

# The Master's Servant

"Ye are my witnesses, saith Jehovah, and my servant." Is. 43:10.

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Prof. Gerhard T. Alexis.

## IN MEMORY OF PROF. ALEXIS.

The sudden death of our beloved organist, Prof. Gerhard T. Alexis, has brought unto the First Church deep sorrow and grief. His sudden passing away was such a shock to the congregation. We can scarcely realize that he, who was such a great factor, if not the factor, humanly speaking, to make our services so impressive, is no longer in our midst. He served at the organ as usual on May 22, confirmation day. What impressive services we had that day; how the music rendered was—as usual—eminently fitting for the occasion. The class of 1927 will never forget that their Confirmation Day was the last time that Alexis served as organist. After the services in the evening he remarked about not feeling

well and the following day sought the advice of a physician. On Friday night, May 27, it was found necessary to operate for appendicitis. He seemingly withstood the operation and was recovering, when peritonitis set in and he was called of the Lord on Tuesday evening, May 31st.

How hard it has been for us to say: "Thy will be done," for we did so appreciate our organist's service, and as a church needed him so much. Most of all do we sympathize with the sorrow-stricken wife and children. May He, who is the support of the fatherless and widows, sustain them in their grief. Even though we do not understand why it should be; may we nevertheless be still and know that He is God.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 4th. At home a quiet family service was held, at which Rev. Emil Valberg read Ps. 130 and offered prayer. The pastor spoke on John 10:27,28, setting forth the keeping and sustaining grace of Christ both in sorrow and in death. Rev. and Mrs. Knock sang "God will take care of you." At the church such a large crowd had assembled as the First Church has rarely seen. After singing "Safe in the arms of Jesus" by the congregation, Pastor C. A. Wendell of Minneapolis, who was a member of the Hymnal Committee with Alexis, read portions of Rev. 7 and 14, and led in prayer. Pastor F. W. Wyman of Minneapolis, who was Mrs. Alexis' pastor in Ishpeming, Mich., several years, spoke on Rev. 14:1-4. Pastor E. E. Ryden, also a member of the Hymnal Committee, spoke on Prof. Alexis as a musician. The pastor read a sketch of his life, and made a few remarks about his spiritual life and what his place and service as organist had meant to the First Church. The choir of 60 voices sang two of Prof. Alexis' compositions, "The Lord is my Shepherd," and Hymnal 485. Mrs. N. P. Wold sang one of his favorites: "There's a Beautiful Land on High," by Taylor. Previous to the service appropriate music was rendered by Mr. Ralph Strom and Prof. Peter Johnson. Among the selections played by Strom was Alexis' composition "Supplication." Prof. Johnson, Alexis' first organ teacher and bosom friend, served as organist. Twin City musicians and organists served as pallbearers. They were the following: Prof. J. Victor Bergquist, organist at Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis; Carl Malmstrom, organist at Zion Lutheran Church, Minneapolis; Robert Pearson, head of the Musical Department at Minnesota College and organist at Calvary Church, Minneapolis; Henry Engen, organist at Eilsen Lutheran Church, Minneapolis; Robert Strom, organist at Gloria Dei Church, St. Paul; and Prof. A. Moench from the Musical Faculty at Phalen Lutheran Seminary, St. Paul. These were all intimate friends of Alexis. At the close of the service the choir paid a very touching tribute to their director by passing the casket and each placing thereon a red rose. At the Union Cemetery, St. Paul, where the interment was made by Pastor Knock, assisted by Pastor G. M. Thimell and Pastor Wyman, the Phalen Lutheran Seminary Chorus sang two selections. One of them was "O Lamb of God," Alexis' composition, which the chorus under his direction had sung on their tour after Easter when they sang in several of the midwest states.

Among the mourners present at the funeral were, besides Mrs. Gerhard Alexis and children, his mother, Mrs. J. N. Alexis from Lincoln, his brothers, Joseph, Oscar and Carl; the sisters,

Mrs. Valberg and Mrs. Meidt. There also were present Mrs. Alexis' mother, Mrs. Mathilda Grund of Ishpeming, and Mrs. Alexis' sisters, Mrs. Ed. Knowles of Chicago, and Mrs. Albin Burling of Duluth. Many friends from long distances had also come to pay their last tribute.

He has gone ahead, but saved. Some day we hope to meet again, either at Christ's coming in glory or when He comes for us as His own. May we be kept watchful, being faithful in the service of the Lord.

#### LIFE SKETCH OF PROF. ALEXIS.

Prof. Gerhard Theodore Alexis was born in Swaburg, Dodge Co., Neb., on April 12, 1889. His father being Rev. John N. Alexis, former pastor in Augustana Synod. His high school education was finished at Whitall, Mich. From there he enrolled in the Musical Conservatory at Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., where he graduated from the organ department in 1910. The following year, 1910-1911, he served as organist in Bethany Church, Ishpeming, Mich. From 1911-1914 he was organist in the First Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Neb., meanwhile attending the University School of Music. Here he studied piano under Sidney Silver, and organ with J. Frank Frysinger. Graduating there in May, 1914, he went the same fall to Sweden, entering the Royal Musical Conservatory in Stockholm. Here he pursued studies in organ, piano, voice and harmony with Gustav Hägg as his teacher in organ. In 1915 he graduated in harmony, organ and "kantorskolan" (school of congregational singing), and returned to America, going to serve as organist in New Britain, Conn. Here he stayed in 1915-1916. In the summer of 1916 he took up his duties as organist and choir director in the First Church. Since 1922 he had been a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists, having been admitted as a member some years previously.

What his work as organist in the First Church has meant to us as a congregation can only be realized by the members and such as have from time to time attended our services. We have been deeply conscious of the sincere Christian spirit in which Alexis carried on his work as organist and choir director, he wanted nothing done or sung, which would mar the spirit of the service. We were continually mindful of the harmony of both songs and music rendered with the occasion, and the season of the church year. He sought no empty honors for himself, but desired to serve, and in his serving do honor to his Lord. With true Christian humility and faithfulness he discharged his duties. In his daily life with the members he desired his life and speech to be in harmony with the faith in Jesus that he confessed.

