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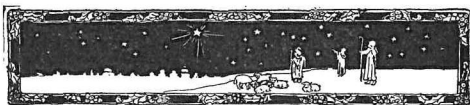
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Christmas-Gifts

What shall we give on a Christmas Day?

Whatever a heart to a heart can spare,
Whate'er through the dark can throw a ray,
Whate'er can fetter the hands of care.

Not all the riches of earth and sea
Could build their statues one soul above;

And presents, if rightly weighed, must be

Hung first on the golden scales of love,

While ever to heaven our thanks uplift;

For God invented the Christmas gift. — *Sel.*

Christmas

It is said that, when the distinguished scientist Lord Kelvin was once approached by a pompous would-be scientist, who asked the great man which one of all his discoveries he considered to be the most valuable, he bared his head and replied: "The most valuable of the discoveries I have ever made was when I discovered my Savior in Jesus Christ." Let us, therefore, at Christmas-time give first attention to Christ.

The message proclaimed at the first Christmas means to us everlasting joy, for it announced the greatest gift mankind has ever received. If we make this gift the center of Christmas, if we feel the unending love of a Savior who brought lasting joy into a sin-cursed world, to every sorrowing sinner, then we shall find lasting joy in Christmas.

Oh, let us, then, in spirit, follow the shepherds to Bethlehem. Let us unite in worshipping the adorable Savior, not only at Christmas time but all the days of our life. O. C. S.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE SECOND ARTICLE

"Jesus Christ, My High Priest"

(Concluded)

Jesus Christ, our High Priest, has brought the sacrifice of perfect obedience for us and also a bloody sacrifice for our sins. But Aaron and every high priest after him not only had to bring sacrifices for the people; they had also another work, of which we shall learn in this study.

Jesus Christ, Our High Priest, Prays for Us

Of the high priest who brought the sacrifice into the Holy Place on the Day of Atonement we read furthermore: "And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the Lord, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil; and he shall put the incense upon the fire before the Lord," Lev. 16: 12, 13. So the high priests and priests again and again had to burn incense also upon the altar of incense. The burning of incense was as coming before God in prayer. David says in Ps. 141: 2: "Let my prayer be set before Thee as incense." Now, as the high priests of old, so our High Priest Jesus Christ "appears in the presence of God for us" with the incense of prayer. In Heb. 7:25 we read: "He ever liveth to make intercession [prayers] for us." Sweet comfort indeed, to know that our Lord Jesus in heaven always prays for us.

Jesus Christ, Our High Priest, Prays for the Forgiveness of Our Sins

The Apostle John writes: "If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous," 1 John 2: 1. Jesus is our

Advocate, or lawyer, before God. When we sin, He speaks for us and holds up His pierced hands and prays for mercy and forgiveness. And because we have such an High Priest we can say with Paul, Rom. 8: 34: "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession [prayers] for us." How Jesus intercedes, or prays, for sinners you may learn from the parable in Luke 13:6-9. Read also the beautiful prayer of our High Priest for His believers in John 17. Oh, when we see how we daily sin much and indeed deserve nothing but punishment, we must rejoice in knowing that our High Priest Jesus stands before the Father's throne in heaven and there pleads with Him for us! Yes, rejoice!

Tell It unto the World!

Friend, you need Him; I need Him; all the world needs Him. Oh, do not let your friends nor any one else live and die without this good word of our Lord and High Priest! Tell it wherever you go; help to bring it to many more in all the world, so that many of them may rejoice with us in this High Priest and every one may say: "Jesus Christ, the true High Priest, has brought a perfect fulfilment of all commandments unto God for me; He has, furthermore, offered Himself on the cross for me and shed His blood to cleanse me from all sin; and now He still prays for me before the Father. Of whom shall I be afraid?" May God grant this for His Son's sake! J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible-Study for December

"This do in remembrance of Me," Luke 22:19

Bible-Lesson: Mark 14:17-25

"And in the evening He cometh with the Twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with Me shall betray Me. And they began to be sorrowful and to say unto Him one by one, Is it I? And another said, Is it I? And He answered and said unto them, It is one of the Twelve that dippeth with Me in the dish. The Son of Man indeed goeth as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Good were it for that man if he had never been born. And as they did eat, Jesus took bread and blessed and brake it and gave to them and said, Take,

eat; this is My body. And He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them; and they all drank of it. And He said unto them, This is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

The two disciples whom Jesus had sent into the city to prepare the passover found everything as Jesus had said to them, vv. 13-15; and they made ready the passover.

