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Mission Meditation

Lord Jesus, who didst once outpour
Thy Spirit's Pentecostal flame,
Fill us with burning zeal once more
To witness to Thy glorious name.

We feel Thy gracious presence still
In our own far-flung mission-field;
The blind and deaf with rapture thrill
And gladly to Thy Gospel yield.

What miracle is here revealed!
By sign of hand they learn Thy Word;
By sign they show their souls are healed,
By sign confess that Thou art Lord.

Then, brethren, let us never tire
To toil for their eternal good;
To greater tasks let us aspire
And preach the Gospel as we should.

Christ's blessed work is not in vain,
For God has made Him King on high;
Far greater blessings do we gain
Than we perceive with mortal eye.

Some day in glory we shall see
Uncounted souls that we have won.
How great our happiness will be,
When we shall meet at Jesus' throne!

Give us, dear Savior, more and more
Thy own sweet wisdom, zeal, and love;
On us Thy Holy Spirit pour,
As on the Twelve, from heaven above.

JOHN THEODORE MUELLER

Jesus Christ the Only Way to True Happiness

The history of schools for the deaf shows clearly that education is closely connected with happiness in the world of the deaf. Education alone, however, is not sufficient to bring them abiding joy; for human knowledge seeks contentment of soul in temporal things. The

deaf, too, experience the sorrows of life and must also pass through the sufferings which death inflicts. They need the wonderful power of the Gospel to give them comfort in their afflictions and a hopeful faith in a future world. The deaf, like all men, need to remember daily the importance of the spiritual life and the work of the Christian Church, which leads sinners to the Savior and eternal happiness by preaching and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Bible teaches that God created man holy and happy, after his own image, but man was deceived by Satan and thereby came into the power of death and hell, Gen. 2 and 3. The poison of sin spread throughout the entire human family; children inherited it from their parents. The heart of man became sinful; it brought forth evil desires, wicked thoughts, words, and acts. The psalmist confesses, Ps. 51:5: "Behold I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." Thus the wrath of God was stirred, and man became an enemy of God like his deceiver, Satan. He deserved the same fate with him — eternal damnation.

But God is a merciful God. He has no pleasure in the death of sinners; He wished to see all men truly happy and blessed. Therefore He sent His only-begotten Son into the world to save all men from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Jesus, the Son of God, assumed the human nature, thus becoming the God-man and the sinners' Substitute. The sins of all mankind were placed upon Him as though they had been His own sins. Holy though He was, without sin, undefiled, separate from sinners, He offered Himself to be punished

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for all the sins of the whole world. He was led to Calvary and crucified between two thieves. He died, and with His last breath He uttered the cry of victory "It is finished!" He rendered full satisfaction to divine justice, having fulfilled the Law for sinners, and thus the wrath of God was satisfied. For every sinner eternal salvation has been earned by the perfect obedience and death of Jesus. The apostle states 1 John 2:2: "And He is the Propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." His glorious and triumphant resurrection is indisputable proof of the fact that God the Father is fully satisfied with the sacrifice of His Son. Clothed in the merits of Jesus, we may therefore fearlessly and joyfully stand before the judgment-throne of God.

If the deaf learn and receive this Gospel of Jesus, they will indeed be happy here on earth and forever in heaven. May God grant this to all of us! O. C. S.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE CREED

"I believe that Jesus Christ, true God . . . and also true man, . . . is my Lord"

In our last study we learned that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is one Lord, that the Lord of Glory was crucified, and that the Son of Man has all power and knows all things. This truth should make us rejoice.

Rejoice in Jesus, who Is True God

Rejoice in this truth that Jesus is the Son of God. He came to destroy the devil's works, to take away the sins of the world, to bear the curse and wrath of the just and holy God. Oh, if Jesus were not true God but only man, He never could have triumphed over sin, death, and the devil, He never could have borne the curse of the righteous God. Thanks to God, therefore, that our Savior is the only Son of God, yea, the very God. His suffering and death is that of God's only Son and there-

fore fully paid for the sins of the world and took away the sting of death. And on Easter Day He came out of the grave and was declared to be "the Son of God with power," Rom. 1:4, and we can sing: "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ," 1 Cor. 15:57. Is this mighty Jesus your Lord? Rejoice in Him, for He is mighty to save!