The place that Prof. Alexis had as a musician in our Synod will better be appreciated now, as we realize what work he actually has accomplished. As a composer he was being recognized in music circles at large. His choir compositions, such as "O Lamb of God" and "The Lord is my Shepherd" have been sung extensively. His organ compositions are, perhaps, most

widely known. "Supplication" dedicated to his mother, and "Andante Pastorale" have been heard over WCCO as played by Hugo Goodwin. Much of his compositions still remain unpublished, among such being the two organ numbers "At Dawn," and "At Twilight." As a music teacher and as a director of choruses he served a wide field. He has been on the Faculty of Minnesota College and Phalen Luther Seminary for several years. He taught several years at the Lutheran Bible Institute. He was a member of the St. Paul Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods' Male Quartet. His last contribution as director was rendered when with the Phalen Luther Seminary Male Chorus he made a tour of the mid west after Easter.

The Augustana Synod has in its new hymnal a lasting memorial of Prof. Alexis as a musician. The ritual as well as most of the musical score he either revised, corrected, composed or read proof of. Seven of the hymns therein are of his own compositions.

In 1916 Prof. Alexis was married to Olga Grund of Ishpeming, Mich. Their union was blessed by three children, Gerhard, Jr., Ruth, and Betty Margaret. Their wedded life has been spent altogether in our midst. Besides wife and children, he is mourned by his mother, Mrs. John N. Alexis of Lincoln, Neb.; his brothers, Dr. Joseph, teacher of Spanish at University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Crispin of Washington, D. C., Oscar, High School teacher in Washington, Kans., Carl, organist in the First Lutheran Church, Rockford, Ill.; his sisters, Mrs. Rev. Emil Valberg, Lake City, Minn., and Mrs. Prof. Joseph Meidt of the Univ. of Minn., Minneapolis.

He was sick but two weeks. He died of appendicitis, developing into peritonitis. At his death on May 31st he was 28 years, 1 month and 19 days old.

Though taken from us in such early years, what a service Prof. Alexis performed during his lifetime. We thank God for having permitted him to stay with us so long. May he prove an incentive to us unto watchfulness and faithfulness throughout our lives.

#### PROF. ALEXIS' CONTRIBUTION TO THE HYMNAL.

By E. E. Ryden.

Many of the children of men, when they are gone, are remembered only by what others do for them. Loving hearts and loving hands place a marker or erect a monument to their memory, and all that the world knows about the departed is summed up in the inscription it reads on the tombstone. Others there are who live such lives and so dedicate their talents in the service of the Lord that when they are gone, they are remembered for what they have been and what they have done. They leave their own monument behind them, a monument more enduring and imperishable than any shaft of granite or of marble.

This is true in a very remarkable way of our dear friend and brother, whose departure we mourn today. He has left a monument behind him that shall not only perpetuate his own name, but shall prove a blessing and an inspiration to generations yet un-

born; for it is a memorial that lives and breathes, though he is dead.

I hold in my hand a part of that living memorial—this Hymnal.

During the years when this book was in process of preparation, the Hymnal Committee cast about for a musician who possessed not only the technical skill, but also the spirit of Christian consecration to undertake the task of editing the music. Brother Alexis was chosen. During the months and years of arduous work that followed, it was my privilege to be drawn into very intimate fellowship with him, and today it is but a faint tribute to say that I learned not only to know and admire him for his musicianship, but to love him for his unusual spirit of Christian devotion and humility.

On page 879 of the Hymnal you will find a very simple inscription. It reads: "Gerhard Theodore Alexis, born 1889, America." And after those words you will find the numbers 485, 557, 569, 609, 627, 681, and harmony 615. To the average reader those numbers perhaps mean very little, but to those who were associated in the work of the Hymnal they tell a very significant story.

Perhaps we can tell a little of that story by reading some of these hymns. While Brother Alexis did not write the words, it seems to me that the music he composed in each instance reflects so beautifully the spirit of the text, we may feel that he speaks to us through the very words. I note that the choir is to sing Hymn 485:

Thou hidden love of God, whose height,  
Whose depth unfathomed no man  
knows,

I see from far Thy beauteous light,

Inly I sigh for Thy repose;  
My heart is pained, nor can it be  
At rest, till it find rest in Thee.

Today it is our confident hope that this beloved brother has found that perfect and everlasting rest in the Lord and Redeemer.

At 557 we find that wonderful evening hymn of Archbishop Wallin, to which our departed friend has written music that speaks almost as eloquently as the words.

Safe in Thy keeping let me be

When daylight fades away;

And gladly will I worship Thee

When dawns another day.

If death this night should summon me,

O Jesus, be Thou nigh;

Grant that I rest secure in Thee.

Whether I live or die.

At 569 we find a harvest hymn, to which Brother Alexis wrote music in a very cheerful and trustful strain. A funeral hymn is found when we turn to 609, and, while it is intended for the burial of a little child, there is a word of comfort here to which we would call the attention of our sorrowing friends today:

Thou dost give and take away,

Full of love, in all Thy ways:

Be each mourner's heart today

Full of loving trust and praise,

In the midst of grief to bring

Thanks to Thee, the children's king.

It seems to me, however, that of all the hymn tunes he has written, none is more beautiful or more fitting on this occasion than the hymn at 627. The theme is the same as that which

we have heard today in the Scripture lesson. It is the picture of redeemed saints in glory, the great multitude before the throne of God, who praise Him day and night in His temple. Listen to the first stanza:

Hark! the sound of holy voices,  
Chanting at the crystal sea,  
Halleluia, Halleluia,  
Halleluia, Lord, to Thee!  
Multitudes which none can number  
Like the stars in glory stand,  
Clothed in white apparel, holding  
Palms of victory in their hand.

Then there is that surpassingly beautiful and impressive communion response at 681, "O Lamb of God." No one can hear this composition sung without coming to the irresistible conclusion that the one who wrote it had personally found the Lord Jesus Christ as that "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." In our humble judgment there is nothing our departed brother has written that will live longer than this.

In addition to these original compositions in the Hymnal, we find that Professor Alexis also harmonized Dean Miller's beautiful hymn, "When Jesus comes in Glory." He also arranged in hymn form Grieg's immortal classic, "Behold, a Host, Arrayed in White." Something of his humble and unassuming spirit is revealed in the fact that he did not desire to be credited with this arrangement, partly, I believe, because he did not feel that he should associate his name with that of the great master composer.

The "Kyrie" for the Trinity season on page 567 is also his original composition.

