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## Mission Prayer.

Our country's voice is pleading,  
Ye men of God: arise!  
His providence is leading,  
The Land before you lies;  
Day gleams are o'er it bright'ning,  
And promise clothes the soil;  
Wide fields for harvest whit'ning,  
Invite the reaper's toil.

Go, where the waves are breaking  
On California's shore,  
Christ's precious Gospel taking,  
More rich than golden ore;  
On Allegheny's mountains,  
Thro' all the western vale,  
Beside Missouri's fountains,  
Rehearse the wondrous tale.

The love of Christ unfolding,  
Speed on from east to west,  
Till all, His cross beholding,  
In Him are fully blest.  
Great author of salvation,  
Haste, haste the glorious day,  
When we, a ransom'd nation,  
Thy sceptre shall obey.

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## Even in Affliction.

A girl, belonging to a church society, went to call upon a cripple, taking some sweet spring flowers to the invalid. After a little conversation the visitor asked:

"Don't you get tired of being tied to that bed day and night, Miss Grey, week after week?"

"Yes, I think I do sometimes; that is, I grow

bodily tired," was the response. "But I try not to think of that. I only want to remember that God is good and merciful. In His love He spared me, even though I am a cripple, to live that I might learn to know Him here. You see, before I was hurt, I never thought about Him as being a real Friend and Helper. But since I have been compelled to lie here quiet and helpless, I can even find joy and thankfulness in my affliction; I live to serve Him, and that crowds out almost every other thought."

And the one who had come to minister went away feeling that she had received more than she had given during that brief visit. "Joy and thankfulness in affliction." Truly, only those who know Him for the loving Savior that He is, can say this.

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## Preparing a Place for Us.

A teacher spoke to the smallest children in the Sunday school about Jesus, who died on the cross for our sins, rose from the dead, and went up to heaven, where He now is. The question was then put to the class: "What is He doing there now?" A little girl, not more than five years old, answered, "Teacher, He's making the place tidy for us." She no doubt thought of the words of Christ: "I go to prepare a place for you."

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## Reuben Johnson's Pardon.

When I was in Ohio, a few years ago, I was invited to preach in the State Prison. Eleven hundred convicts were brought into the chapel, and all sat in front of me. After I had got through the preaching, the chaplain said to me: "I want to tell you of a scene which occurred

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in this room. A few years ago, our commissioner went to the Governor of the State, and got him to promise that he would pardon five men for good behavior. The Governor consented, with this understanding—that the record was to be kept secret, and that at the end of six months the five men highest on the roll should receive a pardon, regardless of who or what they were. At the end of six months the prisoners were all brought into the chapel. The commissioners came; the president stood on the platform, and putting his hand in his pocket, brought out some papers, and said:

"I hold in my hand pardons for five men."

The chaplain told me he never witnessed anything on earth like it. Every man was as still as death. Many were deadly pale. The suspense was awful; it seemed as if every heart had ceased to beat. The commissioner went on to tell them how they had got the pardon; but the chaplain interrupted him.

"Before you make your speech, read out the names. This suspense is awful." So he read out the first name, "Reuben Johnson will come and get his pardon"; and, he held it out, but none came forward.

He said to the warden: "Are all the prisoners here?"

The warden told they were all there.

Then he said again, "Reuben Johnson will come and get his pardon. It is signed and sealed by the Governor. He is a free man."

Not one moved. The chaplain looked right down where Reuben was. He was well known; he had been nineteen years there, and many were looking around to see him spring to his feet. But he himself was looking around to see the fortunate man who had got his pardon. Finally the chaplain had caught his eye, and said: "Reuben you are the man."

Reuben turned around and looked behind him

to see where Reuben was. The chaplain said the second time, "Reuben, **you** are the man"; and the second time he looked around, thinking it must be some other Reuben. He had to say three times, "Reuben, come and get your pardon."

At last the truth began to steal over the old man. He got up, came along down the hall trembling from head to foot, and when he got the pardon he looked at it, and went back to his seat, buried his face in his hands, and wept. When the prisoners got into the ranks to go back to the cells, Reuben got into the ranks, too, and the chaplain had to call him: "Reuben, get out of the ranks; you are a free man, you are no longer a prisoner."

And Reuben stepped out of the ranks. He was free!

That is the way men make out pardons; they make them out for good character or good behavior; but God makes out pardons for men who have not got any character. He offers a pardon to every sinner on earth if he will take it. I do not care who he is or what he is like. He may be the greatest sinner that ever walked the streets, or the greatest blackguard who ever lived, or the greatest drunkard, or thief or vagabond. Christ commissioned His disciples to preach the Gospel to **every creature**.

—Contributed by Dlg.

Art thou a beggar at God's door? Be sure thou gettest a great bowl, for as thy bowl is, so will be thy mess. "According to thy faith," saith He, "be it unto thee."—Unidentified.

