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## One Thing Thou Lackest.

"One thing thou lackest," Jesus said  
To one who had the Scriptures read,  
Who outwardly observed the Law,  
Whose life had scarce a speck or flaw,  
Who owned in Christ the Teacher's claim  
And to Him for instruction came;  
To Him, though thus discreetly led,  
"One thing thou lackest," Jesus said.

"One thing thou lackest," might be said  
To one who, though with Christians bred,  
And trained and taught from early youth  
In moral ways and words of truth,  
In Christ the Lord has not believed  
Nor Him for life and peace received;  
To one, who ne'er to Him has fled,  
"One thing thou lackest," must be said.

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## Instruction in Religion.

In the fall of the year pastors, as a rule, organize Bible classes. All men need the knowledge of God's Word. The good things of this world, such as health, success, money, education, and good times, do not satisfy the soul forever. After a few years these earthly blessings fade away. The soul of man can find no lasting joy in them; it is restless until it finds peace with God.

Many feel that they lack something, but they do not know what it is. They need the Water of Life, the knowledge of salvation through the blood of Christ. Only pardon for sins through faith in the blessed Savior can fill the heart with relief and give sweet rest to the soul. Jesus tells us: "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink," John 7, 37.

Many have a splendid opportunity to succeed in their Christian life; but frequently they dis-

appoint friends and relatives because they neglect God's Word and become satisfied with their own wisdom, their earthly possessions, and earthly success. The frequent and constant use of God's means of grace, the Word and the Sacraments, is necessary to spiritual life and growth.

There is no real reason, as some think, why a man should not become and remain a true follower of Christ. The life of a child of God is a blessed life, and it exerts a good influence upon others; it makes a man true to God and his friends. Faith in Jesus upholds the believer in times of peril and affliction. It creates true happiness and progress.

If, then, you are not a full member of the Church of Christ, join the Bible class this fall. You will thereby be led from the thunders of Sinai, or the Law, to the joy and love of Calvary, or the Gospel. Where we have the same Gospel and the same Christ, the wonders of Christian faith do not cease. The early Christians gave us some splendid examples of devotion and glorious victory over all the miseries of this earthly life. Let us follow in their steps to the glory of Christ and our own soul's salvation. O. C. S.

## Studies in Luther's Catechism.

### THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT.

*"Thou shalt not steal."*

In his explanation of the Seventh Commandment Luther showed us in our last study that we break this commandment by taking our neighbor's money or goods or by getting them by false ware or dealing. In this study we shall learn from his

explanation that, in order to keep this commandment, we should help our neighbor to improve and to protect his property and business.

#### **Help Him to Improve His Property and Business.**

This we do by giving him good advice and telling him what to do in this or that case. Perhaps a loan is needed, and we should give it, as Jesus says: "Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away," Matt. 5, 42. If necessary, let us lend a helping hand and give him some of our time. And in order to improve his business, let us speak well of it to others. Are we working for him? Then let us do our work faithfully, as Joseph did in the house of Potiphar, Gen. 39, 4—6. Have we stolen anything? Then let us return it, as Zachaeus did, Luke 19, 8. Also the employer should heed this commandment and help the laborer by giving him a living wage under good working conditions. If people would heed this commandment, there would be no quarrelings, no strikes, no wars, as we see them to-day.

#### **Help Him to Protect His Property and Business.**

We should always watch that our neighbor may not lose his property or fail in his business. There are so many things that tend to destroy them. Therefore, if we see any harm coming to them, let us seek to prevent it. Above all let us pray for our neighbor when dangers threaten his property and business. If he has lost anything, we should help him to find it. If we have found it, let us return it to him, though he be our enemy, as God says Ex. 22, 4: "If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again." We should watch his property and business as we watch ours.

#### **"Work with Your Hands; Give to Him that Needeth."**

We should work with our hands in order that we may be able to help him to improve and protect his property and business. We should work with our hands that we may have to give to him that needeth, Eph. 4, 28. We should work with our hands that we may be able to help him in every bodily need. But above all we should be concerned about his spiritual need and seek his everlasting welfare. Gladly we ought to give that the saving

Gospel of Christ may be brought to our neighbor. God has given us wonderful promises if we give to our neighbor who is in need. Read Prov. 19, 17 and Heb. 13, 16.

