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## The Church

Christ, Thou art the sure Foundation,  
Thou the Head and Corner-stone;  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one;  
Thou Thy Zion's Help forever  
And her Confidence alone.

## Why Go to Church Faithfully

There are some people who always try to find excuses for not going to church. In winter it is too cold; in summer it is too hot; in spring it rains too much. At Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving some refuse to come to church because they prefer the pleasures of the world to the heavenly pleasures we find in Jesus Christ.

It is foolish to try to find excuses for not going to church, for neglecting to hear the wonderful message of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Alas, how many people will be excluded from heaven because they despised the Word of God, which alone can save men's souls.

Now, if you, dear reader, want to learn how to be saved, or if you wish to continue in the true faith, you must go to church regularly. Jesus commanded His Church to preach the Gospel in all the world that sinners everywhere might learn of Him and of the way to heaven. Therefore you ought to be wise and go to church faithfully. Ministers come to your city or town to preach that Jesus is the Son of God and that He died on the cross to remove our sin and curse and to win full forgiveness for all men. Even if by God's grace you already believe in Him and hope to be saved only through Christ's suffering and death, it

is necessary to hear the Word in order that by it you may be kept in the true faith and that your faith may be strengthened.

If you attend divine services faithfully and receive the sermon with a believing heart, the Holy Ghost will not fail to grant you this blessing.

Do not follow the great majority round about you who never think of going to a house of worship, much less read the Bible. Remember, they will lose their souls because they reject Him without whom there is no salvation. Jesus Himself has told us that he who does not hear His Word and therefore does not believe in Him "is condemned already because he hath not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God," John 3:18.

Dear reader, go to church every time our ministers come to your city or town or neighborhood. Through the Gospel which you will hear in church the Holy Spirit will kindle faith in your heart; and if you believe in Him who suffered and died for you, you shall "not perish but have everlasting life," John 3:16.

T. F.

## Let No Man Take Your Crown

Have you become discouraged? Have you allowed something to keep you from being what you know you should be? Have you allowed depression or disaster to make you lose heart and to slacken your effort? If so, remember the word of the Lord "that no man take thy crown." Be diligent in season and out of season. Be faithful in the face of storm as well as in times of sunshine; for if there is "no battle, there will be no victory; no cross, no crown." — *Christian Observer*.

## Studies in Luther's Catechism

### THE SECOND ARTICLE

*"Jesus Christ, His Only Son, Our Lord"*

Jesus Christ—the name “above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,” Phil. 2:10, 11. What? Every knee should bow before Him and every tongue confess Him? Who is this Jesus that all the world should bow before Him? In our Creed we confess:

**“His [God’s] Son”**

Jesus is the Son of God. When He was baptized of John in the river Jordan, a voice came from heaven, saying: “This is *My beloved Son*,” Matt. 3:17. And Jesus Himself said that He is the Son of God. He asked the man born blind whose eyes He had opened: “Dost thou believe on *the Son of God*?” And he answered, “Who is He, Lord, that I might believe on Him?” And Jesus said, “Thou hast both seen Him, and *it is He that talketh with thee*,” John 9:35-37. And what do the angels say of Him? When the angel Gabriel came to Mary to announce to her that she would become the mother of Jesus, he said, “That Holy Thing which shall be born of thee shall be called *the Son of God*,” Luke 1:35. And if we ask the devils, what do they say? In Mark 3:11 we read: “And unclean spirits, when they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried, saying, Thou art *the Son of God*.” And when Jesus asked His disciples, “Whom say ye that I am?” they answered: “Thou art the Christ, *the Son of the living God*,” Matt. 16:15, 16. Every Christian therefore rejoices and sings: “My Jesus is the Son of God.” Is this your Jesus? Is your Jesus truly the Son of God? If not, then you have a false Christ and Savior.

