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Jesus.

There is a name I love to hear,
I love to speak its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear,
The sweetest name on earth.

It tells me of a Savior's love,
Who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood—
The sinner's perfect plea.

It tells of One whose loving heart
Can feel my deepest woe,
Who in my sorrow bears a part
That none can bear below.

Jesus! the name I love so well,
The name I love to hear!
No saint on earth its worth can tell.
No heart conceive how dear.

This name shall shed its fragrance still
Along this thorny road;
Shall sweetly smooth the rugged hill
That leads me up to God.

And there, with all the blood-bought throng,
From sin and sorrow free,
I'll sing the new eternal song
Of Jesus' love to me.

—Selected.

Jesus.

The name Jesus means Savior, bringing salvation to every one. Why this name was given to Christ is explained by the angel Gabriel, when he said to Joseph (Matt. 1, 21): "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." But the fact that He was thus "named of the angel before He was conceived

in the womb" shows that every one may know, that this name was pleasing to God, inasmuch as God Himself has named His Child by this name. Now let us give all diligence to learn the true meaning of this blessed name; namely, that this child, called Jesus, is a Savior to deliver us, not from the little worries and embarrassments of this present life, but from our worst and greatest misery and distress, namely, from our sins. The world has kings and emperors, fathers and mothers, physicians, etc., but all those are poor saviors compared to Him who saves His people from their sin. Whosoever, then, will accept this Child as his Jesus and Savior must look upon Him in this light that He will help him, not particularly for this present life, but from sin and death unto everlasting life. It is true, where men will not or cannot help us in our bodily needs, Jesus will still be with us and assist us. But this is not His principal and particular office. It is this that He helps us from sin, from everlasting death, and from the kingdom of the devil. And for this all sinners need Him. There are men who tell us: Good works are, and are to be called, our Jesus. But this is not true: this Child alone is to be called by this precious name. The Holy Ghost insists that this name be reserved exclusively to this Child, that is, that we should despair of our own and other people's good works, and cling with unwavering faith alone to this Child who alone is entitled to bear this name Jesus. And it shall belong to Him alone.—Luther.

My times are in Thy hand, O Lord! Go Thou with me, and I am safe. And, above all, make me useful in promoting Thy cause of peace and good-will among men.—David Livingstone.

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Love the Gospel.

Let us love the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ which by the grace of our God is preached to us by means of the sign-language. In the Gospel flows the stream of salvation, a stream broad and deep and powerful enough to give everlasting life to the world. We know this stream; unto us it flows clear and broad, and surely we should employ every opportunity to show this stream unto men, our fellow-deaf especially, zealously commending it unto them and urging them to taste of the sweetness thereof. Be a missionary yourself wherever you can. An invitation to come to church, a word occasionally spoken to such as are not yet Christians, may bring noble fruit. If you save a soul for Jesus' sake, you have saved it from everlasting death, and a gracious, everlasting reward from your Savior shall be yours.

A Never-Failing Friend.

Earthly friends may fail us in time of need. They may change and they may forsake us in days of trouble. But there is a Friend who will never fail us, who will never forsake us, who never changes. It is Jesus—"the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever." His promise to the believer is: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." And His promise holds good forever. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but His words shall not pass away. Christ has said, and He will stand to it: "I will **never** leave thee."

Never! Though your heart be often faint, and you are sick of self, and your many failures and infirmities—even then this promise will not fail.

Never! Though the devil whispers, "I shall have you at last; He in whom you trust will fail

you, and you will be mine"—even then the word of Christ will stand.

Never! When the cold chill of death creeps over you, and friends can do no more, and you are entering the dark valley—even then Christ will not forsake you. His rod and His staff shall comfort you.

Never! When the day of judgment comes, and the dead are rising from their graves, and the books are opened, and eternity is beginning—even then the promise will not fail you.

Never! Oh, then, child of God, trust in the Lord forever, for He says, "I will **never** leave thee." Cling to His promise and rejoice in the strength of your consolation. You may say boldly, "The Lord is my Helper, I will not fear."

"He will never fail us, He will not forsake;
His eternal covenant He will never break;
Resting on His promise, what have we to fear?
Christ is all-sufficient for the coming year!

Onward, then, and fear not,
Children of the day!
For His Word shall never
Pass away."

I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now for Jesus' sake. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

A Grumbling Wiseacre.

There was a man lying under a tree, greatly bewailing himself that he had not a hand in Creation, declaring he could have ordered things much better than the Creator had succeeded in doing. After exposing many of the mistakes in the general plan of things, he went on: "What a most absurd arrangement that yon slender vine should be obliged to bear pumpkins, while this gigantic oak over my head has only to support these small acorns." At this moment an acorn fell on his head, and the industrious neighbor near, to whom his complaint had been made, remarked:

"Friend, if that tree had borne pumpkins, what would have saved thy head?"

Be Patient.

Be patient in bearing with the defects and infirmities of others, of what sort soever they be, for that thyself also hast many failings which must be borne with by others. If thou canst not make thyself such an one as thou wouldst, how canst thou expect to have another in all things to thy liking?—Thomas a Kempis.

God's Word and Our Faith.

The Word pictures to us the mercy and goodness of God; and faith makes us cling to this Word and keep to it with all confidence.—Luther.