Rejoice in Jesus, who Is Also True Man

Our Savior had to fulfil the Law for us and then also shed His blood for our sins, for "without shedding of blood is no remission" (forgiveness), Heb. 9:22. Our Savior had to die, for "the wages of sin is death," Rom. 6:23. If the Lord Jesus were not true man, He could not have kept the commandments in our place and could not have shed His blood for us, and we should not yet be saved. But now behold, the mighty Son of God became man, "was made under the Law, to redeem [save] them that were under the Law," Gal. 4:4. Furthermore, He, being a true man, could pour out His blood on the cross and lay down His life for us. Indeed, we have a perfect Savior!

Accept Him as Your Lord and Say, "My Lord"

If Jesus had been God only, He could not have tasted death; and if He had been man only, He could not have overcome death. Rejoice in Him, therefore, who is true God and true man, and say, as Luther teaches us in the explanation of the Second Article: "I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord." And then help to bring this perfect Savior to others. All men need Him. Let us tell all the world of Him and pray that the Holy Ghost, the Gift of Pentecost, be poured out into many hearts so that they may confess His holy name and in true faith say, "My Lord." May God graciously grant this! J. L. S.

"Not good if detached" is usually true of church-members as well as of railroad tickets. Detached from his relationship with the church, the individual loses touch with the work of the Kingdom and is in grave danger of losing the personal interest in Christian service.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible-Study for July

"And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch," Mark 13:37

Bible-Lesson: Mark 13:14-23

"But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judea flee to the mountains; and let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein to take anything out of his house; and let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment. But woe to them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days! And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter. For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He hath chosen, He hath shortened the days. And then, if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, Lo, He is there, believe him not; for false Christs and false prophets shall rise and shall show signs and wonders to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. But take ye heed; behold, I have foretold you all things."

Jesus had warned His disciples against the dark and dangerous days of persecution which were to come upon the Christians and had assured them of God's protection and guidance during those perilous days. Now He speaks to them again about the destruction of the Temple and of the city of Jerusalem and points out to them a way of saving their lives in this dreadful calamity. He tells them that, when they shall see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel standing where it ought not, they shall all flee to the mountains.

And what is the "abomination of desolation" of which Daniel speaks? It is, no doubt, the desecration and destruction of the holy Temple of God on the part of the Roman army. That will be a time of great trouble and affliction, such as the world has never seen since God created it, nor ever will see again, Jesus tells them. Therefore He warns them to flee to the mountains without delay when they shall see these things come to pass. Not a moment is to be lost. Those who are on the housetops and those who are in the fields shall not even do as much as enter their homes to take anything with them on their

flight. They shall flee without a moment's delay to save their lives. Those will be days of fear and terror for all, but especially for mothers with infants in their arms, for it will be difficult for them to flee, especially if it should be necessary to flee during the winter.

What Jesus here foretold was fulfilled to the very letter; and if God in His mercy had not shortened the days of this terrible affliction out of regard for those people whom He had chosen for His own, none would have been saved. Surely God is a God of love and mercy and graciously protects His children. But His judgment will come upon all who despise His love and goodness, even as it came upon the ungodly inhabitants of Jerusalem.

How necessary was it not for the disciples to heed the Lord's warning not to be led astray by the false teachers and prophets who would arise in those days! Only by clinging to Jesus and His precious promises could they hope to escape the judgment of God.

This warning of Jesus needs to be heeded also today by every child of God, as there are many false teachers who would lead us away from the truth of God's Word and the only true Savior. Cling to Jesus and His Word, for in Him alone is your salvation.