**“His ONLY Son”**

Some people will say: “Yes, Jesus is the Son of God, just as we all are sons of God, and He is one among the many.” This, however, is not the teaching of the Bible. Again and again we read in the Book of God that Jesus is God’s only Son. There is none other like Him. John writes: “We beheld His glory, the glory as of *the Only-begotten of the*

*Father*,” John 1:14. And again: “No man hath seen God at any time; *the only-begotten Son*, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him,” v. 18. And Jesus said to Nicodemus: “God so loved the world that He gave *His only-begotten Son*,” John 3:16. Therefore our Creed teaches us to say “His only Son,” and every Christian can rejoice, saying, “Thanks to God! He gave me the best He had, His only-begotten Son.” O see how He loved you and me!

**“Our Lord”**

Jesus is the only Son of God and therefore also the true God, as we say in the Second Article: “His only Son, our Lord.” This is the plain teaching of the Bible. Take the Gospel according to John and read the first verse of the first chapter: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and *the Word was God*.” From verse 14 we learn that the Word is Jesus Christ, and now we read: “The Word was God.” Therefore John writes in His first epistle: “This is *the true God* and eternal Life,” 1 John 5:20. God Himself came down from heaven to dwell among men. Rejoice, our Savior is the mighty God and Lord!

**Jesus, True God, — and Lent**

The month of February ushers in the holy season of Lent when we Christians think upon the bitter suffering and death of Jesus for sinners. Remember, the suffering and crucified Christ is the only Son of God, the true Lord and God, and joyfully say: “The Son of God, yea, the true God, shed His blood for me and died for me.” Read Gal. 2:20.

J. L. S.

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

### Bible-Study for February

*“Love is the fulfilling of the Law,” Rom. 13:10*

Bible-Lesson: Mark 12:28-34

“And one of the scribes came and, having heard them reasoning together and perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel: The Lord, our God, is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely, this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

And the scribe said unto Him, Well, Master, Thou hast said the truth; for there is one God, and there is none other but He; and to love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the soul and with all the strength and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, He said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask Him any question."

One of the scribes (Jewish teachers) who heard the answer which Jesus gave the Pharisees and Sadducees when they asked Him about the payment of tribute (taxes) to Caesar and about the resurrection of the dead, perceived (saw) that Jesus had given them a good answer. Therefore he also came to Jesus with a question, saying, "Which is the first [the most important] commandment of all?"

The answer which Jesus gave him was plain and convincing: "The Lord, our God, is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely, this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Clearly Jesus points out to this scribe, and also to us, that the one thing which God's Law demands is love to God, a love which is to fill not only our heart but also our mind, our soul, and to prompt our every activity; a love which loves God above all things. This love to God can exist only where the heart is right with God, where it clings to Him in true faith. And where this faith and love to God exist in the heart, there the love to one's neighbor will also follow. Therefore Jesus tells the scribe that the first, or chief, commandment is that of love, a love which has its source in faith. Without love to God it is impossible to keep His commandments.

The reply of the scribe shows that now he understood the real meaning of God's Law. The outward observance of the Law, bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices and the like, has no value in the sight of God unless it flows from love to Him. No doubt the scribe also realized how far he was from keeping the Law of God as He would have us keep it, and therefore Jesus told him, "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God."

As children of God, as believers in Christ and members of His kingdom, we gladly seek to obey God's Law by loving God with all our

heart and our neighbor as ourselves. But how imperfect is our love to God and to our neighbor! How frequently do we sin in this respect! How necessary is it for you and me to come to God in daily repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness for our sins!

E. EN.

#### NOTICE

*The Rev. F. C. Gade* of Milwaukee, Wis., departed this life on January 22.  
O. C. SCHROEDER

#### IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

*Indianapolis, Ind.*—Two deaf in Evansville, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Claude Meyer, were united with the holy Christian Church by Baptism in August, 1938. Mrs. Meyer is a native of Evansville. Mr. Meyer hails from Kansas, where he and his wife lived for some years after their marriage. While they were in Kansas, they attended the services of Pastor Alvin Ferber and were receiving religious instruction from him by correspondence. When they moved back to Evansville, they looked up our Lutheran services and since then have attended them faithfully and regularly came for instruction. In August they were baptized and in December, together with an older couple, Mr. and Mrs. Rud. Brinkmann, became communicant members of our flock by confirmation. That brings the number of communicants in Evansville to nine. Two of these are Mr. and Mrs. Joe McGrew. Mrs. McGrew is also a native of Evansville, and she and her husband also lived in Kansas after their marriage and were under the pastoral care of Pastor Alvin Ferber and baptized by him and became communicant members. Also these young people sought their church in Evansville and have been regular attendants at the services and at the Communion table.

