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Lead Us Gently!

Gently, Lord, O gently lead us
Through this lonely vale of tears;
Through the changes Thou'st decreed us,
Till our last great change appears.
When temptation's darts assail us,
When in devious paths we stray,
Let Thy goodness never fail us;
Lead us in Thy perfect way.
In the hour of pain and anguish,
In the hour when death draws near,
Suffer not our hearts to languish,
Suffer not our souls to fear.
And when mortal life is ended
Bid us on Thy bosom rest,
Till, by angel-bands attended,
We awake among the blest.

T. HASTINGS

Two Kinds of Glory

They call it "gay Paris." All the world has heard of the place. History tells of its elegant kings, of its Emperor Napoleon, of its beautiful palaces and art galleries, of its follies and vices, and women today rave about its styles. That is the glory of one of the world's great capitals.

Down in the hills of Kentucky, tucked away in a valley, is a little chapel. There is not even a village. The name would count for nothing if it were set down here for the reader. A few families gather here for public worship. They are sincere lovers of the Word. Several of them especially make sure that there shall be a pastor, the right teaching of the Word, the proper administration of the Sacraments, and in their homes there dwells the Spirit of Christ.

Compare the two places. Why there is no comparison! The one is as nothing to the other! Correct indeed—but which one is as nothing to the other? In the kingdom of God

all the glory and glitter of sinful Paris is a blotch and a stench, but the humble faith, love of the Word, and Christian home life of that little flock in the hill country are a sweet odor and a shining light, a joy to the Lord and the angels in heaven.

How will some of those proud kings and queens look on the day of judgment—they who have loved the world and its frivolities—when placed beside these humble men and women who never even saw a king but only loved their Savior and faithfully clung to His Word? There will be a mighty difference indeed, but not the one which the world scornfully makes today. It pays to think on these things, for in the world, with all its greatness and pride, there is no glory like that of God's children, who, whether high or low in earthly position, serve Him by faith and love in His Church.

In that service there are the highest joys and the most glorious rewards.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE SECOND ARTICLE

"Jesus Christ, My Prophet"

"His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." Rom. 1:3, 4. Jesus Christ, a wonderful Person! And He has also a wonderful work. It is described in an Easter hymn in these words: "He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King." Let us, in the first place, learn what it means to say: "Jesus Christ, my Prophet."

The Bible Calls Him the Prophet

Moses spoke of Him in Deut. 18: 15, saying: "The Lord, thy God, will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me." Therefore all the Jews waited for this Prophet. And Peter tells us in Acts 3 that this Prophet is our Lord Jesus Christ. When Jesus therefore rode into Jerusalem upon an ass, the multitude said, "This is Jesus the Prophet of Nazareth of Galilee," Matt. 21:11. And when Jesus had done a great miracle, people said, "This is of a truth that Prophet that should come into the world." John 6:14.

This Prophet Came to Preach of Sin

In the Old Testament, God sent His prophets to preach of sin and God's anger and punishment. So the Prophet Jesus Christ came to preach of sin and God's wrath. To the woman at the well of Samaria He first spoke of sin, John 4:17, 18. To Nicodemus He said, "You must be born again to enter heaven," John 3:3-7. Often he warned His disciples against pride, as in Matt. 18:3, 4. And upon the scribes and Pharisees He pronounced a terrible woe because of their sin, Matt. 23. And He sent His disciples to show people their sin, as Peter did, Acts 2:22, 23; and Stephen, Acts 7:51, 52. And still today His people should speak of sin and punishment. The Great Prophet Jesus Christ is a preacher of sin.

This Prophet Came to Preach Forgiveness Also

The prophets of old preached grace and forgiveness, as Is. 53 and Ps. 103 show us. However, in all their teaching of God's grace for sinners they always pointed to this one Prophet who should come. Peter says, Acts 10:43: "To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins." And this Prophet did come and preached "good tidings (news)," as God foretold by the prophet Isaiah chapter 61, verse 1. Good news He had for Nicodemus, saying: "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16. John 4:14 we read these precious words of Jesus: "If any man thirst, let him come to Me and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living

water." John 7:37, 38. Need we be surprised that people upon hearing these words said, "This is of a truth that Prophet"? And He preaches forgiveness for all. He invites: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28. And again He says: "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 21:17. The words of the great Prophet Jesus Christ are for all times, also for our time, and for all people, also for you and me.

