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Jesus Only

Jesus, the only One,
The One whom God has given,
My soul, trust Him alone
Of all in earth or heaven;
He gave His life upon the tree
That I, the culprit, might go free.

Jesus, the Living One.
He lives no more to die;
Full proof that all is done;
Yea, more, He lives on high.
He lives His precious blood to plead;
He lives for me to intercede.

Jesus, the Judging One.
To Him all judgment's given;
To Him each knee shall bow
In hell or earth or heaven.
Oh, happy they who bow to grace!
All else may dread to see His face.

R. H.

"We Go Up to Jerusalem"

There is no season like the Lenten season to bring people nearer to the saving Gospel of Jesus. Even the worldly-minded people are inclined to give more attention to God's message during this time of the year.

Lent is the period of the church-year preceding Easter. This year it will be in the weeks between March 2 and April 17. During these weeks we feel urged to go with Jesus and the disciples on that last journey to the Holy City. We are to be witnesses, in spirit, of the scenes of suffering that ended in the tragedy of Calvary. During Lent this image, or picture, of the suffering Christ is to be impressed more deeply upon our hearts. To be sure, much spiritual benefit is to be gained by such a spiritual journey to Jerusalem and Calvary.

We ask our readers to approach the Lenten season with us in a spirit of sorrow for all sins, in deep reverence before our Lord. As we

behold our Lord and Savior in the deepest pain of His Passion, let us realize that this is the fulfilment of God's divine plan of grace unto our salvation.

Look at Jesus as He in loneliness endures the suffering.

In the midst of a dark night He prays alone in Gethsemane. Alone He stood before the judgment-seat of Pilate while the cruel mob cried, "Crucify Him." Alone He is beaten, and the painful crown of thorns is placed upon His head. And behold as, finally forsaken by His friends, His lonely figure is hanging in agony upon the cross. Alone He died there for the sins of all. But how easily man forgets! How difficult it is for many busy men and women to give a few moments' time to meditate upon Christ's redeeming work! The hours which "saw" the suffering and death of Jesus are the most important hours in all history. Take those hours out of the world, and there remains only a gradual *drifting* of souls to eternal doom. The Savior and the salvation He earned for sinners is, after all, our greatest need.

We are so easily inclined to forget this. Let us therefore "go up to Jerusalem." See the suffering Savior. To us busy, present-day people Jesus says: "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Come and see if there be any sorrow like unto My sorrow which is done unto Me."

Let us pause daily during Lent from our busy life and spend a few profitable hours with our Savior on His way of sorrows. And as we again see the great suffering and pain of Jesus, we shall realize anew how awful are the demands of the Law. With an awakened

conscience we shall then approach our heavenly Father, saying: "God be merciful to me, a sinner."

Such an observation of Lent will bring us to true repentance, strengthen our faith, and increase our love.

Drawn to the cross which Thou hast blessed
With healing gifts of righteousness
To find in Thee my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come. A. E. F.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE CREED

"God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"

In the heavens are the holy angels, good and mighty spirits, and many of them. For what purpose did God make these holy spirits?

God Made the Angels for the Glory of His Name

The Holy Bible again and again tells us of angels singing praises to their God and Maker. When He laid the foundations of the earth and the measures thereof, the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy, Job 38:4-7. In a vision Isaiah heard the angels crying to one another, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts," Is. 6:3. When our Savior was born, the multitude of angels came from heaven and sang, "Glory to God in the highest," Luke 2:14. When the Son of Man will come again in His glory, all the holy angels will come with Him, Matt. 25:31; and surely they will sing praises unto Him before all the world. And forever they will praise God and the Lamb that was slain, as Rev. 5:11 tells us. Let us learn of the angels to sing the praises of our Savior Jesus Christ, who laid down His life for us.

God Made the Angels to Do His Commandments

In Ps. 103:20, 21 David says: "Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word. Bless ye the Lord, ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure." God sent two angels to Sodom to bring Lot out of that wicked city. He sent His angel Gabriel to Zacharias with the promise of a son who would prepare the way for the coming Lord, Luke 1. The same angel came from heaven to the Virgin Mary with the good

tidings that she should bring forth a son and call his name Jesus, Luke 1. When Jesus was born, God sent an angel to the shepherds with "the good tidings of great joy": "Unto you is born . . . a Savior." On Easter Day He again sent an angel to roll away the stone from Jesus' grave and to meet the women with the Easter-greeting: "He is risen." The angels of God always go to and fro doing His commandments. Much more gladly we ought to do the commandments of Him who laid down His life for us.

