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## Ascension Day Prayer.

Draw us to Thee,  
For then shall we  
Walk in Thy steps forever  
And hasten on  
Where Thou art gone  
To be with Thee, dear Savior.

Draw us to Thee,  
Lord, lovingly;  
Let us depart with gladness  
That we may be  
Forever free  
From sorrow, grief, and sadness.

Draw us to Thee,  
O grant that we  
May find the road to heaven;  
Direct our way  
Lest we should stray  
And from Thy paths be driven.

Draw us to Thee  
That also we  
Thy heavenly bliss inherit  
And ever dwell  
Where sin and hell  
No more can vex our spirit.

Draw us to Thee  
Unceasingly,  
Into Thy kingdom take us;  
Let us fore'er  
Thy glory share,  
Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

## Christ Ascended for Us.

Jesus is our Savior in everything that He did. He did everything for us. For us He died and rose from the dead; for us He also ascended into heaven. Now, what benefit do we receive from His ascension?

First of all we must remember that before departing from this earth and ascending into

heaven, Jesus promised His abiding presence to His people. To His disciples Jesus said: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." We must never think of Jesus as now being confined to some far-away space nor imagine that His work is limited; but He is constantly with us here on earth to lead us heavenward.

For us! In the night before His death, Jesus said: "In My Father's house are many mansions. . . . I go to prepare a place for you." By His holy, precious blood He purchased a place for us in His Father's house, winning heaven for us, and by His ascension He took possession of heaven for us, that we might follow Him and be with Him in everlasting glory. What a comfort! Had He not entered into His heavenly kingdom, how could we ever expect to go there? With Christ's ascension God has given us a pledge assuring us that all who believe in Jesus shall also reach the heavenly mansions.

For us! "Christ, at the right hand of God, also maketh intercession [prays] for us." We are poor sinners; we sin daily, and with every sin we deserve eternal damnation. The Law curses us because we do not keep it perfectly; Satan accuses us; our own conscience condemns us. But we know that Christ, our Mediator, is always with the Father, pleading for sinners. We Christians therefore need not fear death and Judgment Day because we know that "Christ is for us"; so "who can be against us?"

For us! As He ascended, so Jesus will come again visibly upon earth on the Last Day and take us, His believers, to that place of true joy and peace where He reigns forever.

It is but a little while, and Jesus will take us home; so let us abide in His Word unto the end.

E. M.

## Studies in Luther's Catechism.

### THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT.

*"Thou shalt not commit adultery."*

"Commit adultery," what does that mean? Our Bible tells us of David, who committed adultery by taking another man's wife to be his wife, 2 Sam. 12, 9. To commit adultery therefore means to break holy marriage. In order to guard and protect holy marriage and a person's husband or wife, God has given the Sixth Commandment: "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

### Marriage Is Instituted and Blessed by God.

Marriage is a blessed gift of God. He Himself instituted it. When He had made Adam, He said: "It is not good that a man should be alone." And then He made woman and joined them together as husband and wife and bestowed His blessing upon them. Read Gen. 1, 27. 28 and 2, 18. 21. 22. Also read John 2, 1—11. God instituted it, He blessed it, and therefore we rightly call it *holy* marriage.

### A Christian Engagement.

Before two persons live together in marriage, they are engaged, or promised, to each other. Scripture tells us that Mary, the mother of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, was espoused, or engaged, to Joseph, Matt. 1, 18, and they had not yet come together, were not yet publicly married. Nevertheless the holy writer calls Joseph the husband of Mary, v. 19, and Mary is called the wife of Joseph, v. 20. Before God an engaged couple is husband and wife. Therefore every one taking such a step should first ask the Lord for His blessing. Furthermore, because God commands young people to honor their father and mother, they should also consult them concerning such an important step and ask them for their consent and blessing when intending to take it. This is an engagement pleasing to God.

### A Christian Marriage.

Man and woman, as said above, are joined together already by their engagement; but this must be made known to the world. Therefore a license must be obtained from the State, and the marriage ceremony must be performed by one authorized to do so by the State. And then the two should live together as husband and wife, the husband loving his own wife, as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it, and the wife

being subject to her own husband, as the Church is subject to Christ, Eph. 5, 23. 24, both worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ together and living unto Him who died for them and rose again, rearing children in the fear of the Lord, and walking together on the way of life till death do them part. This is a marriage pleasing to God.

