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Easter Dawn

Hymns of praise, hymns of glory
Rise again this Easter Day.
Hallelujah! Christ is risen,
We are saved from death and sin.
We who followed Him to Calvary,
We who saw Him crucified,
Saw the earth grow dark and tremble,
Saw the day turned into night.
Hear again the angel's message:
"He is risen from the dead."

Died for you, He died for me
Who from guilt was ever free;
Prayed His Father for His foes,
"Forgive, they know not what they do."
"It is finished," we are free,
Paid the price for you and me.
On this glorious Easter Day
Rose again to show the way.
Yes, my Jesus lives, and so
I shall live again, I know.

Look again to Calvary's hill;
Finished is His Father's will.
Angels bring a message clear,
To our hearts is ever dear:
"He's not here where He was laid."
We're redeemed, the price is paid.
Hear again the angels say,
"Christ arose this Easter Day."
Yes, my Jesus lives, and so
I shall live again, I know.

LYDA NERN

Jesus Lives

Easter, the most joyous festival of the Christian Church, brings a wonderful message, which can be fully expressed in two words: "*Jesus lives.*" This fact is so wonderful because Jesus is the only one who of His own power ever rose from the grave.

Come with me for a moment to the burial-chambers of Egypt or to the mausoleums of India or to the catacombs of Rome, and you will find there the dead who in past centuries

have fallen asleep. Go to such military burial-grounds as Flanders Field, where lie thousands and thousands of brave soldiers—they are sleeping. Go to Westminster Abbey or to our Arlington Cemetery—there also you will find the dead. But now go with me to one tomb in a garden outside of Jerusalem, and we shall find one tomb where He who once lay there is no longer sleeping. As we look at that tomb now at Easter, three days after the crucifixion, an angel tells us: "He is risen." Immediately we therefore understand that Jesus kept His word.

Jesus had predicted His death many times. He had promised that He would rise again. Now, on Easter morning, we see that this promise is *fulfilled*.

The words of men often fail. But Jesus kept His promise.

The resurrection of Jesus therefore proves that His words are true. It proves that Jesus is true God. St. Paul says that "Jesus Christ was *declared to be the Son of God* with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead."

Jesus lives: This proves that Jesus saved the world. On the cross He said: "It is *finished.*" He was delivered for our offenses, but He was *raised* again for our justification.

Jesus lives: His resurrection proves that all believers shall rise unto life eternal. Jesus says, John 14:19: "Because I live, ye shall live also."

Jesus lives. Let us *believe* this and *tell others* the glad tidings about the Savior, as He instructed Mary to do, Matt. 28:10. Then we shall be free from the fear of death and some day shall worship Jesus face to face.

A. E. F.

Come, My Soul

Come, my soul, with sorrow burning,
Come to bloody Calvary.
See that face in anguish turning,
Beaming yet with love for Thee,
Love for thee who Him didst slay,
Him on whom thy sins all lay;
Love for thee who hast denied Him;
Love for thee who crucified Him.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

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

The Devil and His Angels

Great comfort it was for us Christians to learn of the good angels, whom God gives charge over us to keep us in all our ways. Not all angels, however, are good. There are also evil angels, or devils, and of these we shall learn in this and the following study.

God Made Also the Evil Angels

There are evil angels, or devils. Our Bible speaks of them again and again, from the first book of the Old Testament to the last book of the New Testament. Those who say that there is no devil do not believe the Bible. Now, who made these evil angels? In the Bible we read: "All things were made by Him," John 1:3. But did God make these angels evil? No; for "God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good," Gen. 1:31. God made also these angels good and holy and wanted them to live with Him in glory forever. But, as Jude 6 tells us, they kept not their first estate, that is, the holiness in which God had created them, and left their own habitation, their happy home. And in John 8:44 Jesus tells us of the devil: "He abode [stayed] not in the truth." The devil and his angels knew the truth, but did not abide in it. They rebelled against God and despised the truth. They were the first to sin; for "the devil sinneth from the beginning," 1 John 3:8.

Also the Evil Angels Are Mighty Spirits

Paul writes of these evil angels: "We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against *spiritual wickedness* in high places," Eph. 6:12. Jesus gave His disciples power against *unclean*

spirits, Matt. 10:1. And they are mighty spirits. Paul again says in Eph. 6:12: "We wrestle against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world." In Mark 5:3, 4 we read of a man with an unclean spirit in the country of the Gadarenes: "And no man could bind him, no, not with chains, because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces; neither could any man tame him."