All the Introits on pages 581 to 593 were arranged by our departed friend to make the music of the Swedish service fit the Scripture text in English. This was a very difficult and intricate problem, and required much study and labor. The same was true of all the liturgical services in the new musical settings. These were all arranged to meet the requirements of the English text, wherever changes were necessary. In addition to this, Brother Alexis scrutinized the music selected by the committee for all the hymns, and afterwards read the music proof.

It is impossible for me to dwell in detail on all the painstaking work and conscientious effort that he put forth during all those arduous days when the Hymnal was being prepared. I need only say that he approached the task with a real Christian fervor and zeal and with a devotion that revealed something of the consecrated spirit that lived in him. We found him ever ready to sacrifice time and ease in order to do any task that was assigned to him. And now that his life work is done, we feel a debt of gratitude to him that we cannot fully express. The Lord Himself will reward His faithful servant.

Finally, a personal word. I first learned to know Brother Alexis during college days. At Augustana we sang together in the Wennerberg Chorus. That relationship was happily renewed a few weeks ago when our departed friend, together with Pastors Knock, Collin and myself, all former members of the Wennerberg, formed a quartette. We sang but twice, the last time on

Good Friday, at the noonday service down town. We had hoped to sing together often. However, God willed otherwise. The quartette is broken; one member is gone.

But we rejoice to know that our friend has gone to join the choir celestial, and to sing with that great white host before the throne of God. With lips that are purged and a voice ennobled and sanctified, he shall sing the new song, the song to the glory of Him who was slain for our transgressions. May we some day join him there, by God's grace and through our Savior's merit. Amen.

#### RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY FROM THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH UPON THE DEATH OF PROF. GERHARD ALEXIS.

On behalf of the First Lutheran Church, the Joint Board of said church, desires to express the deep sense of grief and loss we feel upon the death of Prof. Gerhard Alexis, our beloved organist. For eleven years (1916-1927) Prof. Alexis had served our church as organist and choir director. As we look back upon these years of service, we have much reason to thank God for giving us such a faithful servant, one so punctual in his duties, both willing and able in every task required of him. Above all else, we praise God for the spirit of the Lord which rested upon Alexis as organist. The congregation assembled to worship felt that at the organ was a man of prayer, who played in the spirit of prayer, who believed that the music, both vocal and instrumental, should always be in harmony with the preached Word of God, that the service of song and music should always tend to true worship, to draw souls closer to Christ. We are grateful for that Christian humility in which he served; that faith and trust in the Lord which he manifested. In his daily life, in fellowship with our members, he radiated that true Christian spirit which endeared him so much to us all. His service in our midst was one of real inspiration continually, and will prove an abiding blessing for many years.

We are caused to wonder why the Lord should take him so suddenly, and just now, when so much of his life, humanly speaking, should still have remained. But the Lord's ways and desires are not always ours. Difficult as it is for us as a church, we yield to the will of the Lord, knowing that it was He who said: "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt understand hereafter." May that "hereafter" be for us a reunion in heaven to sing the "new song," the "song of the Lamb."

We want to assure Mrs. Alexis and the children, as well as mourning relatives, that our sincere sympathy goes out to them. Their loss is also our loss. We pray that Jesus, who promised the Comforter to all in distress, may cause His peace to abide with you, so that even the grief brought upon you may tend to glorify His name.

"Fear thou not for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help

thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Is. 41:10.

On behalf of the First Lutheran Church,  
Rev. A. W. Knock  
Pres. of Joint Board.  
A. B. Strom,  
Sec. of Joint Board.  
First Lutheran Church, St. Paul,  
Minn., June 3rd, 1927.

#### RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH CHOIRS.

We as Choirs of the First Lutheran Church want to pay a tribute to our beloved organist and choir director, Prof. Alexis. Our hearts are heavy and burdened over this loss that has come upon us. For eleven years we have had the privilege of singing together. We have appreciated his sincere spirit, his devotion to His Lord, his constant care for fitting church music as he has directed our singing. In the spirit of prayer he began our practises and in that spirit he wanted the selections rendered. We grateful acknowledge his work with us these years. To us they have been happy and blessed. May they, too, have been fruitful for the spiritual uplift of the Church as a whole.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Alexis, children and relatives. May we so live, so yield our lives to the Lord, as together to have a part in singing the song of the Redeemed in the heavenly chorus.

Sincerely,  
The Choirs of the First Church.

#### RESOLUTION FROM THE LUTH- ERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE.

The Lutheran Bible Institute begs leave to add a tribute to the memory of Professor Gerhard Alexis, inasmuch as our departed friend had rendered faithful service to our cause as a member of our teaching force. We valued his services highly, not only for his artistry as a musician and his ability as a teacher, but even more for the Christian spirit which radiated from everything he said and did, and for the sanctifying influence he exerted upon the student body. In his beautiful humility he eliminated himself, was happy in being only a servant of the Lord, and that Lord honored the service so rendered by blessing it abundantly to the furtherance of His cause and the glory of His name.

The news of Professor Alexis' death brought sudden dismay to our hearts, as we loved him and respected him and realize that his early taking away is a serious loss to our church. But we believe in the perfect providence of a loving Father in heaven. We rest assured that He redeems the faithful promises sealed in the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have faith in the assurance that He doeth all things well. We thank Him for the blessed hope we cherish with regard to our departed brother in Christ. It is "far better" to be "at home with the Lord." "Our citizenship is in heaven." It is there that our hopes are to be realized. We therefore look in that direction for our brighter future. Our sorrow is re-

served for the bereaved wife and children, the mother and devoted circle of brothers and sisters. Their loss makes us grow silent. But we sympathize with them deeply, and we commend them in faithful intercession to the consolation and gracious care of our God and Savior. May He support and comfort them by His Word.

"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

On behalf of the Lutheran Bible Institute,

Committee.

#### RESOLUTIONS FROM PHALEN LUTHERAN SEMINARY.

The Faculty of Luther Seminary sympathize with you from their heart for the loss you have experienced by the death of Prof. Gerhard Alexis of the Luther Seminary School of Music.

May the "merciful kindness" of the Lord be your comfort.

G. Kroening, Sec.

St. Paul, Minn., June 3, 1927.

#### RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY FROM MINNESOTA COLLEGE.

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father has taken from our midst our beloved friend and co-laborer, Prof. Gerhard Alexis,

And Whereas, during the years that we were associated together in the work at Minnesota College, and in our Church work in general, we learned to esteem Prof. Alexis highly by reason of his fine Christian character, his unselfish service and his wonderful ability.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that while we bow in humble submission to the Divine will, yet we recognize the great loss that we have sustained in the death of our dear friend and brother.

