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## Reformation Day.

The last day of this month is Reformation Day, because on the 31st of October, 1517, Dr. Luther nailed his 95 theses against the abuses and false doctrines of the Romish church to the church-door at Wittenberg. That was the beginning of the Reformation. We celebrate this day because it reminds us of the blessings which God bestowed upon His Church through His servant Dr. Martin Luther.

The greatest of these blessings is the restoring of the Gospel of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus, the only Savior of sinners. This Gospel, which had been preached by the apostles, was hidden for centuries under the rubbish of the Romish errors and superstitions; and the Bible, in which that Gospel is revealed, was kept away from the people. The pope's word was put in the place of God's Word and man's work in the place of Christ's work. The anxious sinner was told to trust for salvation in his own merits and in the merits of the saints, and not in Christ's merits. Forgiveness of sins was sold for money. Luther himself, having become anxious for his soul's salvation, earnestly tried to find peace in the way pointed out to him by the Romish Church by fasting and doing penance. But he found no peace until God opened to him the Bible, from which he learned the Gospel way of salvation through faith in Jesus. This Gospel brought peace to his soul and opened to him the gates of heaven. He says: "I felt as though I were newborn; I had found the gates of paradise wide open."

For the salvation of others Luther made this Gospel known to others. At first he hoped that the pope would side with him and put a stop to the scandalous doings in the Romish Church. But the pope proved himself the Antichrist opposing the pure Gospel of Christ,

pronouncing a curse upon Luther who preached that Gospel. So Luther was forced step by step to defend the pure Bible doctrines and to proclaim louder and louder the glad Gospel tidings of free grace and salvation in Jesus. Thus he became the Reformer through whom God restored to His Church the true Word of God.

Nothing was more dear to Luther all the days of his life than this Gospel. It was also his only comfort in the hour of death. He thanked God for it on his dying bed when he prayed: "O my heavenly Father, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, thou God of all comfort, I thank Thee for having revealed to me Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, in whom I believe, whom I have preached and confessed, whom I have loved and praised, whom the malicious pope and all godless men dishonor, persecute and blaspheme. I pray Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, receive my poor soul into Thy hands. O Heavenly Father, although I must be torn away from this life and quit this body, I nevertheless know assuredly that I shall be with Thee forever, and that no one shall pluck me out of Thy hands."

Let nothing be more dear to us than the Gospel which God restored to us through Luther. Let us praise God for His goodness that we have an open Bible and the pure Gospel in our homes, in our churches, in our schools. If indeed you are thankful for these blessings you will show your gratitude by the proper use of the Gospel for your own salvation and for the salvation of others. You will embrace it and bring it to others that they also may find salvation and be eternally blessed by the pure Gospel of Christ.

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Meekness and patience are needful, if you would overcome the devil and the world.—Luther.

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**A Boy's Argument with a Romish Priest.**

An Irish boy asked his priest: "Will the Virgin Mary take care of me?"

"Yes, my son, if you are true to the requirements of the holy Catholic Church, she will take care of you."

"Are you sure she will take care of me?"

"Quite sure, if you do as I have commanded you."

"Will she keep my soul and take me to heaven when I die?"

"Yes, if you die in the bosom of the Church."

"You are very sure, sir?"

"Yes, quite sure."

"Well, sir, I am not sure, for I read that once in going from Jerusalem, she lost her own child; and if she could lose Him, she might lose me. But Jesus will take care of me. He will not lose me. He knows His sheep, and He says: 'They shall not perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.'"

**A Martyr's Death.**

When Leonhard Kayser, on account of his Evangelical preaching, was burned alive in Passau on the 16th of August, 1527, he asked the people to sing one of Luther's hymns while he was tied at the stake. This they did, and when the flames rose high, he was heard several times to cry, "Jesus, I am Thine; save me!" And so he died a martyr to the truth in Jesus.