There Are Many Evil Angels

Matt. 25 Jesus speaks of Judgment Day and tells us that the wicked shall go into everlasting fire, which was "prepared for *the devil and his angels*," v. 41. Again, when Jesus met a man with an unclean spirit in the country of the Gadarenes, "He asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion; for *we are many*," Mark 5:9.

No Hope of Salvation for the Evil Angels

"*Everlasting* fire" is prepared for the devil and his angels. Jude writes: "God has reserved them [the evil angels] in *everlasting* chains under darkness unto the judgment of that Great Day." No hope for them. But, thanks to God, there is forgiveness and salvation for us poor sinners in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus, "who was delivered for our offenses [sins] and was raised again for our justification," Rom. 4:25. He died for us and rose again. Hallelujah! J. L. S.

Song of Praise

On the platform Her eyes alight; She sings the glory Of God tonight.	No organ's peal, No thunder's roll, Touch greater depth In human soul.
Her lips are still, But from each hand Come motions that We understand.	We feel the sound Come from the gloom And echo through The silent room.
To us who watch Each sign conveys Her words that sing Our Savior's praise.	Graceful gestures Near and wide; "I triumph still If Thou abide."
"Abide with me," Comes forth, a tune Transmitted on A magic rune.	On the platform Her eyes alight; She sings the glory Of God tonight.

GUIE CELESTINE COOKE

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible-Study for April

"Come, take up the cross, and follow Me."

Mark 10:21

Bible-Lesson: Mark 10:35-45

"And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto Him, saying, Master we would that Thou shouldst do for us whatsoever we shall desire. And He said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? They said unto Him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on Thy right hand and the other on Thy left hand, in Thy glory. But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask; can ye drink of the cup that I drink of and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? And they said unto Him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of, and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left hand is not Mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Him and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you; but whosoever will be great among you shall be your minister. And whosoever of you will be the chiefest shall be servant of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many."

Jesus had spoken to His disciples of His suffering and death; but they failed to understand the full meaning of His words. Their thoughts dwelt on the glory and honor which should be theirs in Christ's kingdom. Two of them, James and John, even asked Jesus to give them the highest places of honor in His kingdom. They still believed, as did the other disciples, that Jesus would set up a great kingdom in this world, and in this kingdom they wanted to occupy the chief seats of honor, on the right and on the left hand of Jesus. On a previous occasion, when the disciples were disputing among themselves who should be the greatest in the kingdom of God, Jesus told them: "If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all and *servant of all*." How quickly they had forgotten this lesson in humility! Their hearts were still filled with sinful pride and with the desire for honor and glory.

Therefore Jesus "called them unto Him" and taught them again that in the kingdom of God not he is truly great who would rule like

the kings and princes of this world, by exercising power and authority over people; on the contrary, only he will be great in the kingdom of God who is willing to share the bitter cup of suffering with the Savior and in true humility to serve his fellow-men. In the kingdom of God we must all be followers of Jesus. He came into the world "not to be ministered unto," not to be served by others, "but to minister," to serve others. His life was a life of service, and He willingly became the lowest servant of all. Yes, He even went into death for sinners. He "gave His life a ransom for many"; He paid the price of our redemption with His own life.

As Jesus was willing to become the servant of all, so let us in true humility serve one another. Then God in His mercy and grace will also give to us places of honor and glory in His Kingdom of Glory. E. EN.

ARE we willing to decrease and let Christ increase in our lives, as John the Baptist did? If not, our knowledge of the One who made Himself of no reputation but became a servant for our sakes shall be slim. Our salvation is free, but it costs us something to know Christ. Self must be buried, and Christ must arise in our lives before we can know Christ. — *Anon.*

IN THE MORNING MAIL

St. Louis, Mo. — Pastor F. Hischke, whose sudden death was announced in the March issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN, was a zealous and untiring worker. On February 8 he left on his regular monthly tour to Memphis and Little Rock. Having preached in Little Rock on Wednesday night, February 9, he visited with Rev. Prange and then went to the hotel. There he was found dead in his room at six on Thursday morning. Besides preaching at the various places, he also instructed a class of our St. Louis Seminary students in the sign-language. He taught classes in religion at the Missouri and Illinois schools for the deaf. Rev. Hischke was under the doctor's care. He had high blood pressure and a thyroid condition. The physician was giving him iodine preparatory to an operation. E. A. B.



