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The Holy Christ-child.

O heart of mine! lift up thine eyes
And see who in yon manger lies!
Of perfect form, of face divine—
It is the Christ-child, heart of mine!

O dearest, holiest Christ-child, spread
Within this heart of mine Thy bed;
Then shall my breast forever be
A chamber consecrate to Thee!

Luther.

Good Tidings.

The Christmas tidings are good tidings, for they tell us of the Savior's birth. They are good tidings, for the Savior whose birth they make known is the Savior of all sinners. If there were one exception, then each sinner might think himself that one, and the tidings would not be good tidings for him. But there is not one excepted. No one has any ground for thinking that the Christmas blessing, and Christmas joy, and Christmas peace are only for better and holier people than he. They are for sinners, for all sinners. There is none excepted. Jesus, whose birth the Christmas tidings proclaim, "came to seek and to save that which is lost." All are lost. "There is none righteous, no, not one." There is none excepted. So Jesus came to seek and to save all. There is none excepted. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." All are sinners. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." There is none excepted. So Christ Jesus came to save all. There is none excepted. Therefore the angel who made known the Savior's birth plainly said, "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." There is none shut out. To all people—to the learned and

the unlearned, to the high and the low, to the rich and the poor, to the old and the young, to the deaf and the hearing, to the greatest sinner—to every sinner the good Christmas tidings bring the Savior from sin and woe. "Whosoever"—no matter who he is and what he is—"whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

The good tidings are for you. Believe them, and your heart will be filled with true Christmas joy. The Savior born at Bethlehem came to save you. Receive Him as your Savior, and you will find in Him all that your soul needs for time and eternity.

A Christmas Present for Mother.

He was an odd-looking little figure as he came merrily whistling down the street the morning after the big snow. His nose was red, his hands were bare, his feet were in shoes several times too large, and his hat was held in place by a roll of paper under the sweat-band; but he piped away like a steam whistle, and carried the big snow shovel much as a marching soldier carries his rifle.

"How much?" from an imposing-looking man, who was asked if he wanted his walks cleaned.

"Ten cents."

"A nickel's enough."

"It would be if I couldn't do no better; but I've got to do the best I can, and business is rushing. Good morning," and the merry whistle filled the air as the boy started away.

"Go ahead and clean 'em!" shouted the man, whose admiration had been aroused.

"Just see that little rascal make the snow fly!" he laughed to his wife, who stood at the window with him. "Why, he's a regular snow-plow; and he does it well, too."

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"What a little mite! and how comical! I wonder if he's hungry?"

She called him in as soon as he had finished, but he would not take time for more than a cup of coffee.

"Too busy," he said.

"What are you going to do with the money?" asked the man, as he insisted on settling at twenty-five cents.

"I'm going to get mother a shawl for Christmas. She's wearing one that you can see through, and it ain't right."

On he went, with glowing cheeks, and his cheery whistle. But they had his name and address. It was the wife who took a shawl to the mother; and it was the husband who installed the sturdy little snow shoveler as office boy in a bright new uniform, and with permission to whistle when he felt like it.

Sylvester Eve.

Where will you be Sylvester Eve? In company with the unbelievers who while away the last few solemn hours of the old year in wild dance and foolish carousel, taking no thought how they might have their sins buried with the old year? Where will your Savior find you Sylvester night? Will you be found in conversation with Him, resting in His bosom, or will He find you in company with the wicked world, the enemies of Jesus? And how about attending the services the next morning, New Year's Day? After a sleepless night, will you be too tired the next morning to attend church and hear the Word of God? Your pastor will be there, as you expect him to be. Will you be there also? Better start the new year right by ending the old one right!

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The Word Made Flesh.

The Son of God came down from heaven that we might receive the adoption of sons. God became man, that man might become a partaker of divine grace and of the divine nature. Christ chose to be born into the world in the time of the peaceful Augustus, because He was the blessed Peacemaker between man and God. He was born in the darkness of the night, who came as the true light to illumine the darkness of the world. He was born in Bethlehem, the house of bread, who brought with Himself from heaven the bread of life for our souls.—John Gerhard.

Faith in the Christmas Tidings.

"The Christmas tidings," says Luther, "require faith which accepts them as true, and firmly holds against all doubts, that the Savior is surely born. This faith quiets the heart, so that thou wilt not charge God with falsehood through thy unbelief, as they do who refuse to believe and thus lose their Savior. Where this faith is wanting, Christ, as the Son of God, is denied by those who will not confess their sins, nor acknowledge Him as their Savior, as well as by those who feel their condemnation and confess their guilt, but do not faithfully receive the consolation that Christ is their Savior."

An Appropriate Prayer.

In a mission church among the heathen on the South Sea Islands, at the close of a religious service, the following prayer is said to have been offered, which might be appropriate on the lips of many in civilized countries: "O God, we are about to go to our homes. Let not the words we have heard be like the fine clothes we wear, soon to be taken off and folded away in a box till another Sunday comes around. Rather let Thy truth be like the tattoo on our bodies, ineffaceable till death."