### All This Makes for a Blessed and Happy Home.

Such an engagement and marriage will assure a happy home. What a blessed world it would be if all people would bear all this in mind and enter into an engagement and holy matrimony according to the Word of God! May God grant us many such happy marriages! Then it shall be well with our country.

J. L. S.

## THE BREAD OF LIFE.

### Bible-Study for May.

*"Jesus of Nazareth . . . went about doing good."*  
*Acts 10, 38.*

Bible-Lesson: Mark 6, 53—56.

"And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret and drew to the shore. And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew Him and ran through that whole region round about and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard He was. And whithersoever He entered, into villages or cities or country, they laid the sick in the streets and besought Him that they might touch if it were but the border of His garment; and as many as touched Him were made whole."

The disciples had just witnessed a great miracle. They had been on the Sea of Galilee in the midst of a storm and had not been able to make any headway. Then they saw Jesus walking on the water; and when He entered the ship, the wind ceased at once. In a little while they were to see many more miracles, each one of them proving Jesus to be the Son of God with power.

With Jesus in the ship, they soon crossed the sea and brought their ship to shore in the land of Gennesaret. When Jesus stepped ashore, straightway (at once) they knew Him; they knew that He was Jesus of Nazareth, who had performed so many miracles and had just recently fed the five thousand. They knew His power to heal and His willingness to help all who came to Him. They had faith in Him.

What did these people do when they knew

Jesus was in their midst? At once they sent messengers through the whole country round about, telling every one that Jesus was there and urging them to bring their sick relatives and friends to be healed. And wherever Jesus went, into the villages, the cities, or the country places, they brought the sick and laid them in the streets where they knew Jesus would pass, so that they might touch the hem of His garment as He walked by. They firmly believed that by touching the border of His garment they could be healed from their diseases. And their faith was not in vain. As many as touched Him were made whole.

Is your faith in Jesus as strong as that of these people in the land of Gennesaret? Jesus is the Lord that heals, not only from sickness, but also from sin. Trust Him and His promises and thank Him for the many blessings which you receive from His hands.

E. EN.

### A Useless Return.

An evangelist could not convince a lady that all the good things she did would not avail in God's sight. Being very wealthy, she gave a supper to some poor people and also provided clothes for them. An inspiration struck the evangelist, and he said to her: "If one of the guests thanked you very much for the clothes, but said, 'I must make some small return' and rolled up his old clothes in a parcel and asked you to accept them in return, would you be pleased?" At once she said, "No."

Then it dawned on her how useless were all her efforts to make herself better, and she accepted the Lord as her Savior and King.

*Christian Herald.*

### "Make It a Matter of Prayer."

A good old English farmer had become the happy inventor of an improved plow. Queen Victoria, on seeing the new invention, inquired of the farmer how he thought of it, whereupon he replied:—

"Well, Your Majesty, I had it in my head for a long time before it would come straight. I saw what was wanted plain enough, but I couldn't make out how to get at it. So at last I made it a matter of prayer; and one morning the whole thing came into my mind like a flash."

"Why, Mr. Smith," interrupted his royal listener, "do you pray about your plows?"

"Why, Your Majesty, why shouldn't I? My Father in heaven knew I was in trouble about it, and why shouldn't I go and tell Him? I think of one of my boys when he was a teeny little mite. I bought him a whip, and very pleased he was with it. Well, he came to me one day crying as if his little heart would break. He'd broken the whip, and he brought it to me. So I took him on my knee, and wiped his tears, and kissed him, and comforted him. 'Now, don't cry, my boy,' said I. 'I'll mend the whip, I will, so that it'll crack as loud as ever.' Well, now, don't you think our Father in heaven cares as much for me as I for my boy? My plow didn't much matter to Him, but I know quite well my trouble did."

*Selected.*

### IN THE MORNING MAIL.

*St. Louis Mission.*—On Sunday evening, March 1, more than one hundred deaf gathered at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church to see the picture "Christus," which depicts the life of our Lord. After the picture had been shown, almost sixty of those present gathered in the chapel to discuss with the pastor the sufferings of our Lord. A lively discussion took place, in which almost all present took an active part.