Resolved, That we extend to Mrs. Alexis and the bereaved ones the assurance of our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their hour of sorrow. We find comfort in the thought that God, who rules with a wisdom that we cannot understand and with a love that we cannot fathom, sustains and comforts those who trust Him even in the darkest moments of life.

On behalf of the Faculty of Minnesota College,

Respectfully,

Frank Nelson, President.

Robert N. Pearson,

Director of the School of Music.

Minnesota College, Minneapolis Minnesota, June 3, 1927.

#### CONFIRMATION TALK.

(Stenographically Recorded.)

"If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will the Father honor."—John 12:26.

We notice that Jesus begins this statement with an "if." "If any man serve me." That is, He implies that you may or may not serve Jesus, just as you like.

We believe that confirmation day is the day for a choice to be made.

It should be a day of choosing for all you young friends. This statement implies not only that it is a choice, but that it is to be a willing choice. You recall that Joshua told his people at the end of his life, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." That was their day of choosing.

No one believes in Jesus; no one follows Jesus unwillingly. There is no such a thing as being a Christian and not wanting to be one, for if you do not want to be a Christian, it is a clear proof that you are not a Christian. Today naturally you, young folks, have your eyes turned toward the future, for from now on we really must not call you children any more. You will be called young people. Not that confirmation should mean graduation. I hope we have made that clear. It is really the beginning of a wider, fuller Christian life as a church member.

Confirmation means that you are admitted into the church, the outer church. When you were born again in baptism, you were already received into the inner church and if today you stand in a living relationship to Jesus Christ, you are still a member of the inner church, or as we say in the Creed, "the Communion of Saints." Therefore, from today things will be just a little bit different. You won't feel exactly as you have felt before. You will be called a part of the Luther League. You will have a part with the young people in their work. Therefore, as you enter upon that new stage in your life, that wider, fuller life, naturally the question of a choice must come in. Are you choosing willingly to follow Jesus?

You have been receiving instruction for some time. The instruction given should help you to choose for yourself. We said that the choice must be willing; that is, there must be no force about it. We have made that clear: that you didn't need to come this morning; that if you didn't appear this morning, nobody would be sent for you. We have said that purposely because we believe that no one can choose for you and nobody can believe for you. Your fathers and your mothers, your brothers, sisters and friends, they may be very desirous for your future; what you shall do, what you shall be, but one thing they cannot determine, and that is, whether you are to follow Jesus Christ or not. Some of these, therefore, will say that to follow Jesus is the most precious of things. It brings joy above all joy. They say that because they know from experience. There may be friends of yours who will say that now you have come to the point in life where you shall throw away all the things which you have learned in Sunday School and enter upon all that the world has to offer: its pleasures and amusements, desiring thereby to draw you into the path of sin.

You have been instructed purposely so that you might know why you choose. You have been instructed so that you might know first of all what Jesus has to offer. I believe that you appreciate the statement that "Ye are not your own, you were bought with a price." That is, since Jesus Christ died for your souls, He has the first

right to your souls. "He died for all, that they that live should no longer live unto themselves but unto him who for their sakes died and rose again."

From talking with you personally, I have learned that you have felt the call of the Holy Spirit in your own heart. You have realized at times, at least, that there is a joy in the fellowship of Jesus that surpasses all things else. And I believe that in class, at times, we have caught visions of spiritual things that have made us practically forget where we were at the time. Therefore, Jesus wants to tell you, through the instruction given, that He alone can satisfy every craving of your heart and that He does and that He will, if you let Him.

But, the world is not inactive, and you know what we mean by the world. The things that are sinful: friends, pleasures, amusements, attractions that do not draw you to Christ but away from Christ; they are what the Scriptures call the world. You recall that we have discussed this statement often: "My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." We have decided that cracked cisterns may show up very well, the things of the world may show up very nicely, but when it comes to a definite test, they hold nothing for you and you are left discouraged and unhappy. Therefore, you have been instructed so that knowingly and willingly you might make the choice between these two sides: either following Jesus Christ or following the world, and that you might make that choice knowing what the future has in store, knowing what it promises and what it will fulfill.

Today there are many here who have been confirmed in this church. Many perhaps who have tried to drink out of the cracked cistern of the world, who were attracted by the glowing appeal that the world made, by the tremendous offers it set before you. To you therefore, the question comes today, just as much as to these young friends, "Whom are you following today?" Have you grown so wise in your own self that you actually think that you are wiser than God, or have you perhaps experienced that the words of Jesus have been true, when He said, "He that drinketh of this water shall thirst again." If that has been your experience, won't you listen to Jesus, who continues to say, "He that drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst." Either you have said that Jesus is a liar in making that statement, or today you are here to testify that you haven't tried Him out and, therefore, don't know whether He keeps His promises or not.

There are many friends here this morning who have given their hearts to the Lord and followed Him many years and whose experience will prove that that promise of Jesus is good, that it holds, that He satisfies. Therefore, the Holy Spirit is present this morning to talk to hearts that perhaps have strayed from their Shepherd. He is here to seek and to quicken in your hearts a longing after better things, a longing after spiritus

things. He is here to bring you to conviction of sin, to realize that hiding sin, coveting sin in your own hearts, never satisfies, only brings regret and condemnation. Therefore, young friends, as well as older friends, the Holy Spirit is ever present to awaken a longing after peace, a longing after getting rid of our burdens and our sins, that we might earnestly confess our sins, that Jesus might blot them out, and that we, redeemed, might go on our way happy, as His children.

Further, Jesus says in our text: "If any man serve me, let him follow me." That is the same as to say, be whole-hearted about it. He doesn't want half-hearted Christians. He wants whole-hearted followers all the time, all the way. "He that putteth his hand to the plow and looketh back is not fit for the kingdom of God" and, oh, how much looking back there is in the hearts and lives of so many that have been confirmed! They have set their faces to go forward with Jesus and then, having been attracted by the things of the world and thinking that they could follow Jesus and yet keep their hearts in sin, they have tried and come to the conclusion that the things that belong to Jesus are not true, they don't bring results. That is their conclusion, not realizing that they haven't even tried, haven't even given Jesus Christ a fair chance in their lives and in their hearts. And so before they have given Him a fair chance, they have voted Him, and what He has promised, out of their lives as being untrue and unfair.

