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Count Your Blessings.

If we could count the many blessings God bestows upon us, we would find much to be thankful for, not only on Thanksgiving Day, but on all the days of our life. There are too many that do not count the blessings they themselves enjoy, but look at the good things which others have. This makes them discontented and unthankful. Said old Uncle Silas to his complaining wife: "When we begin to look at the things our neighbors have and we haven't, we always pick out just the things we want. They live in a nice house, we say, and we have only a little one. They have money, and we need to count every penny. They have an easy time, and we have to work. We never say: 'They have the typhoid fever, but it did not come near us. They have a son in the insane asylum, but our brains are sound. Staggering feet go into their grand door, but nothing worse than tired ones come home to ours at night.' Count your blessings, my dear, and be thankful."

Saadi, the Persian poet, as quoted by Luther, says that he never complained of his condition but once, and that was when his feet were bare, and he had no money to buy shoes; but meeting with a man without feet, he instantly became contented with his lot and thankful for the blessings and mercies he was enjoying. No matter what our condition is, we shall find many reasons for thanksgiving, if we only count our blessings.

The late Pastor Krummacher, of Elberfeld, Germany, in making the rounds of his visits to the sick of his congregation, came across one of his parishioners who had been unwell for some time, and who complained bitterly of the heavy cross he had to bear in being confined for such a long time in his bed, and thought God was dealing harshly with him.

After listening patiently for some time to his lamentations, Krummacher cut him short by saying: "I will pray for you," and, suiting the action to the word, said: "Dear heavenly Father, Thou knowest how many poor sufferers are lying upon miserable beds of straw and rags, and have no one to care for them, or furnish them medicines to mitigate their sufferings which in many instances are of the most distressing kind, whilst I lie on a good, comfortable bed, am carefully attended by my own kin, and treated by a skillful physician; nor do I suffer any notable pain. Thou hast had patience with me, a murmuring Jonah, till now"—

"Hold on! hold on!" cried the murmurer excitedly; "I promise you, dear pastor, never to murmur or complain again." Whether he kept his promise or not is not known, but it is probable that the murmuring spirit was driven out for some time.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits," Ps. 103, 2.

Faith.

MATT. 15, 21—28 we have a good example showing wherein good and true faith consists. Faith does not consist in relying on the feelings of your own heart and believing that you are converted, justified, saved, because your own heart tells you so, or because there is a voice within you saying, Now you have grace, now you are born again, now you have passed through and made your calling and election sure, now your sins are forgiven, now you are a child of God and an heir of the kingdom of heaven. Modern revival conversions are largely brought about in this way, and people thus converted claim that they can fix the very minute of their conversion. They mistake for conversion what is merely an outburst of feel-

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ing. No; true faith has a better and firmer foundation than the fluctuating feelings of our sinful heart. True faith consists in the relying on the Word of God alone, which promises the grace of God. That is what the Syrophœnician woman did. She held on to Christ, in spite of all conflicting experiences. Blessed, therefore, are they who rely on the Word of God alone for their salvation and everything that pertains thereto. But pity on the unbelieving Thomases who are determined not to believe unless they meet with some peculiar circumstances or experience within themselves. Their faith is based on a foundation which will crumble into dust and finally plunge them into the vortex of despair.

If Luther had done nothing in a lifetime but produced his Catechism, the world could not sufficiently thank or repay him.—Mathesius.

As long as the Word of God is held in honor in the Church, it is still well with her.—Luther

What a Christian is.

A Christian is both a sinner and a saint; he is evil and is good. In ourselves we are sinners, but Christ gives us another name when He mercifully forgives our sins for His sake. Hence both appellations are true. Sins are yet in us, for the old Adam still lives within; and again they are not present, because God blots them out for Christ's sake. They are present before my eyes; I see them and I feel them; but there stands Christ and tells me to repent, to confess myself just what I am, a sinner, and declares to me the forgiveness of my sins through faith in His name.

