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The Prayer of Moses.

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

This is the prayer of Moses, the man of God. Well may we make that prayer our own at the beginning of a new year. Our years are spent like a tale that is told, and our days pass by like a shadow. Life is short. It is "like a flower of the field that flourishes, and the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and the place thereof shall know it no more." "It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." Well may we number our days; for they pass by swiftly, and the end soon comes.

"That is so," says the worldling, "therefore let us eat, and drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die." Foolish man! That is not the wisdom to be learned. Death does not end all. The Bible says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, **but after this the judgment.**" This world is only a passageway to the next. Man in this world is on the road to eternity, and that eternity will be to him an eternity either of woe and misery or of bliss and joy. The prayer of Moses, therefore, is, "So teach us to number our days, **that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.**" It is not wisdom to go on in sin and despise our only salvation. He that lives on in sin and dies in sin, rejecting the only Savior of sinners, passes through death to the judgment seat of God with all his sins upon him, and the wrath of a just and holy God will hurl him into everlasting damnation. The Bible plainly says, "He that believeth not shall be damned." What a fool he is that does not see to it that he is prepared to meet his God! Life is short and uncertain. Every day may be his last day on earth, every minute his last

minute. Death may come suddenly and take him out of time into eternity. He that is without faith in Jesus is not prepared for that great change. "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him," says the Bible.

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." It is wisdom to look upon the passing days as a time in which we are to prepare to meet our God. Man is a sinner, and so long as he has not forgiveness of sin, his sins will separate him from God, the only source of all true happiness. Forgiveness of sin is found in Jesus. Of Him it was said, "Thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins." In Him there is salvation from sin, because He took the sinners' place and bore all sin and all punishment of sin in the sinners' stead. He that believes in Him has become wise unto salvation; he has applied his heart unto wisdom; he is prepared to meet his God; he has forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life," says the Bible. For him there is no terror in the rapid flight of time and in the coming of death. It is true, every passing day brings him nearer the grave, but also nearer his heavenly home.

May the Lord teach us all so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Epiphany.

Epiphany means manifestation, appearing, or showing forth. The Epiphany festival is celebrated on the 6th of January, the twelfth day after Christmas, in commemoration of the manifestation of the Savior to the wise men who came from a distant country in the East

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to find the new-born King of the Jews. They were led by a wonderful star to Bethlehem, where they found the Savior, and worshiped Him, and presented Him with their gifts.

These wise men were not members of the Jewish nation like the shepherds to whom the angel brought the message of the Savior's birth in the holy Christmas night, but Gentiles, members of a heathen nation. The fact that the new-born Savior was manifested, or made known, not only to the Jewish shepherds, but also to these Gentiles from a heathen country, proves that Jesus is the Savior, not of one nation or people only, but of all nations, of all people. He is the Savior of all sinners, be they Jews or Gentiles. He is the Savior of the world.

Therefore the Epiphany festival is the missionary festival of the church, reminding us of our duty to preach the Gospel to every creature. All true Christians must be missionaries. How could it be otherwise? A Christian sincerely believes the good news that we have a Savior who has delivered us from sin and everlasting woe, and he cannot but have a longing to make good news known to all whom it concerns. If you believe that you are saved by the grace of the Savior born at Bethlehem, and that millions are perishing because they have not the Gospel which was meant for them as well as for you, you will do what you can that they, too, may hear the Gospel of Jesus in whom alone there is salvation—salvation for all.

A New Volume.

With this number we begin Volume IV of our "**Deaf Lutheran**." With gratitude to the Almighty we look to the past. We trust, however, that our old subscribers will renew their

subscription for the ensuing year and remit their quarter at their earliest convenience. We urgently request them to do so, since the publication of this paper this year will cost us a good deal more than in the past. Here's relying on your assistance, kind reader!

Witness of Service.

On one of the battlefields of South Africa a young chaplain found a Highlander sorely wounded and with life ebbing quickly away. He asked him to allow him to pray, but the soldier said gruffly, "No, I don't want any prayers. I want water." The chaplain secured, with great difficulty, some water, and then asked the refreshed man if he might read a psalm. "No," said the soldier again. "I am too cold to listen to a psalm." The chaplain instantly stripped off his coat and wrapped it tenderly round the wounded soldier. And then, touched by the chaplain's sympathy, the man turned and said, "Chaplain, if religion makes a man like you, let's have the psalm."—When Christian's prove themselves loving and considerate for the sick and suffering even the hardest hearts melt.

"Come!"

It is said that in the deserts, when the caravans are in want of water, they are accustomed to send on a camel with its rider some distance in advance; then, after a little space, follows another, and then, at a short interval, another. As soon as the first man finds water, almost before he stoops down to drink, he shouts aloud, "Come!" The next, hearing his voice, repeats the word, "Come!" while the nearest again takes up the cry, "Come!" until the whole wilderness echoes with the word "Come!" So in that verse of the Scripture the Spirit and the bride say, first to all, "Come!" and then let him that heareth say, "Come!" and whosoever is athirst let him take of the water of life freely.—C. S.

The truest end of life is to know the life that never ends.

Contamination.