You, young friends, have learned that of your own selves you have no delight in following Jesus. You have learned that because of original sin in your own hearts, you are not inclined to do good and you are unable to do it. But you have also learned that Jesus Christ can come into your hearts and transform them and change them so as to make the things that He requires of you a perfect delight in their performance so that you might say with David, "I delight to do Thy will, oh my God." Jesus wants you, if possible, to experience that when He said, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light," He wasn't just saying a pretty phrase. He was telling you an actual reality, that every single soul that has allowed Him to change his heart and to create in him a new spirit, it becomes his delight to do His will. Otherwise how could He ask us to follow Him and serve Him, and then expect us to be perfectly happy in that service? Jesus never asks you to do a thing without Himself supplying you both the willingness and the power to do it.

The opposite statement is just as true. "If you follow me, you must serve me." No one is truly following Jesus who isn't truly trying to serve Him. Hence, He talks of His believers as being co-workers with God. Oh, what a glorious privilege to be called a co-worker with God. That is to make your life count for eternity while you are here. For, my friends, only that which God works through you counts for eternity.

This serving of the Lord He expects of you, young folks, and you, older folks, in a very practical definite way.

Serving Jesus isn't simply a pretty term. It isn't only a nice sounding phrase. It is an actual reality in our daily life, if it is anything. That is, in your school life, in your work, yes, even in your pleasure, He expects you and me to be a definite testimony for Him at all times. He expects that, and He has a right to expect that, and unless our lives are a testimony for Him, they are a testimony against Him, for "He that is not with me is against me."

Jesus Christ wants to use every single soul, young and old, for a definite purpose of leading other souls to Him. I believe that I can say, without any hesitation, that the young folks of our church have the biggest opportunity for service that anybody has in the church. Do you know of friends that have strayed away from Jesus Christ, that have been confirmed? Do you know of those that are straying now? That's your opportunity. That's your duty to see that those souls are brought back into a personal relation with Jesus Christ. Therefore, if you notice that any are drifting, do not attend service, do not show up at Luther League and Bible classes, that is your opportunity and duty to see that those are brought back and interested again and kept in the faith of Jesus Christ. Now that is the call, that is privilege of everybody. All of you are included in that.

But, I have also emphasized the fact that I believe God is putting on the hearts of many of you, young folks, a call into special service. And if you claim that you want to serve Jesus, you will have to give Jesus Christ the first opportunity to determine what you are going to do. I firmly hold that no young person has a right to determine what he ought to do in life until he has asked himself before God this question, oh God, what do you want me to do? I believe there are future pastors in this class, there should be several, deaconesses perhaps, mission workers, those that should heed the call for special, definite service in the kingdom. That doesn't mean that you have to determine that today, but it does mean, that as you go through your years, this should be your constant prayer, "Lord, as I follow Thee, help me to know where and how I might serve Thee."

The next thing we learn is, that if you and I are to follow Jesus Christ, it will cost us something. The cost of following Jesus—I have not hidden that from you just because Jesus didn't hide it from His disciples. Jesus said this, "A servant is not greater than his lord." "If they persecuted me, they will persecute you." "If the world hate you, ye know that it hath hated me before it hated you." And in 1 Peter 4:12 we read: "Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial among you, which cometh upon you to prove you, as though a strange thing happened unto you." Why does the world hate anyone who definitely and consistently wants to follow Jesus Christ? I believe you can all answer that. The answer we have agreed upon is this, that every consistent Christian's life is a condemnation upon every one who is not a consistent Christian. That's why the

world hates one who is not with them. The minute you leave your Christ, telling him goodbye and follow the world, you will be their best friend. They didn't hate you, they hated your Christ and the more Christ sticks out of your life, the more the world will hate you. Therefore, friends, don't expect anything else, and when you don't expect anything else, it isn't so hard to meet that continually. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God." The one who is not a believer in Jesus Christ has no use for the things of God, cannot understand them, and if you think they are worth anything, not only they become foolishness to them but you likewise. Hence you as young friends need realize that though others do not follow Jesus Christ that is no reason why you should not. Yes, even if some of your friends, even in your own family, they don't want to follow Jesus Christ, that is no reason why you should not follow Jesus Christ. There are lots of souls living in the same home where one belongs to Christ and the others do not, and Jesus gives them grace to be faithful even amidst such surroundings as that. If you lose your friends in the world because you take a stand for Jesus Christ, don't waste any tears on that, you will get a hundred times better friends with those that follow Christ if you give up the friends of the world.

The last thing we have to say is brief. God honors the one that serves Jesus. "If any man serve me, him will the Father honor." Please observe it says "serve me," it doesn't say that you talk nice things about Jesus, it doesn't say even that you mean well, but it does say that you have your life directed into His service, and if you do that, Jesus says God will honor you.

Here you have your other choice again: are you going to choose to seek the honor that is found in the world or are you going to seek in your life to be honored by God, because you serve Jesus Christ? "Him that serveth me will the Father honor." Only that person will God honor who serves Christ. He cannot and will not honor one who will not serve Jesus Christ. But if you are to go through the world seeking the honor of God, you will not always be popular. You won't always be considered "nice," because if you are really and truly trying to serve Jesus, you will have to call sin by its right name, whether it is in yourself or in your friends. And when you start to call sin by its right name, then people will take offense, but Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me." "He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

What a wondrous day it will be when all souls will be gathered before the Great White Throne and God picks out those whom He is going to honor, when He is going to honor those who served Jesus. Oh, how empty, how vain, how foolish will the seeking of applause and the honor of the world appear in the light of eternity. Of all tragedies, the worst tragedy that is found is this: a life mispent, a life that is not lived to serve Jesus. A life that is not lived so that

God can honor it—that is a life mispent.

You are starting out today, young friends, with practically the same opportunities all of you, but not the same gifts. God wants you to use the gifts that you have received, and He will require faithfulness to the gifts you have received, but above all of these, He requires you to be faithful toward Him. In the measure that Jesus Christ can enter into your life to direct your life, to control your life, so that it might be used in His service following Him, it will also in the light of eternity be a life that is a blessed life, for it bears eternity within.

God grant that not a single one of you, young friends, might have a life mispent, but that your life might be spent in His fellowship and in His service and that God will honor it now and eternally. Amen.