In the evening of the same day Jesus came with the Twelve to eat the passover. Judas, who had agreed to betray Jesus into the hands of His enemies, was also with them. While they were eating, Jesus said to His disciples, "Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with Me shall betray Me." Jesus knew the wicked plans of Judas, and He spoke these words to warn him against carrying out his wicked deed. The other disciples, however, did not know whom Jesus meant, and, trembling at the thought that Jesus might be speaking of them, they all said, one after the other, "Is it I? Is it I?" Jesus did not mention the name of the traitor to them but answered, "It is one of the Twelve that dippeth with Me in the dish."

Judas did not heed the Lord's warning. He was already in the power of Satan. But Jesus again warns him that the curse and punishment of God will be certain to follow upon his wicked deed; for He said: "Woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Good it were for that man [Judas] if he had never been born." Even these words of warning, however, made no impression upon Judas.

And now we are told how the Lord instituted the Sacrament of the Altar, also called the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion. While they were eating, at the conclusion of the passover meal, Jesus took bread, blessed it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is My body." Then He took the cup, which was filled with wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them; and they all drank of it. And He said: "This is My blood of the new testament [agreement, or promise], which is shed [poured out] for many."

This Lord's Supper we still have today. With the bread and the wine we eat and drink the true body and blood of our crucified Savior. In this Holy Supper we receive the assurance

that by His suffering and death on the cross all our sins have been removed, and our faith in His Word and promises is strengthened anew as often as we receive it.

What precious comfort our Savior offers us in this Sacrament! His body and blood were given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. This same body and blood He gives to us as a seal and pledge of the forgiveness of our sins. Oh, let us come often to the Lord's Table to receive the blessings offered us there!

E. EN.

The Key Would Not Work

Two men wanted to visit a famous church, so they asked the janitor for the key. He gave it to them.

They tried to turn the key in the lock, but it would not turn. No matter how hard they tried, the key would not turn.

At last the janitor came running and said: "I am sorry I forgot to tell you that the door is not locked." They turned the knob, and the door came open.

Many people try to open the door to heaven with the key how-good-I-am. The key won't turn.

But the door to heaven is open to all. You need no key. Jesus opened the door. Jesus is the door.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Oklahoma and Texas Field.—Upon arriving at Oklahoma City on October 9, and after calling on the deaf during the first week, we held a service on October 15 in Zion Lutheran Church (Rev. J. F. Schulz, pastor). Only a small group attended this service;



Rev. Floyd Possehl
New Missionary for the deaf
of the Oklahoma and Texas
territory

however, the following services were better attended, with sixteen deaf friends present at the last service. Members of Zion Lutheran Congregation have shown wonderful co-operation in trying to make the work with the deaf a success.

Trips have been made to Fort Worth and Dallas, Tex., as well as to Tulsa, Okla. In each of these places the services were held in one of our Lutheran churches. The attendances were favor-

able; however, there is much work to be done and much room for improvement.

As we visit, and work at, the various stations we feel convinced that the work that has already been done by Pastor M. E. A. Mueller has not been in vain; the results are showing themselves more and more. F. P.

May the good Lord grant His help and blessing upon the endeavors of the new missionary, and may He also cause the deaf more and more to realize the opportunity granted them by having the saving Gospel of Christ's love for sinners preached to them. Ed.