The last day lies hid; therefore watch every day.—Augustine.

He enjoys much who is grateful for little.

AMONG OUR DEAF.

To one and all our dear readers: A Joyful, Merry Christmas!

Chicago.—Albert Carlson, one of our voting members, and Mrs. Helen Henschel, for several years a widow, were united in marriage at our church, Nov. 12th. Pastor Reinke who performed the ceremony, based his discourse on Matthew 19, 6. Mr. and Mrs. Henschel's new address is 2209 N. Powell Ave., Chicago.

Miss Emily Swee, until recently a communicant of our sister-flock at Minneapolis, now a resident of Chicago, was welcomed to our midst several Sundays ago. The same can be said of Miss Belle Wartinbee, who after several years' absence from Chicago, has returned to our city and to our church.

At our last voting member's meeting, Nov. 2nd, it was resolved to reduce our church debt at once by the payment of \$200.00. We hope to be clear of debt a year hence, as after Nov. 15th only \$300.00 remain to be paid.

Milwaukee.—The usual preparations are being made for our Christmas service. The afternoon service will be for the hearing as well as the deaf. The children of our parish will sing the good old Christmas carols and recite the Gospel narrative of the birth of the Christ-child, our Savior. Also our Sunday school class, consisting of seven deaf oral pupils will be there responding to the questions of their pastor. A committee of three is gathering funds to defray the expenses incidental to the festive decorations and Christmas donations.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on December 18th, at 10 A. M.

Minneapolis.—Within the last four weeks, Lord's Supper was administered in nearly all the charges of Pastor Salvner. At Minneapolis 14 partook of the Lord's Supper, at St. Paul 4, at Stillwater 6, and at Winona 3. What a precious supper is not this to which our Lord and Savior invites us! Luther says, "It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and to drink instituted by Christ Himself." Therefore let us often come to this Holy Supper and partake of the body

and blood of our Savior given and shed for us for the remission of sins.

St. Louis, Mo.—On Oct. 25th our Heavenly Father called to rest our friend Mrs. E. Brave at the age of 39 years. The mortal remains were buried in Columbia, Ill., where her relatives live. Besides her husband she leaves a little daughter who was baptized by the Rev. N. F. Jensen of Kansas City, Mo. As Mrs. Brave has always been a frequent visitor at our services here, and, as we have reason to believe, was a lover of God's Word, therefore we need not mourn her departure as those who have no hope, but we can firmly believe that by death she entered into rest, for Jesus, our Lord, says: Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death to life.

On Nov. 13th Mr. Wm. Meyer, Wm. Pundmann and Mr. Theo. Denningmann of St. Charles, Mo., and Mrs. Sarah Pancake of East St. Louis attended the service for the deaf here.

Indianapolis, Ind.—In the services here on the evening of Nov. 6th, Mr. Julius Stumpf, after being examined on the chief parts of Christian doctrine and having vowed faithfulness thereto, was confirmed by Pastor C. Schubkegel. As a memorial of confirmation Mr. Stumpf received the Scripture passage II Peter 3, 18: Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." May God, our Heavenly Father, grant unto him and us all such growth, for, says Jesus, our Lord: "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent."

Kansas City, Mo.—In October Pastor Jensen attended the sessions of the Nebraska and the Western districts of our synod, the former being held at Arlington, Neb., the latter in Concordia, Mo. In both districts Pastor Jensen delivered a short address on our mission work. His reports were of great interest to many delegates present and further support of our mission was promised.

Omaha, Neb.—Mrs Geo. Ernst and Miss Jessie Baumann, the latter a pupil at the state school, have decided to become members

of our new class of catechumens. We hope to add a few more names to the list in the near future.

Newton, Iowa.—Charles, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Herbold was baptized in the name of the Triune God on Oct. 19th in the home of his grandparents, Mrs. and Mrs. Louis Herbold. Preceding the baptism Pastor Jensen preached a sermon on forgiveness of sin and also showed briefly what the Bible teaches about Holy Baptism. Eight deaf were present at this service. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Herbold are now being instructed in the Catechism and hope to be confirmed next spring. May God bless His Word which is now being sown so that it bring fruit a hundred-fold.

A true Christian should not only be willing to give freely for God's kingdom, but should do so without grumbling, should find pleasure in so doing, and thank the Lord when he is able to aid by earthly means in the establishment of God's kingdom.

If the Church stands for the things you approve, support it; if there is a Word of God, consult it, read it, study it; if Christ is indeed the Lord, give Him your allegiance, and let no carping voice sway you.

Are You Doing Your Share?

To evangelize the world in one generation or in thirty generations requires money. Missionaries cannot travel or dress or eat or have a house to live in for nothing, no more than you can have these things for nothing. They must pay for these things in foreign lands and here, just as well as you must pay for them.

The number of workers in the various mission fields could be relatively much larger if there were more money to pay the living expenses of more workers. And there has not been enough money because the mass of the people have not realized the magnitude of the work to be done or the importance, spiritually considered, of doing that work now.

All are not saints who go to church.

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.