#### **Help Us, O Lord!**

Thus we must cry out when we consider all this. Oh, we find it so hard to help our neighbor, to improve and protect his property and business! Our heart is so greedy and selfish. How blessed to know that Jesus perfectly kept this commandment for us and paid for our sins with His blood. May we therefore fear and love Him and gladly do His will unto the glory of His name! J. L. S.

### **THE BREAD OF LIFE.**

#### **Bible-Study for September.**

*"In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust." Ps. 31, 1.*

**Bible-Lesson: Mark 7, 31—37.**

"And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, He came unto the Sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis. And they bring unto Him one that was deaf and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech Him to put His hand upon him. And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers into his ears, and He spit, and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, He sighed and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. And He charged them that they should tell no man; but the more He charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it; and were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well; He maketh both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak."

Jesus departed from the territory of Tyre and Sidon, where He had healed the young girl possessed by an unclean spirit, and came to the territory called Decapolis (ten cities), east of the Sea of Galilee. He had been in this region before, having, among others, healed two demoniacs, so that all the people knew Him and brought many sick people to be healed.

Among those who were brought to Jesus to be healed was a deaf man. This man also had an impediment in his speech, that is, he could not speak plainly. The friends or relatives who brought him besought (asked) Jesus to lay His hands on him and heal him. They were sure that Jesus was both able and willing to help this man.

And see how gladly and willingly Jesus answers their prayer! He is the Savior and Helper not only of the hearing people, but also of the deaf. First of all He took the deaf man aside from the multitude, so that he could give his whole attention to Jesus. By signs and actions Jesus then showed him that He understood his condition and was willing to help him. He put His fingers in his ears, spit, and touched his tongue; then He directed the man's thoughts to the Father in heaven, from whom all our help must come, by looking up to heaven; then He sighed and said to the deaf man, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And straightway (at once) his ears were opened, so that he could hear, and his tongue was loosed, so that he could speak plainly.

When Jesus had performed this great miracle, He charged (commanded) the people that they should tell no man about it. He did not want to be known merely as a miracle-worker; He wanted all men to know and believe in Him as the Savior from sin and death. But these people could not keep still; the more Jesus charged them, the more they made known this miracle.

We, too, are to make known the wonderful works of Jesus. He has come to save us and all men. This message of salvation is being proclaimed to you and to many in the sign-language, and by the preaching of this message you and many others are brought to faith in the Savior. Surely you will admit that this is the greatest blessing which Jesus could bestow upon you, bringing you to faith in Him as your Savior. Thank Him for this great blessing and then make known to others what wonderful things Jesus has done for you and wants to do for them also. E. EN.

### IN THE MORNING MAIL.

*Chicago Mission.*—Two marriages of colored deaf were solemnized: June 20 Fred Brown and Marian Pennington, July 3 Alphonse Samuel and Carolyn Collins. We extend our hearty congratulations to these couples and wish them much happiness during a long wedded life. We hope also that both couples will regularly attend our services for the Negro deaf in St. Philip's Church, 6400 St. Lawrence St., on the first Sunday of every month. Mrs. Samuel came from the South to be married; the other three newly-weds have lived in Chicago for some time past.

Two deaths occurred among our members. June 15 Mrs. Christine Pahl, *née* Steinmetz, died at the age of

fifty-nine, and July 13 Mr. Herman Retzlaff of Wisconsin passed away, aged sixty-seven. We extend our sincere sympathy to the families and relatives of the deceased. May God, who has taken away, comfort the survivors with the assurance of the resurrection of these two members unto life everlasting in heaven! "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth," Rev. 14, 13.

Mrs. Pahl was born May 29, 1877, in Chicago; married in 1896 to Mr. Ed. J. Pahl; confirmed as a member of our church December 25, 1898.

Mr. Retzlaff was born December 7, 1868, at Belle Plaine, Wis. He was confirmed in Bethlehem Church, Detroit, August 1, 1886.

