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## Praise to the Lamb

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!

See all your sins on Jesus laid;  
The Lamb of God was slain;  
His soul was once an offering made  
For every soul of man.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.

CHAS. WESLEY, 1739

## Lent and My Savior Jesus

On Ash Wednesday, February 22, we again entered the holy season of Lent. While true Christians ought every day to think much about Jesus, who in great love died for our sins, yet we observe Lent to become more deeply impressed with the greatest message, Christ, and Him Crucified.

It was necessary for the Son of God, Jesus, to come down from heaven to die for our sins. As a just judge must punish law-breaking within his jurisdiction, so the holy God and just Judge must punish sin because sin is the breaking of His Law.

Though God, according to His holiness must punish sin, yet according to His love He found a way to save the sinner. He sent His only-begotten Son to fulfil, in the sinners' place, the Law which they had broken and to bear the punishment which they had deserved by suffering and dying for them. This is what we are especially meditating upon in the Lenten season.

Let us not refuse to accept this of God's love in Christ Jesus. We have no right to dictate to God how the sinner may be saved. Let us thank Him with all our heart for having found this wonderful way of saving the world of sinners.

Dear reader, if you ask, Can I be saved, considering that I am a sinner and have broken God's Law? then listen to this comforting answer the Bible gives you: Yes, you can be saved; in fact, you have been saved on that Good Friday when Jesus hung on the cross on Calvary. When He cried out, "It is finished," He meant to say that He had finished the work of saving mankind. The body and soul of Jesus, suffering and dying on the cross, was the full payment for all sins that ever will be committed. Hence you, dear reader, have been saved; you have been bought with the precious blood of Jesus. If you believe in Him with all your heart, you have forgiveness of all your sins and heaven is open for you. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," Acts 16:31. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned," Mark 16:16.

May all our readers believe sincerely in Jesus Christ! May all of you place your hope for eternal salvation in Him! And if, by God's grace, you put your trust in Him, remember at all times that you belong to Him, that you are His own. Then surely you will also live unto the glory of His holy name. You will hear His Word in church and every day read it at home. You will continue daily in prayer until Jesus will appear visibly again on the Last Day to receive you into eternal glory.

T. F.

## Studies in Luther's Catechism

### THE SECOND ARTICLE

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

Of Jesus the Father said, "This is My beloved Son." When the man born blind asked who the Son of God was, Jesus Himself answered, "It is He that talketh with thee." The disciples confessed again and again, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Therefore John also writes of Him: "This is *the true God* and eternal Life," 1 John 5:20.

### Jesus Christ Is the Everlasting, Almighty, Ever Present, and All-Knowing God

God is "from everlasting to everlasting," Ps. 90:2. Jesus is the true God, therefore our Bible says: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever," Heb. 13:8. God says: "I am the almighty God," Gen. 17:1. Jesus is God, therefore He could say: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth," Matt. 28:18. The many wonderful works Jesus did prove that He is "the mighty God," Is. 9:6. God knows all things, our down-sitting and our uprising, and understands our thoughts afar off, Ps. 139:2. Jesus is God, for He also knows all things. He knows the thoughts of men. Read Matt. 9:4 and Luke 9:47. Peter rightly said to Jesus: "Lord, Thou knowest all things," John 21:17. Again, God is everywhere; no man can hide himself in secret places so that He could not see him, Ps. 139:7-12. Jesus, too, is omnipresent, that is, in all places at the same time; for He says: "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," Matt. 28:20. Jesus is our *Lord*.

### Jesus Christ, True God, Does the Same Works as the Father

Of the Father we say in the First Article: "God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth." Of Jesus we read: "All things were made by Him [Christ]; and without Him was not anything made that was made," John 1:3. As the Father, so also the Son preserves all things. Heb. 1:3 tells us: "He [the Son] upholds all things by the word of His power." Again, as the Father, so also Jesus forgives sins. To a man sick of the palsy He said, "Thy sins are forgiven thee." His enemies said to one another: "Who can forgive sins but God

only?" Then Jesus showed them that He is God by making that sick man well and therefore also has power to forgive sins. Read Matt. 9:1-8. Our Jesus is the Lord God indeed.