The Bible is full of promises as the sky is of stars, and the night of sorrow brings them out in all their glory. —

**AMONG OUR DEAF.**

**Minneapolis.**—June 21st was another joyful day for Grace Congregation at Minneapolis, for on this day three deaf promised faithfulness to their Savior until death. They are Mr. Thomas W. Hancuff, Mrs. Naomi Bauer, and Miss Leona Hull. Mr. Hancuff for over one year has been in Hopewell Hospital, the pastor instructing him there weekly, in the word of truth. For the confirmation he obtained permission to leave the hospital for several hours.

It was a day of joy for him, indeed. Mrs. Bauer and Miss Hull also were baptized in this service. It was indeed a day of joy also for them. After the confirmation Lord's Supper was celebrated and 21 partook thereof, the largest number of deaf that ever came to the Lord's Table at Minneapolis at the same time. We certainly render hearty thanks unto God for His blessing. Forty-five were present in this service among them Mr. Dahms of Walnut Grove. The three deaf who were confirmed also beautifully rendered in signs the hymn, "Thine forever, God of love, etc." May God by His Holy Spirit keep them in this true faith unto everlasting life. In September we shall organize a new class and we hope and pray that many deaf will declare themselves willing to be instructed in the word of salvation. God grant it!

Mrs. J. Hansen, a communicant of our mission and the wife of the president of our congregation, again had to undergo a very serious operation on the 17th of June. The pastor was with her for an hour before the operation, to pray with and for her, and to console and strengthen her with the sweet promises of God. At the present writing she is doing nicely, for which we all are very thankful. May God according to His gracious will grant her a speedy recovery.

On the 20th of June a lawn social was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson, for the benefit of our church fund, which netted us \$17.00. We also received \$4.60 for our fund from the school-children of Teacher Merken-schlager of Addison. After attending Eph-phatha Conference at Chicago, Pastor Salvner went to Addison and spent a few pleasant hours. At the request of their teacher the pastor gave the children a little talk on our work among the deaf. Hearty thanks to the little givers! We also acknowledge with thanks the receipt of \$1.00 for our mission and \$1.00 for our fund from Mr. E. Dahms.

As the pastor was not able to preach June 14, Mr. Arthur Dahms of Concordia College, read a sermon to the deaf of Minneapolis in the morning and to the deaf of St. Paul in the afternoon. That was his first effort and we are sure he did well for the first time. Mr. Dahms

takes a lively interest in the deaf, calls on them and attends our services in St. Paul quite regularly. He has one more year at college in St. Paul and then will go to St. Louis to study theology for three years. And we earnestly hope that upon the completion of his studies he will take up this very necessary work among the deaf as missionary and preach to them the good news of Jesus. Mr. Dahms has a deaf brother who occasionally comes to Minneapolis to attend the services and partake of the Lord's Supper. He is a graduate of our school in North Detroit.

**St. Louis, Mo.**—Pastor C. Schubkegel being obliged to submit to an operation for cataract in the near future, Mr. Louis Jagels has been appointed to act as his assistant until after his recovery. Mr. Jagels conducted service for the deaf here on the afternoon of June 14th. After the sermon, Louis Fleming, infant son of Mr. Fleming, W. Boen, and his wife Bertha, nee Kraft, was received into the kingdom of grace by Holy Baptism, administered by Pastor Schubkegel, the Messrs. Louis Jagels and Louis Moegle, and Miss Minnie C. Gerling, acting as sponsors.

**Chicago.**—The Misses Grace and Mamie Richards, having taken a course in the principles of Christian religion as taught in our Lutheran catechism, renewed their baptismal vow publicly in our church on June 28 and promised to remain true to their Redeemer. May God help them to keep their promise!

June 30, in the presence of witnesses, four men gave an account of the faith that is in them and were admitted to full membership in the Lutheran Church. These men are Wm. C. Pearce, Edward Buthmann, John Krejci, Peter Holzner. Mr. Krejci comes to us from the Catholic Church, Mr. Pearce from the Episcopalian. They have learned the Lutheran catechism. Continue steadfast in the truth, my friends!

May 21, a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Carlson. The infant was baptized into the name of the Triune God on May 31.

June 28 the pastor journeyed to Valparaiso and administered the Sacrament of Holy Baptism to the infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. Struve.

June 10 the Ladies' Aid Society gave an ice cream social. They realized the sum of \$9.50 which they will use in defraying some of their preliminary expenses for our picnic on August 29.

June 27 Mr. Jos. Miller and Miss Emily Sweet were married at the church.

**New York.**—On Pentecost Sunday the confirmation of six deaf took place in St. Luke's church, New York City. Three of those confirmed come from various parts of Brooklyn, two from Manhattan and the Bronx, and one from New Jersey. Their ages vary greatly, the youngest being 18 and the oldest 62 years of age. The father of one of those confirmed was recently a convert from Catholicism. The confirmation was a solemn and joyful spectacle and was appreciated by a fair-sized audience. On the following Sunday holy Communion was celebrated, 16 partaking.

We have the painful duty to record the death of Mr. Fischer, a former member of our Lutheran mission. The deceased had adopted his sister-in-law and provided her with a home until her recent marriage. The funeral service was conducted in the house before a large number of deaf and hearing which filled the room to overflowing. The sermon was based on Hosea 6, 1.

#### 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.