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Our Shepherd.

Jesus is our Shepherd,
Well we know His voice;
How the gentlest whisper
Makes our hearts rejoice!
Even when He chideth,
Tender is His tone,
None but He shall guide us;
We are His alone.

Jesus is our Shepherd;
Guarded by His arm,
Though the wolves may raven,
None can do us harm.
When we tread death's valley,
Dark with fearful gloom,
We will fear no evil,
Victors o'er the tomb.

Jesus is our Shepherd;
With His goodness now
And His tender mercy
He doth us endow.
Let us sing His praises
With a gladsome heart,
Till in Heaven we meet Him,
Nevermore to part.

—Selected.

Comfort in Trouble.

Conflict makes us live in the fear of God, walk circumspectly, pray without ceasing, grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ, and learn to understand the power of the Word. Therefore, be not faint-hearted, nor dismayed, but take such conflicts for a sure sign that thou hast a gracious God, since thou art being fashioned into the likeness of His Son; and doubt

not that thou belongest to the great and glorious brotherhood of all the saints of whom St. Peter says, "Resist the devil, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren which are in the world."—Luther.

The Man of God.

The man of God is always distinguished from the men of the world. If he is only an empty professor of the faith, a mere counterfeit believer, he will be like a thin lath, "painted to look like iron," and in the day of the tempest he will stand revealed. But a real man of God needs no label. He is recognized by his strength in the day of shame, he is known by his serenity in the hour of fear. There is something awe-inspiring in his very presence, and evil men feel it. When he comes into a room the atmosphere is changed and cunning things find it hard to breathe. There is a mysterious "plus" about him, something which distinguishes every soul which is in fellowship with God.—Dr. J. H. Jowett.

The Poor Preacher.

The preacher has a hard time. If his hair is gray, he is old. If he is a young man, he hasn't had experience. If he has six or eight children, he has too many. If he has none he should have some, and is not setting a good example. If his wife sings in the choir, she is presuming. If she doesn't she isn't interesting in her husband's work. If a preacher reads from notes, he is a bore. If he speaks extemporaneously, he isn't deep enough. If he stays at home in his study, he doesn't mix enough with the peo-

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ple. If he is seen around the streets he ought to be home getting up a good sermon. If he calls on some very poor family, he is playing to the grandstand. If he calls at the home of the rich, he is an aristocrat. Whatever he does, some one could have told him how to do better.—Exchange.

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.

Gethsemane.

"In the still garden, dark and lone,
See Him in pray'r—the Sinless One.
His lov'd disciples sadly sleep;
The Lord, alone, a watch doth keep.

"Soon comes the hour of cruel pain;
Soon must the Lamb of God be slain;
Look how He pleads new strength and pow'r,
To bear alone dark Calv'ry's hour.

"Within the garden still and lone,
Ere yet the midnight watch is done,
Hark to the sound of angel wings
For One from Heav'n sweet comfort brings.

"Hark to the clamor of the crowd!
Hark to those voices strang and loud!
They bear Him to the Cross of pain,
And lo! for us the Lord is slain!

"O Lamb of God! O Sinless One!
Such love as Thine was never known;
O Love divine that suffered so—
That bore for us such weight of woe!"

"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!" 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 Power of Faith.

Faith, wherever it lives in the heart, must show its power. This we find in the fruit, that the heart, being filled with heavenly comfort and assurance of God's love and grace, is moved to be kind, gentle, forbearing, and patient towards the fellowman, not envying or hating any one, but willingly ministering to every one.—Luther.

God is Reconciled.

Mr. Brown had been very sick for several weeks. One day his Christian neighbor came to see him and said, "I understand you have just made your will. You regard yourself as a dying man, do you not?"

"Oh, yes, I can't hope to live but a little while longer."

"Well, you have set your house in order, then, so far as this world is concerned; the question now is, are you ready for the next?"

"No, indeed, I am not," replied the sick man, who till now had trusted in his own morality, but who on his dying bed realized that he had nothing to hold on to, and that he was not prepared to meet a just and holy God. "I have nothing," he said, "to give God that seems to me of the least value in His sight, I have neither time nor strength to serve Him. Tell me, what can I do to reconcile God whom I have offended by my sins?"

"Well, my friend, the glad news I have to

bring you is, that while it is true you can't do anything, it is equally true, you need not do anything."

"Why, what do you mean?"

"Just what I say, my dear sir. Now mark, here is your mistake. You know that you are a sinner, and that you deserve punishment at the hands of God, and you think you must do something in order to change God's mind and to reconcile Him to yourself."

"Yes!"