### Honor Jesus as the True God

Heb. 1:6 we read: "Let all the angels of God worship Him," the Son. Therefore also we should worship Him. He says: "All men should honor the Son even as they honor the Father," John 5:23. Oh, so many worship and honor Him not as God and therefore have no Savior. What could one who calls himself a savior do for the sinful world if he were not God? What could the death of Christ on the cross help us if He were not God? Of men David writes: "None of them can by any means redeem his brother nor give to God a ransom for him," Ps. 49:7. Now, Jesus is not only man but also true God, as the Bible teaches. Therefore Paul could say, "The Church of God which He purchased with *His own blood*," Acts 20:21. And to the Corinthians he writes, 1 Cor. 2:8: "They crucified the *Lord of Glory*." By nailing Jesus to the cross, the Jews and Gentiles crucified God. Surely Christ's death pays for all sins of all men, His blood is able to cleanse from all sins. During this Lenten season let us sing:

Jesus, the Lord, the mighty God,  
An all-sufficient ransom paid.  
O matchless price! His precious blood  
For vile, rebellious traitors shed.

J. L. S.

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

### Bible-Study for March

*"We believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God," John 6:69*

Bible-Lesson: Mark 12:35-40

"And Jesus answered and said while He taught in the Temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the Son of David? For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The Lord said to my Lord, Sit Thou on My right hand till I make Thine enemies Thy footstool. David therefore himself calleth Him Lord; and whence is He, then, his Son? And the common people heard Him gladly. And He said unto them in His doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing and love salutations in the market-places and the chief seats in the synagogues and the uppermost room at feasts; which devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation."

The scribes and Pharisees had asked Jesus a number of questions, tempting Him and seeking to find a cause for which they might put Him to death. Though Jesus knew that they were plotting against His life, He nevertheless answered their questions, and so convincing were His answers that the enemies were completely silenced.

Now Jesus, in turn, asked them a question, a question of the highest importance. It concerned the Messiah, the Christ, the Savior whom God promised to send to His people to save them from their sins. Jesus claimed to be this Savior, and His disciples also confessed, "Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." His enemies, the scribes and Pharisees, however, did not accept Him as the Messiah. They did not even believe that the promised Messiah was the Son of God; for when Jesus asked them, "What think ye of Christ? Whose Son is He?" (Matt. 22:41), they answered, "The Son of David." Their answer implied that the promised Savior was to be a mere man.

Now Jesus proved to them from the Old Testament (Ps. 110:1) that this Son of David, the Messiah, is also the Son of God. In this psalm David, writing by inspiration of the Holy Ghost, calls Christ "my Lord," saying, "The Lord [God] said unto my Lord [Christ]." Then Jesus asked the scribes and Pharisees, "David therefore himself calleth Him Lord; and whence is He, then, his Son?" The scribes and Pharisees did not answer Jesus' question, but the answer can only be this: The Messiah, the Savior promised by God, is both God and man, the Son of God and the Son of David.

God's Word clearly teaches that Jesus Christ is David's Son; for He came from David as God had promised, since Mary, His mother, was a descendant of David; but it also teaches that He is David's Lord, for He is the Son of God. Jesus Christ is true God and true man and therefore the only true Savior. As God He had power to overcome sin, death, and the devil, and as true man He shed His blood and died for our sins. Without faith in this God-man Savior there is no salvation.

The scribes and Pharisees rejected this Savior and by their false teaching and preaching led people away from Jesus and heaven. They were hypocrites, seeking their own honor

and glory instead of the honor and glory of God; they were vain, selfish, and greedy, and because they were greedy, they did not hesitate to rob poor widows of their houses. See how Jesus warns the people against these false teachers! On the Day of Judgment they will "receive greater damnation" (punishment).

Also today there are many teachers and preachers who believe and teach that Jesus is not the Son of God but a mere man. "Beware!" says Jesus. Do not follow them, do not let them rob you of your salvation. Pray God instead that He may keep you in the true faith and confess with the disciples: "We believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." E. EN.

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### Pastor Fred C. Gade

About one year ago the Lord took a missionary to the deaf from the midst of his labors when Pastor Hischke was so suddenly called from his work in the St. Louis field, where he had carried on a signally blest activity. That was the first time that a missionary had died in active service.

Now another worker heard the Lord's strong but sweet call to come home. On January 22, 1939, exactly at the time when the deaf of Delavan, Wis., were holding a service, praying for their pastor's recovery if it be God's will, his soul took wing, and he went home to his Master.