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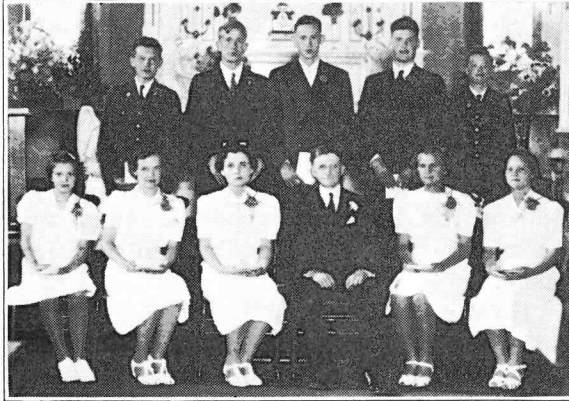
Chicago, Ill. — Philip Hoehn passed away at the Cook County Hospital on April 11 at the age of 51 years, after having been confined to the hospital for several weeks; and on April 26 Mrs. Anna Reineke died in the Evanston Hospital at the age of 54 years. She had been troubled with chronic asthma for about 20 years, but was always patient and cheerful in her suffering. The funeral, which was attended by hundreds of her friends, took place from the Lane Funeral Home. In her memory a small memorial was given by the ladies of Our Savior Church toward the support of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf in Detroit.

Mrs. Edna Collignon underwent a major operation at the Ravenswood Hospital on April 24, but she has improved enough to return to her home after a two weeks' stay at the hospital. Mrs. Martin Carlson has been confined to the Cook County Hospital for several weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery.

At our confirmation service on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, we shall receive the following into full membership of our congregation, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Armgaard, Mr. and Mrs. L. Iglehardt, and the Misses Alice and Helen Roempler. May they remain true to the faith confessed on that day!

E. J. S.

Minneapolis, Minn.—May 21 ten deaf from the Faribault School were received as members of our Faribault mission, three by Baptism and seven by confirmation. The three that were baptized are Philip Breeze, Park Rapids; Vinette Frick, Wayzata; Lillian Johnson, Minneapolis. The following were confirmed: Robert Clark, Osakis; Waino Ekman, Lawler; Carl Pehlgrim, St. Paul; Harold Vogt, South St. Paul; Birgit



Confirmation Class in Faribault, Minn., May 21, 1939

Benson, Minneapolis; Edith Robinson, Robbinsdale; Luella Topp, Farmington. The service was held in Trinity Church (the Rev. O. Volz, pastor) and was attended by 52 deaf and many hearing friends. After the baptism and confirmation the ten new members came to the Lord's Table, with fifteen others. May our gracious God keep them in the true faith unto the end. In fall they will join the Bible class, which meets every Saturday, 11:15—12 noon.

Detroit, Mich.—During the past months it has pleased the Lord to take out of this world the souls of the following members of our church. Dexter Garret died at the age of seventy-six on February 21. On February 28 Henry Frahm was called out of this world suddenly and unexpectedly at the age of forty-four years. And Mrs. Emma Fromm died at the age of sixty-nine on March 16.—“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.”

On March 11 Henry Ott and Bernice Latimer were united in holy wedlock in Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Saginaw. May God bless them with a happy and long married life.

Our Easter services in Flint will long be remembered by all who attended. We had regular services in Detroit in the morning. After dinner a considerable number of our members went to Flint to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior with the members of that city. Besides the members we were happy to welcome many visitors. Among the visitors was a group from Saginaw and some from Bay City. The total attendance was 116.

On May 7 Miss Janice Rylander was confirmed in Flint and Miss Florence Klemkow in Saginaw. May the Lord help them to remain faithful unto death. N. B.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—A reader of the *Lutheran Herald for the Blind*, in Moon type, last week wrote to us as follows: “It is so very difficult for me to write that I fail to express my appreciation for your splendid periodical as often as I should. It is my daily companion, together with my Bible; for I keep all the numbers of the *Herald* and read them over and over again. I continue to thank God for your services to blind humanity. May God preserve and keep you for service to those who need you so much! Thanking you again for your wonderful Christian messages to us.”

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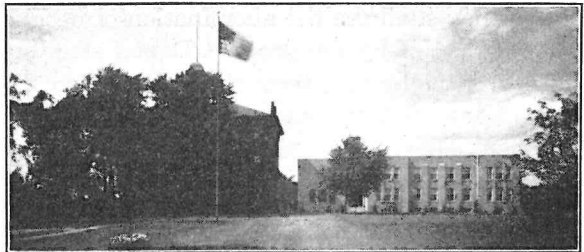
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