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The Soul's Refuge.

Cross of Christ, my Refuge!

Cross of Christ, my Peace!

As the nights grow longer,

As the days decrease,

Draw me closer, closer,

Till temptations cease.

Be my one Companion,

Be my only Guide,

Be my strength in weakness

When the flesh is tried;

Shield me from the tempter;

Turn the world aside.

Harriet Kimball.

The Greatest of All Sins.

A young man became very unhappy about his sins, and could find no peace of mind. In his distress he went to an aged pastor of much experience to see if there could be any hope for one so bad as he. He showed the pastor a written list of his sins, as many as he could remember, classified according to the Ten Commandments.

The pastor glanced his eye over the sad list, and then returned the paper, saying: "My young friend, you have forgotten to put down on this paper one great sin which I believe to be worse than all these."

"Pray what is it?" asked the young man eagerly.

"It is," replied the pastor, "the sin of unbelief—the sin of not bringing all these sins to the Lord Jesus and getting forgiveness for them."

The young man had not thought of **that** as being a sin.

Yet the Bible treats that sin, the sin of unbelief, as the greatest of all sins. It is the damning sin, the sin which leads to everlasting punishment. When the Lord Jesus speaks of the world's being convicted of **sin**, it is **because they believe not on Him**, John 16, 9. And remember, they who believe not on Him, "shall be **damned**," Mark 16, 16. They are under God's wrath; for it is written: "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on Him," John 3, 36. In Christ there is salvation from God's wrath, but the unbeliever rejects this salvation, and so God's wrath abides on him. Therefore Luther says: "No man shall die in his sins, except he who, through unbelief, thrusts from him the forgiveness of sin which in the name of Jesus is offered to him."

Through the sacrifice of His own Son God has made provision for the blotting out of all our guilt and sinfulness, and in the Gospel He invites all sinners to come and accept of a free pardon on the ground of what Christ has done for them. The unbeliever commits the greatest of all sins by rejecting the Gospel and treating God as a liar. The Bible says: "He that believeth not God hath made Him a liar, because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son," 1 John 5, 10. What a great sin is this unbelief! Not to believe the word of a holy and faithful God, but to treat Him as a liar! To think that worms of the dust should thus insult the great God! That is, indeed, the greatest of all sins—the sin of not believing "the record which God gave of His Son." It is the sin which leads to everlasting damnation.

There is only one way of salvation. The unbeliever will not walk in it. There is only one fountain open for sin and uncleanness. The

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unbeliever will not wash in it and be clean. There is only one righteousness presented to sinners that will justify them from all guilt. It is the righteousness of Christ offered to every sinner in the Gospel without money and without price. The unbeliever will not accept it. There is only one name given among men whereby we must be saved. It is the name of Jesus. The unbeliever despises this name, rejects the only Savior, and rushes into everlasting damnation.

Beware of unbelief — the greatest of all sins! In the Gospel there is a free offer of present pardon, fullness of joy, and everlasting life. Of what madness and folly is he guilty who rejects all this, and prefers death and damnation! What a great sin does he commit who treats as a lie the Gospel message, the record that God gave of His Son! "He that believeth not God hath made Him a liar, because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son," 1 John 5, 10.

Beware of this sin of unbelief — the greatest of all sins!

Remembering Jesus Christ.

We recently read of an old preacher who died in this country in 1807, nearly ninety years of age. In his old age he could hardly recollect anything and was for a long time unable to engage in public services. Towards the last

days of his life he was taken to the house of a beloved son, where he was attended to with the most loving care. On the evening before his death a neighboring pastor visited him, but the old preacher did not know his friend. Being told who he was, he said: "No, I do not remember any such person." He did not recognize even his own son. "I do not remember," he said, "that I have a son." In short, his memory was so weakened that he knew none of his family or friends about him. At last he was asked, "Do you remember the Lord Jesus Christ?" His eyes brightened as he exclaimed: "Oh yes! I do, I do! He is my Lord and my God in whom I have salvation."

The story reminded us of an incident of our college days. One of our schoolmates took sick, and when he one night seemed to be seriously ill with a very high fever, the Director, or President, of the college was called to the sick-room. In order to see whether the sick boy could yet recognize any one, the Director asked him, "Do you know me?"

"No," answered the boy.

"Do you know Jesus?" asked the Director.

"Yes, to be sure. I know Him. He is my Savior," replied the dying boy.

AMONG OUR DEAF.

Quarterly Receipts:—The following amounts were contributed by our deaf during the quarter ending March 31, 1913:—

Chicago \$100.92; South Bend \$15.00; Kansas City \$4.90; Omaha \$6.75; St. Joseph \$.50; Atlantic, Ia. \$12.75; Minneapolis \$23.09; St. Paul \$12.00; Stillwater \$1.35; Winona \$1.10; La Crosse \$.35; Milwaukee \$58.51; Ladies' Society \$35.00; Oshkosh \$5.15; Sheboygan \$4.00; Racine \$2.23.