"But this is the truth about it. Ever since the Lord Jesus took your sins and mine upon Him, **God has been reconciled**. What is needed now is, not for God to be reconciled to us, but for us to be reconciled to Him. St. Paul says, 'God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them.' You see from this that God's object in coming into the world in Christ was to reconcile us to Him. Paul calls the Gospel the 'word of reconciliation,' and he says, 'We pray you in Christ's stead, Be ye reconciled to God.' The Gospel tells us that God is reconciled through the sufferings and death of His Son, and beseeches us to be reconciled unto Him by accepting that Son as our Savior. In Christ there is free forgiveness for every sinner, and there is nothing for you to do, my friend, but to accept God's free forgiveness offered to you without money and without price. Will you do it?"

"Is that all I have to do? Of course I will be reconciled. I never before knew this was the way. And this is the Gospel? I never understood it before. O God, I thank thee, I thank Thee!" he cried out, and grateful tears rolled down his wan cheeks upon the pillow. God in mercy had swept away his "refuges of lies," and led him into rest.

The next day after this conversation he said to a visiting friend, "I am ready to die now. All is peace. My burden is gone. The sooner the end comes now the better for me. God is reconciled to me in Christ Jesus, and I am reconciled to Him by faith in my dear Saviour."

His was a happy and peaceful end.

"God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the

word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, Be ye reconciled to God," 2 Cor. 5, 19. 20.

AMONG OUR DEAF.

Chicago.—Mr. Wm. Knoelk mourns the loss of his father who was suddenly killed, being whirled to death by a rapidly revolving driving shaft while at work. The elder Mr. Knoelk was one of the staunchest friends which the Mission for the Deaf had here in the City of Chicago. He was killed Jan. 23.

At a convenient place on the wall in the rear part of the church, there was lately placed a sort of a post office with many, 143, pigeonholes. Why that? There is where "The Deaf Lutheran" will wait for its readers. But why so many pigeonholes? Because we hope that so many will become necessary in the course of a few years.

The pastor is preaching every Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at Englewood, the South Side, at the English Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer of which the Rev. G. Schuessler is the pastor. This congregation has kindly and gladly offered us the free use of the church for our services for the deaf of the South Side.

South Bend.—The deaf assemble every Sunday now, having formed a Bible class. In these meetings they repeat their catechism at the hand of an elaborate outline and study the Bible. John 5, 39. Ps. 119, 97-105.

St. Joseph, Mich.—Our services, conducted monthly, continue to be very well attended. Not only do we meet our old friends every time, but also new ones. Last month Mrs. Clara Moore of Benton Harbor, Mich., was present. She is deaf, mute, and blind, but bears her affliction patiently. By spelling into her hand, the pastor succeeded to give her some crumbs of the bread of life that we have so abundantly. Let us appreciate what we have received.

Minneapolis.—Our heavenly Father again made many hearts willing to be instructed in the chief doctrines of the Bible. Last August the pastor delivered a lecture in Sabin, Minn., in the interest of our mission where, as our readers know, we received \$187 for our church fund. The same day a service was held with

six deaf, three of whom are now being instructed by Rev. F. C. Ahrens by means of writing, who hopes to finish the course of instruction by Easter. Rev. Mr. Ahrens again requested Pastor Salvner to come to Sabin to confirm the three, April 19th. One of them also will be baptized.

Also in other cities deaf are diligently studying the catechism and are being prepared for the Lord's Supper: three in Minneapolis, three in Duluth, two in Arlington (near Gaylord where these two deaf attend our services), one in Winona and recently another deaf person applied for instructions. In June another who is at present attending school will be added to the class in Arlington. They all are adults and three of them are not yet baptized.

May Our Heavenly Father for Christ's sake send His Holy Spirit and bless the Word in the hearts of all these deaf. Dear reader, make mention of them in your daily prayers. May He also make many more willing to study the Bible and the catechism and to partake of the precious Holy Supper which our dear Savior Jesus prepared for us poor, condemned sinners.

"More to be desired is the Word of God than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honey-comb." Ps. 19, 10.

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, 1431 N. Fairfield Ave., Chicago, Ill.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

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

St. JOSEPH, MICH.

Services Thursday following the third Wednesday of every month at the German-Lutheran Church, 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, 4218a Maffit Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

ST. CHARLES, MO.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Services by special appointment, in the church, corner Ohio and North East Sts., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

EVANSVILLE, IND.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Congregation of Our Savior for the Deaf. Services by special appointment, 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.

Monthly services the 3rd Tuesday at St. Mark's Church, at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

OSHKOSH, WIS.

Monthly services the 2nd Wednesday, 226 Bowen 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 Pedder, 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 Pedder.

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.