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Prayer.

Thine honor rescue, Christ, our Lord!
Hear Zion's sighs and help afford;
Destroy the wiles of mighty foes,
Who now Thy Word and truth oppose.

Their craft and vaunting pomp is great;
High beat their hearts, with power elate;
Our dearest hopes they but deride,
They deem us nothing in their pride.

Forgive, O Lord, our sins forgive,
Grant us Thy grace and let us live;
Convince Thy foes throughout the land
That godless counsels shall not stand.

Preserve Thy little flock in peace,
Nor let Thy boundless mercy cease;
Let it to all the world appear
That Thy true Church indeed is here.

That Thou art with us loud proclaim,
Who put'st our enemies to shame,
Dost all their haughtiness suppress
And help Thine own in their distress.

Ev. Luth. Hymn-book, No. 275.

The Reformation and Its Blessings.

Every year October 31 is celebrated as the birthday of the Reformation. It was the day when Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-five Theses, or sentences, to the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg. These theses, based upon the Word of God, opposed the many wrong religious practises of the Church at that time.

The teachings of the Bible had been replaced by the teachings and commandments of men. The people were made to believe that they could save themselves and go to heaven by their works, by their prayers, by their giving of money; but they were not told of the love of God as manifested in the sending of Christ Jesus. Luther, too, tried to save himself from sin by his works; but instead of finding peace and forgiveness, his sins troubled

him more and more, until one day he found a Bible. While searching in this Book, he read words like these: "Man is justified by faith, without the deeds of the Law"; "By grace are ye saved, through faith"; "The just shall live by faith," and many others. These words, after the Lord had opened his eyes to understand them aright, brought such comfort to his soul that he read daily in this precious Book. After writing those theses, which quickly spread throughout all Europe, he bravely upheld all of God's truth in his many debates with his enemies and in his sermons and writings. The rest of his life he spent in serving his Lord and Savior, preaching the old Gospel of the forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ. His great work under God's blessing brought joy, peace, and comfort to many poor lost souls throughout the centuries.

You also have heard and read this Gospel which Luther brought back to light. You have learned that the only true way to heaven is by repenting of your sins and by believing that Jesus died to save you. What a wonderful blessing for you!

May all of us remain faithful Christians and believers in Christ Crucified! Do not be ready to change your religion for any or no reason, perhaps because you have a friend who belongs to another church group or because you may find more entertainment there.

The Lutheran faith, based not on the man Luther, but upon the precious Gospel which through Luther God brought back to us, will continue to comfort you while you live and will give you hope and peace when you die.

Cling to this great blessing of God, teach it to your children, help your relatives and friends to know it, so that they may learn the truth which is able to make them free.

E. M.

National Lutheran Radio Week.

The Delegate Synod, which met at Cleveland, O., in June, 1935, adopted the following far-reaching resolution: "We recommend that individual congregations, respectively, groups of congregations, be urged to avail themselves to the fullest possible extent of the radio facilities in their communities." Pursuant to this resolution the KFUD Radio Committee, which serves also in the capacity of Synodical Radio Committee since the last Delegate Synod, has set aside the week of October 25 to 31, the Reformation week, as National Lutheran Radio Week. The purpose of National Lutheran Radio Week is: *Lutheran broadcasts in every locality where a radio station is available, during this week, daily, or as often as possible.* You can participate in National Lutheran Radio Week in the following manner: a) Listen in on the Lutheran broadcasts; b) tell others of these broadcasts; c) invite persons who have no radio set to your homes to listen in with you; d) establish listening centers in churches and parish-houses for the general public to tune in; e) give financial aid to Lutheran broadcasts; f) pray for the success of the broadcasts. "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come," Matt. 24, 14.

HERMAN H. HOHENSTEIN,
Director of Radio Station KFUD.

Studies in Luther's Catechism.

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT.

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

Solomon says: "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches," Prov. 22, 1. Therefore, as God protects our money and goods by the Seventh Commandment "Thou shalt not steal," so He protects our good name by the Eighth Commandment which says: "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

To Bear Witness.