May the Holy Spirit always grant these new members and also the former members of our Lutheran flock a contrite spirit, who tremble before the Word of their God, but also keep them in true faith, cause this faith to become deeper and firmer, so that their lives may be more and more such as their Savior wants it to be. Our heart's wish is that the example of these two couples who were confirmed in December, and whose confirmation was witnessed by a group of deaf, may influence other deaf in Evansville and elsewhere to learn the doctrines of the Word of God. When they have learned them and are convinced that the Lutheran Church really teaches God's Word, they will, as we have experienced in almost every case, remain with our Church. If they really are people who dare not deviate from one word of the Bible, who know that their salvation rests only on God's Word—if the deaf whom we have taught are really such people, they will never want to join any other but our Missouri Synod churches. May God make many hearts ready and eager to be such members of our richly blessed Lutheran Church of the Missouri Synod!

W. G.

Chicago, Ill.—Two weddings recently took place in our midst. On December 17, 1938, Mr. Paul Allison and Miss Eleanor Otto were married in our chapel before a large audience; and on January 7 Mr. Gottlieb Borgardt and Miss Elsie Smith were united in marriage in the home of the bride's sister.



A Recent Confirmation in Chicago  
The Misses Bernice Robb  
and Catherine Kaper

All four of these young people are members of Our Savior Church. We wish them God's richest blessing on their future path of life.

Two of our aged members recently celebrated birthdays. On December 10 of the past year Mrs. Anna Neely was privileged to celebrate her eighty-third birthday. Some friends from her church were present at her home for the occasion. Mr. Wm. Gliston passed the eightieth mile-stone of his life. May the Lord grant much joy to them during the remaining years of their lives!

Whenever we have a service for the small group of deaf in Kankakee, Ill., among whom is Willie Meier, who is permanently confined to his wheel-chair, the entire group is faithfully represented. Mrs. Elizabeth Webb is one of the friends who regularly attend these services, and although she is past eighty years of age, she painted a large and beautiful picture of Christ in Gethsemane and presented it to the pastor for use in his study. She also gave us another picture of Jesus blessing little children. We surely appreciate these gifts very highly.

Mr. Edward Pahl, one of the few remaining charter members of our congregation, was struck down by an automobile on December 13 and received a large cut on his forehead, which required a number of stitches. Otherwise he was not greatly hurt. We are happy to know that he is again able to be up and about.

ERNEST J. SCHEIBERT

*Mission for Blind and Deaf.*—A hearing friend of our missions recently sent us money for subscriptions to the DEAF LUTHERAN for several friends and remarked: "Your little paper brings a great blessing to its readers. May God continue to be with you and your work!"

A reader of our *Lutheran Herald for the Blind*, Moon type, who regained her sight after an operation on her eyes, wrote as follows: "You cannot know what the *Herald* has meant to me in my blindness and loneliness. It not only helped me to pass my time, but the articles were so fine, interesting, and helpful that I shall really miss them. I thank you again with all my heart."  
O. C. S.

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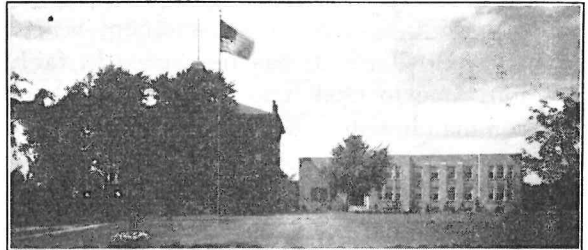
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