God Made the Angels to Serve His People on Earth

Scripture tells us that God sends His angels "to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation," Heb. 1:14. From the cradle to the grave, yea, beyond the grave, the angels guide and protect God's people. Speaking of little children, Jesus says: "In heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven," Matt. 18:10. Wonderful comfort for parents! However, He sends His angels not only for little children, but for all His people; for David writes: "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him and delivereth them," Ps. 34:7, and again: "He shall give His angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands lest thou dash thy foot against a stone," Ps. 91:11, 12. Angels are with us Christians in all our ways as they were with Jacob, Gen. 32:1, 2. They protect us as they protected Daniel in the lions' den and his three friends in the furnace of fire. And when our last hour comes, they will carry our souls into Abraham's bosom, as we read of Lazarus Luke 16:22. And on the Last Day Jesus will "send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other," Matt. 24:31. We who believe in the crucified and risen Lord need not fear. His angels keep and guard us.

Praise God for His Angels!

Oh, the great goodness of our God! He sent His only Son to die for us, and by His Holy Spirit He works saving faith in us and then gives His angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways. Praise Him for His goodness! Let us leave the way of sin and walk in the way of holiness unto the glory of our Savior's

name, and the angels of God will never leave us but keep us in all our ways to the end. Then we shall join them in singing the praises of our God and Savior forever and ever.

J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible-Study for March

"For He shall save His people from their sins"

Matthew 1:21

Bible-Lesson: Mark 10:32-34

"And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them. And they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And He took again the Twelve and began to tell them what things should happen unto Him, saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man shall be delivered unto the chief priests and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn Him to death and shall deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they shall mock Him and shall scourge Him and shall spit upon Him and shall kill Him; and the third day He shall rise again."

During the season of Lent, which we have now entered again, our thoughts are occupied chiefly with the suffering and death which Jesus endured for our salvation. Jesus, the Son of God, came into the world "to seek and to save that which was lost"; and He knew that the salvation of sinners could be accomplished only by His going into death for their sins. He therefore also frequently spoke to His disciples about His forthcoming suffering and death. "The Son of Man," He said to them on one occasion, "is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill Him, and after that He is killed, He shall rise the third day," Mark 9:31.

When the time approached that Jesus should be delivered into death, we see Him and His disciples on the way going up to Jerusalem. So great was His love for all sinners that He willingly and gladly went into death for them. He walked ahead of His disciples, and they followed Him. His thoughts were on His forthcoming suffering and death, and His whole bearing and actions on this journey filled the disciples with astonishment and fear.

Then Jesus took the Twelve aside and spoke to them again of the things that should happen to Him in Jerusalem. He told them that He would be delivered to the chief priests and scribes and that His own people would sentence Him to death and deliver Him into the hands of Gentiles (Romans) to be nailed

to the cross. As on previous occasions, so also now He told them again that His death on the cross would be followed by a most glorious event, an event which would fill their hearts with joy and thanksgiving: "The third day He shall rise again."

And just as Jesus foretold, so it came to pass, He suffered and died on the cross and rose again from the dead on the third day. During the Lenten season let us therefore daily meditate upon Jesus' Passion (suffering and death). He died for our sins. And if we look up to Him with repentant and believing hearts, our sins, all of them, will be removed; sin no longer will have any power over us. E. EN.

IN THE MORNING MAIL

St. Louis Mission.—The Rev. F. Hischke, our missionary to the deaf in St. Louis, died suddenly February 10 in Little Rock, Ark. The undersigned represented our missions to the deaf at the funeral in St. Louis, February 13. He based his remarks on 1 Cor. 13:12. The Rev. A. Nitz conducted the services. Burial took place in Sabin, Minn.

A. E. FERBER

(We express our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

EDITOR)

Kansas City Mission.—In Wichita, Kansas, a terrific sleet-storm was raging on the day of our December service. Traveling on the streets was dangerous. Nevertheless 22 friends attended.

Twenty-six Negroes, our largest attendance thus far, came to the Christmas service.

Mrs. Ed. Hansmann, a Kansas City member, fell asleep in Jesus peacefully Jan. 27, after a very painful illness.

Owing to various delays our oral and deaf instruction class did not complete the course in time for confirmation at the close of the past year. Indications are that a fine group will be ready to join us in the near future.