A witness is a person who has seen or heard something. Perhaps you have seen an accident, or you have heard a man tell of his wicked plans. Then you are a witness. Witnesses often are called before court. There they bear witness, that is, they tell what they have seen or heard. It is not

sin to bear witness in court; indeed, often it is our duty to do so for the glory of God and the good of our neighbor. God says: "Thou shalt not bear *false* witness."

False Witness.

There are so many false witnesses. These do not tell what they have seen or heard, they tell not the things that are true, but speak falsely, lie, about their neighbor. Perhaps they want to help a friend by telling a lie and so hurt the other man. Of false witnesses we read in 1 Kings 21, 1—14. There we read of two wicked men who bore false witness against Naboth; in consequence he was put to death by a wicked king and queen. In Matt. 26, 50, 51 we read of false witnesses rising up against our Lord Jesus that He might be condemned to death on the cross. All this God forbids in the Eighth Commandment. We should tell the truth and not hurt our neighbor by telling a lie about him.

Deceitfully Belying.

It is sin to lie not only before court, but also in our every-day life. Luther tells us in the explanation of the Eighth Commandment: "We should fear and love God that we may not deceitfully belie, betray, slander, nor defame our neighbor." First, we should not deceitfully belie our neighbor. To belie one means to lie about him. The father of all lies is the devil. He told the first lie; he lied from the beginning, as Jesus tells us in John 8, 44. Eve said to him: "God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die." And the devil quickly answered, saying: "Ye shall not surely die." He did this to deceive our first parents. So the devil still comes with his lies for the purpose of deceiving us, saying: "There is no God; there is no devil; there is no hell; there is no life after death." Oh, beware of his lies!

And then do not follow in his footsteps; do not deceitfully belie your neighbor. There is so much lying in this world. In Rom. 3, 4 God says by the Apostle Paul: "Every man is a liar." And in Ps. 116 we read: "All men are liars." Who can say, "I have never told a lie about my neighbor"? Because of the sin of lying we are under God's curse and wrath and deserve everlasting punishment.

Trust in Jesus for Forgiveness.

Jesus never told a lie. He Himself says: "I am the Truth." He perfectly kept this commandment for us and paid for our lies and untruths with His

precious blood. Now let us fear and love God and, as true followers of Jesus, "put away lying and speak every man truth with his neighbor," Eph. 4, 25.

J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE.

Bible-Study for October.

"I am the Bread of Life; he that cometh to Me shall never hunger." John 6, 35.

Bible-Lesson: Mark 8, 1—9.

"In those days, the multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples unto Him and saith unto them, I have compassion on the multitude because they have now been with Me three days and have nothing to eat; and if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way; for divers of them came from far. And His disciples answered Him, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness? And He asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven. And He commanded the people to sit down on the ground; and He took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to His disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people. And they had a few small fishes; and He blessed and commanded to set them also before them. So they did eat and were filled; and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets. And they that had eaten were about four thousand; and He sent them away."

In the territory of Decapolis (the Ten Cities), where Jesus had healed the deaf man, a large number of people had gathered to hear His Word and to bring their sick to be healed. So eager were they to hear His Word that they remained with Him three days. They had, however, failed to bring enough food to last them that long; and when Jesus saw that they had nothing to eat, He had compassion (pity) on them. He did not want to send them home without something to eat, for He knew that some of them had come from far and would faint on the way, and therefore He planned to give them something to eat.

Jesus knew how He would furnish food for these people; first, however, He tested the faith of His disciples. On a previous occasion He had fed five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fishes. (Read Mark 6, 34—44.) And it seems as though the disciples had already forgotten this miracle, for they asked Him: "From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness?" They did not see how

that could be done. It did not occur to them that this same Jesus who fed five thousand people could perform a similar miracle again.

Among that multitude of people there were only seven loaves of bread and a few small fishes; but that was enough for Jesus to feed the whole multitude. He took the loaves and gave thanks. Jesus thanked the heavenly Father for the food which He had given. How much more ought we sinners to thank God for the food which He daily sets before us and which we have not deserved! Then Jesus broke the bread and gave it to His disciples, and they gave it to the people. And He did the same thing with the fishes. And now see how through the almighty power of Jesus this small supply of food was blessed and multiplied, so that they all ate and were filled and then picked up seven basketfuls of food that was left.

