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Prayer

Now do we pray God the Holy Ghost
For the true faith, which we need the most,
And that He defend us when life is ending
And from exile home we shall be wending.
Lord, have mercy!

Shine in our hearts, O most precious Light,
That we Jesus Christ may know aright,
Clinging to our Savior, whose blood has bought us,
Who again to our true home has brought us.
Lord, have mercy!

Thou sweetest Love, grace on us bestow,
Set our hearts with heavenly fire aglow,
That with hearts united we love each other,
Of one mind, in peace with every brother.
Lord, have mercy! MARTIN LUTHER, 1524

Pentecost

The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, Rom. 14:17.

On the day of Pentecost the Holy Ghost came upon the apostles of Jesus. He made them speak in various languages which they had not known before. While the apostles preached in different languages, thousands of people came to hear and see this wonder of God. In consequence of this preaching of Christ's Gospel 3,000 people repented of their sins, believed in Jesus Christ, and then were baptized. Through the Word of God, the Holy Ghost gave them righteousness and peace and joy.

Even so today the Holy Ghost through the Word of God bestows upon us the righteousness of God and peace and joy.

The kingdom of God is righteousness. Because we cannot save our souls by our own works, Jesus appeared on earth to suffer and to die for our unrighteousnesses and sins. He removed our guilt and filthy righteousnesses and won for us the forgiveness of sins.

The kingdom of God is peace. Adam and Eve once enjoyed perfect peace with God, but they lost it by their fall into sin. By His bitter sufferings and death Jesus again established perfect, eternal peace between God and man. And if you, dear reader, by the grace of God, have accepted the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus, then you also have peace with God.

The kingdom of God is joy in the Holy Ghost. There are two kinds of joy, earthly and heavenly joys. Earthly joys are found in things like eating and drinking, money and clothes, luxuries and the pleasures of life. All earthly joys do not help to build the kingdom of God, but the joy in earthly things in many cases hinders the building of God's kingdom. If you truly believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin, then your soul possesses the joy in the Holy Ghost; then you find true joy in the Triune God, joy in the Word of God and the Gospel of Christ, joy in the Church of God and in true preaching of Christ. In this joy, true Christians wait anxiously to reach heaven, where there shall be perfect, unending joy with God, His angels, and all the saints.

Let us use this short time of life to enter the kingdom of God. While we live, let us go to hear the preaching about Christ regularly; let us use the Word of God daily in our homes. Using God's Word and the Sacraments faithfully, we shall be blessed by the Holy Spirit, who effectually works in us, bestowing upon us the righteousness of Christ, the peace of God, and the joy in the Holy Ghost. Having these and other spiritual treasures, we are members of God's kingdom and heirs of everlasting life.

T. F.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible-Study for June

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15

Bible-Lesson: Mark 13:9-13

"But take heed to yourselves; for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten; and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony against them. And the Gospel must first be published among all nations. But when they shall lead you and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate; but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye; for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost. Now, the brother shall betray the brother to death and the father the son, and children shall rise up against their parents and shall cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

When Jesus had described to His disciples certain signs of the times which are to remind the Christians that Judgment Day is surely coming, He warned them, saying, "Take heed to yourselves." Dark, dangerous days were ahead for the disciples, days of persecution, imprisonment, and even death. The unbelieving world hates Jesus and all who believe in Him, and it will show its hatred in various ways until the Day of Judgment shall finally come. Therefore the believers are to be constantly on their watch lest they lose their faith in Jesus and perish eternally.

The time will come, Jesus says, when His enemies will persecute His disciples. They will bring them before councils (judges), rulers, and kings to stand trial for their faith in Jesus. The enemies of Jesus will even cause their own believing relatives to be brought before judges and condemned to death on account of their faith. The unbelieving brother will betray his Christian brother to death, the unbelieving father his believing son; ungodly children will turn against their own parents who believe in Jesus, and have them put to death.

But all the efforts of the enemies will not succeed in overthrowing the kingdom of God or even hindering its progress. On the contrary, through the fearless confession of Jesus on the part of the disciples many will be brought to faith in Him. God's kingdom will spread more and more, and the Gospel will

be preached in all the world before the Day of Judgment shall come.