A. E. F.

Cleveland, O.—It is now a little more than one half year that I began preaching in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York. In this short time God has greatly blessed my humble efforts. My Gospel work is showing improvement in general. In Cleveland my first convert, Mr. Lawrence Hudy, was received into full membership on January 30. Especially in Buffalo much greater interest has been shown by the deaf. In Buffalo, Miss Nellie Bedier is my first convert, having been baptized on December 16; and five others are taking instruction. Altogether 35 deaf are now studying the chief teachings of the Christian religion. Dear reader, often pray for these 35 friends, asking God to cause them all to believe in Christ until the end. In Youngstown, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Davies have greatly helped me as Aquila and Priscilla helped Paul. This Christian couple has visited many deaf in their homes and has induced quite a few to come to our Gospel-preaching. Many of

our out-of-town stations could possibly be improved if God would stir up Christians like this Youngstown couple and then, in the missionary's absence, zealously visit the deaf and try to win them for Christ and for heaven.

THEO. FREDERKING

Detroit, Mich.—On January 20 Mr. Russell Rhoads of Monroe, Michigan, died at the age of 39 years after a very brief illness. Mr. Rhoads was taking instructions preparatory to confirmation. He was very much interested in the lessons and was anxiously looking forward to the time when he could partake of Holy Communion together with the members of our Lutheran church in Toledo. In His wisdom and mercy God saw fit to take him from this earth before that time came. We hope that he is now in heaven, where God will give him "to eat of the eternal manna and to drink of the river of God's pleasure forevermore."

Who knows how near my end may be!

Time speeds away, and death comes on;

How swiftly, ah, how suddenly,

May death be here and life be gone!

My God, for Jesus' sake I pray

Thy peace may bless my dying day. N. B.

Omaha Mission.—January 9 was a happy day for the deaf congregation at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and also for other groups of deaf in that State, because a new missionary was installed in their midst on that day. The new worker in that field is Rev. Arnold Jonas of Oakland, California. The installation service was held at Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, Rev. G. H. Steffen, pastor. Both the deaf, numbering about 35, and the hearing people were invited to this service. Rev. Steffen preached the sermon, and the undersigned interpreted for the deaf present. Three other pastors assisted during the service. After the service a supper was served in the church basement, and following the supper a program was given in honor of the new pastor and his wife and also in honor of the retiring missionary, Rev. Mappes, who also received a gift in the form of money in appreciation of his past services. We wish to thank all our deaf friends once more for this kindness shown and also for all past favors.

May God's richest blessings rest upon the new missionary in his labors in the South Dakota field!

At this writing the new church and parsonage for the deaf in Omaha is nearing completion. The dedication services are to be held in the afternoon of February 20. Both the deaf and hearing friends will be invited. We are happy about our new church, and we ask God's continued blessing and guidance in all our church-work. May He bring many more deaf to the knowledge of their only Savior through hearing and learning His Word!

E. M.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—In the past month we addressed the societies of our Lithuanian congregation in Chicago, the Rev. E. Kories, pastor. We were pleased with the interest this group showed in our mission; indeed, it evinced real enthusiasm. A member of our Church in another State to whom we sent some printed information with regard to our missions recently wrote us as follows: "Enclosed please find the printed matter you so kindly loaned me. Please accept my thanks. I had no idea my Church is carrying on such

a great work. I am sure I shall be much more interested in it in the future. Enclosed herewith a small donation." Money given to the support of Christian missions by the Lord's people is always a good investment. It has the promise of the Savior's blessing and reward. May our effort in the direction of publicity stir many hearts to contribute liberally toward the spreading of the Gospel!

In Lexington, Ky., Mrs. R. Broaddus, one of our faithful workers in the deaf church, has been quite ill. We wish her a speedy recovery. May she look in faith beyond the clouds of human fears and doubts to the Savior, who is well able and willing to supply all her needs!

O. C. S.

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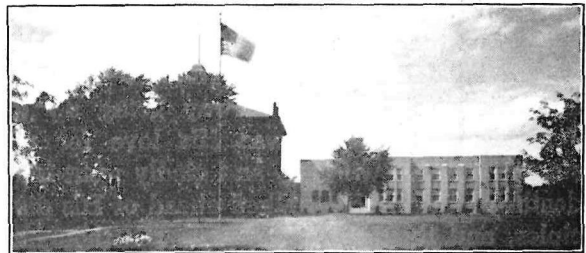
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