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## Prayer.

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.

## A Shining Light.

It is the privilege and the duty of every true Christian to win souls for Christ. You may wonder of what use you can be in the Christian Church. You cannot perhaps become a great leader, preacher, or teacher, but for all that you may be a burning and a shining light for Jesus. The Savior is anxious to baptize you with the Holy Ghost; and when you receive the Holy Spirit, your heart will burn within you as did the hearts of the two disciples whom Jesus met on Easter Day. When the Holy Spirit has kindled His fire of zeal and love in you, you will shine so that others may see your good works and praise your Father in heaven. Whenever you heed His prompting and attend church services or render your fellow-men some help in the name of Jesus, your godly acts will be a lesson to the unconverted, who despise and reject the Gospel.

The following parable brings out this truth

clearly: One day a little lump of coal, dug out of a dark pit, lay on the surface. It looked around at this fair, bright world, where there are so many beautiful and useful things. It then began to wonder of what use it could be in such a world, till it grew discontented with itself. "Of what use am I?" it said. "I cannot gleam forth rays of beauty like my cousin, the diamond. I am not fit for that. No one will use me to make a highway. Neither, like the millstone, can I grind corn for men. I am just useless, useless!" Then it grew very sad.

As it was thinking these things, a hand lifted it up and brought it into touch with fire. That was a glad day for the little lump of coal; for it had the power to burn, and that could not be said of the other stones. So the fire entered into it, and as it took fuller and fuller possession of the coal, it became a burning and shining light.

See to it that you do not neglect the Gospel, and Jesus will lift you up. Through this means of grace the Holy Spirit will kindle in your heart a fire of love and zeal for His kingdom, so that you will be a good example to others and a means to lead sinners to the throne of grace. May all of us receive the Holy Spirit and become torch-lights for Jesus in this world of sin and darkness!

O. C. S.

## Studies in Luther's Catechism.

### THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT.

*"Thou shalt not commit adultery."*

We have learned what God tells us not to do in the Sixth Commandment. Now what does God want us to do according to this commandment? Luther puts it thus in our Catechism: "We should

fear and love God that we may lead a chaste and decent life in word and deed, and each love and honor his spouse."

#### Lead a Chaste and Decent Life.

All should lead a chaste and decent life. A chaste life is a clean life, a pure life; a decent life is a good and respectable life as it becomes a child of God. And such a life we should lead, first, *in word*. We should speak pure and respectable words, as God's children ought to speak. "Whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report," that we should speak. And then we should lead a chaste and decent life *in deed*. We should do only that which is pure and honorable. God's children should heed the words of Paul in 1 Cor. 6, 19, 20: "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For *ye are bought with a price*; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." My body bought with a price! My body a temple of God! Always let us bear this in mind, and a chaste and decent life in word and deed will follow.

#### Pray and Love the Word of Jesus.

Our daily prayer ought to be: "Create in me a clean heart, O God," Ps. 51, 12. Moreover, daily study the Word of Jesus and think upon it; love the habitation of God's house where we learn this Word; associate with God's children, who love Him and His Word; read good books and magazines, above all the Book of Books; look upon chaste and decent pictures, especially pictures of our Savior, who bought us with His blood; diligently do the work which God has given us; watch at all times, for "our adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour," 1 Pet. 5, 8, 9. Then indeed our life will be a chaste and decent one.

#### Each Love and Honor His Spouse.

This is God's command to husbands and wives. Paul describes this love in these words: "As the Church is subject unto Christ, so let wives be to their own husbands in everything; husbands, love your wives as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for it," Eph. 5, 24, 25. As Christ and the Church, so the husband and wife. A wonderful love indeed. Furthermore, the husband

should honor and respect his wife as a gift of God and as his helpmeet, and the wife should honor and respect her husband as a gift from God and as the head of the house. What a happy home it will then be!

#### O Lord, Have Mercy!

Who can say, "I have always led a chaste and decent life"? Come, let us daily flee unto God's mercy and ask Him to wash us clean from all uncleanness in the blood of Jesus and to give us His Holy Spirit that we may serve Him in purity and righteousness forever. J. L. S.

### THE BREAD OF LIFE.

#### Bible-Study for July.

*"The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." Jer. 17, 9.*

Bible-Lesson: Mark 7, 14—23.

"And when He had called all the people unto Him, He said unto them, Harken unto Me, every one of you, and understand: There is nothing from without a man that, entering into him, can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man. If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. And when He was entered into the house from the people, His disciples asked Him concerning the parable. And He saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him, because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? And He said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within and defile the man."

