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## God's Word Our Heritage

God's Word is our great heritage  
And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age  
Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way;  
In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,  
We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.

## Our Task

A Mission Thought

The task of the Church, therefore the task of every member of the Church, is to save souls. Not that we are to save them by our own skill or powers; but we are to do our very best to bring others to Christ, and He will do the rest. Are we striving to make good in our calling as Christians? Let us consider this opportunity earnestly and prayerfully. Let us regard every public service in our churches as an opportunity to encourage others to come with us, so that they, too, may come under the influence of the Word of God. Let us not lose sight of the real mission of our lives nor of the purpose of the establishment of the Church. Our task, yes, our privilege, is to save souls.

## Studies in Luther's Catechism

### THE SECOND ARTICLE

*"Jesus Christ, our Lord, the High Priest"*

### We Need a High Priest

Why did Jesus come into the world? Many will answer, He came to teach and to preach. That is true, for we have learned to say, "Jesus Christ, our Lord, the Prophet, my Prophet."

Nearly all people will be ready to confess this with us. If we ask people, "What think ye of Christ?" many at once will answer that He is a great teacher, a prophet mighty in word and deed. But a man who believes only this of Jesus is not a Christian. No; when a Christian confesses Jesus Christ as his Lord, he also means to say, "Jesus Christ, our Lord, the High Priest, my High Priest." And we need this High Priest. Let us learn how important this is.

### The Bible Calls Jesus Christ High Priest

In Ps. 110:4 God says to His Son: "Thou art a Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." Of this priest and high priest Melchizedek we read in Gen. 14:18-20, and Heb. 7:1-3 explains how our Jesus Christ is a priest after the order of Melchizedek. These words the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews quotes again and again. See Heb. 5:6, 10; 7:11, 15, 17, 21. Again and again He is called the High Priest in this letter: Heb. 5:10; 3:1; 6:20. The Bible teaches us to say: "Jesus Christ, our Lord, the High Priest."

### Priests and High Priests in the Old Testament

Why did God ordain priests and high priests for His people? In Heb. 5:1 we read: "Every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins." Leviticus, the Third Book of Moses, chapters 16 and 17, tells us of these "gifts and sacrifices." But these cannot take away sin, as Heb. 10:3, 4 tells us: "But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins."

### Jesus Christ the True High Priest

Paul tells us that the priests and high priests and all the sacrifices were only a shadow of things to come, but the body is of Christ, Col. 2:17. This Christ is the One who brings a sacrifice that can take away sins, as we shall learn in our next study. Praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ, our true High Priest!

J. L. S.

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

### Bible-Study for October

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits towards me?" Ps. 116:12

Bible-Lesson: Mark 14:1-9

"After two days was the Feast of the Passover and of Unleavened Bread; and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Him by craft and put Him to death. But they said, Not on the feast-day, lest there be an uproar of the people. And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious, and she brake the box and poured it on His head. And there were some that had indignation within themselves and said, Why was this waste of ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her. And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? She hath wrought a good work on Me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will, ye may do them good; but Me ye have not always. She hath done what she could; she is come aforehand to anoint My body to the burying. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever this Gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her."

The chief priests and scribes were determined to carry out their plan of taking Jesus and putting Him to death. But now the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread was near at hand, and the city was filled with multitudes who had come to celebrate this feast. Many of them gladly heard Jesus, and the chief priests and scribes were afraid that there would be an uproar among the people if they should put Him to death at the time of the feast.

While the enemies of Jesus were plotting His death, others were showing their love and devotion for Jesus. Simon the leper, we are told, invited Jesus to eat at his house. No doubt the Lord had healed him from his leprosy, and in this manner he showed his thankfulness for the help which the Lord had given him. While they were eating, a woman

entered the room, carrying some very precious ointment, or perfume. This she poured on Jesus' head. Then certain ones sitting at table with Jesus became indignant (angry) and began to murmur, saying: "Why was this waste of the ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence [fifty dollars] and have been given to the poor."

But see how quickly Jesus rebuked His disciples and praised the woman for her act of love and devotion. If the disciples were so anxious to help the poor, there would be plenty opportunities, for the poor they would have with them always. Jesus, however, would not be with them much longer. His death and burial were near at hand. Realizing this, the woman had come to show her love and devotion towards Him while He was yet alive. Jesus calls her action a "good work," a work with which He was much pleased, one that would be spoken of until the end of time wheresoever the Gospel would be preached.

The story of this woman's love and devotion was written that we might follow her example in showing our love and devotion to Jesus. For Him who died for our sins and made us children and heirs of heaven, nothing is too precious to bring to Him as an offering. Let us often ask ourselves this question:

Thy life was giv'n for me,  
Thy blood, O Lord, was shed,  
That I might ransomed be  
And quickened from the dead.  
Thy life was giv'n for me:  
What have I giv'n for Thee?

And then let us joyfully answer:

Thou gavest Thyself for me;  
I give myself to Thee. E. EN.

## IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

*Minneapolis Mission.*—Friday, August 25, another charter member of Grace Congregation, Helmer B. Knudsen, was called to the heavenly home. He had been ailing for some time. Again and again we called on him at the hospital and brought him a message from God's precious Word. Monday, August 21, he left the hospital and apparently was better. But the following Wednesday morning he was found in bed, stricken with paralysis, and unconscious. When we called upon him Friday morning and prayed, he seemed to recognize us. Friday afternoon, however, he fell asleep. His body we laid to rest aside of his wife, who departed this life in 1934. As Mr. Humble, whose death we reported last month, so Mr. Knudsen often held an office in Grace Church. Many years he served

as secretary. He died at the age of 66 years, 6 months, and 13 days. May Jesus comfort his three daughters who survive him. "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," Rev. 14:13. J. L. S.

*Duluth-Superior Field.*—For a long time the readers of the DEAF LUTHERAN have had no news from the Duluth-Superior field. The reason for this silence was this, that everything was going along nicely, the different stations progressing in a God-pleasing manner, with no extraordinary happenings.

During the last few months however some changes have taken place. Richard and Orla Vigessa have left the State of North Dakota and moved into the Twin Valley, Minn., field, thus giving Twin Valley two desirable additions. Miss Edith McAllen has been married to Mr. Ingmand Melby of Roseau, thus giving Minot a loss of one communicant member, but Roseau a corresponding gain. The services formerly held in Anamoose, N. Dak., have been changed to McClusky, N. Dak., it being possible to get a few more deaf to services there.

The deaf of the Fergus Falls, Minn., station have had two well-attended services during the summer, one in Alexandria, Minn., the other in Battle Lake, Minn., where 30 deaf attended the meeting. The interest the Fergus Falls deaf are showing is very commendable.

In International Falls, Minn., Mrs. Wallace Kucera, a hearing lady, who, however, is related to one of our deaf friends, has joined the ranks of our communicant members. Mrs. Geo. Mattson has also again moved to Ericsburg, so that she can again attend our services and partake of Communion.

An effort was made during the months of July and August to reach those deaf who had no opportunities to come to services during the other months of the year. Thus services were conducted in Milnor, Kindred, Williston, Fortuna, and Parshall, all of these stations being in North Dakota. Calls were also made at a number of other places.

North Dakota has suffered severely from the drought for some years. But the last services announced for Minot had to be canceled on account of an exceptionally heavy rain. While we are sorry to have missed our deaf friends, we are very thankful for the much-needed rain.

In Port Arthur, Ont., Can., we have had our services in the home of Mr. John Weston. Mr. Weston received his schooling in England. Sometimes we have some difficulties in understanding one another in Port Arthur and Fort William, since some of the deaf have had their education in England, some in Manitoba, some in Finland, and others in the Ontario school. But the interest shown by these deaf is big enough that this disadvantage is overcome, and they are growing in understanding of God's Word. It is, however, a drawback to these deaf that so few services can be conducted there.

In Devils Lake we have had no large confirmation class. This year, however, we did have two adults to be baptized: Miss Ella Brodehl, who has only recently turned deaf, and Mr. Vernal Halvorson, one of this year's graduates. Miss Brodehl plans again to return to

Devils Lake as a teacher, and so she will be able again to attend our services. It is to be hoped, though, that we shall also find ways and means to get Mr. Halvorson into our services at one place or another.

Looking over the work that has been done in this field during the last year, we can only say that God has richly blessed us; for which we are very thankful. W. F.

*Kansas Missions.*—To assist their congregation in its work the young people of Pilgrim Congregation recently organized a young people's society. The program for Lutheran Young People's Work is being followed. Mr. Glen Miller is president of Pilgrim Young People's Society, Miss Josephine Lynn secretary, and Mrs. G. Miller treasurer.

The following young people were recently united in holy matrimony: Mr. Lester A. Rushing and Miss Audrey M. Sauers at Olathe, Kans., on August 12; Mr. Leon E. Perkins and Miss B. E. Laughlin at Kansas City, Mo., on August 12; Mr. Walter J. Schmidtke of Detroit, Mich., and Miss Lorine A. Meyer of Aliceville, Kans., in the Aliceville Lutheran Church, on August 27.

The Pilgrim baseball team again had the pleasure of playing with the Greater Kansas City Lutheran Soft Ball League this summer. Several very thrilling victories were added to our credit, and the Christian fellowship with other Lutherans was most enjoyable and encouraging to all of us. Mr. Norman Steele is the manager of our team.

Several special Centennial services were arranged in Kansas City for the month of June, commemorating the one-hundredth anniversary of the establishment of our Lutheran Church in America by the Saxons. A special Centennial collection was taken on June 25, with thirty-four members and friends present.

In our regular service at Springfield, Mo., on August 17, two representatives of the *Springfield Leader and Press* visited with us. The next day a splendid picture of our "congregation," accompanied by a news story, appeared on the front page.

