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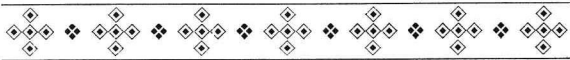
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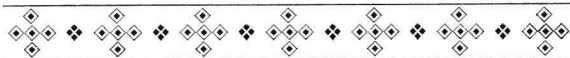


The Cross.

Blest they who seek,
While in their youth,
With spirit meek,
The way of truth.
To them the Sacred
Scriptures now display

Christ as the only true and living Way.
His precious blood on Calvary was given
To make them heirs of endless bliss in heaven;
And e'en on earth the child of God can trace
The glorious blessings of his Savior's grace.
For them He bore His Father's frown;
For them He wore
The thorny crown;
Nailed to the cross,
Endured its pain
That His life's loss
Might be their gain.
Then haste to choose
That better part
Nor dare refuse
The Lord your heart
Lest He declare,
"I know you not,"
And deep despair
Should be your lot.

Now look to Jesus who on Calvary died
And trust on Him alone who there was crucified.



Watchfulness.

In the summer months many plan vacations. They eagerly look forward to a change from their regular routine or schedule of work. These changes prove helpful to some in a bodily way. Men do not, however, need a vacation from their spiritual life. The body requires food also during the vacation season. The soul, too, needs spiritual food at all times.

You can never find a time when Satan leaves the field and goes away on a vacation. St. Peter tells us: "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour," 1 Pet. 5, 8. Man-kind is not safe while Satan roams the world. As long as he remains, souls must be fed with the Bread of Life. They need the renewed strength from day to day which God's Word supplies.

Every day, also every vacation day, is important to our soul's salvation. St. Paul warns us with these words: "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall," 1 Cor. 10, 12.

Be sincere, therefore, every day in your Christian life. Do your best at all times. Prove your faith, not by empty words, but by your acts. Jesus says: "If you love Me, keep My commandments," John 14, 15. Just as love is the fruit of faith, so obedience is the result of love. Put in every minute doing the will of God. Earth is not a place of rest for the soul.

Do not, then, neglect your Bible and church services during the summer months. The early Christians remained faithful in the midst of danger and suffering; we must remain true in times of ease and comfortable conditions.

O. C. S.

Hard Times.

Hard times! But hold that line
Of courage, faith, and love.
It's the only way for mortals
Who trust their God above.

Hard times! We need the testing,
Though hard it is to bear.
We need these darker hours
To bring us back to prayer.

Hard times! We were too proud a folk;
We changed our trust to gold
From faith in that great loving heart,
Our Father, God of old.

Hard times! Ourselves we made our god.
Now all but fools can see,
Without a God to lead us
Lost is humanity.

NORMAN G. SCHLICHTER,
in *Charlotte* (N. C.) *Observer*.

Studies in Luther's Catechism.

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT.

"Thou shalt not steal."

Money and goods are precious gifts of God to man. All things are His, for He says: "The world is Mine and the fulness thereof," Ps. 50, 12. And God gives them according to His own will and wisdom, to some more, to others less. Therefore we read in 1 Sam. 2, 7: "The Lord maketh poor and maketh rich." And now God draws a line around every man's money and goods and says to all men: "Thou shalt not steal."

Do Not Take Your Neighbor's Money or Goods.

When God says: "Thou shalt not steal," we at once think of robbers, bandits, gangsters, and others. But God says "thou"; that means every one of us. And this commandment is most necessary in this evil world; for "out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts," Matt. 15, 19. Oh, how eager our heart is to take the neighbor's money and goods! If a clerk in a store gives us too much change, our heart whispers: "Keep it." When we see a man drop a five-dollar bill, quickly our heart says: "Pick it up and keep it." Who can say, "I am clean"?

Furthermore, people take the neighbor's money or goods by not working or by doing their work slothfully. Paul says: "If any would not work, neither should he eat," 2 Thess. 3, 10. People

want to eat, but often do not want to work; and if they work, they waste their employer's time, but expect full pay. And the employer often breaks this commandment by making his people work long hours for little pay. Again, others borrow and pay not again, and the Bible says of them: "*The wicked borroweth and payeth not again,*" Ps. 37, 21. People also take the neighbor's money or goods by gambling, lotteries, raffles, etc. And often we rob God. In Mal. 3, 8 God says: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings."

Do Not Get Them by False Ware or Dealing.

False ware is money or goods which are not what they are said to be, such as counterfeit money, impure foods, etc. By false ware people get the neighbor's money or goods, as also by false dealing, that is, giving short weight, overcharging, cheating of any kind, etc. "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it?" Jer. 17, 9.

Repent and Believe the Gospel.

Yes, we have sinned against God, every one of us. Let us turn unto Him with sorrowful hearts and cry unto Him for mercy and forgiveness in Christ Jesus, and He will abundantly pardon us according to His promises in the Gospel. And may we then be content with the things God gives us and "fear and love God, that we may not take our neighbor's money or goods nor get them by false ware or dealing."

J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE.

Bible-Study for August.

"I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth." Acts 13, 47.

Bible-Lesson: Mark 7, 24—30.

"And from thence He arose and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it. But He could not be hid; for a certain woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard of Him and came and fell at His feet. The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought Him that He would cast forth the devil out of her daughter. But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled; for it is not meet to

take the children's bread and to cast it unto the dogs. And she answered and said unto Him, Yes, Lord; yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. And He said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter. And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed."

Jesus now departed from the city of Capernaum and went north into the territory of Tyre and Sidon. There He entered into a house to be alone with His disciples. He wanted no one to know about His presence in this region. But He could not hide Himself from the multitude, for also in this heathen territory of Tyre and Sidon the name of Jesus was known, and the people soon found Him.