Repentance alone, though necessary, is not sufficient; faith in the remission of sins through

Christ must also be added. Where there is such faith, God no longer sees sin; for then we appear before Him not in our own righteousness, but in that of Christ. He adorns us with grace and righteousness, even if in our eyes we are miserable sinners, full of weakness and unbelief. But this conviction of our wickedness shall not drive us to despair, else we could not heed the preaching of repentance. No, we come and say: O Lord, we are damnable sinners, but Thou declarest that we shall not remain such, and hast commanded remission of sins to be preached at all times in Thy name.—Luther.

Boundless Grace.

How boundless is the grace of God! He is "not willing that any should perish." Therefore He "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." His love is for the whole world, and His Son is given as a Savior to all sinners, and His Gospel is to all men. Consider what that means. Look at the worst of men: at those in the hiding places of iniquity; at those who dwell where vice rules and misery has her home; at those whose faces bear the sealmarks of Satan—all these God would have "come unto repentance." And, therefore, He would have us bear to them the message of His love—the Gospel of Jesus, in whom God's boundless grace is revealed to sinners.

Why She Became a Lutheran.

Veit Winsheim, a professor in the university of Wittenberg, had an aged mother living in France devoted to, and zealous in, the Romish faith. Though often urged by her son to give up her errors and accept the true faith of God's Word, as taught by the Lutheran Church, she persistently refused to do so.

After an absence of some years, the son came home on a visit to his mother. He learned that she had embraced the Lutheran faith with all her heart. Anxious to know what had produced such a change in her convictions, he upon inquiry learned that his mother had been much around the sick and the dying, and had observed that those who died in the Romish faith were

restless, without peace, and troubled with doubts, while those of the Lutheran faith, resting alone in the saving merits and pardoning mercy of Jesus Christ, had calmly fallen asleep in peace and in the full assurance of salvation. "This," she said, "convinced me that the words of St. Paul are true: 'Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.' (Rom. 5, 1.) This induced me to embrace the Lutheran faith, and I thank God for this great grace."

AMONG OUR DEAF.

Received during the quarter ending Sept. 30th: By Rev. N. Jensen, Kansas City \$11.24; Omaha \$6.05. By Rev. A. Reinke, Chicago Congregation \$33.17; Ladies' Aid Society \$9.75. By Rev. C. Schubkegel, St. Louis \$4.99; St. Charles \$1.65; Evansville \$10.10; Louisville \$3.15; Indianapolis \$1.28. By Rev. J. Salvner, Minneapolis \$18.41; St. Paul \$8.55; Winona \$2.79; Stillwater \$2.41; LaCrosse \$1.72. By Rev. T. Wangerin, Milwaukee \$34.33; Racine \$3.35; Sheboygan \$2.35; Oshkosh \$1.70; Wausau \$2.25; Merrill \$0.50. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20, 35.

Chicago.—The envelope collection at our church anniversary on Oct. 2nd amounted to \$34.50. A class of catechumens is being prepared for confirmation consisting of 7 deaf, six of whom come from non-Lutheran families.

Oshkosh.—Mr. Otto Schulze formerly of Delavan and Gallaudet College, and a member of our Reedsburg parish is at present making his home with his relatives in Oshkosh, where he has found employment. Our last services at Oshkosh were attended by 27 deaf.

Merrill-Wausau.—We had a most enjoyable trip to Merrill and Wausau where quarterly services were held on October 16th at Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill. Nearly all the deaf were present, all the Wausau deaf having come in a body to attend. Messrs. A. Cashman and M. Cone were welcome visitors. The Mrs. Falk and Englert and Miss May Gagne contributed their usual liberal offering. After the services Pastor Wangerin in company with the Wausau deaf spent a most pleasant evening at the home of Mr. Falk. Rev. Wangerin con-

ducted also the morning services in Trinity Church for Pastor Schliepsiek.