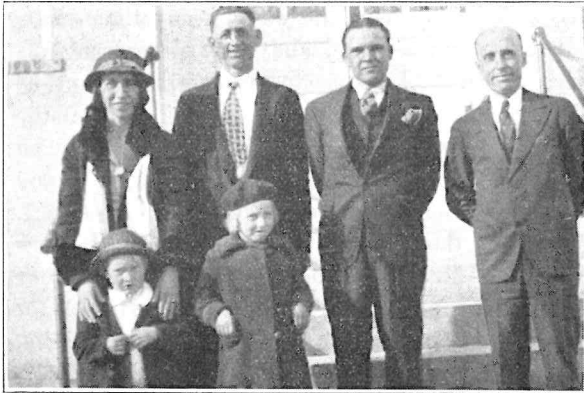
On Saturday, March 7, the members of Holy Cross Lutheran Congregation for Deaf met in the pastor's home and prepared a pleasant surprise for Mrs. Hischke, the pastor's wife. The ladies' aid presented her with an electric kitchen clock and the men's club with an automatic toaster.

A pleasant surprise was prepared for Rev. C. Schubkegel, former pastor of the deaf congregation here, on Sunday afternoon and evening, March 22. Pastor Schubkegel, who was seventy-six years old on March 24, served this congregation faithfully for twenty-six years, and to show their love and loyalty to the man who had guided them so faithfully and well during these years, the members gathered at his home and pleasantly surprised him. The afternoon and evening were spent by the playing of games and by other forms of recreation. Pastor Schubkegel was presented with a purse from the congregation, and from individual members he received other gifts. In a short talk Rev. Schubkegel showed how the Lord had led him through his life here on earth and admonished all present to place their hope and trust in God and trust in His gracious guidance.

F. HISCHKE.

*Kansas City Mission.*—Early in March it was our privilege to have a very impressive church service at Marysville, Kans. Five friends were baptized and received into Christ's kingdom, three of them adults. Mr. and Mrs. Barney Pospisil and Mr. Bennie Throm had studied the chief doctrines of the Bible very carefully fore more than twelve months and therefore could

be added to our number of communicants. Little Mary Jean and Barney Pospisil, Jr., were baptized at the same time with their parents. These deaf say that they feel their joining the church does not "graduate" them from Bible-study, but is merely a *beginning*. That is an im-



Left to right: Mrs. Cordelia Pospisil and two children; Mr. Barney Pospisil; Mr. Ben Throm; Pastor A. E. Ferber.

This class was baptized by Rev. A. Ferber in Marysville, Kans., March 8, 1936.

portant point for all other members to remember also. "Be thou *faithful* unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," Rev. 2, 10.

At the Kansas School for the Deaf (Olathe) eleven young friends meet regularly to learn more about their Savior in our Bible class. Girls: N. Feaster, W. Hall, M. Lago, D. and L. Meyer, B. Stark, and E. Wormann. Boys: B. Goetting, R. Holt, H. Maisch, and A. Rees. "The Holy Scriptures are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus," 2 Tim. 3, 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Asas Fuller attended our Kansas City services recently on their way to Saginaw, Mich.

ALVIN E. FERBER.

*Minneapolis Mission.*—Another member of our Minneapolis congregation was translated to the heavenly home. Mrs. Lueela Gage, wife of Ezekiel Gage (who died in Jesus in 1932), departed this life on the 21st of March. She was confirmed together with her husband by the pastor in 1922. Ever since, she had been a faithful attendant at our services, often walking several miles to church. She missed very few services, and then only because of necessity. She learned to know her Savior and trusted in Him and fell asleep in her Savior at the age of seventy-four years. The funeral was held in Minneapolis on March 23. "If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him," 1 Thess. 4, 14. J. L. S.

*Mission for Blind and Deaf.*—In Lexington, Ky., we found quite a number of deaf on the sick-list. We wish them a speedy and complete recovery. In spite of a driving rain we had a fair attendance at our last meeting. In Tennessee and Georgia the high waters also interfered somewhat with our schedule of work. We hope to meet with better conditions next month.

A minister of one of our readers of the *Herald* for

*the Blind*, Moon type, recently wrote to us: "Mr. B. has received the *Lutheran Herald for the Blind* for a number of years. He asked me to express to you his deepest appreciation. The magazine has cheered him, and through it he has found peace with God. While he is not a member of the Lutheran Church, he says that the *Herald* has done more for him than his Church. As pastor of another Church I highly commend your body for this excellent missionary zeal. Sincerely yours, G. S." O. C. S.

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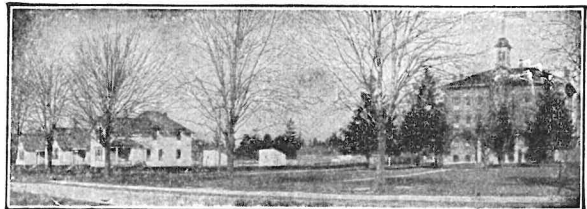
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