Days of suffering and persecution are certain to come. But Jesus tells His disciples to "take no thought" (not to worry) about what they shall say when they are brought before judges and kings and rulers. God's Holy Spirit will be with them. He will keep them faithful to their Savior. He will guide and direct them and put into their mouth the very words which they are to speak. And if they remain faithful to their Savior unto death, He will give to them their reward in heaven.

To this day the unbelieving world hates Jesus and His disciples and makes every effort to hinder the preaching of the Gospel and the spreading of His kingdom. "Take heed to yourselves," Jesus says also to us. Hold fast to His Word and promise. Confess your faith in Jesus without fear of men, even in the face of persecution and death. "He that shall endure [remain faithful to Jesus] unto the end, the same shall be saved." E. EN.

Dedication of St. Louis Chapel

Sunday after Easter, the 16th of April, was a day of great rejoicing for Holy Cross Deaf Congregation in St. Louis, for the dedication of its chapel took place that day. Thus the Lord answered the prayers and the work of many years and gave us the much-needed house of worship.

Despite the fact that it was a rainy day all services were well attended. About 125 deaf were present at each service, and in the afternoon service about 275 people found seats on the spacious first floor, the chapel seating one hundred, and the meeting and reception rooms showing a surprising seating capacity.

Rev. E. J. Scheibert of Chicago preached in the morning service and showed the value of a house of God and its proper appreciation. In the vesper Dr. Walter A. Maier of Concordia Seminary preached the sermon, which was interpreted by Pastor Uhlig. "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy strength" was his text, and he showed that the pathway of the Church is power if it follows the Lord's injunctions. The Bach Quartet of Radio Station KFUO sang for us. Dr. J. T. Mueller of Con-

cordia Seminary, who has shown a great interest in the deaf and is studying the sign-language, had charge of the liturgical part of the service. Rev. M. E. A. Mueller, with us for the day on his way to take charge of the Milwaukee field, interpreted the hymns, which Teacher E. Koenig accompanied on the piano. Mesdames Maack, Hemminghaus, and Kurtzeborn signed a hymn. In the evening Rev. A. C. Dahms of Chicago and several others addressed the gathering of deaf.

The building, a former residence, is located at 4517 West Pine Boulevard, within two blocks of Kingshighway and Lindell Boulevard, the approximate center of St. Louis. It is easily reached from all parts of the city. It is in a very high-class residential section. The lot is 67×185 feet, and the building is 50, respectively, 36×56 feet, 2½ stories high, of light-colored brick, very massive and substantially constructed. The first floor affords us a chapel, has a reception and a meeting room, two kitchens, and a rest room. On the upper-floor levels there are seven rooms, adapting themselves excellently for a study and living quarters for the missionary. The chapel and the reception and meeting rooms have a dark permanent wall-covering and solid black walnut-wood trim, presenting a dignified appearance, very restful to the eye.

The altar and the set of five-color vestments, the pulpit, the font, and the chairs are the gift of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, where Holy Cross worshiped in recent years. The altar brasses are from St. Stephen's and Dr. Walter A. Maier and his mother; the piano is a gift of Miss Voelker. Various donations, too numerous to mention in detail here, were received, and the members were very active, doing most of the work under the leadership of Mr. Walter Maack, the chairman of the building committee, who, with the president, Mr. Walter Hemminghaus, set a very good example. The chancel is illumined by *torchères*, the gift of Ephphatha Conference in memory of Rev. F. A. Hischke, the late missionary of the St. Louis field.

In the rear is a brick building, 46×22, which at a future date will with little cost make us a wonderful hall. The setting of buildings and the beautiful yard and lawn will facilitate outdoor gatherings and functions.

The alterations and modernization of the heating and the electrical and the plumbing systems will cost about \$2,000, and the cost of the building was just below \$8,000. We received a \$7,500 loan from the General Church Extension Board, which will liquidate itself through the saving of rent for a missionary's dwelling.

Mr. Koester of the synodical Publicity Office took motion-pictures of the dedicatory ceremony, which may find a place in a future film of the Deaf Missions.

May the building serve its purpose to bring the story of the loving Savior into the consciousness and heart of many deaf! N. P. U.

Installation at Milwaukee, Wis.