#### 1927 CONFIRMATION CLASS.

Confirmation of the class was held on May 22. There were 25 in all, 12 boys and 13 girls. We welcome them in Jesus' name as active members in the congregation. May they be blessed in their service and prove a blessing. The class consisted of:

Anderson, Lavern C., 1711 Laurel Ave.  
Benson, Leonard M., 570 Canada St.  
Carlson, William S., 443 S. Brimhall Ave.

Danielson, Kenneth W., 1906 E. 5th St.  
Douglas, Howard V., 942 Arkwright St.  
Edlund, Fred E., Jr., 831 Reaney St.  
Hoff, Robert C., 862 Hague Ave.  
Holcomb, Henry William, 742 Goodrich Ave.

Linnerooth, John N., 1549 Reaney St.  
Mattson, Gerald G., 1277 Reaney St.  
Pemer, Carl E., 420 Mt. Ida St.  
Young, Harry O., 700 E. 6th St.  
Dahlen, Ina H., 1362 Simpson Ave.  
Freedlund, Violet V., 670 Sims St.  
Freudenberg, Jeanette R., 465 E. Wyoming St.

Johnson, Audrey L., 661 DeSoto St.  
Johnson, Ruby E., 413 Jenks St.  
Lindecrantz, Margaret, 672 E. Como-Phalen Ave.

Lindgren, Elaine C., 961 McLean Ave.  
Lindstrom, Evelyn V., 689 Otsego St.  
Merzenick, Myrtle E., 370 W. 6th St.  
Olson, Verna B., 886 E. 3rd St.  
Schroeder, Marion A., 920 Burr St.  
Sutherland, Jane B., 683 North St.  
Winters, Lucille H., 1053 York St.

The confirmation class wants to express its thanks to the friends who decorated the church for confirmation day. The beautiful church tended to make the occasion more festive as well as impressive.

#### THE ADDED GIFT.

When one gift is not enough, then we often must add another one. This is true of the Home Mission treasury, it is not securing funds enough to care for the Home Mission cause in the way that we as a church are asked to do. At the last Conference meeting the debt of Minnesota College was taken over by the Conference—they took \$60,000.00 of it. This is to be paid out in three years. Hence we as a church are to pay out toward this \$730 every year for three years. We say this so that our peo-

ple may know the requirements. Then, too, the budget for our mission work was not what it should have been this year.

How shall we help this? By willingly giving unto the work of the Lord what it needs, as we possibly can. We should feel that all the work of the church is our work. You and I are to carry on this work. It is all needed. A special offering will, therefore, be taken for Home Mission on Sunday, June 26th. A letter stating the need and an envelope will be sent you a few days previous. Won't you pray that the Lord will give us a willingness in giving this offering, so that He might be pleased with us?

A. W. K.

#### YOUR SUMMER VACATION.

Of course you will want one. And as many of you as possible should have one. But where? Surely we are responsible to God for the use of our time during vacation, as well as any other time. Vacation should mean a chance for a change of work and environment, a real rest. But that will not be found if the time is spent at some pleasure resort, with added opportunities and temptations to sin. No vacation is truly good for you, if Jesus is crowded out of your heart and life. Days and weeks out in nature, using your Bible frequently, in fellowship with the Lord will build you up physically and spiritually.

Splendid opportunities for such a vacation is given at our Bay Lake Camp, apart from the rush of the city, in the quite of the woods, what a splendid place for rest and meditation. Having company with Christian friends there, makes it an ideal place for a happy profitable vacation. Help yourself to the "Bay Lake Greeting" which gives the dates for young and old.

If you desire a real spiritual vacation you will find the Bible Institute Camp at Lake Independence ideal. From July 31st to September 3rd, a period of five weeks, they invite you to feast on the Word, and enjoy yourself in the Christian atmosphere prevailing. We hope that more of our people will avail themselves of this opportunity.

#### MINISTERIAL ACTS.

##### Baptisms.

January 16—George Stanley, born October 17, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Strom, 1039 Front St.

January 23—Marvin David, born November 5, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Algot Anderson, 1351 St. Clair St.

February 6—Robert Eugene, born September 9, 1926, son of (adopted by) Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bathen, 1092 Case St.

March 13—Elaine Frances, born November 18, 1926, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. And. Gustafson, 57 E. 11th St.

March 13—Delmer Lloyd, born March 3, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Johnson, 1374 Berkeley.

March 27—Richard Arnold, born January 12, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. Torkel Johnson, 228 Norris St.

April 2—Robert Gunnard, born February 20, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Swanson, 608 Jenks St.

April 3—Vivian Charlotte Elvira, born February 13, 1927, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ture Holmberg, Dayton Bluff Sta., R. 4.

April 10—Robert Boo, born January 6, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Johnson, 751 E. Minnehaha.

April 29—Roy Bertil, born on January 25, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Osterberg, 1460 Holton Ave.

May 1—Gerald Glen, born February 6, 1927, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nordin, 763 Olive St.

May 15—Donna Mae, born March 26, 1927, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Moore, 405 E. Jessamine St.

May 29—Robert Allen, born December 5, 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Johnson, 674 Jenks St.

May 29—Lois Evelyn, born October 7, 1926, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson, 413 Jenks St.

##### Marriages.

January 6—Thomas A. Neelon, 667 Park Ave., to Hilda Neelon, 667 Park.

February 23—Oliver Salmer Haaland, Clarkfield, Minn., to Helen Segri Windingstad.

March 12—Bert Dragge, Minneapolis, to Ethel B. Cavanaugh, St. Paul.

April 16—Gilbert Erickson, 847 E. 4th St., to Florence L. Anderson, 720 E. 6th.

May 28—Harry M. Linell, 1363 Front St., to Jessie A. Okeson, 1363 Front St.

##### Funerals.

January 28—Sven Frederick Anderson, age 77, 730 E. 6th St.

January 30—Nels Wm. Erickson, age 59, 692 Euclid St.

February 4—Oscar P. Agrelius, age 83, 1350 Sargent Ave.

February 6—Mrs. Bena Olson, age 66, 1111 Jessamine St.

February 10—Isaac Elias Carlsen, age 83, 695 Preble St.

February 14—Bengt Chas. Johnson, age 84, 82 Como.

March 4—Charlotte Larson, age 85, 681 York St.

March 4—Carl Gustav Zachrisson, age 75, 1241 Bradley St.

March 15—Donald Bystrom, age 2 days, 706 E. Maryland St.