The Pharisees and scribes found fault with the disciples of Jesus because they did not observe the laws about the washing of hands before meals. They believed that the disciples became defiled or unclean because they ate their bread with unwashed hands. Therefore Jesus calls the people to Him and tells them to pay close attention to what He has to say to them. He now wants to teach them what really makes a person unclean in the sight of God. The things which enter a man from without, the food that a man eats, even though he eat it with unwashed hands, do not defile him. But the things which come out of man's heart, his

thoughts, words, and deeds, these are the things which really make him unclean before God.

The disciples did not understand this parable and asked Jesus what it meant. The food which a person eats, Jesus tells them, cannot make him unclean, because it does not enter the heart or soul, but goes into the stomach and leaves the body in the natural way, purging (making clean) all meats (foods). The things that come out of man, out of his heart, make him unclean in the sight of God. Man's heart is sinful by nature, and all the things which come out of the heart are also sinful. All sin begins in the heart and comes out of the heart. And Jesus tells us what these sins are: evil thoughts, adulteries (breaking holy marriage), fornication (uncleanness), murders, thefts, covetousness (sinful desires), wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness (unclean thoughts), an evil (jealous) eye, blasphemy (speaking evil words against God), pride, foolishness. How desperately wicked and sinful is the heart of man! It is unclean in the sight of God and needs to be cleansed. How? "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sins." Trust in Him for the forgiveness of your sins and ask Him for strength to fight against the sins which would daily grow and rule in your heart. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." E. EN.

### Suppose the Bible were Gone!

A certain man dreamed that he went to consult his Bible and found every page blank. In amazement he rushed to his neighbor's house, roused him from his sleep, and asked to see his Bible. But when he brought the Book, they found it also blank. In great consternation they sought other Bibles, with the same result. Then he said: "We will go to the libraries, and from great books we will gather the quotations of Scripture and thus remake our Bible." But when they examined all the books upon the shelves of all the libraries, they found that wherever a quotation of Scripture had been, that part of the page was blank.

When the man awoke, his brow was cold, yet covered with perspiration, so great had been his agony during the dream. Oh, how dark this world would be without the Bible! Man would be like a wretched ship dashed into mid-ocean.

*The King's Business.*

### IN THE MORNING MAIL.

*Detroit Mission.*—In the afternoon of May 10 a new dormitory at our Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit was dedicated to the service of the Triune God. In 1934 there was an increase of 18 new pupils in our school, which made it absolutely necessary that something be done. Last summer, ground was broken, and the corner-stone-laying ceremony was held last fall. The building has now been completed, and the ladies' aid of the deaf school has seen to it that the new building is beautifully furnished.

The building accommodates 35 girls besides having two rooms for lady teachers and an apartment for the matron. There is also an infirmary and an isolation room for contagious diseases. A bright play-room is also available. Our Savior Church of Deaf is now holding its regular services in the "chapel" in the basement. The entire building is solidly built and made to be very home-like. It is well worth a visit of inspection.

This building is the first unit of the building program. As the need develops, another similar dormitory will be built for the boys, a modern school-building and heating-plant and a suitable chapel will complete the group.

On May 24 the undersigned had the privilege of confirming this year's class of our Lutheran School for the Deaf in St. Peter's Church of East Detroit, of which the Rev. Wm. Leitz is the pastor. The following were the members of the class: Wilma Pollmacher of Homewood, Ill.; Roberta Lewis of Detroit, Mich.; Vera Breitweiser of Jasper, Ind.; Raymond Hage of Yorkville, Ill.; Harold Jacobsen of Niles, Mich. On Pentecost Sunday these newly confirmed partook of Holy Communion together with our members in the regular service in the chapel.

On April 16 Frederick Weiss died rather suddenly of heart trouble. Mr. Weiss had been a faithful attendant of our services for the last few years. On Palm Sunday he was present at our services, and on the Saturday before Easter he was again preparing himself to make the trip to church on Easter, when he suddenly became ill and passed away on the following Thursday. He received Christian burial on the following Monday from the home of his sister, Mrs. Scholz.