Mr. Chas. J. Olson of Salina and Mrs. Eva Hobson of Atchison, Kans., made a public confession of their faith in the Savior and the chief doctrines of the Bible and thus became members of our Church in the past month. Out of Atchison's group of eight friends six are members of our Church. A. E. F.

*Detroit.*—Once more we have the pleasure of reporting the reception of new members into our congregation. On July 2 Mrs. B. Nelson, John Bertram, Edward Saba, and Elmer Bettinger were confirmed. We pray that they, having dedicated themselves to the Lord, will, by the grace of God, keep the vow which they made to the Lord on this day.

On August 27, David Altergott, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Altergott of Saginaw, was baptized in the name of the Triune God. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Niederquell, A. Sonsmith and Florence Klemkow.

The building project at our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf is progressing steadily. The dining-hall and girls' dormitory are completed and have been in use since Easter. The administration building and chapel

are now under construction. It is hoped that the necessary classrooms will be completed by September 18, when, God willing, the new school-year will begin. According to all indications the chapel will not be completed before some time in November. We are anxiously looking forward to the day when we shall have the joy of worshipping in the new chapel. N. E. B.

*St. Louis, Mo.*—A fine table lamp given us last May at the farewell party tendered the Concordia Seminary students that took the sign-language work, reminds us that the students have returned for the new term and the sign-language study is taken up again. A number of well-equipped young workers have in recent years been gained for our mission through these classes.

By invitation we had the privilege of conducting our June service at Jacksonville, Ill., in the chapel of the Illinois School for the Deaf on the Sunday of that school's centennial convention. About 700 deaf attended the convention, and at our service we met many deaf from Illinois and neighboring States.

John W. Stahl, student of the Missouri State School for the Deaf, was confirmed on September 3 at our chapel. He returned to school and to work in the bakery there.

On July 30 the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Keim, Walter Norman, born June 19, was baptized, — the first baptism in our chapel.

Our preaching journeys South, formerly touching Memphis, Tenn., where an interested and faithful group receives the Word joyfully, and Little Rock, Ark., seat of the Arkansas State School for the Deaf and home of a large interested deaf group, now include monthly visits to Blytheville, Ark., near Memphis; Jackson, Miss., Baton Rouge and New Orleans, La. State schools for the deaf are located at Jackson and Baton Rouge. At every one of these places we have been received with a warm friendliness and eager interest for the Gospel. Surely the South offers wide-open doors for work among the children of silence.

On August 5 one of our oldest members, Mrs. M. Campbell, fell and broke her hip. As a loyal Christian she bears her cross patiently, and the Lord is helping her along well.

In recent weeks lectures were given to hearing congregations at Okawville and Mattoon, Ill., and Orville, Mo.

Walter Viets and B. Keim were recently elected to the important office of elders.

The chapel-parsonage is now receiving the last major alteration. By installing a stoker, a heat circulator, and cold air returns, the heating of the house will be made economical and satisfactory. Every visitor inspecting our property is impressed by the beauty and usefulness of the place. Even the rear part of the lot, with its garden and brick stable, is useful. The rear lawn, secluded, yet airy, shady by day, mosquito-free and lighted at night, has been the scene of numerous business and social gatherings, numbering up to 150. The stable and garage has become a 46 by 22 feet hall. No feature of that old residence is useless. We thank God for our fine property. N. P. U.

*Cleveland, O.*—Since our last news item in this column, the following persons have been received as members of the Cleveland field: Mrs. Aletha Leary of Rochester, N. Y.; Stuart Mahan, Bertha Lake, Walter Juhnke, Robert Morris, Donald Thomas, and William Heidinger of Cleveland; Ardena Stevick, Jack Holt, and John Schwartz of Columbus, O. We hope and pray that these new members will all continue as true believers in Jesus Christ and as faithful members of our Church.

In our Columbus confirmation service on May 28, four girls of our Lutheran Sunday-school interpreted hymns most beautifully. These singers were: Blanche Warmouth, Betty Jane Schwartz, Edna Davis, and Lucille Schumm.

On June 17, Miss Margery Hansen and Mr. Harold Fisher entered holy wedlock in a beautiful church wedding, Miss Betty Brown and Mr. Stuart Mahan also taking part in the procession. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fisher God's blessings in their married life, especially that both remain true believers in Jesus Christ and live together forever in heaven.

While on a vacation in Michigan, we conducted a service, as last year, for such deaf as live very widely scattered. This service was held in Reed City, Mich., and while 13 deaf came to this service, the greater part



Widely Scattered Deaf Attending a Service at Reed City, Mich.

of the local hearing congregation also came to worship with our deaf friends. And six of our deaf from Manistee and Ludington had to drive about 100 miles round trip to be at this service. May these friends who cannot receive regular service read their Bibles daily at home and hold fast to the teaching and preaching of Jesus that man now can be saved by faith in Christ because Jesus has suffered for sin and has won forgiveness of sins for all mankind. T. F.

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