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Ascension Day.

To-day our Lord went up on high,
And so our songs we raise:
To Him with strong desire we cry
To keep us in His grace;
For we poor sinners here beneath
Are dwelling still 'mid woe and death.
All hope in Him we place: Hallelujah!

Thank God that now the way is made!
The cherub-guarded door
Through Him, on whom our help was laid,
Stands open evermore;
Who knoweth this is glad at heart,
And swift prepares him to depart
Where Christ is gone before: Hallelujah!

—From the German.

For Christ's Sake.

In one of my early journeys I came, with my companions, to a heathen village on the banks of the Orange River. We had traveled far, and were very hungry, thirsty, and fatigued; but the people of the village rather roughly directed us to halt at a distance. We asked for water, but they would not supply it. I offered the three or four buttons left on my jacket for a drink of milk, but was refused. We had the prospect of another hungry night, at a distance from water, though within sight of the river.

When twilight came on, a woman approached from the height beyond which the village lay. She bore on her head a bundle of wood, and had a vessel of milk in her hand. The latter, without opening her lips, she handed to us, laid down the wood, and returned to the village. A second time she approached with a cooking vessel on her head, a leg of mutton in

one hand, and a vessel of water in the other. She sat down without saying a word, prepared the fire, and put on the meat. We asked her again and again who she was. She remained silent, until we affectionately entreated her to give a reason for such unlooked-for kindness to strangers. Then the tears rolled down her sable cheeks, and she replied, "I love Him whose you are, and surely it is my duty to give you a cup of cold water in His name. My heart is full, therefore I cannot speak the joy I feel at seeing you in this out-of-the-world place." On learning a little of her history, and that she was a solitary light burning in a dark place, I asked her how she kept up the light of God in the entire absence of a church. She drew from her bosom a copy of the Dutch New Testament, which she had received from a missionary some years before. "This," said she, "is the fountain whence I drink; this is the oil that makes my lamp burn." I looked on the precious relic, printed by the British and Foreign Society, and the reader may conceive my joy while we mingled our prayers and sympathies together at the throne of the heavenly Father.—Moffat.

A Persian Custom.

A physician who has recently returned from a visit to Persia says that Persians still believe that human tears are a remedy for certain chronic diseases. At every funeral the bottling of mourners' tears is one of the chief features of the ceremonies. Each of the mourners is presented with a sponge with which to mop off his face and eyes, and after burial these sponges are presented to the priest, who squeezes the tears into bottles which he keeps. This

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custom is one of the oldest known in the East, and has probably been practiced by the Persians for thousands of years.

AMONG OUR DEAF.

The quarterly contributions by the deaf for the term ending March 31st are reported as follows:

By Rev. A. Boll: New York, \$31.31; By Rev. N. Jensen: Kansas City, \$7.43; Topeka, \$1.25; Wichita, \$1.00; Omaha, \$8.25; Sioux City, \$4.00; St. Joseph, 50c.; Wisner, \$10.39 (deaf and hearing). By Rev. J. Salvner: Minneapolis, \$24.92; St. Paul, \$11.28; Duluth, \$6.46; Gaylord, \$2.50 (from the hearing \$9.00); Stillwater \$2.20; Winona, \$1.30; La Crosse, 36c. By Rev. N. Uhlig: Chicago, \$69.10 and \$13.06 for benevolent purposes; South Bend, \$14.10; St. Joseph, \$3.75. By Rev. T. Wangerin: Milwaukee, \$49.25; Oshkosh, \$5.34; Sheboygan, \$4.50; Racine, \$2.37; Wausau, \$1.00; Merrill, 60c.

Milwaukee.—On Palm Sunday 52 deaf attended our services and on Easter we had an attendance of 57. Also easter lillies and floral decorations were much in evidence on April 12th. Good Friday evening 30 deaf partook of Holy Communion.

The Ladies' Social and coffee was well attended in spite of the rain and snow which occurred on that day. The undertaking was a success.

Our annual picnic will take place on Sunday, July 12th, afternoon and evening at the Lutheran High School Park. Services at 9:30 A. M. in our chapel. Get ready and be there!

Oshkosh.—The Messrs. Hy. Berholtz and Fred Moeller were confirmed in our parish on April 8th by Pastor Wangerin. Both answered the many questions well and vowed faithful-

ness to their Savior. May they by the grace of God continue in their promise.

Chicago.—Mrs. Martindale, a member of our faithful flock at South Bend, was visiting with her daughter here in Chicago during the last month. She is an elderly lady, but the truths of the catechism she studies with the zest of youth.

Rev. N. F. Jensen will occupy the pulpit of Our Savior's on May 10. This is the Sunday on which throughout Chicago jubilee services will be conducted in our Lutheran churches in commemoration of the fact that the first college of the Synod was erected seventy-five years ago in Perry Co., Mo. Fifty years also have elapsed since the Teachers' Seminary at Addison, Ill., was dedicated. May 10 was selected for this celebration, as the General Convention of the Missouri Synod will be in session here in Chicago at that time. The Ephphatha Conference of the Lutheran missionaries among the deaf also meets at that time.