Kansas City, Mo.—Responding to an invitation of the Lutheran Congregation at Lockwood, Mo., Pastor Jensen attended the annual mission-festival of this congregation on Sept. 18th, and on the afternoon of that day delivered a lecture on our mission. The spacious church was filled to overflowing by members of the church and visitors from neighboring congregations. Some of these visitors drove 20 miles in the early hours of the morning, leaving again for home after the close of the afternoon service. They showed great interest in our work and gave us much encouragement. The collections of the day amounted to \$125, a good part of which will be donated to our mission fund. In order to keep informed on what is being done in our mission 18 members subscribed to "The Deaf Lutheran." We hope they will become diligent readers thereof and remain true friends of the cause for which it stands. To one and all of our friends in Lockwood we say: Thanks! May God's richest blessings be upon you!

Omaha, Neb.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Baumann was baptized by Pastor Jensen. May God, her heavenly Father, evermore keep her in His kingdom to life everlasting.

Toledo.—Miss Anna Stadler of Blissfield, Mich., was confirmed on Oct. 2nd, at Trinity Lutheran Mission, Toledo, in the presence of our deaf congregation, several hearing friends and relatives attending. Miss Stadler has been a fine scholar, committing to memory the entire catechism. In the address Pastor Boll dwelt upon Peter's two-fold answer to Christ's question: "Will ye also go away?" The hymn "Let me be Thine forever" was beautifully rendered by the catechumen.

Shortly after her birth, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nichols died on Sept. 28th. She was baptized by Rev. Boll some time before the end came and was laid to rest on the same day. Our heartfelt sympathies go forth to the bereaved parents.

Roanoke, Ind.—Sixteen deaf from Peru, Wabash, Huntington and Ft. Wayne, attended the confirmation of Mr. B. Richards at Roanoke, after the morning service at Ft. Wayne.

Some time ago Mr. and Mrs. Richards were baptized at St. John's Mission, Ft. Wayne. Mrs. Richards in the mean time departed this life. The confirmation was witnessed by a crowded church. Mrs. Moellering most beautifully rendered in signs the hymn "Nearer my God to Thee" with instrumental and voice accompaniment, which was the favorite hymn of Mrs. Richards. The offering in this service amounted to \$11.25.

Minneapolis.—Robert James, born on the 21st of September to Mr. and Mrs. J. Danford of Stillwater, was baptized on the 25th of Sept. Since all children are born in sin and by nature are children of wrath, it is our duty to bring them to Jesus for baptism soon after their birth, so that they may be cleansed from their sin. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."—John 3, 5.

At its last quarterly meeting Grace Congregation elected the following officers for the year 1911: Jens Hansen, President; Carl Fels, Vice-President; H. Knudson, Treasurer; Carl Falmoe, Secretary; Messrs. Dane, Falmoe, Hansen, Board of Wardens. At this meeting Mr. Martin Engen, who was confirmed by the pastor last May in Kindred, N. Dak., was accepted as a voting member. Our congregation now numbers 12 voting members.

St. Louis, Mo.—Mrs. Sarah Pancake of East St. Louis, who had been visiting in Springfield, Mo., for some time, returned home last month and attended the service for the deaf here on Oct. 9th. On the following Tuesday, Oct. 11th, a surprise party was given in honor of her birthday at the home of her friend, Mrs. C. Berry, of this city.

Louisville, Ky.—Services for the deaf were held here in the forenoon of Oct. 2nd. After the sermon Holy Communion was celebrated with four communicants.

Indianapolis, Ind.—In the evening of Oct. 2nd, the regular monthly service was held here by Pastor C. Schubkegel. After the sermon Holy Communion was celebrated, two deaf partaking. Mr. Jul. Stumpf, who has been studying the catechism, will be confirmed in the near future.

Evansville, Ind.—The services held here on Oct. 16th were well attended.

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 Kibbv 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.