**Work for All.**

In a factory the working men are not all engaged in the same kind of work, but every man has his particular work to do, and must do it if things are to prosper. In the railroad business there is work of many kinds to be done. There are superintendents, managers, des-

patchers, inspectors, engineers, conductors, brakemen, porters, switchmen, and many others. One can not do everything; every man has his task to do. Thus it is also with work in God's kingdom here on earth. There is work for all, work of many kinds. The Lord needs many workers. Are you one of them? Do you do your task? (Sel.)

**AMONG OUR DEAF.**

Through some inexplicable oversight on our part the quarterly financial report of Rev. Schubkegel was not published in our last issue, although we had it in our hands. It follows: St. Louis \$5.70, from Mr. Lindhorst \$1.50; St. Charles \$2.85; Evansville, Ind. \$26.12; Indianapolis \$0.60; Louisville \$2.21. This is for the quarter ending June 30th, during which only one service was held in Indianapolis and two in Louisville.

**Milwaukee.**—Another eventful day in the history of our congregation was September 4th, for on this day six deaf were confirmed and one baptized in our little chapel, which was filled to the last seat. The catechumens were the Misses Elsie Hoeffert, Frieda Janke, Clara Kleinschmidt, Clara Fahl, Emma Rupinski, Myrtle Trost and Mr. Walter Lorch. Mr. Lorch resides in Delavan and had been instructed by mail. The examination was based on the first, second and sixth chief parts of our catechism, while Miss Trost, the candidate for baptism, was examined chiefly in the fourth part. The answers to all questions were well rendered, and all of them being oralists, jointly renewed their baptismal promise by means of speech. For the hearing people it was, therefore, not hard to discern whether or not these catechumens were able to examine themselves before taking communion, and for the benefit of the deaf congregation the entire services were conducted also in the sign-language. The second part of the program included the baptism of Miss Trost. Having begun instructions only in April, while the others entered the class last November, Miss Trost had not yet been instructed in the last two chief parts. She was, therefore, confirmed in our chapel on October 2nd, this examination being on Confession, Absolution and the Sacrament of the Altar. Thus we have had

this year five public confirmation services in our church. Holy Communion was celebrated immediately after the confirmation of the larger class, 25 deaf partaking. Thus the Lord continually adds new members to His Church, gaining one victory after another. May He keep them in true faith thus helping them to keep their confirmation vow, so that in the end they may reach the goal for which they strive, eternal salvation. Let this be our continual prayer.

Among the many welcome visitors at our services were Miss May Gagne of Wausau, Mr. and Mrs. A. Larson of Port Washington, the deaf-blind Misses Minnie Dunck and Eva Halliday and Mr. DeLong of Flint, Mich.

**Wausau-Merrill.**—The next services for the deaf of these cities will be on October 16th, with services at Merrill in the afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

**Minneapolis.**—On the 4th of Sept. Mildred Helen, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sarom S. Olson, was baptized in the name of the Triune God, and thus received forgiveness of all her sin. "As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."—Gal. 3, 27.

During July and August the Misses Elsie Foker of Minneapolis and Agnes Stinsky of St. Paul were instructed in the first chief part of our catechism. They have now returned to school and intend again to take up the study of the catechism next summer. A class for adult deaf has been organized at the pastor's home Wednesday evening, Sept. 28. May God bless these instructions!

Harry and Alice, children of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fels are now attending the day-school of the Ev. Luth. Immanuel Congregation on the North Side. Thus it should be! Christians must be concerned not only about the temporal, but above all about the eternal welfare of their children. They must see to it, that their children learn to know their sin and the Savior from sin. They must see to it, that their children come in contact with God's Word every day. Therefore the best place for children is the church-school, in which they daily learn not only the wisdom of this world, but also the precious Word of God which "makes wise unto salvation." Parents, "bring

up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."—Eph. 6, 4.

On the evening of Sept. 11th Pastor Salvner preached at the mission-festival of St. Peter's Congregation at St. Paul. After the sermon a short lecture on our work among the deaf was delivered. The collection for our mission amounted to \$15.00. We also secured four new subscribers for our paper on that occasion.