Milwaukee.—The annual picnic of Emmanuel Congregation will be held on July 13th at the Lutheran High School Park on 13th and Vine Streets.

On Sunday April 6th Pastor Wangerin baptized the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gauger in the Chapel.

Last month our Ladies' Society contributed \$35.00 towards various missions.

Merrill-Wausau.—In April services were conducted in Merrill and Wausau, all local deaf attending. Mrs. W. Trowbridge of Stevens Point was a welcome visitor at Wausau. She also subscribed to The Deaf Lutheran. At Merrill we were glad to note that Mr. Olaf Sorrenson, who had been reported killed on the railroad tracks, was hale and hearty and knew nothing of the rumored accident.

Chicago, Ill.—On April 6 three ladies were confirmed and one gentleman was baptized. After having been instructed in the chief doctrines of the Lutheran faith, the Misses Alice Grahlmann, Florence Hill, and Elsie Marbach confessed their faith publicly and renewed their baptismal covenant. Mr. Philip Carlington, received instruction some years ago at the Luth. Institution at North Detroit, Mich. May He, who has begun the good work, perform it until the day of Jesus Christ!

The Pastor delivered a lecture to the Young People's Society of Trinity Church, Oak Park, on April 10, speaking on "The Deaf-Mute and his Language." A collection for the work of our mission netted the sum of \$7.

An entertainment, given April 26 by the Lutheran Young Men's Club for the Deaf in the basement of the chapel, was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

August 9, is the date of the annual picnic of the Chicago Church of Our Savior. Excelsior Park is the place selected this year. It is situated on the Northwest Side, Irving Park Boulevard and Drake Avenue.

Kansas City, Mo.—Easter Sunday was observed with appropriate services and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Among those present were Miss Flora Neff from Corder, Mo., and Miss Anna Taliaferro, the latter attending services for the first time after an illness which had confined her to her home since last November. Since January 1st, Rev. Jensen has received the following sums as special donations to our mission: Mr. Bruncke, St. Joseph, Mo., \$.50; Miss Flora Neff \$1.00; Miss Nellie Searlock, Atlantic, Ia., \$.75. Our sincere thanks to all donors!

Omaha, Nebr.—The disastrous tornado that caused such great loss of life and property

on Easter Sunday also brought destruction upon the church, school and parsonage of St. Paul's congregation in whose church our Lutheran deaf have worshipped during the past ten years. Church, school and parsonage are completely demolished and are but little more than kindling wood. The pastor and family had a most miraculous escape and only God's hand saved them from certain death. The congregation has been assured the help of their brethren in the rebuilding of their church property, and until St. Paul's church is rebuilt the local deaf will worship in Rev. Frese's church, corner 20th and Mason Streets. No loss of life or property was incurred among our Lutheran deaf, for which we are thankful to Him of whom the prophet says: "The Lord hath His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet." Nahum 1. 3.

Minneapolis.—Easter services were held with all our deaf. On the glorious Easter day services with holy communion were held at Minneapolis and also at St. Paul. At Minneapolis 40 deaf attended this service and 17 partook of the Lord's Supper and at St. Paul we had 14 attendants and six came to the Lord's Table. March 30th Easter services were held for the deaf at Stillwater where four deaf attended and communed. On the 15th of April an Easter sermon was preached to eight deaf at Winona and on the 16th to eight deaf at La Crosse. May the glorious Easter message of the risen Savior preached to these deaf bear fruit unto everlasting life and fill their hearts with everlasting joy.

Among the attendants at our Good Friday and Easter services was Mr. E. Dahms of Sibley, Iowa. He also partook of the Lord's Supper and again contributed \$3.00 for our work among the deaf. Mr. Dahms manages to come here at least once a year. His brother, who is attending Concordia College at St. Paul, is taking a lively interest in our work. He is studying the sign language and is making rapid progress.

Last April we received a check for \$25.00 from the treasurer of the Wisconsin District for our church fund. We were wondering who so kindly remembered our congregation at

Minneapolis, but none could guess from whom it could be. A few days later a card arrived from Rev. T. Wangerin stating that the Ladies' Society of the deaf congregation at Milwaukee had given it to us. We certainly appreciate the interest the deaf of Milwaukee are taking in our work here and herewith thank them most heartily for the kind gift. May God reward them. We now have nearly \$300.00. At our last quarterly meeting the Board of Wardens was instructed to look for a suitable lot on the North Side. Several places are in view and we hope soon to purchase a lot.

St. Louis, Mo.—On April 6th, in the presence of a number of witnesses, Mrs. Octavia Ann Berry, after having professed her faith in the Lutheran doctrine, was received into full communion with the local Lutheran congregation of the deaf. May she grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

On March 28th Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stafford celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage in the presence of a large number of friends. May the Lord God, who has helped them hitherto, be their almighty and gracious helper in the future!

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, W. 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 St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 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.

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.