is time well spent. It fits you for your duties of the week. It gives strength and comfort to carry on in these trying times through the assurance that to them that love God all things work together for good, Rom. 8, 28.

In *Baltimore* services are conducted in Martini Lutheran Church, Sharp and Henrietta streets, on the second Sunday of the month, at 3.30 P. M. This visit is a pleasure. There is an attendance of the entire membership at each service. Usually also a few strangers are present. May this love for the house of God in which His Word is proclaimed continue, and may the members become mission-minded, so that they will do their part in bringing others to see the light which by the grace of God they have. Mr. John Wess, on the day before Christmas, departed this life and is now with Him in whom he has believed and whom he loved. Although he had but one leg, he never missed a service except when he was ill and unable to leave the house. He died at the age of seventy-three of heart disease. — In the Maryland School for the Deaf, where the pastor visits to instruct a Sunday-school of ten boys and girls and a confirmation class, the boys and girls go to the Lutheran church in the town of Frederick. We have heard a number of expressions that the services of the

Lutheran Church are edifying and point the way to Him who says: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one cometh unto the Father but by Me." However, no one can make up his mind for another person. Each one must decide for himself. The just shall live by his own faith and not by the faith of another.

A. B.

St. Louis Mission. — The deaf of St. Louis wish to pay their tribute to a man who labored very faithfully among them for twenty-six years. This tribute goes to Rev. C. Schubkegel, who on March 24 will be seventy-six years old. Just one year ago Rev. Schubkegel quit his active work in the field in which he had labored so long. He had resigned about a year and a half before, due to ill health, but he refused to desert the ship while no other man was in sight to take care of it. Although this caused him much suffering and pain, he served faithfully until the new man came here last January. We, the deaf of St. Louis, — and we think we can safely include all deaf with whom Rev. C. Schubkegel has ever come into contact, — wish to congratulate him in this his birthday month and to thank him for his long and faithful service in the Lord's vineyard. May God bless you, dear pastor, and make your remaining years happy ones!

On January 12 the St. Louis congregation had its annual meeting and elected new officers. Result of the election: Wm. Lambur, president; Walter Hemminghaus, vice-president; Walter Viets, secretary; Edwin Hummelsheim, treasurer; W. Hemminghaus, Wm. Fahren, and Ed. Kurtzborn, trustees. May the gracious Lord grant unto them all faith and courage and strength faithfully to perform all the duties of their office!

We are glad to report that Walter Maack, former president of the congregation, who was taken ill last June with tuberculosis and forced to seek help in a sanitarium, seems to be well on the way to recovery. All who know Mr. Maack appreciate his active and willing service in his church and wish him, with the help of God, a speedy recovery.

F. A. H.

Minneapolis Mission. — Another worker for the Lord's kingdom among the deaf! It is the Rev. R. Cordes, who had a hearing pastorate in Montana, but at the same time also did some work among the deaf. In Park City he instructed and confirmed a deaf couple and during the past year held regular services for a group of deaf in Great Falls. He has accepted a call to Canada, where he will serve deaf in the Alberta and Saskatchewan provinces. He will live in Saskatoon, Alberta, and there give weekly instruction to about 30 children at the school for the deaf. He spent three weeks in Minneapolis for further study of the sign-language and January 29 departed for his new field of labor, where he was installed by our Duluth missionary on February 2. May our good Lord bless our new worker and give His Word success!

With thanks and praise to God we glean the following from the annual report of the Minneapolis Mission: The Minneapolis congregation numbers 98 souls and 74 communicants; 236 partook of the Lord's Supper; 102 services (56 with the sign and 47 with the oral group) were held, and 82 periods of instruction were given. The collections and contributions amounted

to \$384.53, to \$298.05 in the sign services and \$86.48 in the oral services. One adult was baptized, four adults and four children were confirmed, two children were baptized, three marriages were performed, and one burial took place. At our preaching-stations, twenty in number, we have 154 souls, 79 communicants; 178 came to the Lord's Table, 92 services were held, and 141 periods of instruction were given; \$160.81 was given for the Lord's work among the deaf; one child and one adult were baptized, and one member was taken to the heavenly home. "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good." And for 1936 our prayer shall be: "Let the beauty of the Lord, our God, be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish Thou it," Ps. 90, 17.

J. L. S.

Kansas City Mission. — Mr. and Mrs. Claude Meyer of Atchison, Kansas, have moved to Evansville, Indiana, to make their residence (temporarily) with Mr. Gartner. They are continuing their studies and preparation for membership.

At Oklahoma City, Zion Lutheran Ladies' Circle sponsored a Christmas party for our deaf friends on December 14. We were pleased to see that all the deaf came to church, also the following Sunday. The Ladies' Circle served our friends a fine dinner also after a joint service on February 9. A large number of deaf attended all the meetings. It is difficult to find people who do more to make our deaf feel at home in church than the Lutheran members do.

Temperatures were at zero, and strong winds raged on the birthday anniversary of our Savior. Nevertheless thirty-five deaf attended our Kansas City service and rejoiced over God's gift to sinful mankind. One woman walked two miles against the chilling wind to the street-car line, which brought her ten miles to church. How splendid it would be if still more would appreciate what Jesus has done for them!

A. E. FERBER.

Mission for Blind and Deaf. — In spite of the severe weather in January twenty-three deaf attended our last service in Southern Indiana. This is commendable. The wheels of industry do not slow down because of climatic conditions. Neither should the activities of the Church suffer because of unfavorable weather.

Many of the readers of the *Herald for the Blind*, Moon type, are elderly folks. In the past eight years we have received many letters such as the following, which has just arrived: "This is to let you know that Mr. B. passed away last month. He surely enjoyed the *Herald*, especially in his last illness. With best wishes for you and your work and thanking you for having sent the magazines to him, Sincerely yours, C. B."

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