**St. Louis, Mo.**—Mrs. H. Stahr of Kansas City, Mo., attended the service for the deaf here on Aug. 28th, in company with her mother, Mrs. Engelhorn and her friend, Miss Anna Krueger.

**Evansville, Ind.**—On Aug. 21st Mr. Adam Werner and Miss Mary Gram of Fort Branch, Ind. and Dawson and Martha Jones of Howell, Ind., pupils of the Indianapolis school for the deaf, attended services here.

We again most cordially invite the deaf of Evansville to attend the services for the deaf conducted by Pastor Schubkegel every third Sunday of the month at 7:30 P. M.

On Sept. 18th Rev. C. Schubkegel preached in German on our Mission for the Deaf at the mission-festival of Trinity Lutheran Church. In the evening of the same day, the pastor held services with the deaf. After the sermon Holy Communion was celebrated.

**Louisville, Ky. and Indianapolis, Ind.**—Owing to the wreck of a freight train Saturday night, Sept. 3rd, Pastor Schubkegel was delayed almost seven hours on his trip to the two cities named above, arriving too late for services at both places.

**Chicago.**—On his recent vacation trip in August, Rev. Reinke visited also Denver, Ia., where the Iowa District of our Synod was in session from August 24th to 30th. To his great surprise he was requested to deliver an address on our mission, which he did. With apparent interest the assembly listened to the report on the doings in our mission. The Messrs. Weinrich and Heinold kindly officiated as lay-readers on the three Sundays their pastor was absent from the congregation.

After a long postponement our church is to receive several coats of paint on the exterior woodwork, which will cost about \$100.

October 2nd it was six years ago that our church was dedicated, which event was fittingly

celebrated by the congregation by raising an envelope collection of thanks, so as to reduce the yet remaining debt on the structure of \$500.

A new class of catechumens has been organized, which received its first instructions on October 3rd. Several deaf have applied for membership in this class.

**Lima, O.**—On the afternoon of Aug. 14th, the Lima services were held at the hospitable home of Mr. Arras, 22 miles from that city. Messrs. Sam. and Wm. Arras had extended an invitation to their fellow deaf to spend the day with them and arranged for a service. Twelve deaf availed themselves of the opportunity to spend a glad day and had arrived early at Blufton, whence they were driven to the home of the hosts. Pastor Boll arrived in the afternoon and conducted the services. An offering was lifted amounting to \$3.50. The remainder of the day was spent in kindly conversation, general good-will and a feeling of satisfaction prevailing. Mr. Wm. Arras will again resume his studies at Gallaudet College. We wish him Godspeed.—The next service at Lima will be held, God willing, on the afternoon of October 23rd at 2:30 P. M.

**Cleveland.**—The last Sunday in August, a number of Lutheran deaf from Cleveland visited the farm of the father of Christian Morlock, some 30 miles from that city. A service was held at Cleveland in the morning, whereupon 8 deaf, together with Pastor Boll, traveled to the home of the host, arriving there at noon. Some 50 people were present in the afternoon and requested Pastor Boll to address them on our Mission for the Deaf, which he readily did. The offering amounted to \$8.00. We had the pleasure of having in our midst the present and the former pastor of Liverpool. After dark the deaf were driven to the next station, happy and thankful for the good day they were permitted to enjoy. They hope the invitation will be repeated at some future time. Mr. C. Morlock frequently attends our services at Cleveland and is now committing to memory the Ten Commandments.

To make the best of life we must not think much of the things that are denied us, but make the best use of what has been given us. Not more talents but a better use of those we have.

#### SERVICES FOR THE DEAF.

##### CHICAGO, ILL.

Congregation of Our Savior, Crystal St., near North Hoyne Ave., Northwest Side. Services every Sunday, at 3:30 P. M., by Rev. Arth. Reinke, 2127 Crystal St., Chicago, Ill.

##### ST. LOUIS, MO.

Lutheran Zions Church, 21st and Benton Sts. Services every second and fourth Sunday of the month, by Rev. C. Schubkegel, 2936a Madison St., St. Louis, Mo.