April 2—Frank Olson, age 59, 747 Burr St.

April 11—Mrs. Anna Rebeck, age 80, 918 Fremont St.

April 18—Erick Johnson, age 61, 719 E. 6th St.

April 19—Helen M. Larson, age 29, 895 Arkwright St.

April 30—Carl G. Lofgren, age 73, 1738 Stanford Ave.

May 7—Andrew Granstrom, age 71, 268 Iglehart Ave.

May 27—Hanna Thompson, age 60, 846 Lincoln Ave.

##### Members Received.

February 6—Arthur Berthel Johnson, 621 Jenks St.; Mrs. Ruth Corrine Youngquist, 786 E. Rose St.; Mrs. Emma Strom, 1039 Front St.

April 3—Mrs. Bertha Christine Malmberg, Albert Hennis Malmberg, Philip Malmberg, 758 Reaney St.

April 14—Mr. and Mrs. John Elmer Johnson, 485 Nevada St.; Edwin A. Youngberg, 874 E. 4th St.; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clarence Collins, 751 Edger-

ton St.; Mrs. Alice Florence Farwell, 791 E. 4th. St.

May 22—Mrs. Ingrid C. Johnson, 661 DeSoto St.

#### CHURCH LOCALS.

The Ladies' Aid met on Friday, the 3rd. The hostesses were Mrs. L. Lindell, Mrs. O. Lander, Mrs. A. Larson and Mrs. J. Linnerooth. The program consisted of songs by our ladies' chorus and a talk by Rev. Knock.

H. E.

The Loyal Helpers' banquet was held in the church parlors May 10th. There was a good attendance. We enjoyed violin solos by Mrs. Arthur A. Nyberg and vocal solos by Mrs. Elizabeth Tucker. There were short inspiring talks on service by Rev. Knock and four of our members—Olga Williams, Sigrid Hansen, Sister Irene and Myrtle Peterson. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Frank Nelson. He dwelt on the name of the society so that we can scarcely mention it now without being reminded of its deep significance. He also spoke of the value of time. Here our gifts are all the same; the high and the lowly have the same number of hours in their day, but the important thing is to remember their use. The Apostle Paul says, "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father by Him." How often we have longed to serve the Lord in some special way, and then the Lord says "Whatsoever ye do." May those words hallow our humble tasks, so that we may glorify Him in all we do or say. Then indeed may we count all things joy and go forth to our labor with a song in our hearts. The tasks that once weighed on us so heavily are no longer burdens; if we can honor Jesus in doing them, their weight is gone. It is not a burden to serve Him, but a joy unspeakable. Has He not said "My yoke is easy and my burden is light?" Let us leave our burdens at the foot of the cross and go forth into joyous service for Him. For most of us the "Holy Grail" is at our door. May He help us to start each day remembering the "Whatsoever." A dear brother has just passed from our midst, whose life was a beautiful living example of the admonition of the Apostle Paul. May the memory of his consecrated life be an inspiration to us all.

Vacation time is coming, and we hope those members who have not pledged, will do so at this time, so that we may know what we may count on for our work. Perhaps there are friends who are interested in the work, but who cannot belong to the society. We have had many such friends in the past, and if any of you would like to contribute, kindly send your pledge to Miss Genevieve Peterson, 828 Goodrich Avenue, telephone Cedar 8734.

The next meeting will be held in the church June 14th. Come and bring some friend or stranger. Sister Irene will tell of her work.

S. J. J.

The Luther League will hold its last meeting of the year June 15th, at 8 o'clock. The presence of every member is requested, as the meeting will

be important for two reasons; first, it will be in the form of a reception for our newly confirmed friends; and, second, we will elect our officers for the coming year. As twenty-five members will be taken in on the 15th into our League from the confirmation class, won't you come and get acquainted with them, so that they will feel at home?

J. W.

The Sewing Circle of the Christian Service Auxiliary will meet at the Deaconess Home on Wednesday afternoon, June 15th.

H. B.

The Burr Street Society met at the chapel Tuesday evening, May 24. A fine program was given, and it was gratifying to see such a large number present. We hope for even a larger attendance at our June meeting, on Tuesday evening, the 28th. Mrs. Nels Johnson and Mrs. Fred Blomquist will serve.

E. J.

The West Seventh Street Mission Society will meet Friday evening, June 24, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson, 498 Magnolia Street.

A. P. C.

Our Girls' Circle has changed its name to "The Missionary Links." We are now members of the great "Missionary Chain." Our object is to do mission work both at home and abroad. At our May meeting the girls made curtains for our Bay Lake Camp. At our June meeting, held June 6th, a reception was given the girls of the 1927 Confirmation Class.

M. E. W.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

Carl G. Lofgren, 1738 Stanford Ave., age 73, was called to his rest on April 27. He came from Sweden in 1882, settling at Center City. The latter years he has lived in St. Paul, and been a member of the First Church. He loved the house of God, and His Word, and when health permitted was always found in his place on Sunday. His faith in the Lord was a real inspiration to those who visited him. He died suddenly of a stroke. May his hasty death be a warning for us all to be ready. He is mourned by one son and four daughters, and friends here and in Center City. Interment was at Center City.

#### THE NEW MISSION HOME.

We have among our own members the Wallgrens, who are busy, with other workers, trying to win the Jews for Christ. For many years this work has been carried on at 638 Jackson St. With much faithfulness and prayer on the part of the workers, the Jews have been attracted in greater numbers continually. The present quarters are entirely too small; new ones must be built, which are larger.

Many of us, no doubt, have taken little or no interest in this work, yet Jesus said "to the Jews first." They have lived in our very midst all these

years. How little we have prayed for them or cared to win them for Christ. We have sinned much by this our omission.

Plans are on the way to build a new home this summer for our Jewish mission work, just a block north of the old location. We hope that many of our people will want to have a real part in this. We want you to pray that the Lord will supply the funds for this home; and then as He moves you, to speak for and give toward this cause.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, They shall prosper that love thee."—Ps. 122:6.

#### MINNESOTA COLLEGE.

The annual catalog of Minnesota College, Harvard and Delaware Streets, S. E., Minneapolis, Minnesota, has just come from the press and is mailed free upon request. Send for a copy.

Minnesota College is owned and controlled by the Lutheran Minnesota Conference. It is our own conference school. At Minnesota College our Lutheran young people can secure a Christian education at a reasonable expense.