Pastor Fred C. Gade, since 1927 missionary to the deaf in the Milwaukee field, was born October 5, 1875, near Reedsburg, Wis. There he was given to the Lord in Holy Baptism, as little Samuel of old was dedicated to the service of the Lord; and there he was instructed, learning his Master's will, and renewed his baptismal vow on the day of confirmation, resolved to serve the Lord like Samuel in the ministry. So soon after he went to Concordia College, Milwaukee, for pre-theological training and then attended Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He was graduated in 1903.

He served his Lord very faithfully in the ministry for over thirty-five years. Nine years were spent at White Lake, S. Dak., fifteen years at Delmont, S. Dak., and the last eleven

years as pastor to the deaf in the Wisconsin field.

With a devoted and cheerful spirit he preached Christ. He was very industrious, never tiring of telling both deaf and hearing that Jesus redeemed them and that they should believe in Him alone. And he was very successful in making his message understood and remembered. He ordered his work in the churches which he served so that they were very orderly. It is but proper that we should recognize his quiet, faithful service.

Rev. Gade saw the goodness of the Lord; and His goodness shows itself often in the crosses which He lays upon His children. Pastor Gade had his share of joys and sorrows.

In 1904 he was united in marriage with Miss Frieda Bode; but in that same year she was taken from his side by death. In 1907 he married Miss Clara Steffen of White Lake, S. Dak., who has been a loving and devoted wife and who, together with six daughters and one son, mourns his departure.

Last October signs of weakness showed themselves, and a seemingly light stroke laid him low in November. His condition grew steadily worse until it became evident that the Lord was getting ready to call him home. Cheerful, though helpless, he waited for the Lord's call, which came January 22. His age was 63 years, 3 months, and 17 days.

He was laid to rest on January 25 at Arlington Cemetery, Milwaukee. In the forenoon Rev. C. Dietz of Immanuel Lutheran Church conducted a private service with the family, speaking consoling words from Matt. 17:7, 8. The body then was conveyed to Immanuel Church, where it lay in state until the service in the afternoon, when Rev. H. A. Gamber, chairman of the Board of Lutheran Missions for Deaf and Blind, preached the sermon on Ps. 116:15. He spoke earnest and true words to the family and the congregation and gave rich comfort to all. His sermon was interpreted to the deaf by Rev. Salvner. A trio of deaf ladies signed a hymn, and the hymns of the congregation and of a children's chorus were interpreted by Pastor Salvner and the writer.

At the cemetery Rev. W. C. Meyer of Immanuel officiated, and Rev. Scheibert of Chicago interpreted the service.

Thus another worker among the deaf went to his reward. May God soon supply the vacant field with another faithful servant, and may He give all those mourning this death His comfort! Let us work more earnestly to bring Jesus to the deaf and be ready always for His call. N. P. U.

### IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

*The Cleveland Field.*—In the interest of the deaf the undersigned wants to give a brief report for 1938. During the past year over 500 deaf were served in Ohio, New York, and Pennsylvania. 318 souls, 130 communicants, and 83 children in Sunday-schools belong to our parish. Let us thank the Lord for preserving these Christians in faith and for leading others to Jesus through the Gospel.—In our November service in Buffalo, Mrs. Rose Ode publicly confessed her faith in the Triune God and became our member. In the December service held in Pittsburgh, Mrs. Martin Eber was confirmed and joined the church. At the present time a number of adults in various cities are being instructed in the teachings of God's Word, and we pray the Lord to kindle faith in their hearts and keep them with Christ.—In the Edgewood School for the Deaf, near Pittsburgh, we started a class of 12 children in January. As these grow in stature, may they also grow in heavenly wisdom and abide with Christ unto their end! THEO. FREDERKING

*Mission for Blind and Deaf.*—In January one of our aged deaf members walked five miles through snow and icy streets to attend services for the deaf. He is a fine example to younger deaf who sometimes fail to come to the meetings even in fair weather.

We continue to receive many letters from the blind. A reader of the *Lutheran Herald for the Blind* in Liverpool, England, recently informed us as follows: "I thank you so much for the *Lutheran Herald* which I receive regularly each quarter. I find in it a rich blessing for my soul. Reading the *Lutheran Herald* has helped me and lifted me up wonderfully. I have a blind friend who would be very much pleased to be placed on your mailing list."

Our quarterlies for the blind have readers in nearly all the States of our country, in Canada, England, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, West Indies, Fiji Islands, the Philippines, China, Egypt, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, France, Russia, Estonia, Rumania, Latvia, Czechoslovakia, Holland, Poland, and Palestine. O. C. S.

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