Among the people who had heard of Jesus there was a certain woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, a devil. She had heard of Jesus, the Savior, and the great miracles which He performed. When she heard that He was near, she came to Him in faith and fell down at His feet and begged Him to heal her daughter.

This woman was not a Jewess, but a Greek, a Gentile, and in His dealing with her Jesus showed that He is the Savior not only of the Jews, but also of the Gentiles; He is the Savior of all people. At first, indeed, it seemed as though Jesus would not help her. "Let the children first be filled," He said to her; "for it is not meet [right] to take the children's bread and to cast [throw] it to the dogs." The "children" are the Jews. Jesus came, first of all, to bring salvation to His own children, the Jews, and it would not do to take this salvation away from them and give it to the "dogs," the Gentiles, the non-Jews. With this answer Jesus put her faith to a severe test.

This woman, however, is not discouraged by Jesus' answer. Her faith is so strong that she catches upon His words as a promise to help her. She answers: "Yes, Lord; yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs." The bread belongs to the children, but the crumbs belong to me, and that is all I am asking for; so help my daughter.

And her faith in the Lord was not in vain; her prayer was answered. By His almighty power Jesus cast the devil out of her daughter, and when she returned to her house, she found her daughter well.

When Jesus comes to your territory with His

Word and Sacraments, are you as eager to find Him and to seek His help and salvation as was this Syrophenician woman? Does your faith lay hold of His promises as firmly as did the faith of the woman? _____ E. EN.

I will March with the Rest.

"Why did you ask her to prepare that paper for the missionary meeting? You know she will not do it. She turns down every request for service." So spoke the president of the auxiliary to the chairman of the program committee.

But when the day came, she was there, and these remarks prefaced the reading of the article she held in her hand:—

"When I was asked to look up this subject and report on it, I gave the impression that perhaps I would, but really I had no intention of doing it. I was not interested and thought with indifference, Why should I bother about that?

"Some days later I stood on the sidewalk watching a parade of the G. A. R. By my side was an old man who was very visibly affected, and after a while he turned to me and said, 'I would give anything I own to be able to march out there'; and when I inserted a question, he went on to say, 'I was drafted and should have gone, but I didn't want to, and I got some one to go in my place, and there they are marching by, and I am not with them.'

"I cannot tell why, but like a flash this request for service you had made of me came to my mind, and I said to myself: 'The Church of Jesus Christ is marching by, and I am not with it. I am not keeping step with those who are seriously working to make Christ known to the ends of the world. Many of the women of my own church have walked past me seeing a vision that I have not tried to see. Yes, the Church of Jesus Christ is marching by me, and I am not with it.' And now in deep humiliation I pledge myself to march with the rest of you in this avenue of Foreign Mission service." *(From a tract.)*

IN THE MORNING MAIL.

Duluth-Superior Field.—The month of June brought another school-year to a close, a year which in the Duluth-Superior field was full of activity. During the first part of the year the pastor from Duluth served the class in Saskatoon, having the great pleasure of seeing the class grow appreciably in size. During the second half of the school-year the Rev. Cordes took over this

class, and he reports that the class has shown continued interest in the study of God's Word.

In Winnipeg the last school-year was ended with an enrolment of 30 children, of whom four were confirmed and one baptized. In Devils Lake the class has averaged slightly over 80 children. Of these children 15 were confirmed on Sunday, May 24, two of them being baptized before confirmation. Three smaller children were also brought to Jesus through the Sacrament of Baptism. The confirmation services were attended by 101 deaf, of whom 35, including the children of the confirmation class, communed. So the prairie State of North Dakota has given us a considerable number of deaf to be served.



Confirmation Class at the North Dakota School for the Deaf, May 24, 1936.

In Fargo we also had quite an interesting service on Sunday, June 14, this meeting being a combined service of the hearing and the deaf. Fifteen deaf attended the service. Three of them came a distance of eighty miles, while two more traveled a distance nearly as great in an oil-truck. Communion was also celebrated, the deaf and the hearing both participating.

The North Dakota and Montana District was kind enough to give the missionary an opportunity to speak at its convention, the Sunday afternoon service being chosen as the time when he could reach the greatest possible number of people. During the morning service, in which the delegates of the convention took part, two deaf received communion, while in the afternoon a demonstration of our work according to both the oral and manual method was given.

Although the Duluth-Superior congregation has already existed for a good number of years, still another adult was found who had not yet joined. He was Mr. John Woolhouse of Superior, who joined our congregation on April 12. W. F.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—A reader of the *Lutheran Herald for the Blind* in Virginia recently wrote to us as follows: "I have been a reader of the *Lutheran Herald* for a number of years. It is still a source of comfort and help to me. Please send the magazine also to Miss H., Norfolk, Va. I think that you are doing a great work."

Another letter tells us: "I am writing to inform you that Mrs. R. passed away. I wish to thank you for sending Mother the magazine, as she got so much good out of it. She was deaf and blind. Again expressing my thanks, sincerely yours, H. R."

In the past few months nineteen deaf were received into full membership of our Church through Baptism or confirmation at the stations which we are serving. May they remain faithful to Him who first loved them and gave Himself for their salvation! O. C. S.

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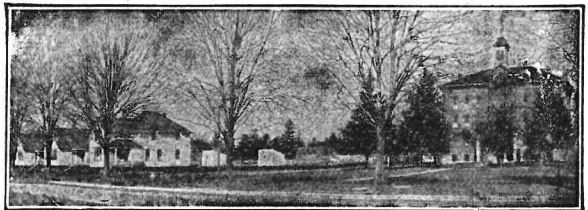
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