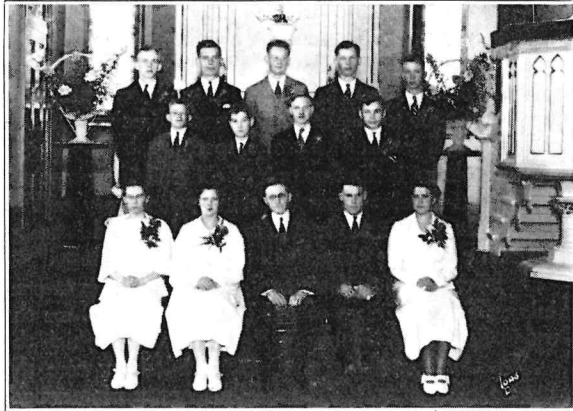
On March 21 a son, Carl Spring, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Yeager of E. Windsor, Ont., and on the 24th of March the Lord also blessed the home of the pastor with the gift of a healthy girl, Rhoda Grace, who was baptized into the Christian faith on April 14.

On April 7 we had the privilege to conduct our first service for deaf in Windsor, Ont., Can., and it is our hope to visit Windsor regularly in the future. The fact that Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Yeager, members of our Detroit congregation, have been unable to attend our services in Detroit because of unemployment led to the establishment of services in Windsor, Can. We trust that our other deaf friends in the border cities will continue to respond to our invitations to the services we shall arrange for them. E. J. SCHEIBERT.

*Kansas City Mission.*—Since our last report it has been our privilege to receive three more Lutheran members. Mrs. J. McGrew of Atchison, Kans., joined

by Holy Baptism on April 10. Having received a kind invitation to worship with the local congregation she was baptized in the regular service of the oral congregation. Five hundred were in the audience, and all rejoiced to see our deaf friends believing in Jesus and confessing His name.

Easter Sunday was an especially happy day for the Kansas City congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Wood joined by confirmation. Their enthusiastic faith can be seen by their actions — they were not satisfied to come alone, but persuaded a young girl to come with them and be baptized into Christ's kingdom. The girl, Florentene Lyons, is now enrolled in an oral Lutheran



Confirmation Class Confirmed at Faribault, Minn., May 3.

Top row, left to right: George Pehlgim, Robert Netzloff, Stanley Bloomdale, Orvel Hansen,\* Marvil Kuhlmann. Middle row: Earl Gulbranson, George Elliott,\* Glen Bates, Charles Holzinger. Bottom row: Laila Mursu, Hattie Pehlgim, Rev. J. L. Salvner, Glen Kerr,\* Lois Kroll.\*

\* Those with a star were baptized.

Sunday-school. May the blessings of God continually rest upon these new members.

We were pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey, faculty members of the Kansas School for the Deaf, in our audience that day also. They had come twenty-four miles to worship the risen Savior.

Mrs. Ed Hazzard is critically ill in Oklahoma City. Mr. and Mrs. Hazzard are enthusiastic friends of our Lutheran mission in Oklahoma.

On June 7 Mr. Everett Wimp of Wichita, Kans., and Miss Lily Thompson of Galva, Kans., were united in holy marriage. The wedding took place in the bride's home. Fifteen deaf friends and a number of oral relatives were present.

A. E. F.

*Mission for Blind and Deaf.*—One of our deaf friends in Corbin, a city in the mining district of Central Kentucky, informed us a few weeks ago that the DEAF LUTHERAN is being read not only by the deaf in that district, but by their hearing relatives and friends as well and that they derive much pleasure and profit from its pages.

While in Washington, D. C., we enjoyed a pleasant visit with Dr. P. Hall, president of Gallaudet College for the Deaf. We have known Dr. Hall for many years. In our opinion he is a good example of a courteous,

friendly, and helpful public official. The students at Gallaudet College are fortunate to have him as a guide and a leader in their college work and other student activities.

A welfare worker of Westmoreland County, Pa., recently wrote to us as follows: "I am a new case-worker for the blind and am interesting several people in learning to read the Moon system of raised type. Most of them are deeply religious, and I know they would appreciate your *Lutheran Herald for the Blind*. Please send me several copies and keep me on your mailing-list; also inform me of the cost of this service. Sincerely yours, E. W."

O. C. S.

CAST thy burden on the Lord,  
Only lean upon His Word;  
Thou shalt soon have cause to bless  
His eternal faithfulness.

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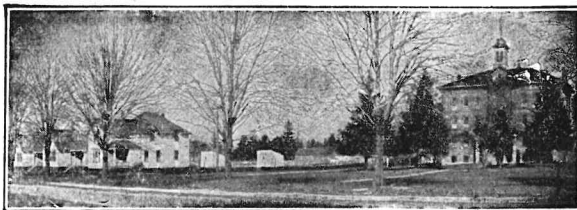
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