##### ST. CHARLES, MO.

Services every second Sunday of the month, at 10 A. M., at Mr. W. Meyer's residence, 510 Clay St., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

##### INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Services every first Sunday of the month, at 8 P. M., in the church, corner Ohio and North East Sts., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

##### EVANSVILLE, IND.

Service every third Sunday of the month, at 8 P. M., in the Lutheran School, by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

##### LOUISVILLE, KY.

Congregation of Our Savior for the Deaf. Services every first Sunday of the month, at 10:30 A. M., in the church, E. Broadway and Underhill Sts., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

##### TOLEDO, O.

Trinity Lutheran Mission for the Deaf. Services in church, corner Vance and Ewing Sts., the first Sunday of the month, at 2:30 P. M., by Rev. A. Boll, c. o. Carlton, Toledo, O.

##### FINDLAY, O.

Services in the homes of the deaf by special appointment, by Rev. A. Boll.

##### LIMA, O.

Services the second Sunday of the month in the church, corner Kibby and Jackson Sts., at 2:30 P. M., by Rev. A. Boll.

##### CLEVELAND, O.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. A. Boll.

##### FORT WAYNE, IND.

St. John's Lutheran Congregation for the Deaf. Services the second Sunday of the month in St. Paul's Chapel, corner Barr and Madison Sts., at 7 P. M., by Rev. A. Boll.

##### PERU, IND.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. A. Boll.

##### DETROIT, MICH.

Services for the deaf the third Sunday of the month, at 3 P. M. in the church, corner Gratiot and Rivard Sts., by Rev. A. Boll.

##### MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Y. M. C. A. Building. Services every Sunday, at 11 A. M., by Rev. J. Salvner, 2115 9th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

##### ST. PAUL, MINN.

St. John's Lutheran Church, corner Hope and Margaret Sts. Services every Sunday, excepting the last Sunday of the month, at 3:30 P. M., by Rev. J. Salvner.

##### STILLWATER, MINN.

Salem Lutheran Church, corner 4th and Oak Sts. Services the last Sunday of the month, at 3:30 P. M., by Rev. J. Salvner.

##### WINONA, MINN.

Services on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of every month in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at 8:15 P. M., by Rev. J. Salvner.

##### LA CROSSE, WIS.

Services every third Wednesday of the month in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at 8 P. M., by Rev. J. Salvner.

##### ELKHART, IND.

Trinity Congregation's Schoolhouse. Services by special appointment, by Rev. Th. Claus, 119 Clinton St., Hammond, Ind.

##### SOUTH BEND, IND.

St. Paul's Congregation's Schoolhouse. Services by special appointment, by Rev. Th. Claus.

##### KANSAS CITY, MO.

Services at Lutheran Church, 16th and Cherry Sts., every first and third Sunday of the month, at 3 P. M., by Rev. N. F. Jensen, 1400 Tracy Ave.

##### OMAHA, NEBR.

Services at Lutheran Church, corner 28th and Parker Sts., every last Sunday of the month, at 3 P. M., by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

##### MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Emmanuel Chapel for the Deaf, 1711 Meinecke Ave. Divine services every Sunday, at 10 A. M., by Rev. T. Wangerin, 1711 Meinecke Ave.

##### RACINE, WIS.

Services every last Sunday of the month, at 2:30 P. M., corner Kewaunee and North Erie Sts., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

##### SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

Services every four weeks at the homes of the deaf, at 7:30 P. M., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

##### OSHKOSH, WIS.

Services every four weeks, 226 Bowen St., at 7:30 P. M., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

##### NEENAH, WIS.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. T. Wangerin.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, NORTH DETROIT, MICH.

The object of this school is to give its pupils a thorough Christian and common education. The regular course of instruction occupies from 7 to 8 years. Children are admitted from the age of 8 years on. Full information and application blanks may be obtained from, Rev. Wm. Gielow, Supt., North Detroit, Mich.