Mrs. J. Krejci, nee Mindemann, was called to Iowa during March on account of the death of her brother. Mr. A. Handrock of Crystal Lake, Ill., writes also of the death of his sister-in-law who left her husband and six little children, the youngest being only three days old. It followed its mother soon after.—May the God of all comfort heal the wounds He has inflicted!

South Bend.—After the services and the Bible class, the members surprised the pastor by handing him five dollars for a birthday present. This happened March 19. The pastor's birthday happens to be February 20, and thus it is clear that the surprise was on the givers as well as on the beneficiary. After some efforts at thanking on the pastor's part a spread was enjoyed. Hearty thanks to the kind friends of South Bend!

During the last year the average attendance rose from six to fourteen. This truly is encouraging.

Minneapolis.—"The Lord is risen indeed." Thus we rejoiced on Easter. Easter services were held with 53 deaf in Minneapolis. Lord's Supper was celebrated, 18 deaf partaking. In the afternoon services were held with the deaf of St. Paul, 19 attending and four partaking of

the Lord's Supper. In the evening an Easter sermon was preached to five deaf at Stillwater. In all of these services Easter hymns were rendered in the sign-language. On the glorious Easter day we therefore had the blessed opportunity to preach the risen Christ to 77 deaf. May God bless this Word of the risen Lord which has been preached to so many deaf and let it bear fruit unto eternal life according to His gracious promise.

On Easter Monday services were conducted for the hearing and the deaf at Arlington. Two deaf also partook of the Lord's Supper. Pastor Heidmann in this service spoke words of encouragement and urged our christians to support this blessed work among the deaf so that the good tidings of the risen Savior may be preached to many more deaf. The collection amounted to \$26.00 to which one dollar was added the next day by a friend of our mission. We also secured three subscribers for "The Deaf Lutheran." Heartly thanks to our friends at Arlington for their live interest in our work.

The following Friday Pastor Salvner left for Sabin to confirm three deaf. In the evening we arrived at Baker and were met by Mr. Otto Butenhoff who took us to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Butenhoff, deaf friends. These three had for some time been instructed by Rev. F. Ahrens by means of writing. Pastor Salvner had visited there in March to add a few words of explanation in the sign language and to teach them the Word of God concerning the sacraments. Rev. Mr. Ahrens completed the course before Easter and now all were ready to confess their faith in the only Savior and to go to the Lord's Table, which they did on the 19th of April in the Lutheran Church in Sabin. After they had been briefly examined and by their answers had shown their ability to examine themselves before approaching the Lord's Table, Rev. F. Ahrens delivered an address which was translated into the sign language for the deaf by the missionary from Minneapolis. He based his remarks on John 8, 31, 32. "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Before the confirmation Mrs. Frances Edith

Butenhoff nee Canopy was baptized. After the confirmation the three partook of the Lord's Supper. The collection in this service amounted to about \$35.00. Miss Belle Plummer of Hawley was present and in the afternoon an Easter-service was held with four deaf.

May the Good Shepherd by His Holy Spirit keep these members of His Church steadfast in the true faith unto life everlasting.

On Easter Sunday after the service in Minneapolis Mr. Joe John Beisang and Miss Jennie Carolyn Peterson, the latter having been confirmed in Minneapolis a few years ago, were united in holy wedlock at the pastor's home. They will probably make their home in Bemidji. May our Lord Jesus abide with them, bless their home and preserve them unto everlasting life.

Victor Joseph, five years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Trost, met with a sad accident on Sunday afternoon, April 19. While playing with his playmates he fell down a high embankment fracturing his skull. He was immediately taken to the hospital, did not regain consciousness, however, and died Monday at 3:45 A. M. The funeral service was held at the parents' home, Rev. J. Salvner preaching on Job 1, 21. "The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord." His little body we laid to rest in Crystal Lake Cemetery, his soul washed in the blood of Jesus by Holy Baptism is now, as we sincerely hope and believe, before the throne of God singing the praises of our Savior.

May our Heavenly Father comfort the sorrow-stricken parents and lift up their sad hearts with His precious Word. "Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Ps. 90, 12.

Kansas City, Mo.—On Palm Sunday we had the pleasure to add another communicant member to our Kansas City mission. Miss Clara Block, formerly of Chicago, but now residing in Kansas City, was confirmed on that day in the presence of a good sized deaf and hearing audience. We hope that others will soon follow her example, take the course of instruction and join hands with us in establishing a deaf congregation in which they will learn the true way to life everlasting.

Our services on Good Friday were well attended and our Easter service was attended by 25 deaf, five of whom partook of the Lord's Supper. Mrs. T. Laughlin and Miss Taliaferro rendered appropriate hymns in the sign-language.

Sioux City, Ia.—Services in this city continue to be well attended. We have all reason to be satisfied with the splendid interest displayed by the deaf of this city to establish a mission in their midst. A Bible-class has been organized and we hope that God will bless such study of His word.

St. Louis, Mo.—On Sunday, March 29th, Mrs. Emma Dieckmann, having learned the chief parts of the Christian doctrine and, before witnesses, confessed her faith in the doctrine of the Ev. Lutheran Church, was received into full communion within the Lutheran deaf congregation of this city by the holy rite of confirmation.

Would to God that many more of our deaf friends follow the example of this our sister! For Christ, our Lord, says Matth. 10, 32, 33: "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven; but whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."

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 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.