Jesus Christ, My Prophet

Surely when we study the words of this Prophet, also we must say, "Never man spake like this man." John 7:47. "Hear ye Him," God says. May we all in true faith say, "Jesus Christ, my Prophet" and then humble ourselves before Him in our sin and trust in Him alone for grace and forgiveness! J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible-Study for August

"Thy Word is truth," John 17:17

Bible-Lesson: Mark 13:24-31

But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then shall He send His angels and shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven. Now learn a parable of the fig-tree. When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near; so ye in like manner when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you that this generation shall not pass till all these things be done. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away."

The words of prophecy which Jesus spoke to His disciples concerning the destruction of Jerusalem were literally fulfilled some years later. The city was captured, the magnificent Temple was destroyed, and the inhabitants of the city who did not heed the Savior's warning to flee to the mountains perished. Yes, Jesus' words are true. And what He said to His disciples concerning the destruction of the world and the coming of Judgment Day will also surely come to pass. Heed His warning, my friend, while the time of grace continues,

lest this day come upon you suddenly and find you unprepared to meet your Lord and God.

On that Day of Judgment, Jesus tells His disciples, the sun and the moon will be darkened, and the stars will fall from heaven. The entire universe will collapse. At that moment the Son of Man, Jesus, will come in the clouds of heaven with great power and glory. Then all those who did not believe in Him will have to acknowledge Him as the almighty Lord and God, who has come to judge them for their unbelief. For the believers, however, the Day of Judgment will be a day of joy, for this same Lord will send His angels to gather the believers from the four winds, from all parts of the world, to live with Him forever in heaven.

The signs preceding His coming are many and are being fulfilled day after day. From them we are to learn that Jesus' words are true and that the Day of Judgment is rapidly approaching, just as we learn from the budding trees that the time of summer is near.

And now the Lord adds another sign: This generation shall not pass till all these things be done. By "this generation" Jesus evidently referred to the Jewish people. He meant to say that the Jewish nation, which rejected Him, would remain on earth as a distinct race of people until Jesus returns in glory to judge the quick and the dead. So the Jewish people are even today a living proof of the truthfulness of Jesus' words.

And how can you prepare for the Lord's coming? How can you escape His Judgment? By trusting Him alone for your salvation. In His Word He promises you salvation. Accept with a believing heart the forgiveness of sins which He has earned for you by His suffering and death and which He offers you in His Word. His Word is truth. Though heaven and earth shall pass away, His Word and promises will remain forever unchanged. Clinging to your Savior in faith, you can look forward to His coming with joy. E. EN.

The Meeting of Ephphatha Conference

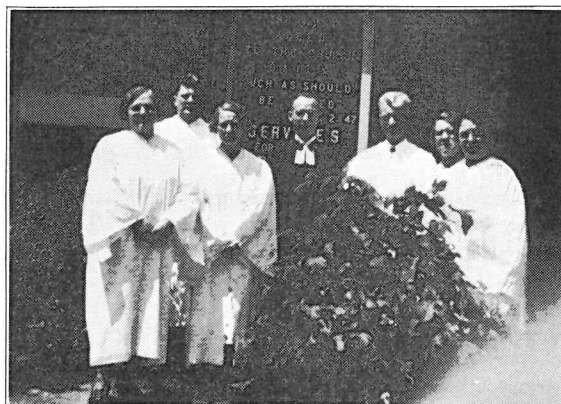
will be held, *D. v.*, Sept. 29 to Oct. 3 at Milwaukee, Wis. Kindly send the announcement of your intended presence or absence to the host pastor, the Rev. M. Mueller.

E. EICHMANN, *Chairman*

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Chicago, Ill. — Recently four of our members in this field departed this life. Philip Hoehn passed away at the Cook County Hospital on April 11 at the age of 51 years; two weeks later, on April 26, Mrs. Anna Reineke, *née* Lorenz, died at the Evanston Hospital at the age of 54 years. On May 12 Mr. Carl Peterson, a faithful member of our S. Bend congregation, met with a fateful accident on his way home from work, when he was about to cross a busy highway and was struck by an automobile. Immediate death resulted. He reached the age of 57 years. On May 29 the Lord of life and death called home Mrs. Bertha Carlson, *née* Smith, at the early age of 26 years. May all the bereaved be comforted by the fact that these our departed fell asleep in the firm faith in their only Savior. These deaths again remind us that our stay here on earth is short. Lord, teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