On April 23, 1939, Rev. Martin E. A. Mueller was solemnly installed as pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Milwaukee. Pastor E. Scheibert of Chicago



Emmanuel Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Milwaukee, Wis.

preached the sermon. Pastor O. C. Schroeder, also of Chicago, had charge of the installation ceremony. The chapel of our deaf congregation was filled to capacity, more than 100 deaf being present. The members thus showed their gratitude to the Lord of the Church for again supplying them with a shepherd after many months of curtailed activity, owing to the illness and death of the former pastor, Rev. F. C. Gade.

Services are again conducted regularly every Sunday, with an average attendance of about 70 deaf. The communicant membership

of the Milwaukee congregation numbers about 75 souls. The entire Milwaukee field numbers approximately 250 Lutheran deaf members. In addition to the Milwaukee congregation the missionary is serving about 15 outside stations. The first service conducted by the new pastor at the State School for Deaf in Delavan (50 miles from Milwaukee) revealed the presence of 90 Lutheran pupils out of a total enrollment of 240. About 40 of these pupils have been confirmed, and a large class will be prepared for confirmation.

The Milwaukee congregation of deaf is a live and active group. The seven-room parsonage has been redecorated and improved quite extensively, most of the work having been done by the members themselves. The congregation was organized Aug. 14, 1898, and the present chapel was dedicated 38 years ago. However, in spite of its age it is still in good repair, and the interior presents a churchly and pleasing appearance. A large basement affords facilities for meetings and social gatherings.

"Emmanuel," that means "God with us." May this hold true in the future as it has in the past! _____ M. E. A. M.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

St. Louis Field.—The dedication of the chapel, reported in a special article, marked the end of very busy days, during which some of our other work and visits were curtailed. The members worked faithfully, the men and — not to forget — the ladies serving and cleaning and supplementing so many things.

On May 28 Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Burmeister, Miss Lola Hainstock, and Mr. Walter Schilling joined the church by confirmation, the last-named being baptized also. May God keep them in the confession of their Savior!

The St. Louis missionary on April 2 was called to Cincinnati to interpret the service of Rev. G. Chr. Barth, who in his large confirmation class confirmed also Mrs. James Carcutt, whom his assistant, Rev. W. Grothe, had instructed through writing and literature. This gave us an opportunity to meet a number of deaf at the service, who expressed the wish to have services occasionally. The spirit exhibited by Pastors Barth and Grothe certainly is to be commended. May the Lord bless their efforts! Dr. J. T. Mueller of Concordia Seminary, who has been an interested and industrious student of the sign-language in the class at the Seminary this year, preached his first sermon to the deaf for us while we were at Cincinnati.

The St. Louis territory is expanding, visits to the Far South bringing the opportunity and invitation to come to Jackson, Miss., New Orleans, and Baton Rouge reg-

ularly, and so we are placing these cities on the list of stations to be regularly supplied. While the distances are great, the joy of serving is great also; for the deaf need the message of Jesus. The groups of Memphis and Little Rock are showing very much interest. One would like to write in detail of their interest and of the welcome we get. Revs. Brugge of Memphis and Rev. Prange of Little Rock have been a wonderful help to the cause in their cities. Blytheville, Ark., asked for, and received, a service May 9. There Rev. Kleindienst and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Reichel, hearing friends of the deaf, are working for Christ and the deaf. N. P. U.

Minneapolis Mission.—The pastor was called to the University Hospital to visit Roy Skjordal, seven years of age, a pupil of the Faribault school. He was shown pictures of the crucified and risen Lord. His condition grew worse, and April 18 the pastor was again called to baptize little Roy and thus lay him into the arms of Jesus. April 19 this Friend of children took him to Himself in heaven.

Dianne Claire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Iverson and granddaughter of Mrs. Nona Baurer, a member of Grace Church, was baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sin in our service on April 16. May God keep her in His grace!

August 27 the Twin City missions will have their annual picnic at Nokomis Park. Early services will be held in both Calvary Chapel, St. Paul, and Grace Chapel, Minneapolis.

April 30, Esther Staats, of Rogers, Minn., was confirmed in our Lutheran church at Greenwood. All winter her father brought her in every week for instruction. Up to last year she attended our Faribault class. She made a good confession of her faith and then received Holy Communion. Mrs. Fawcner and Miss Smith went with the pastor and, with him, signed the hymns sung by the congregation. May the Holy Ghost keep her in this true faith to the end! J. L. S.

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