This same Jesus is also with you to-day, and His heart is moved with compassion and love when He sees your needs; and He is ever ready to help you. Trust in Him, and you will not be ashamed.

E. EN.

IN THE MORNING MAIL.

Kansas City Mission.—We are glad to notice that many of our Christian friends are moved by their love of Jesus to worship Him "in season and out of season," in summer as well as in winter. Thus the attendance at most of our preaching-stations in this territory has been unusually good although the temperature was above a hundred degrees for fifty-one days in succession.

The attendance at Arkansas City was 8; Atchison, 8; Kansas City, 19, average; Joplin, 10; Leavenworth, 5; Marysville, 10; Salina, 10; Springfield, Mo., 21; Wichita, 19; Tulsa, 11. In Tulsa the temperature was 114 degrees; yet our friends came to worship their Savior. But when we think of all that Jesus has done for us, why shouldn't it always be this way? May our friends *continue* to say: "I will bless the Lord at *all* times," Ps. 34, 1.

These scholars of the Missouri State School for the Deaf had a perfect Sunday-school attendance record for the summer: Clinton Coffey, Martha Call, and Louis Meyer; of the Kansas School, Bernard Goetting.

A. E. FERBER.

St. Louis Mission.—On June 28 the congregation here in St. Louis had its annual picnic on the beautiful grounds of the Lutheran Orphans' Home in Des Peres, Mo. About two hundred deaf attended the picnic. The superintendent of the home conducted a tour through the new building. An outdoor service was conducted for the benefit of all present. After the service a well-planned lunch was served. Games and contests followed, and all present reported an enjoyable day.

On June 11 Ernest Brave, aged sixty-eight, departed this life in the City Hospital. During the last few years of his life Mr. Brave suffered much pain and sorrow; but through it all he expressed his faith in Jesus, his Savior. We hope that he is now resting safely in the arms of the same Savior who gave His life to save the world from sin and death. The remains of our brother were laid to rest in Alhambra, Ill., on June 13.

During the record-breaking heat of the summer months the attendance at our services was not so good in St. Louis; but we hope that, when cooler weather sets in, we shall have a normal attendance again, if not above normal.

On July 16 an outdoor service was conducted with the deaf of Little Rock, Ark. About 55 deaf attended the service. After the service a delightful lunch was served by the deaf of that city. All reported having spent an enjoyable evening and suggested that this little outing be made an annual affair.



Deaf Bible Class of Harlan, Ky.

Our confirmation class, which we were forced to drop during the hot summer months, will again be taken up in September. Five deaf are preparing for membership in the Lutheran Church.

On August 30 the congregation here in St. Louis had its second outing for the season, again on the beautiful grounds of our Lutheran Orphans' Home. Services were conducted at 2 P. M. on the grounds. About 95 deaf attended the service. Lunch was serviced by the ladies' aid.

September again brings with it the work in our schools for the deaf. May the Holy Spirit fill the hearts of our pupils and make them all eager and willing to attend each instruction class, so that they may all learn to know the Savior, who has said: "Suffer the little children to come unto Me." We are happy to report that our class in Fulton is growing larger each year.

The deaf of the entire St. Louis field send their regards and best wishes to all of their brethren and sisters throughout the country whom this issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN will reach. F. A. H.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—A deaf-blind man in Pennsylvania recently wrote to us as follows: "Please send your Lutheran magazine in Moon type to Miss E. of Cottage Grove, Wis., at once. She is deaf and blind and has two deaf-blind brothers and one deaf-blind sister. They all would like to read your very fine

magazine. I also enjoy it very much. Very sincerely yours, H. L."

The president of a home for the blind in New York City sent us this letter: "Just a few lines to let you know that your magazine, the *Lutheran Herald*, is enjoyed by all the inmates of our home, and we thank you very much for it. Cordially yours, D. L., President."

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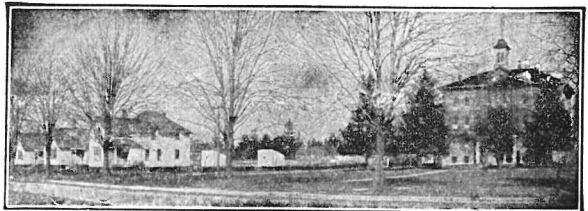
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