Indianapolis Field.—On September 14 we laid into the earth the body of a communicant member of our flock in and around Farina, Ill., Friedbert Bernhard Lange, who after a severe, painful, lingering sickness died on September 11. Mr. Lange lost his hearing through sickness when he was one year old. At the age of seven he was sent to the Illinois School for the Deaf, where he remained nine years and acquired a good education. After leaving school, the Rev. Wm. Martens, his and his parents' pastor, instructed him in the chief doctrines of the Bible for fourteen months, and our deceased brother was examined, made his confession of faith and fidelity to Christ, and was then confirmed in the presence of the large congregation at St. Paul, Illinois, his one sister acting as interpreter during the whole service. The present missionary learned to know him about four years ago and to value him as a faithful son of God, in whom dwelt the Spirit of the Lord. Knowing himself to be a lost and condemned sinner and to be saved solely by the blood of the Lamb of God, he loved the Word which brought him to Christ and by which he was kept in the faith. Living about fifteen miles from the place of worship, he attended every service up to May of this year, missing only when impassable roads made it impossible to come, and was a constant and devout guest at the Lord's Table. And he did something else, and we praise God for it: he studied faithfully the Word of God at home and attended services in the church of the hearing on Sundays, thus setting a beautiful example for many and showing where his heart and mind really dwelt. By this love of the Word and his home study he had grown much in the knowledge of the Bible doctrines and his Savior's work, in faith, love, and good works. If we once could get people, also our deaf Christians, to see that the Bible and its teachings must be studied and restudied all the time we live; if we could get our confirmed deaf to realize that confirmation is not the end but the beginning of their study of the Word of God; if we then could get them to spend some time every week, if not every day, in relearning what they already have learned and adding new thoughts of God to those they already have, what strong men and women in knowledge, in faith and love, in holiness of life, in zeal for the house of God and His will to bring others to Christ, we should have in our deaf congregations. Our brother, now with Christ, daily devoted some time to his Lord and His Word. Twice, in his last sickness, he desired the body and blood of his Lord Jesus, by which Christ's

righteousness became his and he was assured of his eternal salvation and life. Shortly before he died, he signed a prayer in which he confessed his sins and prayed for pardon and remission for Jesus' sake. Then he fell into a coma, and amidst the prayers of his aged God-fearing mother and other relatives his soul winged its way to the heavenly mansions at six o'clock in the morning. Verily, "thou shalt rest and stand in thy lot [place] at the end of the days," Dan. 12:13.

Sincere thanks are due to Pastor Petzoldt of St. Paul's Church, who ministered faithfully unto our deceased brother in his sickness.

Since Pastor Schroeder, who served a number of stations in Northwest Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Georgia, was put in full charge of our work among the blind people, these stations are being served by the missionary of the Indianapolis field. W. G.

Minneapolis Mission.—Sunday, November 5, was a day of rejoicing both with the angels in heaven and with the members of Grace Chapel for Deaf, for on



A Class of Adults Confirmed by Rev. J. Salvner at Minneapolis on November 5

The names of those on above picture are: Mr. Cupps, Pastor Salvner, Mr. Holton, Mrs. Gruber, Mrs. Johnson, Freda Fuller, Mrs. Holton, Henry Lahr

this day seven vowed faithfulness unto death to their Lord and Savior. Four received Holy Baptism: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holton, Mrs. Chas. Johnson, and Miss Freda Fuller; and three renewed their baptismal vow in confirmation: Mrs. C. Gruber, Mr. Harry Cupps, and Henry Lahr, a student from the Faribault School. Thereupon these seven and thirty-four others came to the Lord's Table. After the services Grace Ladies' Aid gave a reception to the seven new members and served dinner to all present. May these new members, and we all, ever remain faithful to the end! To every one of us our dear Lord and Savior says: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," Rev. 2:10.

J. L. S.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—In the past years we have been visiting several deaf-blind shut-ins, readers of our Lutheran magazine for the blind, at the Illinois

Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf. Recently we have been asked to serve also the aged deaf living at this Home.

The institution has recently been moved from South Parkway into the Hyde Park district, in our neighborhood. O. C. S.

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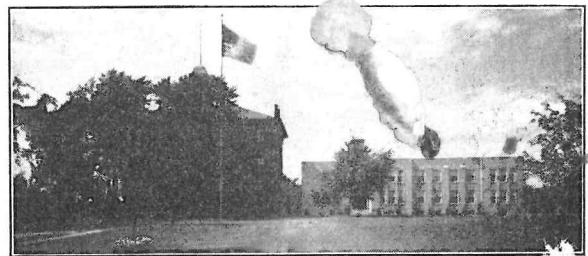
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