A party of young people were about to explore a coal mine. One of the young ladies appeared dressed in white. A friend remonstrated with her. Not liking the interference she turned to the old miner, who was to conduct them, and said: "Can't I wear a white dress down in the mine?" "Yes, mum," was his reply. "There is nothing to hinder you from wearing a white frock down there, but there'll be considerable to keep you from wearing one back."

There is nothing to hinder a Christian from conforming to the world's standard of living, but there is a good deal to keep him from being unspotted if he does. Christians were put into the atmosphere of this world to purify it, and not to be poisoned by it. "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under the foot of men."—Matt. 5. 13.

The Christian's Path.

The Christian's path is not always a flowery path. It is often thorny. He is a pilgrim in a strange country, and in his journey through life he must pass through many tribulations. He is on his way to the crown; that way, however, is the way of the cross. But no matter how thorny the path the Christian may be of good cheer. It is the path which God has chosen for him, and on which God Himself leads him. The path which our Heavenly Father marks out for each of His children is surely the right one and the best one.

"He chose this path for thee,

No feeble chance, nor hard, relentless fate,
But love, His love, has placed thy footsteps here;

He knew the way was rough and desolate,
He knew the heart would often sink with fear;

Yet tenderly He whispers, 'Child, I see
This path is best for thee!'

The incarnation of God's Son teaches man the greatness of his misery by showing how great a remedy was needful.—Pascal.

Traitors.

The soldier who lays down his arms and goes over to the side of the party attacking the army to which he belongs, is a traitor to the cause he has sworn to maintain. The same holds true of the Christian—the soldier in Christ's army.

AMONG OUR DEAF.

The Deaf Lutheran wishes all its readers a bright, prosperous New Year.

Milwaukee.—In its last meeting Emmanuel Congregation elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President P. Krueger, Vice-President Wm. Tischaefer; Sec'y Sam. Sutter; Treasurer R. Nordwig; Elders J. Nimmer, W. Schoknecht and R. Nordwig; Trustee (to 1914) P. Krueger; Lay-reader Sam. Sutter; Janitor J. Sutter.

Our Christmas celebration was a success in every way. The committee had made extensive preparations and, as a new feature, introduced an electrically lighted Christmas tree. The children well rendered their Christmas carols and the attendance was good in both services. The pastor and the janitor were well remembered with liberal gifts.

Oshkosh.—Mr. Frank Trowbridge of this city was baptized in the services here held on November 14th. The attendance was fair and the collection amounted to \$8.50.

Sheboygan.—At Sheboygan, too, we had the pleasure of administering baptism to two adults, the Mrs. John Hoffmann and Mrs. Wm. Bohling. The baptism took place after the services in the home of Mr. F. Weller. May God keep them in the true living faith.

Minneapolis.—Pastor Salvner has not been able to attend to his duties of late. He had to call off the services in La Crosse, Winona and Stillwater in November and December and also had to drop the services at Minneapolis and St. Paul for two Sundays. During his illness several of the deaf visited him which was very much appreciated, and some also remembered him with flowers for which he herewith renders hearty thanks. May God according to His good and gracious will grant the pastor health and

strength, so that he soon will be able to work among the deaf with new zeal and vigor.

We received \$5.00 from Miss Anna Baumhoefener of St. Paul for our church fund and 50c. from Mrs. Niebelschutz for our Mission Treasury. May God, our good Lord, reward them.

Omaha, Nebr.—On Nov. 26 Miss Rechlin of Bay City, Mich., and Miss Ellinghausen of Hocper, Nebr., were welcome visitors at our Omaha service. Rev. Jensen preached his regular sermon to the deaf of the city and in the evening addressed the pupils at the Nebraska school. The next day he visited the Iowa school in Council Bluffs and found quite a number of Lutheran pupils.

Kansas City, Mo.—Rev. Jensen conducted chapel services at the Kansas school in Olathe on Dec. 10th. He also spoke to a number of pupils in the evening and conducted chapel services the next morning. We enjoy these visits to the state schools, for they present opportunities for preaching the Word of God to a greater number of deaf people than we can ever gather into our churches.

St. Louis, Mo.—Some time ago Mrs. F. W. Boen was obliged to go to the Lutheran Hospital to have her right index finger amputated. One week after she had left the hospital, her husband had the misfortune to fall from a scaffold, thereby severely spraining his right arm and wrist. For the last three weeks he has not been able to do any work and the injured arm will probably have to remain bandaged another week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Pundmann of St. Charles, Mo., attended services for the deaf here Nov. 26th.

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 School, 20th and Benton Sts. Services every second and fourth Sunday of the month, by the Rev. C. Schubkegel, 2936a Madison St., St. Louis, Mo.

ST. CHARLES, MO.

Services by special appointment by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Services every first Sunday of the month, at 7:30 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 7:30 p. m.,

in the Lutheran School, on E. Illinois St., 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. O. Schroeder.

FINDLAY, O.

Services in the homes of the deaf by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

LIMA, O.

Services the second Sunday of the month in the church, corner Kibby and Jackson Sts., at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. O. Schroeder.

CLEVELAND, O.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

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. O. Schroeder.

PERU, IND.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

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. O. Schroeder, 630 Lakeview Ave.

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 Sunday except last 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 Brown St., at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

WAUSAU and MERRILL, 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.