Omaha Mission. — In the name of the Triune God and to His service, Bethlehem Lutheran Deaf Church was dedicated and formally opened on Sunday, Feb-

ruary 20. The service was held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the Rev. W. C. Rehwaldt, Vice-President of the Northern Nebraska District, preaching the dedicatory sermon and the local pastor interpreting it for the deaf. Miss Emma Maser, now Mrs. E. Mappes, rendered in signs the hymn "Now Thank We All Our God." The choir of Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Omaha gave a selection and also accompanied Miss Maser with the hymn. About one hundred deaf and two hundred hearing friends attended the service.

May the Lord send His continued blessings upon our congregation and grant a healthy growth, both spiritually and numerically.

On March 6 Roger Ray, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Engel of Friend, Nebr., was brought to Holy Baptism at our service in Lincoln, Nebr. May God keep him in His grace unto the end! E. M.

Detroit, Mich.—On March 6 we had the pleasure of confirming the following in Saginaw: Harry Dundas, David Altergott, and Mrs. David Altergott. The newly confirmed members partook of the Lord's Supper in the same service. Mrs. H. Dundas helped to beautify the service by signing the hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." May God, who has led these new members to see and confess the pure truth of the Gospel, preserve and strengthen them in true faith that they may continue steadfast unto the end and receive the crown of everlasting life! N. E. B.

Milwaukee, Wis.—John Harloff was born November 14, 1860, in Milwaukee, Wis. His boyhood days were spent in the neighborhood of Richard and Wright streets. For several years he attended the Wisconsin School for the Deaf at Delavan, Wis. September 9, 1882, he married Emma Seefeld. This happy union was blessed with three daughters, Bertha, Ella, and Clara, all living here in Milwaukee. Mr. Harloff learned the coopers' trade in his youth and followed this line of work for thirty-five years. Later he served the H. & D. Paper Company as oiler. All in all, his active service extended over a period of forty-five years. That is more than many of us will see.

Six years ago, September 9, 1932, Mr. and Mrs. Harloff celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, another blessing showered upon this couple. However, this happy union came to an end December 30, 1935, when Mrs. Harloff was called to her eternal home. The funeral service was held January 3, 1936, at the Lutheran Chapel for the Deaf. The rest of his days Mr. Harloff spent with his daughters. He began ailing, and an operation became necessary; his age seemed to retard recovery. His strength gradually failed him, and on Sunday morning, between two and six, February 20, 1938, he was called out of this world and, so we firmly hope, entered his Savior's kingdom. The funeral service was held at the Lutheran Chapel for the Deaf, 1717 W. Meinecke Ave., Milwaukee, Wis., by Rev. F. C. Gade. The church records show that both joined the above church as communicant members in 1899 and were active members until their death. A. C. G.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—A faithful reader of the DEAF LUTHERAN some weeks ago sent us \$2 with the following statement: "Enclosed find \$2. After

deducting 25 cts. for my own subscription use the balance for mailing the DEAF LUTHERAN to such as are unable to pay the price of subscription. The DEAF LUTHERAN is an inspiring little paper. I usually pass my copy on to a tuberculosis patient, who enjoys reading it.—A reader of the *Lutheran Herald for the Blind*, Moon type, in South Africa sent us \$2.46. She wrote in her letter: "I like sending something toward the *Lutheran Herald*. I enjoy reading the *Herald* so much I can hardly wait from one quarter to the next. Its contents are so edifying." We certainly appreciate such cooperation. May God bless the gifts and the givers! O. C. S.

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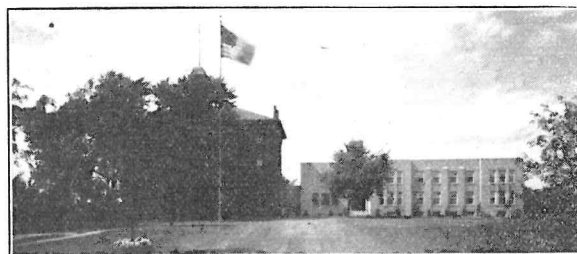
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