The new catalog shows that 694 students were enrolled at Minnesota College during the past school year. Students were registered from Minnesota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Canada, North Dakota, New York, Iowa, Oregon, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Michigan, Tennessee and Kansas.

The Summer School of ten weeks will begin at Minnesota College May 31. However, students who are obliged to enter the summer school a little late will receive help in making up their work. The summer school is an open door for ambitious young men and women who wish to make time in completing their education.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.

Our Sunday School picnic will be held at Phalen Park, Saturday, June 25th, across the road from the coffee pavilion.

Automobiles for the children will leave church at 11:00 o'clock a. m. We hope that those having cars will help out transporting the children. Will you notify Mr. A. T. Lundgren?

We hope that the older folks will also come out. Buy a button, and thus help make this picnic a success. There's no satisfaction having a church picnic unless the members turn out well. Plan to take the day or afternoon off, and make it a day when we as a church get together for a picnic. A program, athletic events, cats, etc., will make the day a pleasant one.

#### THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

Sure, we are to have a summer school again, both in the chapel and at church. Four teachers will have charge of this work, Herman Larson being in charge of the whole. We will commence on Monday, June 30th, at 9:00 a. m. We hope that the parents will see the need of this work

and send the children. The children who have been going to the summer schools have profited much by them. We cannot give the children too thorough a course in the Bible in early years. We are sure that Jesus wants the children to come, so that the Holy Spirit through the Word can be applied to their hearts.

The few hours spent in the forenoon at this summer school will not at all hurt the children, but will give them valuable instruction which will not only help them in their Sunday School and confirmation work, but will prove valuable all through life.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF APRIL, 1927.

##### Receipts.

Through pledges .....	\$ 637.15
Collections .....	84.98
For church paper .....	9.75
For benevolences .....	4.00
Organ rentals .....	20.90
Loan .....	1,000.00
Transferred from reserve....	2,000.00
On Strom estate.....	90.00
Total .....	\$3,846.78

##### Disbursements.

Deficit .....	\$ 34.63
Salaries:	
Rev. Knock, April.....	200.00
O. E. Nelson, March.....	100.00
G. T. Alexis, March and April	250.00
Water bill .....	1.30
Light and power (4 months)	125.43
First installment paving Burr St. ....	20.10
Roofing Co., on Burr chapel..	40.00
Conference delegate's fare....	5.75
Rev. Knock, auto upkeep....	25.00
Interest on loans .....	142.36
March issue, church paper...	29.50
Mrs. C. Gilbert loans.....	3,000.00
Miscellaneous bills .....	19.75

Total .....

Total .....	\$3,994.82
Deficit .....	148.04

Arthur A. Peterson, Treas.

**N. B.**—During the summer so many go on vacations and wait with their church envelopes until they return. Why not pay a few Sundays in advance instead. Our regular expenses go on as usual and we find the summer months hard. Please.

#### NOTICE.

The church wishes to borrow money on or before July 1st to take care of some loans that we have promised to pay off. You can help the church out and earn 4% on your money. For further information call the treasurer, Arthur Peterson.

#### WEEKLY BULLETIN.

June 12 to 19.

Today:

Evening English services at 7:45.

Tuesday:

Swedish prayer session at Burr chapel

Meeting of the Loyal Helpers in church.

Wednesday:

Luther League. A reception will be tendered this year's Confirmation Class. Annual meeting, election of new officers.

Thursday:

Swedish prayer session at church.

Young People's Cottage prayer meeting will meet at the invitation of Norma Anderson at the G.E. Johnson home, 798 Mound St.

Friday:

The West Seventh St. Mission Society will meet at the Albert Johnson home, 498 Magnolia St.

Sunday:

Burr Chapel Sunday School at 9:00.

Church Sunday School at 9:30.

English and Swedish morning services.

English evening service.

#### BENEVOLENCE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY, 1927.

##### Received.

Balance .....	\$ 51.52
Pledges paid .....	298.81
Foreign Mission .....	92.30
Collection Sw. Sanitarium Denver .....	50.68
Collection, St. Paul District....	6.56

Total .....

Total .....	\$499.87
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Nothing paid out.

On July 1st the payment for the second quarter on the conference budget is due amounting to \$1,037.50. This money goes mainly to the home missions and the schools. According to a decision by the Joint Board an offering for home missions will be asked for the latter part of June. We are in great need of a liberal offering for this purpose. Let us pray for six hundred dollars.

J. A. Holmen, Ben. Treas.

#### A TEACHER'S PRAYER

Great Master, as these little ones to me,  
So I to Thee  
Am but a child, and know not how to go.  
I blunder so!  
With skill-less hands blur all the paper white,

Whereon I write,  
The puzzling sums come wrong, I chafe  
and fret

At tasks Thou set,  
As through the window, down the road  
to play  
My lost thoughts stray.

So wise Thou art, my Master, let me be  
More like to Thee.

Not too austere lay my dictates down  
With careless frown,

Not on the stumblers lay too much of  
blame—

Count failure shame,  
But, patient, lead the little feet aright  
Up the long height

Where only they who follow Love's  
bright star

Can travel far.

—RUBIE F. WEYBURN.



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#### SUNDAY SERVICES.

9:30 A. M. Church School.

10:15 A. M. English Service.

11:30 A. M. Swedish Service.

11:30 A. M. English Bible Classes.

2:30 P. M. Church School (Chapel.)

7:45 P. M. Evening Service (English.)

Holy Communion first Sunday of each month, alternately in English and Swedish. Members received at each communion season.

Mid-week Service in Swedish on Tuesday, 8:00 P. M., at the chapel; in English and Swedish on Thursday, 8:00 P. M. at the church.

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#### CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.

The Church Choir rehearses every Friday, 8:15 P. M.

Our Girls' Circle first Monday of each month, 8 P. M.

Sunday School Teachers meeting first Tuesday of each month, 8 P. M.

Junior Brotherhood first Wednesday of each month, 8 P. M.

Ladies' Aid first Friday of each month,

2:30 P. M.

Loyal Helpers second Tuesday of each month, 8 P. M.

Lutheran Brotherhood second Wednesday of each month, 8 P. M.

Luther League third Wednesday of each month, 8 P. M.

Chapel S. S. Society fourth Tuesday of each month, 8:00 P. M. (at chapel.)

West Seventh St. Mission Society

fourth Friday of each month 8:00 P. M.