We are glad to have back with us again Miss Ella



Confirmation at Our Savior Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Chicago on May 28

Seaholm and Mr. Fred Ulrich, both of whom spent several months in California. Mr. Fred Harder, who has made his home in Iowa, was a visitor here for several weeks. On our last visit to Kankakee we learned that Mrs. Eliz. Webb had lost the sight of her one remaining eye and is now both deaf and blind. Mrs. Webb had regularly attended our services and but a few months ago had given us a large painted picture, done by herself, of Christ in Gethsemane. We trust that the Lord will grant her patience to bear her added cross.

Mrs. E. Collignon and Mrs. W. Thiele underwent major operations in recent weeks. We rejoice to be able to report that both are again restored to health. On Pentecost the following six were received into communicant membership of our church by confirmation: The Misses Alice and Helen Roempler, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Armgard, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Iglehardt. May they remain faithful to the Lord unto the end.

Saturday evening, June 24, Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller of our Chicago congregation were privileged to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. After a short service in church to express their gratitude to God for having permitted them to reach this mile-stone in their lives, an

interesting and enjoyable program took place in the social room. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Miller many years of continued happiness till they reach their blessed home in heaven.

E. J. S.

Omaha, Nebr.—A group of nine pupils from the Council Bluffs, Iowa, State School were received into membership of the Lutheran Church on May 21, three



Confirmation Class of Pupils from the Council Bluffs State School

Confirmed on May 21 at Bethlehem Deaf Church, Omaha

by Baptism and six by confirmation. The service was held in Bethlehem Deaf Church in Omaha. The three baptized are Dorothy Bowman, Avoca; Avon Speer, Bloomfield; David Shultz, Muscatine. Confirmed were: Vera Schlichting, Sioux City; Mary Farber, Anthon; Una Vander Hamm, Iowa City; Murrell Meggenberg, Clinton; Lyle and Lee Christopherson (twins), Story City. May the gracious Lord keep them all in His fold here in time and hereafter in eternity. Five of this class will return to school in fall and continue their study of God's Word in our Bible-class. The entire class with sixteen others partook of the Lord's Supper on May 23 before the close of school.

Patricia Ann, child of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hladik of Omaha, was brought to Jesus in Holy Baptism on May 7.

Mr. Albert Johnson of Omaha and Miss Esther Kohlmeier of Lyons, Nebr., entered the bonds of holy wedlock in the St. John's Church at Lyons on June 4. Since the wedding followed the afternoon mission-festival service of that congregation, the entire audience remained to witness the ceremony. The couple are living in Omaha, where Mr. Johnson is employed at the Disbrow Sash and Door Company. God grant them much true happiness and blessing in their wedded life.

Dr. J. T. Mueller, professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and his family were welcome visitors in Omaha on June 11. Dr. Mueller preached at the ordination and installation of his son Norbert, who was called as pastor of the newly organized hearing congregation holding services at the Bethlehem Deaf Church. We were pleasantly surprised at the skill with which Dr. Mueller uses the sign-language and his enthusiasm for the work among the deaf. Come again, friends!

Sioux Falls, S. Dak.—Two weddings took place in these parts in the month of June. On Sunday afternoon, June 18, Miss Wanda Olson and Mr. Delos Nellis plighted their troth before God's altar in Zion Church in Sioux Falls. The young couple are now establishing their home in Sioux Falls.

Mr. Andrew Van Dyke of Dell Rapids, S. Dak., and Miss Agnes King of Wabasso, Minn., were united in holy wedlock on the afternoon of June 29. They will live on the Van Dyke farm south of Dell Rapids.

To both of these young couples we wish to extend congratulations and to implore God's rich blessing upon their married lives. May the Lord be the constant Guest in their homes.

A. T. J.

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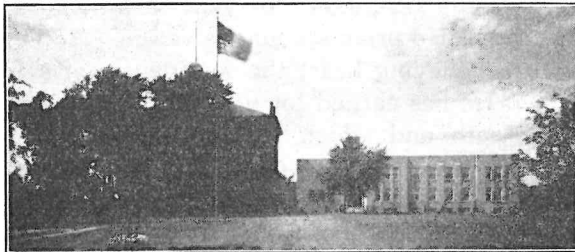
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