AMONG OUR DEAF.

Chicago.—The Chicago congregation has taken a step forward in the right direction, following the example set by many congregations. In the last meeting it was decided to introduce the envelope system in 1913 for collecting the contributions of the members, every communicant member receiving one set containing envelopes for every Sunday in the year. Let "The Lord's Treasury" remind you daily of your duties toward God, to come to His temple and to bring the sacrifices of your hearts and hands regularly. And if you should not be able to attend services regularly, remember 1. Cor. 16, 2: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him," and deliver your offering when next you come to church.

The engagement of Miss Florence Hill to Mr. Emil Knudtson is announced. Miss Hill is a member of the class being instructed for confirmation. Our congratulations to the happy pair are herewith extended.

South Bend and Elkhart.—Rev. Uhlig came to Elkhart, Ind., on Dec. 17th and to South Bend on Dec. 18th, where 12 deaf greeted him. The Chicago pastor will come to Elkhart hereafter on the third Wednesday of every month and to South Bend on the Thursday following the third Wednesday of every month. The services will be conducted at the known places in the respective cities: Trinity Congregation's school house

in Elkhart, 184 State street, and St. Paul Congregation's school house at South Bend, Williams street and Jefferson boulevard.

Minneapolis.—During the past month a few more dollars were added to our church fund aside of the regular contributions from the members. On Nov. 24th our deaf had a little social gathering at the home of Mrs. Ekberg. Lunch was served by several of the ladies. We were glad to see a large number of deaf present. This little affair netted \$5.00 for our church fund. We also received \$2.00 from a friend in St. Paul which is herewith acknowledged with thanks.

In the last issue we forgot to mention that on the 24th of Nov., the day after Mr. E. Bauer and Miss Cass of Bangor were united in holy matrimony, a service was held in Bangor in the afternoon. We had the opportunity to preach to six deaf. The collection amounted to \$1.15.

Kansas City, Mo.—We have received a letter from Mr. John Wear who left Kansas City a few months ago to make his home near Oakland, Cal. Mr. Wear is well pleased with his new location, but he regrets the fact that he must be without church services, and he wonders when he will again be able to hear a good Lutheran sermon preached in the sign-language. While we are unable to answer his question as to services we are glad to hear that he has a longing for the Word of God and hope that some day he will "hear" the Gospel preached in signs on the Pacific coast.

"Rev. N. F. Jensen, of Kansas City, Lutheran missionary to the deaf, was a pleasant visitor at the school Sunday, Dec. 8th. He spoke before a joint meeting of the Y. M. C. A. and Christian Endeavor society in the evening, taking for his subject, 'The Meaning of Christmas.'" (The Kansas Star, Olathe, Kansas.) And the cordial reception given us by teachers, superintendent and pupils makes it a pleasure to visit the school.

Omaha, Neb.—Rev. Jensen has organized a class of six Lutheran pupils and gives them monthly instructions in the catechism. He hopes to confirm some of them by next summer or fall. He also has monthly services at the school preaching to the joint Christian Endeavor societies every last Sunday of the month.

Ev. Luth. St. Paul's congregation, in whose church services for the deaf have been conducted during the past ten years, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary Dec. 1, 1912. During the afternoon service Rev. Jensen interpreted the jubilee sermon preached by Rev. Adam, to the deaf, who rejoiced to be able to celebrate the joyous occasion with their hearing brethren. Several deaf families who have been won for our church through the efforts of our mission send their children to St. Paul's parochial school, and their children have been confirmed and are members of the church. This is a fine fruit of our mission among the deaf.

Seattle.—Since our last report, services have been regularly conducted in Seattle and Tacoma and in Portland as time and circumstances permitted. We are glad to say that the deaf appreciate the endeavors made in their behalf and come to our services where the old story of Jesus and his love for fallen mankind is told in all its sweetness. Since our last report the attendance has been in Seattle, 5, 21, 17; in Tacoma, 12, 4 (rain); in Portland, 6 (rain and change of location). God grant that we can report a class of catechumens. We have some prospects.

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF.

CHICAGO, ILL.

Congregation of Our Savior, Crystal St., near North Hoyne Ave., Northwest Side. Services every Sunday, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. P. Uhlig, 2042 Cortez St., Chicago, Ill.

ELKHART, IND.

Services every third Wednesday of the month, by Rev. N. Uhlig.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

Services on the Thursday following the 3rd Wednesday of each month, by Rev. N. Uhlig.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Services every Sunday at 3 p. m., St. Mathew's Lutheran Church, Elizabeth and Broome Sts., by Rev. A. Boll, 315 Fenimore, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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 every first Sunday of the month by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Services every third Sunday of the month, at 7:30 p. m., in the church, corner Ohio and North East Sts., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

EVANSVILLE, IND.

Services every Saturday before the 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 third 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, 224 Fisher 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.

Oral Sunday School from 9 to 10 a. m.

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.

SEATTLE, WASH.

Services every first Sunday of the month at 3 p. m., in Trinity Lutheran Church, corner E. Union St. and 22nd Ave., by Rev. Oscar Fedder, 2116 E. Union St.

TACOMA, WASH.

Services every third Sunday of the month at 3 p. m., in Zion Lutheran Church, corner 16th St. S. & L St., by Rev. Oscar Fedder.

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.