Both were faithful members of our church through many years. Let us honor their memory, and may we likewise be faithful to our Savior and His Church until the last summons comes to us from on high! A. C. D.

Mr. Alex Cummins of Bardo, Ky., has rendered us valuable services in gathering the deaf of Central Kentucky for meetings. He also assisted us in instructing some deaf in the chief doctrines of the Bible. We wish him continued success in his efforts in behalf of Christ's kingdom. O. C. S.



Alexander Cummins,  
Bardo, Ky.

*Minneapolis Mission.*—Miss Pearl Knutson of Willmar, a member of our mission since 1928, passed away July 7 at the Willmar State Hospital. Her father used to bring her to our Minneapolis services, a distance of a hundred miles; but when we heard of other deaf in and around Willmar and also of a few patients in the State Hospital, we conducted services in Willmar. Pearl was instructed and confirmed by the pastor in 1928. She had been sick for a number of years, and she was always glad when we came to tell her of Jesus and His love. Often she partook of the Lord's Supper. We therefore need not sorrow as those who have no hope. "This is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son and believeth in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the Last Day," John 6, 40.—We are still ministering to three deaf at the hospital. We had not been there for some time because of the many other stations to be served, and they expressed their regret that we cannot serve them more frequently. They rejoice in our bringing Jesus to them. J. L. S.

*Omaha Mission.*—After thorough instruction in the Catechism and Bible History, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoss of Omaha were united with the Lutheran Church by confirmation on June 7. Mrs. Hoss also received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. May God's blessing be upon these two new members of Christ's flock!

Mrs. Georgia Maude Gutting, a member of the Omaha congregation and for three years a resident of

the Lutheran Old People's Home, was called to eternal rest on June 23 after a long, lingering illness. She made a fine confession of faith on her death-bed. Funeral services were held on June 25.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. E. Rodda of Omaha and to her sisters, Mrs. Oscar Becker and Miss Jessie Bauman of Martinsburg, Nebr., who lost their aged father on May 14. The undersigned interpreted the services conducted by the Rev. M. Jung at Martinsburg on May 16.

On April 27 the pastor was called to Norman, Okla., to the death-bed of his father. He passed away on May 1.

Soon after this issue reaches our readers another school term will open. A class of 41 at the Omaha school and 30 at Council Bluffs will continue their religious instruction. Several pupils at each school will be prepared for confirmation next May. Pray for these children that they may know their Savior aright and believe in Him unto the end. E. M.

*Mission for Blind and Deaf.* — A State-home teacher for the blind in Chicago recently sent us the names of five new readers of the Moon type with the following remarks: "Kindly enter these blind on your mailing-list for the *Lutheran Herald for the Blind*. Thanking you very much for your kindness and courtesy, I remain, with all good wishes for the splendid work you are doing among the blind, respectfully yours, A. J. J."

### A School in "Ceylon's Isle."

The report of the School for the Deaf and the Blind at Mount Lavina, Ceylon, gives a most interesting and suggestive account of the work for handicapped children on this polyglot island. At the end of the year 1931 there were 286 children in the school, 159 blind and 127 deaf. Singalese, Tamils, Moors, Anglo-Indians, Malays, and Burghers make up this class.

Much industrial work is done at the school. Among the older boys are weavers, carpenters, basket-makers, tailors, electricians, printers, and potters, and twenty-three of the girls are now doing knitting and embroidery work.

The school is under the supervision of a local committee and is largely supported by voluntary contributors. — *Volta Review*.

### Legislature Provides for Deaf-Blind Boy.

We have been informed that the joint request of the School for the Blind and the School for the Deaf for a separate appropriation for the education of Missouri's deaf-blind boy Leonard Dowdy has been properly cared for. Leonard is

now at Perkins Institute, and the Legislature is providing funds for him to return. We are very happy over the fact that the State is recognizing its responsibility in cases of this kind. We feel that Leonard will receive much better instruction and care at Perkins than we could give him in either of our schools here in Missouri and are gratified that he is to return. — *Missouri Record*.

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